



GET INTO
THE WORD

JANUARY - APRIL

Get Into the Word - January through April

SUNDAY CLASSES

LET'S STUDY TOGETHER

Various leaders Sundays 9:30-10:30 AM Concordia Hall
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 gleaning insights. Other weeks will be spent using DVD resources to investigate Biblical truths and facilitate discussion. 1 Thessalonians will be studied in this quarter, alternating with two Max Lucado studies, "10 Men of the Bible" and "10 Women of the Bible". Come after or before a service, bring your coffee and a snack, and enjoy the lively discussion with others in this traditional Sunday morning Bible study setting.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Various teachers & helpers Sundays 9:30-10:30 AM School Classrooms
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 during 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
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.

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

Steve Wilson Sundays 6:00-8:00 PM Room 101/Gym
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 & 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 worshipping 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 winter 2019 class list, please register via the St. John website or contact the pastoral office at 248-402-8020 or church@stjohnrochester.org. Classes begin January 28.

LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY: PROVERBS (in progress)

LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY: HEBREWS (Beginning February 18)

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. 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 4:30 PM Oakland University Kresge Library

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.

BIBLE BASICS

Jan Boldt Tuesdays 9:30 AM Mary Martha Room

Is the Bible the only source of truth? What happens to all those who don't get to hear about Jesus? How can I be a better witness for Jesus? How does the Old Testament relate to the New Testament? Bible Basics provides an overview of the entire Bible. This is a wonderful introduction or an opportunity to gain further insight. We will discover together how those well-known Bible stories all fit together. Your questions and discussion are encouraged. All are welcome! Please feel free to invite your friends and neighbors. To register, please contact Jan Boldt at 248-601-0838 or janetmboldt7@gmail.com. Child care is available in the nursery. There will be 6 sessions - January 22 to February 26.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE CLASS - Continuing its new time and day!

Assorted Class Leaders Every Two Weeks 3:00-4:30 PM Luther Hall

The Saturday Afternoon Bible Class includes a flexible format with Bible study, video/DVD, and vibrant discussions and participation. Come and engage in Christian fellowship with good discussion centered on God's Word. The new time offers another opportunity to connect for study prior to attending the Saturday 5:00 PM worship. Watch the weekly Connection for the dates when this class will be meeting. Dessert and refreshments are 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, 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 January 19.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

L. Baroli/J. Curran/M. Leinberger Saturdays 10:00 AM -12:00 PM Church Library
Come and receive help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group offering comfort, answers and hope. Our group is designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one and is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the days ahead. For more information, please contact Linda Baroli at 248-895-0310, Joanne Curran at 248-877-7309, or Marlene Leinberger at 586-365-8870. Class runs February 16 through May 18.

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 January 12.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

ANointed, TRANSFORMED, REDEEMED : A STUDY OF DAVID with Priscilla Shirer, Beth Moore and Kay Arthur

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

This DVD driven study on David turns to 3 beloved women of faith and allows them to lead us in an in-depth look at his life, relating it back to us. Priscilla Shirer takes the lead for two weeks, focusing on the shepherd boy and his anointing. Beth Moore then steps in, and leads us through his mid-life period. We end with Kay Author in weeks 5 & 6, looking at a man facing the final third of his life. A workbook will need to be purchased on the first night of the study. Contact Suestingu@gmail.com or (248) 321-0572 to reserve a book. Begins January 8.

ME, MYSELF AND LIES: A THOUGHT CLOSET MAKEOVER by Jennifer Rothschild

Sue Boes/Jamie Rawcliffe Wednesdays 1:00-3:00 PM Concordia Hall

Words are powerful - especially the words women speak to themselves. All too often, what they say to themselves when they lie in bed at night or look in the mirror in the morning is not even close to the words God wants them to speak to their souls. According to Jennifer Rothschild, what we think about often has a ripple effect on nearly every area of our lives. This study encourages us to clean out the junk in our minds and replace hidden negative thoughts with positive truths from God's Word. Workbook cost is \$15. For more information, please contact Sue Boes at 248-608-4067 or sboes40@gmail.com. Begins January 23.

THE FAITHFUL (HEROES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT)

Erika Tobin Wednesdays 1:00-3:00 PM Church Library

This 5-session study explores crucial moments in the lives of five Old Testament figures - Esther, Gideon, Malachi, Nehemiah, and Hosea. Through their stories, discover how God uses the lives of ordinary people for His glory and the good of His people. Strengthen your faith as you walk alongside these larger-than-life figures who all chose to obey God no matter the circumstances. Contact Erika Tobin at etobin@cnetys.com.

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.

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

Sue Wood 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 7:00 PM Home of Sue Wood

This Bible study for women is meant to encourage and build up the faith of our Christian sisters through various study guides. Come join the ladies 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 stjohnmondaysmops@gmail.com or stjohnthursdaysmops@gmail.com.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE STUDY

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CLASS

Peter Harris	Tuesdays	11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Room 128
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As an extension of our 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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