



Get into the Word

THIS WINTER



**2<sup>nd</sup> Period - January 10 through April 17, 2016**  
**(No classes on Sunday, March 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.

**THE INVISIBLE WAR - What Every Believer Needs to Know about Satan, Demons & Spiritual Warfare**

Deaconess Linda Nobili	Sundays	9:30-10:30 AM	Room 101
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The author, Chip Ingram says, “The Bible clearly teaches us that Satan is on a mission to destroy God's people. And the problem is, Satan doesn't telegraph his temptations and schemes. Instead, he's very secretive as he attempts to lead Christians down a delicate, subtle, gradual path of deception.

C.S. Lewis wrote: 'Indeed, the safest road to hell is the gradual one – the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turns, without milestones, without signposts.'

Satan wants to get an unnoticeable foothold in our lives by triggering relational conflicts; weighing us down with fear, anxiety, depression, or insecurity; increasing our selfishness; tempting us with escape mechanisms such as drugs and alcohol; and seducing us through the lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh, and boastful pride of life.”

Join us for this fascinating study of the invisible war going on around us every day.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 resume on January 10. 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	Sundays	9:30-10:30 AM	School Music Room
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Our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents will continue participating in Sunday confirmation instruction which will include the study of Genesis, the Gospel 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 happens 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 (starting Feb. 1)      7:00-8:30 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 on February 1. Childcare is provided in the nursery. Please contact the church office at 248-402-8020 or church@stjohnrochester.org.

### **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	1:30 PM	Room 101
Tuesdays	7:00 PM	Mary Martha Room
Wednesdays	9:00 AM	Concordia Hall

### **GRIEFSHARE**

Saturdays (starting Feb. 20)      10:00 AM-12:00 PM                      Church Library  
If you've lost a loved one and wonder if the feelings, frustrations, hurts, and loneliness you're experiencing is just you or whether others are going through the same things - then this study is a journey you need to be a part of. Using video, discussion, and prayer you will meet others with the same emotions and hardships who are trying to work through the grieving process. For more information, please contact Linda Baroli at 248-895-0310.



## CONGREGATION LENTEN STUDY

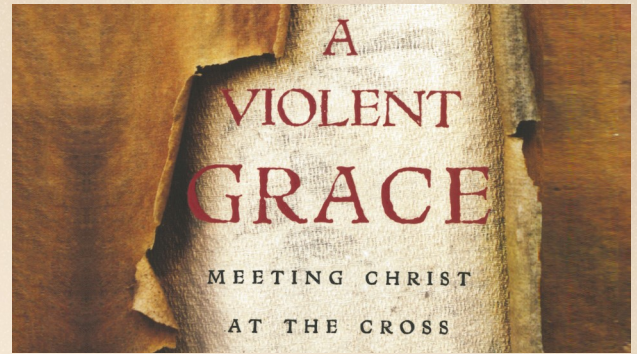
A Violent Grace - by Michael Card

Begins February 10 (Ash Wednesday)

Various Leaders, times, places - a separate publication will contain specific information in January.

On Ash Wednesday, our congregation and Bible study groups will begin a Lenten journey through this incredible book by author and musician Michael Card. So many in Christianity have removed the cross from their speech

and preaching in order to make a more gentle appeal, yet what Jesus did through the cross is the central message of the Christian faith. This study will explore Old Testament prophecies and New Testament accounts of Jesus' sacrifice for our sin. Realize through this study the incredible free gift of grace to us at a violent cost to God's Son, our Savior Jesus.



## FRIDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

Jim Boldt

Fridays

7:00 PM

Luther Hall

We will study 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays

10:00 AM

Church Library

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

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Drummel Smith

Saturdays (through March)

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, resuming on January 9 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 kevin.drummel Smith@gmail.com.



## **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](mailto:smpartyka@gmail.com).

## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS**

### **WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB**

Pat Hofmeister                      3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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.

### **DANIEL - Lives of Integrity, Words of Prophecy** by Beth Moore

Sue Stingu                      Tuesdays (Jan. 12 - Mar. 22)                      7:00-9:00 PM                      Concordia Hall  
Join us for an 11-week faith-building study of prophecy while learning to live with integrity in today's self-absorbed society. The prophet Daniel faced unbelievable pressures to compromise his faith while living in a hostile culture, and while confronting temptations and threats. Book Cost: \$16  
Contact Sue Stingu at 248-321-0572 or [suestingu@gmail.com](mailto:suestingu@gmail.com).

### **WOMEN'S BIBLE JOURNALING**

Candice Schwark                      3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays                      1:00-4:00 PM                      Various Locations  
Using a few art supplies, Bibles and notebooks, our journaling will be based on the Sermon themes and Scripture. No art experience is necessary. Bring a notebook, pen, pencil, colored pencils, small scissors, ruler, and your Bible for journaling.....and a friend or two! You may also bring a sack lunch or snack for yourself.

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 1:00-4:00 PM with this schedule: Media Center on Feb. 20 and Apr. 16; Home Studio Jan. 16, March 19, and May 21.

Please contact Candice Schwark at [candice@mac.com](mailto: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                      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. Those who are joining the class in the New Year may purchase the Bible study book for the class for \$12.99. Please contact Kim Vitu at [tkv2@wowway.com](mailto:tkv2@wowway.com) with any questions or to order your book.



## **MOPS (MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS)**

Jamie Rawcliffe	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month	9:00-11:15 AM	Luther Hall
Julie Halstead	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month	9:00-11:15 AM	Luther Hall

MOPS is an international faith-based organization for mothers with children ages birth through kindergarten. While MOPS is not a specific verse-by-verse Bible Study we refer often to Biblical Truths and Teachings. MOPS offers mothers a chance to learn, grow and share with other mothers at the same stage of raising children. During meetings, women have the opportunity to enjoy fellowship, food, fun, great speakers, crafts, devotions and prayers.

St. John offers two MOPS groups. The Monday group meets on the second Monday of the month from 9:00-11:15 AM and the Thursday group meets the second Thursday of the month from 9:00-11:15 AM. The Monday group is a small group with limited childcare, while the Thursday group has small group discussion tables within a larger group setting, and includes a MOPPETS program from children newborn through kindergarten.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Julie Halstead at [julesky05@yahoo.com](mailto:julesky05@yahoo.com) for the Thursday group or Jamie Rawcliffe at [jamie.rawcliffe@gmail.com](mailto:jamie.rawcliffe@gmail.com) for the Monday group

## **INTERNATIONAL BIBLE STUDY GROUPS**

### **INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CLASS**

Peter Harris	Tuesdays	11:30 AM-1:00 PM	Room 128
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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
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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](mailto:karim@poblo.org) or 716-381-1301.

