



Get into the Word

THIS SPRING & SUMMER

Spring & Summer 2016 Bible Studies
(No Classes on Sunday, June 5 and June 12)

SUNDAY CLASSES

THE BOOK OF GENESIS

Various Leaders	Sundays	9:30-10:30 AM	Concordia Hall
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Genesis is a name taken from the Greek, meaning "the book of generation or production". It contains an account of the origin of all things. There's no other history so old and there's nothing in the most ancient books which exists that contradicts it. Come and hear once again where it all began – the root and foundation of our faith in our ever living Creator and Father. Our desire is that God will speak to you through His Holy Word and that you grow closer to Him as we delve into His Word. **Class ends May 29.**

VANISHING GRACE

Bill Billig	Sundays	9:30-10:30 AM	Room 101
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"Vanishing Grace" is authored by Phillip Yancey and provides examination and discussion of why the Good News may not seem so good to those in today's world. Yancey allows us the opportunity to search God's Word to help us identify ways in which we can reach out to those who may view us as adversaries and as rigid. The five sessions are titled "'Nones' and How They View the Church", "What Can We Do to Change the View of the Church?", "Who Are the Grace Dispensers?", "Is the Gospel Really Good News?", "Living with God's Priorities Versus the World's". **Beginning May 1 through May 29.**

SUMMER SUNDAY MORNINGS

Various Leaders	Sundays	9:30-10:30 AM	Concordia Hall
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"Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School," covers the books of Joshua, Judges and Ruth. This video/discussion series includes titles like "God's on the War Path", "We're All in This Together", "Don't Worry, We'll Get Around to It", "Here Comes the Judge!", "Never Trust a Woman in a Tent!", "The Cowardly Judge", "The Bramble Who Became", "When Your Mouth is Faster Than Your Brain", "How Dare You Fight Without Us!", "The Mercenary Levite", "Self-Serving Superman", "The Tribe That Nearly Went Extinct", "Where's The Punch Line?" **Beginning June 19 through August 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 6th 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 each week, and we are so excited to teach them how loved by God they are! **Ends May 8.**

CONFIRMATION CLASS

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

Our 7th and 8th grade students and their parents continue participating in Sunday confirmation instruction which will include the study of Genesis, the Gospel 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! **Ends May 1.**

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Steve Wilson Sundays 6:00-8:00 PM Luther Hall

Lighthouse is a place where Junior High students can come and feel safe and at home. Our activities include all students. It is also a place for students to bring their friends to share Jesus. All Junior High Youth 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 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 at 9:30 AM each Sunday. 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, please contact Melissa Hammett, Director of High School Youth Ministry, at 248-402-8008 or mhammett@stjohnrochester.org. **Ends May 8.**

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Melissa Hammett Sundays usually 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.

WEEKDAY OPPORTUNITIES

THE ONE CLASS (New Member Class)

Pastor Marc & Pastor Steve

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! This 9-week action-packed journey through God's Word will help you discover what Christian Lutheran faith is all about! Child-care is provided in the nursery. **To be placed on the Fall class list**, please contact the pastoral office at 248-402-8020 or church@stjohnrochester.org.

INDEPENDENT LIFELIGHT STUDY

Diane Krueger Mondays 1:30-3:00 PM Mary Martha Room

This is an in-depth study where lesson preparation is necessary. The Old Testament books of 1st & 2nd Samuel are currently being studied. Come and join in on the discussion. **Ends June 6.**

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. **Ends May 21.**

FRIDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

Jim Boldt

Fridays

7:00 PM

Luther Hall

We will study 1st and 2nd Peter, examining the inspired words of Peter who had gone from the "Fire of Failure" to the "Fire of Forgiveness" and wants others to know of their distinction as disciples of Jesus Christ. We look at a portion of God's Word and then discuss its meaning and application for our lives today. We usually meet two Fridays each month, with exact dates appearing in the *Sunday Connection*. **Ends May 6, resumes in September.**

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS

Dan McCallum

2nd and 4th Mondays

7:00 AM

Church Library

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 finishing the prophet Micah and beginning May 2, we will begin studying the prophet Nahum and finish in June. Then we move on to Habakkuk & Zephaniah, which will carry us through most of the summer. The emphasis is on reading, understanding and discussing the application of God's Word to our lives, community and the world.

