



Get Into the Word

SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER

1st Period - September 10 through December 17, 2017

SUNDAY CLASSES

ACTS & REFORMATION

Various leaders	Sundays	9:30-10:30 AM	Concordia Hall
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This fall we will be alternating between the Early Church in the book of Acts and the Reformation Church as witnessed by Luther. Join us for two exciting studies that will give new insight into the events of the first apostles as they made their way to the "ends of the earth", and of a simple monk who single-handedly stood against the world's ruling powers and that first church gone rogue. Join us for fellowship & friendship through these DVD/discussion studies. Begins September 10.

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 classrooms of our building. Sunday School classes are offered for all children age 3 (if potty trained) through 6th grade. All students will start the morning in their classrooms by grade level. Preschool and Kindergarten groups will meet to hear about Jesus, through song and lesson time. 1st-6th graders, after checking into their classrooms, will go to the Media Center for large group teaching and music time, followed by stations for crafts, small group, and other activities depending on the week. No registration is required and there are no attendance requirements. We break for holidays throughout the year, as announced in the weekly Connection. We look forward to seeing your children, and sharing with them the love of Jesus. Begins September 10.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Steve Wilson	Sundays	9:30-10:30 AM	School Music Room
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Our 7th and 8th grade students and their parents will begin participating in Sunday confirmation instruction which will include the study of the Old Testament, the Book 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 7th and 8th grade students and parents are welcome! Confirmation students will also have two onsite retreats (Sept. 5-6 and Jan. 6-7). For more information, please contact Steve Wilson at swilson@stjohnrochester.org or 248-402-8006. Sunday classes begin October 1.

LIGHTHOUSE - MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY (6th-8th GRADES)

Steve Wilson	Sundays	6:00-8:00 PM (new time!)	Luther Hall/Gym
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Lighthouse is a place where Middle School students can come and feel safe and at home. It is also a place for students to bring their friends to share Jesus and have fun together. 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.

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.

CASUAL COLLEGE

Emma Shriner

(Dates and Times TBD)

(Location TBD)

This is a new group beginning this fall. The idea is coffee, snacks, Bible study and chat. It will be an ongoing decision by those attending what this group will embark on. If you're college age and interested, get in touch with Emma Shriner at eshriner@oakland.edu. She'll be leading the group, is new to the Rochester area, and would love to hear from you. The timing and location of Casual College will be determined as those interested respond and become part of the conversation.

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...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). Childcare is provided in the nursery. To be added to our fall class list, please contact the pastoral office at 248-402-8020 or church@stjohnrochester.org. You may also register via our St. John website. Look for the homepage rotator about The ONE Class. Begins September 11.

LIFELIGHT: THE BOOK OF MATTHEW

Carol Kahler (coordinator) and Various Leaders

Lifelight is a 9-week Bible study that uses individual home study, small group study, and illuminating presentations to bring participants closer to our Triune God through His Word. Distribution of study guides (\$10) will be the week of September 4. To pre-register or get further information, contact Carol Kahler at carol5666@att.net. Wednesday class has a brief meeting and book pick-up at 9:15 AM on September 6 and the first session is September 13. Monday class begins on September 11 and Tuesday class begins on September 12.

Mondays

1:30 PM

Mary Martha Room

Tuesdays

7:00 PM

Mary Martha Room

Wednesdays

9:15 AM

Concordia Hall

FRIDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

Dr. H. James Boldt Fridays 7:00 PM Luther Hall

The fall Friday Night Bible Class will focus on aspects of the historic Lutheran Reformation of the 1500s and the celebration of the 500th anniversary of Luther's 95 Theses. In addition to looking at Martin Luther's Smalcald Articles from the Book of Concord, we will look at DVDs and discuss Rosa Young of Alabama (the first Rosa), Dr. James Kennedy's sermon on the Reformation, the three Reformation "solas," and the original 1953 twice nominated Academy Award Martin Luther film. Refreshments available. Begins September 15.

VISUAL FAITH

Candice Schwark 3rd Saturdays 1:00-4:00 PM Various locations

Using a few art supplies, Bibles and notebooks, we will begin our Visual Faith journey with the book, "Waiting: A Bible Study on Patience, Hope and Trust." The book "explores how the Holy Spirit changes people through uncomfortable delays." No art experience is necessary. Bring a notebook, pen, pencil, colored pencils, small scissors, good eraser, small ruler, and your Bible for journaling...and a friend or two. You may also bring a sack lunch or snack for yourself. Books may be ordered through Candice Schwark at candice@mac.com or 248-652-9449. Be sure to RSVP each month, so that materials are prepared for you. You may join a session at any time. Begins September 16 in the school Media Center.

