



GET INTO

— THE WORD —

January - March

2nd Period - January 7 through March 28, 2018

SUNDAY CLASSES

BOOK of ROMANS

Various leaders	Sundays	9:30-10:30 AM	Concordia Hall
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The book of Romans was once described "like commenting on the depth of the Grand Canyon". It was this letter that became the key to God's revelation for Luther regarding "justification through faith" as he took on the task of the Reformation. This letter discusses what the Law is, what the Gospel is, sin and punishment, grace, faith, righteousness, and so on. No other letter so summarizes the whole Christian Gospel and opens up the Old Testament to see the fulfillment in the Messiah!

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 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, 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. Resumes January 14.

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 continue participating in Sunday confirmation instruction which includes 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! For more information, please contact Steve Wilson at swilson@stjohnrochester.org or 248-402-8006. Resumes January 14.

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

Steve Wilson	Sundays	6:00-8:00 PM	Room 101/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
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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

Tuesdays

6:30 PM

Atrium

This group is geared toward college age young adults who are looking to stay connected. 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 is leading the group, is new to the Rochester area, and would love to hear from you.

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 winter 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 January 22.

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. The second Matthew series began in November and will continue through the beginning of February. For more information, contact Carol Kahler at carol5666@att.net. Classes resume the week of January 8.

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

Select Fridays

7:00 PM

Luther Hall

The Friday Night Bible Class is studying St. Paul's letter to the Galatians where some taught that you get to heaven by having faith AND doing good works. We are looking at several of the Missouri Synod's "This Is the Life" national television programs. "This Is the Life" was aired in the 50s, 60s and 70s Golden Age of TV. Casts included Hollywood rookies such as Jack Nicholson and Angie Dickinson. We are also looking at how our Synod's Lutheran Hour Ministries brought the Gospel to the nation. Dessert and refreshments available.

BIBLE BASICS

Jan Boldt

Tuesdays

9:30-11:00 AM

Church Library

Is the Bible the only source of truth? What happens to all those who don't get to hear about Jesus? How can I be a better witness for Jesus? How does the Old Testament relate to the New Testament? Bible Basics provides an overview of the entire Bible. This is a wonderful introduction or an opportunity to gain further insight. We will discover together how those well-known Bible stories

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 jjjanetzke@msn.com or 248-895-9938.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

JAMES – MERCY TRIUMPHS by Beth Moore

Sue Stingu

Tuesdays

7:00-9:00 PM

Church Library

Please join us as we dive once more into the Word with Beth Moore in her DVD led Bible study entitled "James -- Mercy Triumphs". This 8-week study focuses on James, younger half-brother of Jesus, who started out life as a skeptic of the Messiahship of Jesus. However, after seeing one glimpse of the resurrected Lord, James became a fervent disciple and outspoken leader of the earliest Christian church in Jerusalem. A workbook will be available to purchase for \$16 on the first night of study. All women are welcome. Contact Sue Stingu at suestingu@gmail.com to reserve a workbook. Begins January 16.

THE QUEST by Beth Moore

Sue Boes/Jamie Rawcliffe/Erika Tobin

Wednesdays

1:00-3:00 PM

Concordia Hall

"The Quest" is a cross between a curriculum and a journal, between a classroom and a prayer closet in which Beth Moore uses questions from Scripture to lead you into intimacy with the One who knows you best. Over and over we see the people of God asking questions of their Creator. We also see the God of the universe asking questions of His creation. Learn to dig into the Word, to respond to the questions of God, and to bring your questions before Him. Cost of workbook is \$15. For more information, please contact Sue Boes at 248-608-4067 or sboes40@gmail.com. Begins February 14.

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. Come and join us! Even if you can't finish each book, come for the fellowship and discussion. Resumes January 16.

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 still 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 stjohnmondaymops@gmail.com or stjohnthursdaymops@gmail.com

MARRIAGE ENHANCEMENT

The HEART of Marriage Seminar

Guest Presenters	Saturday, March 17	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Luther Hall
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What is the heart condition of your marriage? Is it vibrant but you know it can be stronger? Is it "okay" but lacking passion? Is it apathetic or hardened? Whatever the condition, this seminar is designed to help you have a healthier "heart" for a more satisfying marriage. In this seminar, marriage counselor Les Morrison and his wife Rhonda will present five key elements to a vibrant, meaningful marriage. Drawing from experiences in their 32 years of marriage and the countless couples they have counseled, the Morrisons are passionate about helping couples develop a God-centered marriage to be enjoyed for a lifetime. Watch for online registration on our St. John website soon!

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.

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP WORKSHOP

Various Presenters	Saturday, January 20	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Luther Hall
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Do you struggle with how to connect and share your faith in Jesus with neighbors, coworkers, or acquaintances who are from other cultures and backgrounds? Would you like to know more about creating genuine friendships with those coming from non-Western faith backgrounds? This event is for you! It is designed to be an interactive time that allows attendees to talk about the fears, the unknowns, the challenges, and the joys experienced through interacting with those in the Rochester area who may look, speak, or think differently than you.



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