70 GREATEST EVENTS IN THE BIBLE

John Fedototszkin

1st and 3rd Thursdays

10:00 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.

MEN'S PODCAST BREAKFAST

Steve Partyka

Thursdays

6:00 AM

Ram's Horn Restaurant

Men helping men become better husbands, fathers, leaders and followers through the power of Christ. Listen to a Bible message podcast during the week and then discuss over breakfast. For more information, contact Steve Partyka at smpartyka@gmail.com.

BIBLES AND BASKETBALL

Kevin Drummelsmith

Saturdays

8:00-10:00 AM

Gymnasium or Offsite

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 every Saturday morning between November and April. This is open to men young and old alike – the more the merrier! For more information, please contact Kevin at kevin.drummelsmith@gmail.com. **Offsite through April 30, resumes in November.**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB

Pat Hofmeister 3rd Tuesdays 7:00 PM Members' Homes

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

'SEAMLESS' by Angie Smith

Sue Stingu Tuesdays 7:00-8:30 PM Mary Martha Room

Have you ever felt like the Bible is over your head? That there doesn't seem to be clarity in the fuller message of Scripture or how it all weaves together? Please join us as we learn the fundamental layout and meaning in God's Word. This is Bible Study 101 -- Understanding the Bible through people and places, covenants and facts in 7 sessions. The study is not just for new believers, but for women seeking fuller understanding of Scripture. Book Cost: \$14. **Beginning April 26 through June 7.** Contact Sue Stingu at 248-321-0572 or suestingu@gmail.com.

FAITHFUL, ABUNDANT, TRUE: THREE LIVES GOING DEEPER STILL

Marsha Lepor/Kim Vitu Wednesdays 1:00-3:00 PM Concordia Hall

This video-based Bible Study includes small group discussion and fellowship with other Christian women. Authors Kay Arthur, Priscilla Shirer and Beth Moore will speak and teach on how the Holy Spirit has led them to teach. Ms. Arthur uses the entire book of Hebrews, showing God's faithfulness. Ms. Shirer teaches from Ephesians, showing God's abundance and faithfulness. Ms. Moore teaches on discernment and how we can trust the Holy Spirit to enable us to determine truth. Marsha Lepor will facilitate our Bible study time together. Childcare is available. Please contact Kim Vitu at tkv2@wowway.com with any questions or to order your book. **Ends May 18.**

WOMEN'S BIBLE JOURNALING

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

Using a few art supplies, Bibles and notebooks, our journaling is based on the Sermon themes and Scripture. No art experience is necessary. Bring a notebook, pen, pencil, colored pencils, small scissors, ruler, and your Bible for journaling.....and a friend or two! You may also bring a sack lunch or snack for yourself. Please contact Candice Schwark at candice@mac.com or 248-652-9449 to register, so that materials are prepared for you. **Ends May 21** - meeting in school Media Center.

MOPS (MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS)

Jamie Rawcliffe 2nd Monday of the month 9:00-11:15 AM Luther Hall

Julie Halstead 2nd Thursday of the month 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 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.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Julie Halstead at julesky05@yahoo.com for the Thursday group or Jamie Rawcliffe at jamie.rawcliffe@gmail.com for the Monday group. **Ends Monday, May 9 and Thursday, May 12.**

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. Currently the study group consists of a Moslem from Iran, a Buddhist from Taiwan, an agnostic from China, three Christian Protestants from S. Korea, a Mexican Catholic and two non-denominational Christians - one Italian, the other Mexican. 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	Thursdays	7:00 PM	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 or 716- 381-1301.

