

October - December

Get Into the Word - October thru December

SUNDAY CLASSES

TRUTH PROJECT

Various leaders Sundays 9:30-10:30 AM Concordia Hall The Truth Project is a ground-breaking group curriculum on the Biblical worldview. This video-based home Bible study is the starting point for looking at life from a Biblical perspective. Join Dr. Del Tackett, as he takes you through 13 engaging video lessons on the relevance and importance of living the Biblical worldview in daily life, featuring insights from Biblical experts like Ravi Zacharias, R.C. Sproul, Os Guinness and Gordon Pennington. Begins October 20.

LIFE BY HIS WORD – Gospel of Matthew

Dianna Swenson

Sundays

9:30-10:30 AM

Room 101

Matthew's gospel was written to allow his Jewish readers to see Jesus as the promised Messiah. He
does this primarily by showing how Jesus in his life and ministry fulfilled the OT Scriptures. Although
all the Gospel writers quote the OT, Matthew includes nine proof texts unique to his Gospel to drive
home his basic theme: Jesus is the fulfillment of the OT predictions of the Messiah. Matthew uses the
history of God's people in the OT recapitulated in Jesus' life as well as emphasizing Jesus' Davidic
lineage. Begins October 27.

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

LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY: LUKE Parts 1 and 2 (Two 9-week sessions)

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. Study guides (\$10) are now available.

Mondays1:30 PMMary Martha RoomTuesdays7:00 PMMary Martha RoomWednesdays9:15 AMConcordia Hall

TEEN SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Steve Wilson, Melissa Hammett 1st & 3rd Wed. 7:00-9:00 PM Youth Room & Chapel 9th-12th graders are invited to be a part of a small group - men in the Youth Room and women in the Chapel. This is a great opportunity for each small group to get in the Word and talk about life together. These groups are for young men and young women wanting to grow in faith and life with other teens. For more information, please contact Steve Wilson (men's group) at swilson@ stjohnrochester.org or Melissa Hammett (women's group) at mhammett@stjohnrochester.org.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE CLASS

Peter Grund

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. Our Saturday 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 - Metro Detroit Fellowship

Candice Schwark 3rd Saturdays 1:00-4:00 PM Concordia Hall New participants are always welcome. You will learn how to alter an old book with techniques for Bible Journaling. Feel free to bring a friend, but in order to have enough supplies and to receive an email with more details, please RSVP to candice@mac.com or 248-652-9449. Our time together includes fellowship, a devotion and a project or two. We will begin this year looking at Our Shepherd and the 23rd Psalm. Occasionally we meet offsite.

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 October 12 thru January 11. Special "Surviving the Holidays" session on November 16.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

DEEP DIVE

Dan McCallum

1st & 3rd Mon.

7:00-9:00 AM

Church Library
This group takes an in-depth look at various books of the Bible. We are now studying Revelation,
a book focused the trials and tribulations we face and the comfort from knowing Jesus Christ has
redeemed us, is risen, sits at the right-hand of God with all power and glory, and will come again. 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 verses and close with prayer requests. Based on the verses
and current events, the group may cover 2-3 verses or 15 verses in a single session. 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 PROPHESIES FULFILLED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

John Fedototszkin 1st & 3rd Thurs. 10:00-11:30 AM Church Library Please join us as we are currently studying Old Testament Prophesies 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 Tuesdays 8:00-10:00 PM Gymnasium
Saturdays 8:00-10:00 AM

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.sir@amail.com or 248-895-9938.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

NEHEMIAH - THE GRACIOUS HAND OF GOD: A SERVANT'S STORY

Sue Boes Wednesdays 12:45-3:00 PM Concordia Hall It's not rocket science! Do you believe that to be true about God's Word? How do we learn to study in such a way as to be transformed by our understanding? Join us this fall for an in-depth look at Nehemiah that will offer a weekly teaching time, small group discussion and incorporate tools that will help you to study the Word of God on your own. Discover how this Old Testament book fits into the bigger picture of God's redemptive plan for his people. The Bible will serve as our guide as we explore how God equips for his work in the midst of opposition, provides protection through community, and remains faithful to his promises in every circumstance.

Begins Wednesday, October 16. Materials Fee: \$5. Please contact Sue Boes at sboes40@gmail.com or 248-600-2294 for more information.

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

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.

'ADVENT' by She Reads Truth

Sue Stingu

Tuesdays

7:00 PM

Church Library
From the earliest promise of His coming in the garden to the angelic announcement of His birth in
the shepherds' field, the hope of the world is Jesus, the Son of God, given to rescue and redeem
a broken and weary world. In this 4-week women's Advent plan, we will prepare our hearts for the
celebration of Jesus' birth.

Workbook needs to be purchased at a cost of \$23. Please contact Sue Stingu at 248-321-0572 or suestingu@gmail.com so that one will be reserved for you on the first night of class. Class starts November 5.

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 2019-2020 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 stjohnmondaymops@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 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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