



THE WEEKLY CONNECTION

ONE IN JESUS...REACHING MANY!

Week of June 24, 2018

WORSHIP CELEBRATION



SONGS OF SUMMER SERIES

Like marshmallows and milk chocolate melted between graham crackers, music and summer simply pair well together. Whether it be driving down the highway with the windows rolled down and the radio turned up, relaxing on the patio with friends and family to the beat of a favorite oldies sound track, or the background sounds of top forty tunes blaring at the municipal pool accompanied by giggling children, what would the hot days of summer be like without music? Of course, this is nothing new. Our amazing God also recognizes the need for a good song in the midst of life's moments. In fact he's dedicated an entire book (called the Book of Psalms) filled with inspired songs that form a perfect background track for real life circumstances. Join us beginning next weekend as we begin a summer worship series called *Songs of Summer*...and get ready to pump up the volume on your relationship with Jesus!



HOLY BAPTISM – This weekend we celebrate the baptism of Shepherd Erwin Price, son of Justin & Mary at the 9:30 AM Traditional Praise service. At the 11:00 AM Traditional praise service, Marley Grace Heinrich, daughter of Matthew & Erin (Kuhl). May God richly bless Shepherd and Marley and their families.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are in honor of the wedding of Mel Habte and Karen Hofmeister on Saturday, June 23.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE UPDATE “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together...but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”—Hebrews 10:24-25

Attendance for the weekend of June 16-17.....686

BIBLICAL DISCOVERY

SUMMER SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS will continue with a study of the Book of Romans. Please join us at 9:30 AM in Concordia Hall on the lower level for great discussion as we delve into God's Word.



GRAB A CUP OF COFFEE AND INVITE A NEW FRIEND. Following all our Sunday morning services, coffee and refreshments are served in Luther Hall. What a wonderful opportunity it is to get to know someone in worship with us. What a great way to be the church by encouraging each other in Jesus' name!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS for June 11 – August 10 are 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

NEW SECURITY PROCEDURES – As a part of our ongoing process of implementing tighter building security in an ever changing world, there has been a major shift in daytime building access **as of May 31**. Please make note of these key points:

- All building entrances will be locked during daytime hours.
- For building entry, please go to the South Atrium door (Door 9) and press the intercom button. A staff member will respond to assist you.
- Upon entry, please sign in at the Main Office. *This is important for all to do, whether frequent guests well known by the staff, or first time guests.*
- For the time being, building access for evening meetings will continue as before, without the need to press the intercom for entry or to sign in.

We are still in the process of fine tuning our daytime and evening procedures, but this gives us a good start. While these new procedures may cause some inconvenience, we are very grateful for your understanding and cooperation as we seek to provide a secure yet welcoming church and school home. If you have any questions, please contact the Main Office at 248-402-8050. Thank you!

MICHAEL HANSEN ORDINATION UPDATE – As previously shared, upon completing his seminary training this spring, Michael Hansen (son of our congregation) received a Divine Call to serve as Associate Pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran Church & School in Walled Lake/Wixom, MI. Please continue to keep Michael in your prayers as he prepares to begin his pastoral ministry at St. Matthew soon. Also, mark your calendar for **Sunday, July 1 at 3:00 PM** and plan to attend his ordination celebration here at St. John, followed by an appetizer reception! If you are interested in helping plan the reception, please contact Lynette Novack in the Pastoral Office at lnovack@stjohnrochester.org or 248-402-8020.



CAREGIVER CARE SUPPORT GROUP – Tuesday June 26. Do you assist a family member or friend with activities of daily living and/or medical tasks? If you answered yes, you are a caregiver. There are about 2 million unpaid family caregivers in Michigan. Caregiving is rewarding, but can also be stressful, overwhelming, and exhausting. Join fellow caregivers to learn problem-solving strategies and receive validation and encouragement from others who understand what you may be going through. The meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of the month starting at 6:30 PM in Concordia Hall downstairs. You do not need to sign up for this support group. Just come and join us any time! For more information, please contact Laura Tom, RN, Faith Community Nurse at 586-201-9162 or laurajtom@gmail.com.



