



SONGS OF SUMMER

July 14-15, 2018



THE WEEKLY CONNECTION

ONE IN JESUS...REACHING MANY!

Week of July 15, 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 throughout our 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 July 7-8.....742

BIBLICAL DISCOVERY

SUMMER SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS continues 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, 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.

SHARED LIFE



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

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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!

FAMILY PRAISE & PICNIC IN THE PARK – SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

You may be asking, “What is Family Praise & Picnic in the Park?” This is St. John’s annual outdoor worship service at Rochester Municipal Park (less than a mile away) followed by an old fashioned family picnic and a variety of activities. It’s an opportunity for the St. John family to come together and be a witness of Jesus’ love for us out in the community!



Worship will begin at **11:00 AM**. Come dressed casually and bring your lawn chairs & blankets, as seating will be on the grassy area surrounding the Bebout Band Shell in the middle of the park. If you need assistance getting to the worship area, many golf carts will be available to transport you from the parking lot and then back to your car later. The free picnic lunch will be served buffet style by our many volunteers, with seating available under a covered pavilion. There will also be games and activities for the whole family! Mark your calendar now and look for more information in the coming weeks. Hope to see you there!

Thank You!

DEAR MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN, I wanted to express my deepest gratitude for all of your prayers and support which I have received during the past five years while attended Concordia University Wisconsin to obtain my teaching degree. I was blessed to have received support from the St. John Foundation and from Women’s Ministry, along with your prayers and well wishes. Last December, I graduated from Concordia with my Lutheran Teaching Certificate and a Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Special Education. For the 2018-2019 school year, I have received a divine call to teach pre-kindergarten at Trinity Lutheran Church & School in Elkhart, IN. I look forward to joining the ministry at Trinity. Thank you again for all of your support and prayers as I prepare for this new chapter in my life. I will never forget what St. John has done for my family and me. I look forward to visiting St. John when I am in town. God’s Richest Blessings, Brianna Neumeyer



EXCITING ONE LEGACY UPDATE - After several months of meeting with the City of Rochester Planning Commission and receiving provisional approval earlier this year, we are scheduled for final approval in a special meeting on Monday, July 16 at 7:00 PM. We have also been working with our architect on shifting from initial timeline plans of breaking ground next spring/summer to potentially break ground on the foundations as early as this fall! This shift is all



in an attempt to leverage lower labor rates this winter and avoid rising material costs. More details will be communicated as soon as plans are finalized. Truly these are exciting times! Please keep praying for the Lord's guidance and provision!



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.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

GROUP MISSION TRIP - TODAY (Sunday) our team of 35 students and 9 adults will be commissioned at the 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM Traditional Praise services and at 10:45 AM Modern Praise. Please join us in praying for our students and adults as they serve as the hands and feet of Jesus starting next weekend in Breckenridge, MN. After their return, Steve Wilson and many of the students will be leading a Bible Study about their experience on Sunday, August 5 in Concordia Hall during the 9:30 AM Bible Class hour. Come and join us as we share about the experience.



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL offers Preschool to 8th grade, with half and full day Kindergarten options, in a Christ-centered setting. St. John is accredited by the State of Michigan and National Lutheran Schools and offers a low student to teacher ratio, experienced faculty and challenging academics. The program also includes a daily hot lunch program, competitive athletics, extra-curricular and service opportunities, licensed morning and after school care room, and more. We are currently enrolling for the 2018-2019 school year. For a tour of our campus and enrollment information, visit www.stjohnrochester.org/school or contact Beth Dameron, Director of School Admissions, at bdameron@stjohnrochester.org or 248-402-8012. We invite you to share the information with family and friends!

SCHOOL STAFFING UPDATE - After prayerful consideration, Mrs. Melissa Dominick has accepted the position to teach P.E. next year here at 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. Please lift up her and her family in prayer as she makes this transition and also for her new role in leading God's children, not only in their education but also as life-long disciples in Christ.



SPRINGHILL DAY CAMP - Thanks to the many host homes and families who supported and participated in SpringHill Day Camp here at St. John this past week. Students and parents had a great week hearing about Jesus, and the kids enjoyed many fun adventures and activities. We also thank SpringHill Day Camp leaders and counselors for coming and helping us share Jesus with the many kids from the community who came 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

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.

