# THE WORD

JANUARY - APRIL

# Get Into the Word - January thru April

# 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
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.

# 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.

# **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)

Pastors Marc, Steve, Jon Mondays 7:00-8:30 PM Luther Hall

Director Steve Wilson

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-packedjourneythroughGod's Wordwillhelpyoudiscoverwhat 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 2020 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 27.

### LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY: LUKE Part 2

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. Two weekly options are available. Study guides (\$10) are now available.

Tuesdays 7:00 PM Mary Martha Room Wednesdays 9:15 AM Concordia 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 The Visual Faith Community - Metro Detroit meets on the 3rd Saturday from 1:00 to 4:00 PM in Concordia Hall. New participants are always welcome. We will feature Bible Journaling and Visual Prayer using various materials. No experience needed. Feel free to bring a friend, 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. 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. The next session is February 15 - May 9.

# 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 on 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, 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.sjr@gmail.com or 248-895-9938.

# **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS**

### 'A WOMAN'S HEART: GOD'S DWELLING PLACE' BY BETH MOORE

Sue Stingu Tuesdays 7:00 PM Home of Katie Gibbs & Terry Priestley All women are invited to join us in an 11-week study that dives into the Tabernacle of God. Perhaps no Old Testament event so dramatically illustrates God's persistent desire to relate to His children as the building of the Tabernacle in the wilderness. From Genesis through Revelation, we will journey through the Bible, uncovering the beauty, symbolism, and love of a pursuing God. There is a workbook that will be needed for this study at a cost of \$18. Please contact Sue Stingu if you wish to participate and would like to have a book available on the first evening. Also, directions to Katie and Terry's house will be given before the first gathering. Contact: Sue Stingu Email: Suestingu@amail.com or text (248) 321-0572.

### **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.

### **ESTHER - THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD**

Sue Boes Wednesdays 12:45-3:00 PM Concordia Hall Is God working in your life today? How do you know? Even when it seems that God is not present, Psalm 121:4 tells us that He who watches over us will "neither slumber nor sleep". Most of the time, God leads with an invisible hand. He is faithful even when we cannot see his plan. The Bible book of Esther never mentions the name of God, yet his providence is clearly seen. Join us for this women's study as we search for evidence of the hand of God in everyday life. The study will offer a weekly Q&A time, small group discussion and specifically incorporate tools that support learning to study the Word of God on your own. Study begins February 5. Please contact Sue at sboes40@gmail.com with questions.

# **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.