WALK, RUN OR BIKE WITH THE ST. JOHN RUNNERS GROUP – This group is for all new and accomplished runners and bikers looking for fellowship, fitness and fun. Lace up your running shoes or grab your bike and join us every Saturday at 7:30 AM. We meet and start with prayer at Rochester Park off Ludlow St. before heading to the Paint Creek Trail. Hope to see you there! Please contact Julie Schmidt at 586-864-4768 or salyetja@gmail.com or Nicole Buday at 248-520-3383 or quadlevel@gmail.com if you have any questions.

ATTENTION 1988 LUTHERAN HIGH NORTH GRADUATES! A 30 year reunion will be held Saturday, July 21 in Sterling Heights, MI. If you have not yet received an email regarding this event, please contact Mickey York at myork@foxsports.net or Michelle (Zayti) Joliet at jmjoliet@yahoo.com for details.



LUTHERAN NIGHT AT COMERICA PARK – Bring the family out to enjoy a Detroit Tigers game on Friday, July 27 at 7:10 PM. The Tigers will play the Cleveland Indians. Tickets are \$24 per person. For more information or to order tickets, please call Hank Hajdas of Historic Trinity Lutheran Church at 586-228-9189.



CAMPUS MASTER PLAN: Exciting news! In follow-up to over two years of preparation, planning and praying, "Lord, what would you have us do?", our St. John family officially voted to move forward with proposed campus renovation and expansion plans! Beyond adding greater excellence and needed space to expanding onsite church and school ministry, a significant portion of all funds raised for the project (\$3.5 million pledged so far) will also benefit area inner cities (Pontiac and Detroit) as well as global mission partners to make an eternal difference in Jesus' name! Praise God from whom all blessings flow!



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES



ST. JOHN DAY SCHOOL NEWS:

Enrollment in St. John Lutheran School: St. John Lutheran School offers Preschool to 8th grade and we invite you to visit to learn more. We are currently accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year for Preschool to 8th grade. **Preschool:** St. John offers Preschool 3's half day sessions and Preschool 4's half and full day sessions. Limited spaces remain in the 3's PM and in the 4's PM. A PS4's mixed schedule (M/W/F PM and T/TH Full Day) option is also available. PS4's sessions are

Kindergarten readiness programs. *Kindergarten*: Half and Full Day Kindergarten options are available, as well as the option to extend from half to full day at specific dates during the school year. Limited spaces remain in Kindergarten.

St. John Lutheran School offers an attractive student/teacher ratio. Students participate in gym, art, music, and recess, as well as academic course work including math, science, language arts, social studies and religion. Middle School students also participate in academic enrichment courses each quarter. For students in K – 8, morning and after care as well as a hot lunch program are offered, and free bus transportation is available for those within the Rochester Community Schools. For more information, to schedule a personal tour, or for enrollment information, visit www.stjohnrochester.org/school, or contact Beth Dameron, Director of School Admissions, at 248-402-8012 or bdameron@stjohnrochester.org.

SHIPWRECKED! WHAT A WEEK! The Lord blessed us beyond measure at Vacation Bible School this past week as we learned “Jesus Rescues”, with over 400 children and over 130 servant-hearted volunteers! Thank you to everyone who made this week so incredible and made such an eternal difference in Jesus’ name! Also, many thanks to the children who brought in 1500+ items for a food pantry in the Rochester area. Over 45% of the families that were here don’t have a church home. Please keep all of our children and their families in your prayers!



SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP AT ST. JOHN OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY: The annual St. John Eagles Basketball Camp will be held Monday, June 25 to Thursday, June 28. The girls camp will be from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM and the boys camp will be from 2:00 -5:00 PM. The cost is \$60 per participant. Students will learn and hone basketball skills in a fun, Christian environment. The camp will be taught by Mr. Todd Bauer, St. John Athletic Director/6th grade homeroom teacher, along with several St. John alumni assisting. The camp is open to the community so invite your friends and neighbors! Registration is still available on our website at stjohnrochester.org/school (look for the basketball camp rotator). Walk-in registration is available!