ARE YOU WONDERING WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR GENTLY-USED CLOTHING, SHOES, AND NON-BREAKABLE ITEMS? The Disabled Veterans of America (DAV) will gladly take these items! Place donated items in the large, bright green DAV donation bin located on the south side of our parking lot near the gate leading to Alice Street. The bin is easily accessible and user friendly (it works like a library drop box). Questions? Contact Mike Wilusz @ 248-402-8000 or e-mail mwilusz@stjohnrochester.org. All donated items must be in resalable condition.

The DAV WILL accept:

- All clothing & shoes, bedding, drapes, toys, books, CD's/Tapes/DVD's, small electrical appliances, working TV's, furniture (NOT in need of repair, with stains, rips or holes or worn more than usual), lamps, jewelry, dishes/pots/pans, kitchen utensils, area rugs, tools, exercise equipment, computer equipment.

The DAV will NOT accept:

- Large appliances, hot water tanks, cars, boats, campers, any gas powered lawn equipment, out-of-date sporting equipment such as old skis and golf clubs, any damaged and/or broken items.

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 July 7-8.....\$36,511.50

Special Contributions for July 7-8.....\$40

As of 7/8/18 Y.T.D. Budgeted Offerings: \$ 75,197.37

As of 7/8/18 Y.T.D. Actual Offerings: \$ 64,045.50

As of 7/8/18 Y.T.D. Variance to Budget: \$ (11,151.87)

As of 7/8/18 Y.T.D. Special Contributions: \$290

(St. John’s fiscal year is 7/1/18 through 6/30/19.)

ONE LEGACY INITIATIVE

As of 7/11/18 Amount pledged..... \$3,455,994.79

As of 7/11/18 Amount received.....\$898,162.96

COMPASSIONATE SERVICE

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.

A DRIVING NEED – Hundreds of older and disabled neighbors in our community need help getting to doctor appointments, the grocery store, or other essential errands. Being able to get food and medical care can make it possible for them to remain in their own homes for as long as possible.

The Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers program is in need of volunteers who can provide transportation in the local area. We especially need drivers who are available during daytime business hours – mornings and afternoons. If you have just a couple hours a month that you can give to someone in need, you can make a huge difference in the life of a struggling specific appointments that meet these criteria. If you are free, say yes. If you're not, simply decline and we will call you another time. Even one more ride a year will make a big difference to the person who needs it! Please call their office today at 586-757-5551. You can learn more about Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers at www.ivcinfo.org.

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: *Wonderful week of Spring Hill Camp and for all the volunteers*

Guidance & Strength: *For our middle school & high school students and volunteers traveling to Breckenridge, MN July 21-28 for a mission work camp*

Hope & Healing: *Connie Ulrich – surgery this week, Linda Madson, Jim Madson*

LAST WEEK:

Thanksgiving: *Marriage of Sarah Hall and Mario Gonzalez, Baptism of Brynley Ellen Brown - daughter of Justin and Jessica, Installation of Michael Hansen as Associate Pastor – St. Matthew Walled Lake*

Hope & Healing: *Monica – cancer, Continued healing for: Jerry Bantin, Al Lucas, Marilyn Miller, Russ Schmidt, Hailey Noonan, Ellis Zink and Helen Wiley*

Bereavement: *(Family of...) Kevin Davis (brother-in-law of Tom & Kristi Larsen)*

PRIOR WEEK:

Thanksgiving: *Wedding of Haley Donahue and Korey Cook, Ordination of Michael Hansen, Birth of Mazie Elizabeth Mann (Heinrich)*

Guidance & Strength: *Our Nation as it celebrates the anniversary of its Independence*

Hope & Healing: *John Carlton (father of Steve Carlton) – cancer, Danielle Schmitz, Barbara Updike – hospice, Sue Wilson (Steve's sister-in-law), Ryan Garman – favorable tests, Jim Boldt – recovery from back pain, Harold Rose, Chris Turnage – recovery from accident, Tracy Smith – hospice*

Bereavement: *(Family of...) Drew Muenchausen*

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

7:00 AM

Men's Small Group (McCallum) – Church Library

9:00 AM

Gleaners Quilting – Concordia Hall

7:00 PM

St. John Foundation Meeting – Church Library

7:00 PM

Vestry Meeting – Catherine Luther Room

Tuesday

1:00 PM

ESL Class – Concordia Hall

7:00 PM

Women's Bible Study (Living So That) – Church Library

Wednesday

Thursday

10:00 AM

Men's Small Group (Fedototszkin) – Church Library

8:00 PM

Alcoholics Anonymous – Concordia Hall

Friday

9:00 AM

ESL Class – Concordia Hall

Saturday

5:00 PM

Modern Praise Worship – Gymnasium



SpringHill!





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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