




GET INTO THE WORD *this fall*



1st Period - September 13 through December 20, 2015
(No classes on Sunday, September 27)

SUNDAY CLASSES

THE BOOK OF GENESIS

Various Leaders	Sundays	9:30-10:30 AM	Concordia Hall
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Genesis is a name taken from the Greek, meaning "the book of generation or production". It contains an account of the origin of all things. There's no other history so old and there's nothing in the most ancient books which exists that contradicts it. Come and hear once again where it all began – the root and foundation of our faith in our ever living Creator and Father. Our desire is that God will speak to you through His Holy Word and that you grow closer to Him as we delve into His Word.

CULTURE SHOCK

Dave Leinberger & Bruce Gremel	Sundays	9:30-10:30AM	Room 101
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Here is an opportunity to help equip you to talk openly and respectfully about today's challenging topics. Author Chip Ingram reveals and calls into question presuppositions on both sides. He believes that by basing our convictions on research, reason, and Biblical truth, we'll be able to speak the truth in love on abortion, homosexuality, sex, politics, the environment, and more. "Culture Shock" engages believers in replacing reactionary hate with revolutionary love. Following the video presentation there will be time for discussion. Please bring your Bible. Coffee and treats will be available in the classroom.

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 classroom area of our building. Sunday School classes are offered for all children of age 3 (if potty-trained) through 6th grade. Your children will have opportunity to learn about Jesus and his love from caring volunteers. They will have fellowship with other Christian kids and enjoy a small snack (we serve pre-packaged Rice Krispie treats during class). Classes begin September 13. No registration is required and there are no attendance requirements. We break for holidays throughout the year, as announced in the *Sunday Connection*. We really look forward to seeing your children, and we are so excited to teach them how loved by God they are!

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Steve Wilson & John Shaffer	Sundays	9:30-10:45 AM	School Music Room
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Our 7th and 8th grade students and their parents will participate in Sunday confirmation instruction which will include the study of Genesis, the Gospel of Mark, and other topics. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Shaffer will serve as the instructors. 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!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

Melissa Hammett Sundays 9:30-10:30 AM Youth Room

High School Youth are in need of MORE - more Word, more Jesus, more truth. Come and meet for Bible Study in the Youth Room at 9:30 AM each Sunday. We are blessed by another opportunity to get together in the Word. Sunday morning Bible Study will happen in addition to our Sunday night Youth meetings. See you there! For more information, please contact Melissa Hammett, Director of High School Youth Ministry, at 248-402-8008 or mhammett@stjohnrochester.org.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Melissa Hammett Sundays usually 6:00-8:00 PM Youth Room (or offsite)

We love Jesus and we love each other! Our Sunday evening 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 (9 wks. beginning Sept. 21) 7:00 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 9-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), starting September 21. Childcare is provided in the nursery. Please contact the church office at 248-402-8020 or church@stjohnrochester.org. We hope to see you there!

LIFELIGHT

Various Leaders

This is an in-depth study where lesson preparation is necessary. Classes meet weekly throughout the year. The Gospel of John will be studied this term. John states in chapter 20:31 that "These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name". We'll study the time of this writing, the intended audience, and the purpose. Come and join in on the discussion.

Mondays	4:15 PM	Church Library
Tuesdays	7:00 PM	Mary Martha Room
Wednesdays	9:00 AM	Concordia Hall



STOP THE WHINING, ARGUING, AND COMPLAINING...IN YOU & YOUR KIDS!

Elizabeth Nelson Thursdays (beginning Sept. 24) 4:00-5:15 PM Church Library
This parenting class uses the Honor Club kids lessons, and resources will be available for a family home devotional time based on those weekly lessons. You are welcome to attend any or all of the class sessions. Each lesson stands on its own with practical, Biblical solutions you will be able to use right away! Free childcare is available in the church nursery during class time.

FRIDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

Jim Boldt Fridays 7:00 PM Luther Hall
We will study 1st and 2nd Peter, examining the inspired words of Peter who had gone from the "Fire of Failure" to the "Fire of Forgiveness" and wants others to know of their distinction as disciples of Jesus Christ. We look at a portion of God's Word and then discuss its meaning and application for our lives today. We usually meet two Fridays each month, with exact dates appearing in the *Sunday Connection*.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

70 GREATEST EVENTS IN THE BIBLE

John Fedototszkin 1st and 3rd Thursdays 9:00 AM Room 102
Feel free to drop in as your schedule permits. For more information, please contact John at 248-375-0832 or sherryjohnf@aol.com.

THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS

Dan McCallum 2nd and 4th Mondays 7:00 AM Church Library
Our study takes a look at the 12 minor prophets in the Old Testament. While these books are minor in length, they are major in the truths they teach, including: pointing to the coming Messiah, the majesty of God, courage and hope, injustice and judgment, trusting and loving God, and many other spiritual precepts. We are currently studying Amos and will move to Obadiah later in the fall. The emphasis is on reading, understanding and discussing the application of God's Word to our lives, community and the world.

BIBLES AND BASKETBALL

Kevin Drummelsmith Saturdays (beginning Nov. 7) 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 every Saturday morning beginning November 7 and running through March 26. This is open to men young and old alike – the more the merrier! For more information, please contact Kevin at k.drummelsmith@gmail.com.

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MEN'S PODCAST BREAKFAST

Steve Partyka Thursdays 6:00 AM Ram's Horn Restaurant
Men helping men become better husbands, fathers, leaders and followers through the power of Christ. Listen to a Bible message podcast during the week and then discuss over breakfast. For more information, contact Steve Partyka at smpartyka@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

A NEW SONG

Sue Wood 2nd and 4th Tuesdays 7:00 PM Home of Sue Wood
Come and join Sue and the gals for fellowship, prayerful support and good discussion. For more information, please contact Sue at 248-651-7028 or woodbs7@yahoo.com.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB

Pat Hofmeister 3rd Tuesdays 7:00 PM Members' Homes
The group selects a Christian book each month and gathers for refreshments and lively discussions. Email Pat at phofmeister@comcast.net for the book of the month and location. We love to add new faces and insights to the group. Come and join us! Even if you can't finish the book, come for the fellowship and discussion. Upcoming book - *Catherine the Great: Portrait of a Woman* by Robert K. Massie for discussion on October 20 at 7:00 PM at Patty Hassett's house.

A WOMAN'S HEART by Beth Moore

Sue Stingu Tuesdays (10 wks. beginning Sept. 15) 7:00-9:00 PM Concordia Hall
This in-depth, video-based Biblical study explores the fascinating account of the building of the tabernacle, the significance of its intricate design, its pivotal role in God's eternal plan, the grand fulfillment of its purpose by Jesus Christ, and the meanings for your walk with God today. Materials needed: A workbook to be purchased the first night of class. Please contact Sue Stingu at suestingu@gmail.com or (248) 321-0572 for information, childcare needs, or to register for the workbook. All women of any age are welcome, and childcare is provided.

WOMEN'S BIBLE JOURNALING

Candice Schwark 3rd Saturdays (beginning Oct. 17) 1:00-4:00 PM Various Locations
Using a few art supplies, Bibles and notebooks, our journaling will be based on the theme of the current sermon series and Scripture. No art experience is necessary. Bring a notebook, pen, pencil, colored pencils and your Bible for journaling.....and a friend or two! You may also bring a sack lunch or snack for yourself.

First session - Saturday, October 17 (school Media Center)

Candi's Home Studio - November 21, January 16, March 19, and May 21.

Concordia Hall - December 19, February 20, and April 16

Please contact Candice Schwark at candice@mac.com or 248-652-9449 to register, so that materials are prepared for you. You may join a session at any time.



FAITHFUL, ABUNDANT, TRUE: THREE LIVES GOING DEEPER STILL

Marsha Lepor/Kim Vitu Wednesdays (beginning Sept. 30) 1:00-3:00 PM Concordia Hall

This video-based Bible Study includes small group discussion and fellowship with other Christian women. Authors Kay Arthur, Priscilla Shirer and Beth Moore will speak and teach on how the Holy Spirit has led them to teach. Ms. Arthur uses the entire book of Hebrews, showing God's faithfulness. Ms. Shirer teaches from Ephesians, showing God's abundance and faithfulness. Ms. Moore teaches on discernment and how we can trust the Holy Spirit to enable us to determine truth. Marsha Lepor will facilitate our Bible study time together. Childcare is available. The Bible study book for the class is available for \$12.99. Please contact Kim Vitu at tkv2@wowway.com with any questions or to order your book.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

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. Currently the study group consists of a Moslem from Iran, a Buddhist from Taiwan, an agnostic from China, three Christian Protestants from S. Korea, a Mexican Catholic and two non-denominational Christians - one Italian, the other Mexican. The Bible class immediately precedes the ESL class every Tuesday. For more information, please contact Peter Harris at 248-651-7532.

POBLO (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach) BIBLE STUDY

Karim Musa Thursdays 7:00 PM Room 128

POBLO is a Christian organization working to transform the lives of those of differing faiths who have never been allowed to hear the message of salvation in Jesus Christ, found in the Bible (the Book). Participants are met by those fluent in their own native language in order to communicate on a one-to-one level the eternal love of Jesus. For more information, please contact Karim Musa at karim@poblo.org or 716- 381-1301.



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