SPRINGHILL DAY CAMP is returning to St. John on July 9-13! Day camp is five full days of summer fun for children entering grades 1-6 in the fall. Camp includes small group Bible teaching, high-energy large group sessions, and high-adventure activities including archery, bungee trampoline, camp songs, climbing wall, crafts, and so much more – all right here at St. John! For more information and to register, check out the SpringHill website at www.springhilldaycamp.com.

CAMP CONCORDIA - If you are looking for a great camp experience this summer for your kids, please consider a great resident camp opportunity for kids in 1st-8th grade. This Lutheran summer camp is an awesome outdoor camp for kids. Mr. Steve Wilson will be helping Camp Concordia the week of June 24-29 for 3rd-6th graders. If you send your child that week, make sure they say hi to Steve! Visit www.campconcordia.org for more information or to register your child for camp.



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH – We are lifting up two students who will be doing mission work in faraway lands! Owen Meyers will be in Japan for 5 weeks and Emily Stoll will be in Costa Rica for 4 weeks! We are so proud of both of you. Prayers will be covering you both as you travel, serve, learn the culture and return home to share your experiences.

Save the Date! House Hop 2018 on Sunday, August 12!

We will be saying goodbye to our seniors and welcoming our incoming freshmen to our High School Youth program on August 12, 6:00-9:00 PM! Our evening will include “hopping” from house to house for devotions, great food, and fun. In early August, Mrs. Hammett will be sending out detailed communication about the event, so watch for it!

Please text or email her to let her know you’ll be there for a great evening!

Cedar Point on Wednesday, August 15! We will leave St. John at 7:30 AM and return around 1:00 AM. Cost is \$65 per student which covers ticket and van. Deadline to sign up and turn in payment to Mrs. Hammett is Wednesday, August 1.

Detroit Mission on Saturday, August 25, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM! Join as a family to serve with 4 other churches to clean up homes in Detroit. It is a morning filled with joy for the Lord and hard work! We will meet downtown (address TBA in mid-August). This is our 3rd year working in the community and we are seeing a rebirth after we leave! Praise you, Father!

Arts & Apples September 7-9! We have been asked to serve as the main gate greeters at Arts & Apples this September. This is a really cool event that brings people from all over the world to our own community. We will be looking to fill 39 time slots with our High School families over the weekend of

September 7-9. With a few families put together for the weekend, we will be able to serve as welcoming faces in the community and earn over \$2,000.00 for our ministry at the same time! What a privilege! Training is on Monday, July 9 at 6:00 PM. Who is in??

Save the Dates for the 2019 National Youth Gathering on July 11-15, 2019 in Minneapolis! The theme is "Real. Present. God." Registration will be this fall.

For more information, contact Melissa Hammett, Director of High School Youth Ministry, at mhammett@stjohnrochester.org.

SACRIFICIAL GENEROSITY

MITE BOXES: Don't forget your Mite Boxes next week, the 1st Sunday of the month!

DIAPERS CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN JESUS' NAME! Thank you to everyone who helped to make our annual diaper shower a huge success. We collected almost 5,000 diapers and many more items. It has all been taken to Crossroads Care Center and they are very grateful. God Bless you all!!



DID YOU KNOW that we have a St. John **Love for Others Fund** to assist people inside our church home and outside in our community who are in immediate need of emergency help? Last year, over \$14,000 was distributed to assist with food, gas, hospital visits, medical expenses and more. The Love for Others Fund has helped those who have lost income and are in need of a one-time mortgage or rent payment, or funds to avoid utility shut-offs, and the list goes on.

Having this fund available offers us the opportunity to pray with people, talk about their individual needs, and share God's love while helping with the necessary tangible care that can ease their worry.

