



get into the word

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Fall Period - September 9 through December 23, 2018

SUNDAY CLASSES

LET'S STUDY TOGETHER

Various leaders	Sundays	9:30-10:30 AM	Concordia Hall
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Let's Study Together is leader-teacher-group setting on Sunday mornings. Some weeks will be spent walking through specific books of the Bible and glean insights. Other weeks will be spent using DVD resources to investigate biblical truths and facilitate discussion. This first quarter will use the DVD series "Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School" which goes in depth to highlight some of the following: why specific books were written and the problems they address, who they were written to and what was unique about the audience, the time setting of the world at the point the book was written, and other insightful items. Alternating with "Stuff" will be a walk-through of the book of Colossians and, time permitting, 1 Thessalonians.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Various teachers & helpers	Sundays	9:30-10:30 AM	School Classrooms
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St. John Lutheran Church offers a weekly Sunday School that meets at 9:30 AM in the school classrooms of our building, for all children age 3 (if potty trained) through 6th grade. All children start the morning by checking in at the welcome desk. Preschoolers and kindergarteners then go to their classrooms to hear about Jesus through song and lesson time. 1st-6th grade students go to the Media Center for an opening devotion, followed by grade divided classroom time for teaching, small group discussion, crafts and other activities depending on the week. Registration is required for check-in security. There are no attendance requirements. We break for holidays throughout the year, as announced in the weekly Connection. We look forward to seeing your children, and sharing with them the love of Jesus.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Steve Wilson	Sundays	9:30-10:30 AM	School Music Room
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Our 7th and 8th grade students and their parents will continue participating in Sunday confirmation instruction which includes the study of the Old Testament, the Book of Mark, and other topics. Steve Wilson, Director of Child & Family Ministry, serves as the instructor. Small group discussion and specific parental involvement at home are key parts of the class. All 7th and 8th grade students and parents are welcome! For more information, please contact Steve Wilson at swilson@stjohnrochester.org or 248-402-8006. Begins October 7.

LIGHTHOUSE - MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY (6th-8th GRADES)

Steve Wilson	Sundays	6:00-8:00 PM	Room 101/Gym
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Lighthouse is a place where Middle School students can come and feel safe and at home. It is also a place for students to bring their friends to share Jesus and have fun together. Our activities include students in grades 6-8, and all are welcome! For more information, please contact Steve Wilson, Director of Child and Family Ministry, at 248-402-8006 or swilson@stjohnrochester.org.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Melissa Hammett

Sundays

6:00-8:00 PM

Youth Room or Offsite

We love Jesus and we love each other! Our gathering is the place we put that into action! Our group is open to students from all high schools in our amazing community. We talk, laugh, pray, work through hard stuff, do fun stuff and learn to serve it up! Join us! For more information, please contact Melissa Hammett, Director of High School Youth Ministry, at 248-402-8008 or mhammett@stjohnrochester.org.

WEEKDAY OPPORTUNITIES

THE ONE CLASS (New Member Class)

Pastor Marc & Pastor Steve

Mondays

7:00-8:30 PM

Luther Hall

Maybe you're new to St. John School or maybe you have been worshiping as a guest and finally feel led to make St. John in Rochester your official church home. Whether transferring from another church or brand new to the Christian faith, The ONE Class is for you...and now is the time! This 8- week action-packed journey through God's Word will help you discover what Christian Lutheran faith is all about! Class will meet on Monday evenings at 7:00 PM in Luther Hall (near the church sanctuary). Childcare is provided in the nursery. To be added to our fall 2018 class list, please register via the St. John website or contact the pastoral office at 248-402-8020 or church@stjohnrochester.org. Classes begin September 17.

LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY: JEREMIAH/LAMENTATIONS

Carol Kahler (coordinator) and Various Leaders

Lifelight is a 9-week Bible study that uses individual home study, small group study, and illuminating presentations to bring participants closer to our Triune God through His Word. For more information, contact Carol Kahler at carol5666@att.net. The fall sessions will begin the week of September 10. Study guides will be available for the fall session at the beginning of September. Three weekly options are available.

