GET INTO THE WORD

April - June

3rd Period - April 8 through June 10, 2018 SUNDAY CLASSES

BOOK of ROMANS

Various leaders

Sundays

9:30-10:30 AM

Concordia Hall
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 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. Ends May 20.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Steve Wilson Sundays 9:30-10:30 AM School Music Room 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 welcome! For more information. please contact Steve Wilson at swilson@stjohnrochester.org or 248-402-8006. Ends May 20.

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

Steve Wilson

Sundays

6:00-8:00 PM

Room 101/Gym

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. Ends

June 10.

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. Ends June 10.

WEEKDAY OPPORTUNITIES

THE ONE CLASS (New Member Class)

Pastor Marc & Pastor Steve Mondays (this fall) 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 2018 class list, please contact the pastoral office at 248-402-8020 or church@stjohnrochester.org. Next class begins in September.

LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY

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. For more information, contact Carol Kahler at carol5666@att.net. All classes end April 29.

| Mondays—Ruth/Esther | 1:30 PM | Mary Martha Room |
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| Tuesdays—Ecclesiastes/Song of Solomon | 7:00 PM | Mary Martha Room |
| Wednesdays—Ecclesiastes/Song of Solomon | 9:15 AM | Church Library |

CASUAL COLLEGE

Emma Shriner Tuesdays (this fall) 6:30 PM Atrium Finished for this academic year—resumes in the fall. 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.

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. Last class is May 18.

VISUAL FAITH BIBLE STUDY

Candice Schwark 3rd Saturdays 1:00-4:00 PM Room 101

Using a few art supplies, Bibles and notebooks, we will continue our studies in the Psalms. Following our devotion time we will complete one or two fun projects. 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.

Friday, April 20, 5:00 - 8:00 (Psalm 71) and Saturday, May 19 (Psalms 30 and 46). Contact Candice Schwark at candice@mac.com or 248-652-9449 to RSVP each month, so that materials are prepared for you. You may join a session at any time.

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. Classes end May 19.

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 are now studying Paul's prison
epistles (Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon). The Spring and Summer sessions will focus on Philippians and Colossians. 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. Group continues to meet throughout the summer.

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHESIES FULFILLED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

John Fedototszkin 1st & 3rd Thursdays 10:00-11:30 AM Church Library Please join us as we are currently studying Old Testament Prophesies and their fulfillment in the New Testament. Each session begins with a brief fellowship time and an opening prayer. We then read and discuss the Bible verses in our guide. We close with prayer requests and an ending prayer. Men of all ages are welcome and no prior Bible study experience is required. For more info, 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 248-895-9938. Ends May 19.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

DISCERNING THE VOICE OF GOD by Priscilla Shirer

Sue Stinau Tuesdays 7:00-9:00 PM Church Library Beginning Tuesday, April 17, please join us as we lean in and refocus our hearts in discovering a clear way to open daily communication with God -- through humble obedience. Learn how surrender unlocks His many blessings intended for us, centers us in His will, and helps us discern His voice in everyday life. This 7-session DVD driven study also requires the purchase of a workbook for \$13. Please contact Suestingu@gmail.com so that a workbook will be available for you on the night of the first class. All women are welcome!

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. Workbook cost is \$15. For more information, please contact Sue Boes at 248-608-4067 or sboes40@gmail.com. Ends May 16.

THE PEW SISTERS

1st & 3rd Tuesdays Sue Wood 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. Ends June 5.

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.

MOPS (MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS)

| Beth Sobczak & Andrea Christenson | 2 nd & 4 th Mondays | 9:00-11:00 AM | Luther Hall | |
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| 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 Monday group ends Monday, May 14. Thursday group ends Thursday, May 10.

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.