Please consider making a donation to the Love for Others Fund. This fund is completely separate from our Annual Ministry Budget. **Donations are tax deductible and checks can be made out to: St. John Love for Others Fund, or to St. John, with Love for Others in the memo line. The blue envelopes included with your bimonthly offering packets may be used for these donations.** Thank you!

ST. JOHN FOUNDATION GRANT – Are you a member of St. John, attending a Lutheran college for a degree in church work? Then you may be eligible for tuition assistance from the Foundation. The Church Worker Support Fund was established in 1993 to assist members of St. John in preparing for full time church work. If you are a member of St. John, attending a Lutheran University or Seminary and working towards a degree that will lead to being a called LCMS Church Worker, you are eligible to apply for assistance from the Foundation. If you are interested, please e-mail Kevin Gentner at kkgentner@aol.com to receive the Foundation Petition Grant Form to be completed and submitted to the Foundation Board of Governors for consideration by Tuesday, July 31.



GIFTS FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN EVENT "CHRISTMAS IN JULY" - JULY 17 -

All are welcome to join our mission partner Gifts For All God's Children, celebrating its 30th Anniversary at their annual Christmas in July Gala on Tuesday, July 17 at Villa Penna in Sterling Heights. Beginning at 6:00 PM, guests will enjoy a delicious dinner, silent auction and an evening featuring host Guy Gordon, WJR Radio Personality and Entertainer Rennie Kaufmann. All proceeds will be used to meet needs of at-risk children in Southeastern

Michigan. Tickets are \$70, or \$650 for a table of 10, and are available at www.GiftsForAllGodsChildren.org through July 6. Any questions, call 248-933-7472.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

“You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God!” - 2 Corinthians 9:11. Thank you so much for your ongoing generosity that allows us to make an eternal impact in Jesus’ name!

GENERAL MISSION & MINISTRY Offerings for June 16-17.....		\$38,760.50
Special Contributions for June 16-17.....		\$1,100.00
As of 6/17/18 Y.T.D. Budgeted Offerings:		\$ 2,165,989.13
As of 6/17/18 Y.T.D. Actual Offerings:		<u>\$ 2,193,042.92</u>
As of 6/17/18 Y.T.D. Variance to Budget:		\$ 27,053.79
As of 6/17/18 Y.T.D. Special Contributions: \$72,704		
<i>(St. John’s fiscal year is 7/1/17 through 6/30/18.)</i>		

ONE LEGACY INITIATIVE

As of 6/17/18 Y.T.D. Amount pledged.....	\$3,455,994.79
As of 6/17/18 Y.T.D. Amount received.....	\$881,543.96

COMPASSIONATE SERVICE

NEW POSITION OPENING: DIRECTOR OF MISSION MOBILIZATION

Are you an energetic, spirit-led, people person who has a compassionate heart for God’s mission and service? Do you have a strong ability to organize, as well as a passion for raising up people around you to utilize their God-given talents and gifts to serve in Jesus’ name? We are now accepting resumes for a brand new, part time ministry staff team position we’re calling Director of Mission Mobilization. This individual will help raise the bar on ministry and mission engagement of our St. John Church & School family to serve in our community and world. If interested or if you have any questions, please contact or send inquiries to pastormarc@stjohnrochester.org.

SPRINGHILL DAY CAMP – MAKE A DIFFERENCE! We are in need of helpers for Spring Hill Day Camp. We host camp here at St. John July 9-13. **We need host homes, CIT’s (Counselors in Training) and food helpers.** Host homes provide a bed for the counselors for the week and breakfast each morning. It is a great opportunity to serve the counselors for the week. Counselors in Training are people in Grades 9-12 who want to help the counselors for the week. They play games with kids, and serve alongside SpringHill staff. Lastly, food helpers help prepare meals for our camp staff for the week. If you have the gift of service and are available during the day for these positions, please contact Steve Wilson, Director of Child and Family Ministry, at swilson@stjohnrochester.org.