GRIEFSHARE

Saturdays 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. Begins October 14, ends January 20.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

DEEP DIVE

Dan McCallum 1st & 3rd Mondays 7:00-8:30 AM Church Library

This group takes an in-depth look at various books of the Bible. We just completed a study of the 12 Minor Prophets and will be studying an epistle this fall. An email reminder is sent before each session with discussion/meditation questions and commentary comments. Each session begins with a brief fellowship time with coffee and light refreshments, and an opening prayer. We then read and discuss Bible verses and close with prayer requests. Based on the verses and current events, the group may cover 2-3 verses or 15 verses. The emphasis is on reading, understanding, and discussing the application of God's Word to our lives, the community, and the world. Men of all ages are welcome and no prior Bible study experience is required.

70 GREATEST EVENTS IN THE BIBLE

John Fedototszkin 1st & 3rd Thursdays 10:00-11:30 AM Church Library

Feel free to drop in as your schedule permits. We are currently studying "Old Testament Prophecies and their Fulfillment in the New Testament". For more information, please contact John Fedototszkin at 248-375-0832 or sherryjohnf@aol.com.

BIBLES & BASKETBALL

Jim Janetzke

Saturdays

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 almost every Saturday morning between October and May. This is open to men young and older alike – the more the merrier! Whether you come regularly or occasionally, all are welcome. For more information, please contact Jim Janetzke at jjanetzke@msn.com or 248-321-7355. Begins October 7.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

THE ARMOR OF GOD by Priscilla Shirer

Sue Stingu

Tuesdays

7:00-9:00 PM

Church Library

This women's Bible study focuses on learning how to proactively use the weapons God has put at our disposal as noted in Ephesians 6. All day, every day, an invisible war wages around us --unseen, unheard, yet felt through every aspect of our lives. The Armor of God is more than a Biblical description of a believer's inventory -- it is an action plan! Priscilla Shirer gives us excellent direction to help us learn to use these tools and wield them powerfully when in the midst of this invisible warfare. Workbook to be purchased first night of class for \$13. Please contact Sue Stingu at 248-321-0572 or suestingu@gmail.com so that a workbook will be ready for you. All women are welcome. Begins September 19.

DISCERNING THE VOICE OF GOD by Priscilla Shirer

Sue Boes/Jamie Rawcliffe

Wednesdays

1:00-3:00 PM

Concordia Hall

Through guided personal study and weekly teaching videos, discover the root to clear and daily communication with God - humble obedience. Learn how daily surrender unlocks His many blessings intended for us, centers us in His will, and helps us discern His voice in everyday life. Cost of workbook is \$13. For more information, please contact Sue Boes at 248-608-4067 or sboes40@gmail.com. Begins September 27.

THE PEW SISTERS

Sue Wood

1st & 3rd 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/Carol Kahler

3rd 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 Carol at carol5666@att.net for the book of the month and location. We will start out with the book Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand in September. Come and join us! Even if you can't finish the book, come for the fellowship and discussion. Begins September 19.

MOPS (MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS)

Krystin Saputo	2 nd & 4 th Mondays	9:00-11:00 AM	Luther Hall
Emily Claus & Elizabeth Olsen	2 nd & 4 th Thursdays	9:00-11:00 AM	Luther Hall

Are you a mom of a newborn, toddler, or preschooler that feels overwhelmed or lonely? Or do you just need to get out of the house and would like to find a supportive group of women going through what you are? Monday and Thursday MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) are accepting registrations for the 2017-2018 year for MOPS. We offer free loving childcare for children birth through kindergarten, breakfast, speakers, devotion, play dates, and Mom's Night Out. You can find out more information about MOPS on MOPS.org. Or come and join us for a free meeting in Luther Hall to see if we are the right fit for you! For more information, please contact Krystin Saputo (Monday MOPS) at ksaputo8@gmail.com or Elizabeth Olsen (Thursday MOPS) at elizabethrolsen@hotmail.com. Begins Monday, September 11 and Thursday, September 14.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CLASS

Peter Harris	Tuesdays	11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Room 128
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
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 or 716- 381-1301.		



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