GET INTO THE WORD

JANUARY - APRIL

Get Into the Word - Winter 2022 Schedule

The New Year is here, and with it come many new opportunities as part of the St. John family to grow in your faith through God's Word! Make this the year that you take a big step as a family in your faith walk with Jesus! Whether you are new to the faith, or a life-long believer, seeking a large group lecture type class, or a small group community experience—there truly is something for everyone no matter your age, experience, or circumstance! Get connected through the Word in this New Year!

SUNDAY CLASSES

LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM

Pastor Gil McDonaldSundays9:30-10:30 AMConcordia HallHere is a chance to dust off the cobwebs from a few years back or walk through the teachings of
the Lutheran church for the first time. Bring your "old" catechism, if you have one.Concordia Hall

LIFE BY HIS WORD – Gospel of Matthew

Dianna Swenson Sundays 9:30-10:30 AM Mary Martha Room 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 Youth 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. For more information, please contact Steve Wilson at swilson@stjohnrochester.org or 248-402-8006.

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

Steve WilsonSundays6:00-8:00 PMGymnasiumLighthouse 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 Have you or someone you know been searching for an opportunity to learn or rediscover what real faith in Jesus is all about in a non-threatening environment where your real questions can be answered? 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! Come join Pastor Marc, Pastor Steve, and Pastor Jon on a nine-week, action-packed journey through God's Word as they help you discover what Christian Lutheran faith is all about while simultaneously introducing you to our St. John mission and vision! (Plus, you'll get a chance to meet other amazing people like you who also want to grow in relationship with Jesus!) The class will meet on our campus Monday evenings at 7:00 PM, starting February 7. Childcare is provided in the nursery. Upon completion of the classes, participants will be welcomed to prayerfully consider official membership as part of the St. John family. For more information or to enroll, please register online via our St. John website, or contact the pastoral office at 248-402-8020 or church@stjohnrochester.org. We hope to see you there!

LIFEgroup

Pastor JonTuesdays
Wednesdays7:00 PM
10:00 AMConcordia Hall
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and just plain have more fun. Following Jesus: An Invitation to an Uncommon Life is an on-campus
LIFEgroups Study (small groups around tables) where we connect with Christ in His Word and others
in friendship in an ongoing adventure the Bible calls discipleship. Look for the email message sent out
the weekend of January 8-9 to sign up or contact the office 248-402-8020. Hope to see you there!

TEEN SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Steve Wilson, Melissa Hammett Wednesdays 8:00-9:00 PM Youth Room & Mary Martha 9th-12th graders are invited to be a part of a small group - men in the Youth Room and women in the Mary Martha Room. 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.

LINGER IN HIS WORD

Candice Schwark 3rd Saturdays 1:00-4:00 PM Concordia Hall New participants are always welcome. Join us as we learn creative ways to spend time in the Bible. All supplies provided - please **RSVP** to candice@mac. com or 248-652-9449 to ensure adequate supplies are prepared. Our time together includes fellowship, a devotion and a project or two.

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. 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.

VARIOUS TOPICS

John Fedototszkin 1st & 3rd Thurs. 10:00-11:30 AM Church Library Please join us as we are currently studying the Apostles Creed. 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

Eric Garland 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 through March. 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 Eric Garland at egarland@ zebra.com.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

Elizabeth Olsen 2nd & 4th Thursdays 9:00-11:00 AM Concordia 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? 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 to see if we are the right fit for you! For more information, please contact stjohnthursdaymops@gmail.com.

'PATRIARCHS – ENCOUNTERING THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC AND JACOB' BY BETH MOORE

Sue Stingu Tuesdays 7:00 PM Church Library All women are invited to join us in this 11 week study where we will journey through Genesis 12-50 exploring blessings, covenants, promises and relationships and the bearing each has on a New Testament believer's life today. 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. Contact: Sue Stingu Email: Suestingu@gmail.com or text 248-321-0572. Starting January 18

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE STUDY

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CLASS

Peter Harris Tuesdays 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Concordia Hall 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. For more information, please contact Peter Harris at 248-651-7532.



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