VOLUNTEER WITH NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE (a primary mission partner of St. John), where they welcome and need your assistance. Volunteers share their time and talents on a regular basis at the Clothes Closet, Food Pantry, and at their Main Office. They also have opportunities for volunteers to help with special projects and events from home or from one of their locations. Their volunteer program is very organized and offers volunteers maximum flexibility. To learn more about volunteering, contact Neighborhood House at volunteer@ranh.org or 248-651-5836.

CONSTANT PRAYER

WE WOULD LOVE TO PRAY FOR WHATEVER IS ON YOUR HEART. To submit a prayer request, please text or email it to prayer@stjohnrochester.org at any time or fill out a Prayer Request Card and hand to an usher during worship. These requests are received by our pastors and are passed along when requested to be included in the weekly prayer list that is sent out to our prayer warriors and included in weekend worship.



THIS WEEK:

Thanksgiving: Baptisms of: Shepherd Erwin Price - son of Justin & Mary, Marley Grace Heinrich - daughter of Matthew & Erin (Kuhl), Wonderful week of VBS and everyone who was a part of it, Jacob and Julianne Keller's graduation, Marriage of Nathan Drews & Anna Timmer, Henry & Marilyn Meyer's 60th wedding anniversary

Guidance & Strength: Emily Stoll and Owen Myers on mission trips

Hope & Healing: Karl Barton – continued healing from surgery, Roger Guetzkow – surgery on Wednesday, Heather Sanders – Healthy Pregnancy, Ellis Zink – in rehab, Russ Schmidt, Marilyn Miller, Hailey Noonan, Al Lucas – recovering from another fall, Helen Wiley – broken ribs

Bereavement: (Family of...) Phyllis Ritter (cousin of Carol Schroeder)

LAST WEEK:

Thanksgiving: The gift of Fathers, Firas & Rawan – upcoming marriage

Guidance & Strength: VBS – teachers, helpers, students

Hope & Healing: Pastor Ray Scherbarth –healing from brain bleed, Jim Boldt – back pain relief, Linda Winter – outpatient surgery Wednesday, Sarah Leinberger – continued healing from stroke, Chuck Bartley – test results on brain tumor, Robin – hospitalized, Barb Roy – stroke, John – cancer, Brita Birney, Linda Madson

Bereavement: (Family of...) Pat Moloughney (sister of Tom Glanville)

PRIOR WEEK:

Thanksgiving: Baptisms of Henry Patrick Ethan Schreiber - son of Sven and Saskia, Charlotte Grace Kiehl - daughter of Michael & Colleen, Haley Garr's 21st birthday

Guidance & Strength: All graduates, Sonya Marr – grieving loss of husband, Geri and Brian in need of faith

Hope & Healing: Ryan Jankovich – hospitalized for testing, Becky Mancier –surgery for infection, Roger Guetzkow – recovering from surgery, Pat Gonser – recovering from surgery, Christopher Stepnitz for favorable testing, Sue Wilson, AJ

Bereavement: (Family of...) Philipp Frobel – (father of Dave), Eric Heins (Son of Norma / brother of Kevin) – sudden heart attack

Nation & World: People of Guatemala wake of volcano eruption

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

June 11 – August 10

Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Sunday

9:30 AM

Adult Bible Study (Romans) – Concordia Hall

Monday

9:00 AM

Gleaners Quilting – Concordia Hall

Tuesday

11:30 AM

International Bible Class – Room 128

1:00 PM

ESL Class – Concordia Hall

6:30 PM

Caregiver Care – Concordia Hall

Wednesday

Thursday

8:00 PM

Alcoholics Anonymous – Concordia Hall

Friday

9:00 AM

ESL Class – Youth Room *note the location

Saturday

5:00 PM

Modern Praise Worship – Gymnasium



Worship Celebration Schedule

Traditional Praise: Sundays @ 8:00 AM | 9:30 AM | 11:00 AM

Modern Praise: Saturdays @ 5:00 PM | Sundays @ 10:45 AM

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