Mondays

1:30 PM

Mary Martha Room

Tuesdays

7:00 PM

Mary Martha Room

Wednesdays

9:15 AM

Concordia Hall

CASUAL COLLEGE

Emma Shriner

Tuesdays

6:30 PM

Atrium

This group is geared toward college age young adults who are looking to stay connected. The idea is coffee, snacks, Bible study and chat. It will be an ongoing decision by those attending what this group will embark on. If you're college age and interested, get in touch with Emma Shriner at eshriner@oakland.edu or (248) 214-2360. Emma is currently attending Oakland University. The group will be reviewing the letters of Paul to the church in Corinth, 1 & 2 Corinthians.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE CLASS - NEW TIME AND DAY!

Dr. H. James Boldt

Every Two Weeks

3:00—4:30 PM

Luther Hall

The Saturday Afternoon Bible Class is studying St. Paul's letter to the Galatians where some taught that you get to heaven by having faith AND doing good works. We are looking at several of the Missouri Synod's "This Is the Life" national television programs. "This Is the Life" was aired in the 50s, 60s and 70s Golden Age of TV and included Hollywood rookies such as Jack Nicholson and Angie Dickinson. We are also looking at how our Synod's Lutheran Hour Ministries brought the Gospel to the nation. Watch the weekly Connection for the dates when this class will be meeting. Dessert and refreshments available.

VISUAL FAITH BIBLE STUDY

Candice Schwark

3rd Saturdays

1:00-4:00 PM

Room 101

Let's Linger Longer in His Word by using Bibles and notebooks and a few art supplies. Each session will include devotion and one or two fun projects. No art experience is necessary. Bring a notebook, pen, pencil, colored pencils, small scissors, good eraser, small ruler, and your Bible for journaling (we will have extra supplies). Bring along a friend or two as well! RSVP is important, in case locations change, plus we want to prepare materials for you. Contact Candice Schwark at candice@mac.com or 248-652-9449. You may join a session at any time. Starts October 20.

GRIEFSHARE

Saturdays

10:00 AM -12:00 PM

Church Library

If you've lost a loved one and wonder if the feelings, frustrations, hurts, and loneliness you're experiencing is just you or whether others are going through the same things - then this study is a journey you need to be a part of. Using video, discussion, and prayer, you will meet others with the same emotions and hardships who are trying to work through the grieving process. For more information, please contact Linda Baroli at 248-895-0310. Class runs October 13 to January 12.

LOSS OF A SPOUSE (new!)

Saturday, Sept. 22

10:00 AM -12:00 PM

Church Library

GriefShare has published a stand alone session devoted to the unique grief of the widowed. It is always hard to lose someone you love, and the loss of a spouse is not only losing a loved one, but it means the loss of a lifestyle. Whether you are recently widowed or it has been several years please join us. This is a special single session opportunity. Contact Linda Baroli 248-895-0310 for more information.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

DEEP DIVE

Dan McCallum

1st & 3rd Mondays

7:00-9:00 AM

Church Library

This group takes an in-depth look at various books of the Bible. We are now studying Hebrews. An email reminder is sent before each session with discussion/meditation questions and commentary comments. Each session begins with a brief fellowship time with coffee and light refreshments, and an opening prayer. We then read and discuss Bible verses and close with prayer requests. Based on the verses and current events, the group may cover 2-3 verses or 15 verses. The emphasis is on reading, understanding, and discussing the application of God's Word to our lives, the community, and the world. Men of all ages are welcome and no prior Bible study experience is required.

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES FULFILLED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

John Fedototszkin 1st & 3rd Thursdays 10:00-11:30 AM Church Library

Please join us as we are currently studying Old Testament Prophecies and their fulfillment in the New Testament. Each session begins with a brief fellowship time and an opening prayer. We then read and discuss the Bible verses in our guide. We close with prayer requests and an ending prayer. Men of all ages are welcome and no prior Bible study experience is required. For more info, please contact John Fedototszkin at 248-375-0832 or sherryjohnf@aol.com.

