



SONGS OF SUMMER

June 30-July 1, 2018



THE WEEKLY CONNECTION

ONE IN JESUS...REACHING MANY!

Week of July 1, 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!

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 23-24.....865

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.

WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY - Come join us this summer for a great women's bible study. The Bible study is based on the book [Living 'So That': Making Faith-Filled Choices in the Midst of a Messy Life](#) by Wendy Blight. This is 7 week study. Please join us starting on Tuesday, July 17 at 7:00 PM in the Church Library. If you are able to attend and need a book, please contact Allison Bashford at allibash@me.com.



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!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND MICHAEL HANSEN'S ORDINATION SERVICE THIS SUNDAY, JULY 1

–Michael Hansen (son of our congregation) will be officially ordained as a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Pastor on Sunday, July 1 at 3:00PM here at St. John. You are invited to attend this celebration which will be followed by an appetizer reception in our gymnasium. Michael received a Divine Call to serve as Associate Pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran Church & School in Walled Lake/Wixom, MI, where he will be installed next Sunday, July 8. Please keep Michael in your prayers as he prepares to begin his pastoral ministry at St. Matthew.



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:

The Annual St. John Eagles Basketball Camp was held this past week for students entering 3rd - 9th grades. The camp was led by Mr. Todd Bauer, St. John Athletic Director/6th grade home room teacher, with several St. John alumni high school students helping. The camp was a great opportunity for the students to learn and develop basketball skills, and it included daily devotion and prayer.

Faculty at Vacation Bible School: Thank you to the many members of the St. John faculty who helped last week at VBS, sharing God's

word with students from our St. John family and the community.

Enrollment for 2018-2019: School is out for the summer, but enrollment is ongoing. Many sessions are approaching capacity or have a waitlist. To learn more about our Preschool to 8th grade program, visit www.stjohnrochester.org/school, or contact Beth Dameron, Director of Admissions at 248-402-8012 or bdameron@stjohnrocheser.org.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION POSITION - After prayerful consideration, Mrs. Melissa Dominick has accepted the position to teach P.E. next year here St. John for all grades (K-8). She is excited about the new experiences that lay ahead for her. Mrs. Dominick has a Master's Degree and 16 years of experience in P.E. She asks for continual prayers for her and her family as she makes this transition and also for leading God's children not only in their education but also as life-long disciples in Christ.



SPRINGHILL DAY CAMP starts next Monday! Springhill is returning to St. John on July 9-13. Day camp is five full days of summer fun for children entering 1st-6th grades 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, visit the Springhill website at www.springhilldaycamp.com.

CAMP CONCORDIA - This Lutheran summer camp is an awesome outdoor resident camp opportunity for kids in 1st-8th grade. Visit www.campconcordia.org for more information or to register your child for camp.



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH – We are lifting up two students who are doing mission work in faraway lands! Owen Meyers is in Japan for 5 weeks and Emily Stoll is 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: Pick one up TODAY in Luther Hall! We hope you will take the small bank home, drop your change into it, and then return it again to the display table in Luther Hall (first Sunday of each month) and pick up a new box. The “mites” gathered from many people add up to powerful ministry dollars for worldwide missions supported by the LWML (Lutheran Women’s Missionary League). Let’s help spread the wonderful gospel!

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 are 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 23-24.....\$36,535.21
Special Contributions for June 23-24.....\$675.00

As of 6/24/18 Y.T.D. Budgeted Offerings:	\$ 2,214,043.57
As of 6/24/18 Y.T.D. Actual Offerings:	<u>\$ 2,229,578.13</u>
As of 6/24/18 Y.T.D. Variance to Budget:	\$ 15,534.56
As of 6/24/18 Y.T.D. Special Contributions:	\$73,379
<i>(St. John’s fiscal year is 7/1/17 through 6/30/18.)</i>	

ONE LEGACY INITIATIVE

As of 6/27/18 Y.T.D. Amount pledged.....	\$3,455,994.79
As of 6/27/18 Y.T.D. Amount received.....	\$885,195.96

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 – Volunteers are needed! We are in need of help and support for the upcoming Springhill Day Camp at St. John July 9-13. We encourage you to prayerfully consider the following opportunities:



- **Host homes** are needed to house a total of approximately 20 counselors for the week. Hosts provide sleeping accommodations and breakfast each morning for the counselors.
- **Counselors in Training (CIT's)** are youth in Grades 9-12 who serve alongside the SpringHill counselors.
- **Food helpers** prepare meals for the camp staff for the week.

If you have the gift of service and are interested in assisting, 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: Wedding of Haley Donahue and Korey Cook, Ordination of Michael Hansen

Hope & Healing: John Carlton (Father of member Steve Carlton) – cancer, Continued healing for: Jerry Bantin, Al Lucas, Marilyn Miller, Russ Schmidt, Hailey Noonan, Ellis Zink and Helen Wiley

Bereavement: (Family of...) Drew Muenchausen

LAST WEEK:

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

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

Hope & Healing: Karl Barton – continued healing from surgery, Heather Sanders – Healthy Pregnancy, Ryan Garman – favorable tests, Barbara Updike – hospice, Judy and Linda – medical decisions

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

PRIOR 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)

ON GOING:

Church-Work Students: Jack Crandall, Austin Wellhousen

Those in Military Service: Madyson Aman, Mark Anderson, Aaron Byers, Devin Deck, Tyler Doebler, Troy Glover, Brad Haller, Alex Holzke, Ryan Jankovich, Vance Kernes, Earle IV Leighton, Alex Lindsay, Erich Mammen, Matthew Neumeyer, Adam & Tina Novack, John Paulson, Michael Pesamoska, Christian Petty, AJ Sampson, Jon Taykowski, Bethany (Grothaus) Tessmann, Jonah Toy, Brad Ziegler

Pregnancy: Laura (Heinrich) Mann, Elizabeth Olsen, Liz Rhoda (Runey), Heather Sanders

Home Bound or Nursing Home Residents: Dan Albertson, Sharon Brink, Hazel Van Tiflin, Henry & Helen Lind, Gloria & Gordon Trudeau, Wanda DeLorme, Frances Schuessler, Willi Jed, Roy & Joann Juhl, Fred Meinberg

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

3:00 PM

Michael Hansen Ordination Service – Church Sanctuary

Monday

7:00 AM

Men's Small Group (McCallum) – Church Library

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

FACILITY IS CLOSED

Thursday

10:00 AM

Men's Small Group (Fedototszkin) – Church Library

8:00 PM

Alcoholics Anonymous – Concordia Hall

Friday

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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