

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Period - April 23 through June 11, 2017

## SUNDAY CLASSES

# THE BOOK OF ROMANS

Pastor Gil McDonald	Sundays	9:30-10:30 AM	Concordia Hall
<p>The Book of Romans is one of the most profound books in existence; it is certainly one of the most valued parts of the Holy Scriptures. It has been appropriately termed "the Cathedral of the Christian faith". Its profound theology and impressive style were reason enough for it to be assigned the first place among the Apostle Paul's letters. The theme of the book centers on the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Rom. 1: 16-17). Paul is deeply concerned that his readers understand how a sinner may be received as righteous by a righteous God, and how a justified sinner should live daily to the glory and praise of God.</p>			

## WITH ALL YOUR HEART

Elders: Jerry Best, Bob Danielson, Steve Partyka, and Tom Rowe	Sundays	9:30-10:30 AM	Room 101
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This Faith Lessons series transports you to locations of the Bible. The historical, geographical, and cultural context of the Scriptures will transform your understanding of God and challenge you to be a true believer of Jesus. The five lessons include: 1) Build Me a Sanctuary 2) Making Space for God 3) He Led Them Like a Shepherd 4) By Every Word – Striking the Rock 5) With All Your Might – Striking the Rock. April 23-May 21.

## EARLY CHURCH

Elders: Bob Novack, Larry Wagner, and Jake Taykowski	Sundays	11:00 AM-12:00 PM	Room 101
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This Faith Lessons series transports you to locations in Israel and Turkey from which the early Christian church, on fire with the message of Jesus, literally changed the world. The five sessions include: 1) Caesarea Philippi -- Everything to Lose, Nothing to Gain 2) Sardis -- The Salt of the Earth 3) Pergamum -- Where Satan Lives 4) Ephesus -- The Mark of the Beast 5) Laodicea -- Hot or Cold. April 23-May 21.

## 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). 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! Ends on May 21.



## **CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Steve Wilson                                      Sundays                                      9:30-10:30 AM                                      School Music Room

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 the Old Testament, the Book of Acts, 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! Ends on June 4.

## **LIGHTHOUSE - JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> GRADES**

Steve Wilson                                      Sundays                                      12:00-2:00 PM (new time!)                                      Youth Room

Lighthouse is a place where Junior High students can come and feel safe and at home. It is also a place for students to bring their friends to share Jesus. Our activities include students in grades 6-8, and all are welcome! For more information, please contact Steve Wilson, Director of Child and Family Ministry, at 248-402-8006 or [swilson@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:swilson@stjohnrochester.org).

## **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 on Sundays at 9:30 AM. 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, contact Melissa Hammett, Director of High School Youth Ministry, at 248-402-8008 or [mhammett@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:mhammett@stjohnrochester.org).

## **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**

Melissa Hammett                                      Sundays                                      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](mailto:mhammett@stjohnrochester.org).

## **WEEKDAY OPPORTUNITIES**

### **THE ONE CLASS (New Member Class)**

Pastor Marc & Pastor Steve                                      Mondays                                      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. Classes meet in the fall and winter of each year. Contact the pastoral office at [church@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:church@stjohnrochester.org) or 248-402-8020 to be placed on the list for the next session beginning in September 2017.



## LIFELIGHT

Carol Kahler (coordinator) and Various Leaders

This is an in-depth study where lesson preparation is necessary. Classes meet weekly throughout the year. The books of 1 and 2 Samuel are being studied this term. Come and join in on the discussion. Wednesday class ends on April 26, Tuesday class on May 2, and Monday class on May 8.

Mondays	1:30 PM	Mary Martha Room
Tuesdays	7:00 PM	Mary Martha Room
Wednesdays	9:00 AM	Concordia Hall

## FRIDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

Jim Boldt	Fridays	7:00 PM	Luther Hall
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This year we are studying The Truth Project. We live in such a diverse society, and each person carries a learned philosophy of what they've been raised to believe is true. But as Pontius Pilate asked of Jesus "What is truth?" The Truth Project is all about understanding what views are being disseminated in the political, scientific, and educational realms of our world, and how we can effectively speak the eternal truth found in God's Word in contrast to a world without hope. Some topics in the series are: What is Truth? / Philosophy and Ethics / Science / History / Sociology, and many more. We usually meet two Fridays each month, with exact dates appearing in the *Sunday Connection*. Ends on May 5, and will resume in the fall.

## VISUAL FAITH (Formerly called Bible Journaling)

Candice Schwark	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturdays	1:00-4:00 PM	Various locations
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Using a few art supplies, Bibles and notebooks, our journaling will be based on various themes. No art experience is necessary. Bring a composition notebook, pen, pencil, colored pencils, good eraser, your Bible for journaling, and a friend or two! You may also bring a sack lunch or snack for yourself. Third Saturday of each month at Candice Schwark's home studio beginning January 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. *The location will vary so please check with Candice or the weekly Connection for the location.*

## GRIEFSHARE

	Saturdays	10:00 AM-12:00 PM	Church Library
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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. Ends on June 10.



## **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS**

### **THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS**

Dan McCallum                      1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays                      7:00-8:30 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 the final chapters in Zechariah and the message of the coming Christ, God's Messianic kingdom, and His promise to protect His people against evil. The emphasis is on reading, understanding and discussing the application of God's Word to our lives, the community and the World. Bible Study experience is not required.

### **70 GREATEST EVENTS IN THE BIBLE**

John Fedototszkin                      1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays                      10:00-11:30 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.

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

### **THE PEW SISTERS**

Sue Wood                      1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays                      7:00 PM                      Home of Sue Wood

This Bible study for women "goes and tells what God has done" in the lives of real women in the church today. The goal is to encourage and build up the faith of our Christian sisters. Every woman sitting in the pew has a story to share of God's faithfulness in her life, and women love to hear a good story and to delight in the sisterhood of believers. Come join Sue and the Pew Sisters for Bible Study, fellowship, prayerful support and good discussion. For more information, please contact Sue at 248-651-7028 or woodsbs7@yahoo.com.

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

Pat Hofmeister                      3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays                      7:00 PM                      Participants' Homes

The group selects a Christian book each month and gathers for lively discussions and refreshments. We love to add new faces and insights to the group. Email Pat at phofmeister@comcast.net for the book of the month and location. Come and join us! Even if you can't finish the book, come for the fellowship and discussion.

### **I KNOW HIS NAME by Wendy Blight**

Sue Stingu                      Tuesdays                      7:00 PM                      Church Library

This five week study focuses on the different and powerful names of God. 'I Know His Name' is for any woman who wants to know God more personally, while studying Scripture and applying it in practical ways in her life. Begins April 25.



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

Danielle Amo	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mondays	9:00-11:15 AM	Luther Hall
Julie Halstead	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursdays	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 and fourth 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. The Monday group ends on May 8 and the Thursday group ends on May 11. All moms of young children are welcome!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Julie Halstead at [julesky05@yahoo.com](mailto:julesky05@yahoo.com) for the Thursday group or Danielle Amo at [danielleamo@ymail.com](mailto:danielleamo@ymail.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. 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	(Dates and times TBD)	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.