BIBLES & BASKETBALL

Jim Janetzke Saturdays 8:00-10:00 AM Gymnasium

Here is an opportunity to get into God's Word, play some basketball, and promote the ideals of Christian brotherhood. This group of men meets almost every Saturday morning between October and May. This is open to men young and older alike – the more the merrier! Whether you come regularly or occasionally, all are welcome. For more information, please contact Jim Janetzke at biblesbasketball.sjr@gmail.com or 248-895-9938. Begins October 6.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

EXPERIENCING GOD by Henry Blackaby, Richard Blackaby, and Claude V. King

Sue Stingu Tuesdays 7:00-9:00 PM Church Library

All women are welcome to join in as we open our fall study year with "Experiencing God --Knowing and Doing the Will of God". This 13-week DVD driven study focuses on 7 steps for knowing God's will, including knowing that God is always at work around you, that God pursues a love relationship with you, and how God speaks to you. Using this knowledge, the remainder of the study contains examples of these principles in the Bible. There will be a workbook available for \$20 on the first day of the study. Please contact Suestingu@gmail.com or (248) 321-0572. Begins September 18.

PSALM 23:THE SHEPHERD WITH ME by Jennifer Rothschild

Sue Boes/Erika Tobin Wednesdays 1:00-3:00 PM Concordia Hall

Many women know Psalm 23 by heart but haven't experienced its power in their lives. This beloved psalm can breathe new life into those who are weary and unsure of next steps. It's more than a psalm that comforts in death; it gives confidence in life. In this 7-session study, gain fresh insight and encouragement. Explore the depths of God's compassionate care while debunking the self-reliance myth. Learn how your vulnerability is not a liability because you can trust the Shepherd's goodness throughout each season of life. Workbook cost is \$15. For more information, please contact Sue Boes at 248-608-4067 or sboes40@gmail.com. Begins September 19.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB

Pat Hofmeister/Carol Kahler 3rd Tuesdays 7:00 PM Participants' Homes

The group selects a Christian book each month and gathers for lively discussions and refreshments. We love to add new faces and insights to the group. Email Carol at carol5666@att.net for the book of the month and location. Come and join us! Even if you can't finish each book, come for the fellowship and discussion.

THE PEW SISTERS

Sue Wood

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

7:00 PM

Home of Sue Wood

This Bible study for women "goes and tells what God has done" in the lives of real women in the church today. The goal is to encourage and build up the faith of our Christian sisters. Every woman sitting in the pew has a story to share of God's faithfulness in her life, and women love to hear a good story and to delight in the sisterhood of believers. Come join Sue and the Pew Sisters for Bible Study, fellowship, prayerful support and good discussion. For more information, please contact Sue at 248-651-7028 or woodsbs7@yahoo.com.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

Andrea Christensen & Julie Schmidt 2nd & 4th Mondays

9:00-11:00 AM

Luther Hall

Emily Claus & Elizabeth Olsen

2nd & 4th Thursdays

9:00-11:00 AM

Luther Hall

Are you a mom of a newborn, toddler, or preschooler that feels overwhelmed or lonely? Or do you just need to get out of the house and would like to find a supportive group of women going through what you are? Monday and Thursday MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) are still accepting registrations for the 2018-2019 year for MOPS. We offer free loving childcare for children birth through kindergarten, breakfast, speakers, devotion, play dates, and Mom's Night Out. You can find out more information about MOPS on MOPS.org. Or come and join us for a free meeting in Luther Hall to see if we are the right fit for you! For more information, please contact stjohndaymops@gmail.com or stjohnthursdaymops@gmail.com.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE STUDY

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CLASS

Peter Harris

Tuesdays

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Room 128

As an extension of our International Friendship Center, which offers ESL (English as a Second Language) classes where participants from over 42 countries over the years have met to improve English skills and learn life skills in an American setting, interested individuals join together to learn more about the love of Jesus in a loving and caring environment. The Bible class immediately precedes the ESL class every Tuesday. For more information, please contact Peter Harris at 248-651-7532.



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