

THE WEEKLY CONNECTION

ONE IN JESUS... REACHING MANY!

Week of March 17, 2024

WORSHIP CELEBRATION



As the time drew near, Jesus turned his focus resolutely toward Jerusalem and the cross that awaited him. The season of Lent is a time for us to turn away from our sin toward the One who in mercy turned to face the way of redemption for us – or in the repentant words of Psalm 51, may we as sinners in need of forgiveness “turn back to you oh God.”

We warmly welcome back Pastor Jon Trinklein as our guest preacher this weekend.

Join our St. John family throughout the Lenten season in worship for the TURN series. Beyond our regular weekend worship schedule on Saturdays and Sundays, Lenten Midweek Worship will occur on Wednesdays at 4:15 PM and 7:00 PM through the weeks leading up to Holy Week and Easter.

Don't miss any of our Holy Week and Easter worship opportunities! A full listing of services and times can be found on the back page of this Connection and on our website at www.stjohnrochester.org/#HolyWeek.



IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Bible teaches that along with the bread and wine of Holy Communion we also receive the true body and blood of our Savior. Jesus' own words, “this is my body” and “this is my blood for the forgiveness of sins” reveal His Real Presence in the sacrament (Luke 22, 1 Cor. 10:15-16). The Bible also teaches (1 Cor. 11:23-32) the Lord's Supper, properly received brings great blessings, but improperly received without understanding can actually incur God's judgment. If you are a baptized Christian who has been instructed in the Biblical teaching of communion, please feel free to commune today. If you have any questions, please first speak to a pastor.

As you come forward, gluten free wafers are available by request, as well as individual cup choice of wine or lighter colored non-alcoholic grape juice (located in the center of the trays). Common cup is also offered during Traditional Praise services at the altar only. The Lord's Supper is celebrated in Traditional Praise on the first, third, and fifth weekends of the month; and in Modern Praise on the second and fourth weekends of the month.

TRADITIONAL PRAISE WORSHIP OUTLINE

Lent 5 | March 17, 2024

Service Elements taken from the Divine Service, Setting One, Pew Hymnal (LSB) p. 151.

All hymns will also be found in the pew hymnal and on the screen.

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN: *Christ, the Life of All the Living*

LSB #420 | stz. 1, 2, 6, 7

SERVICE OF THE WORD

LSB p.151

Invocation

Confession

LSB p.151

Kyrie

LSB p.152

Prayer of the Day

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Worship Bible p.660

Epistle Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Worship Bible p.980

Gospel Acclamation: *On My Heart Imprint Your Image*

LSB #422

Holy Gospel Reading: Mark 10:32-45

Worship Bible p.846

THE NICENE CREED

Screen

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way*

LSB #857

MESSAGE

Pastor Jon Trinklein

RESPONSE: Create in Me

LSB #956

PRAYERS/LORD'S PRAYER

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

LSB p. 160-163

Hymn: *Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come*

LSB #350

Hymn: *Your Table I Approach*

LSB #628

POST COMMUNION PRAYER/BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer*

LSB #918

BIBLICAL DISCOVERY

GET INTO THE WORD

St. John offers many opportunities to grow in your faith through God's Word! Check out the latest *Get Into the Word* Bible study brochure for class and group listings - it's available in print, outside of the entry to worship, and on our [website](#).



SHARED LIFE

MARTHA'S DAUGHTERS | Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00 PM *NEW LOCATION*

This is an informal gathering for ladies to connect with each other for great conversation and a glass of wine (or beverage of your choice.) Led by Erin Morgante and Julie Schmidt, the group will meet at the **Rochester Mills Brewery**, on Wednesday, March 20 at 7:00 PM. Take time for fellowship with other women as we share our lives, laughter, and the love of Jesus. Please call or text Julie Schmidt at 586-864-4768 if you plan to attend.



PASTORAL CALL FOLLOW-UP

Many thanks to all who attended the Special Congregation Meeting on Sunday, March 3. After several months of continued prayer and discernment our St. John family voted to extend a Divine Call to Pastor Tyler Cronkright to serve as our new Associate Pastor of Discipleship at St. John. As shared in our meeting, Pastor Tyler now has two Divine Calls and must discern in the coming days where the Lord will lead him to serve. Please continue to keep this important process in your ongoing prayers for Pastor Tyler, his wife Brandi (who serves as one of our wonderful St. John kindergarten teachers), along with the beloved people of Family of God, Detroit where Pastor Tyler currently serves. May the Lord's will be done.

ST. JOHN COOKBOOK | Recipes and Preorders due by April 5

The St. John Parent Network is organizing a St. John Cookbook and welcomes our church and school families to contribute their favorite recipes! Money raised from the sale of the cookbooks will help fund Parent Network sponsored student and family enrichment activities! Cookbooks are \$20 and should be available for pick-up before Mother's Day. To share a recipe or preorder your cookbook, please go to <http://www.stjohnrochester.org/event/cookbook>, scan the QR code, or pick up a flyer outside of the sanctuary by the tract rack. For more information, visit the webpage or reach out to the Parent Network at parentnetwork@stjohnrochester.org.



VESTRY, ELDERS, AND FOUNDATION NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED | Submission Deadline is April 1
"The greatest among you is the one who serves." Matthew 23:11. These humble words, spoken by Jesus, set the tone for what it means to be great in the Kingdom of God. Taking on a leadership role at St. John as a member of the Vestry, Elders, or Foundation is about humble service to Jesus and others. **Nominations are now being accepted for individuals to serve on Vestry, Elders, and Foundation.** Please pray for those whom you know that may be a blessing to Christ's ministry at St. John and if He leads you to do so, complete a nomination form. Nomination forms can be found in the church lobby by the tract rack or in the pastoral office. **The Vestry has a specific need for an individual with a financial background. Please prayerfully consider if you or someone you know has this gift.** What an incredible opportunity at a very exciting time to use the talents that the Lord has blessed us with, to make a difference in furthering His work! Nominations must be submitted to the Pastoral Office no later than April 1.

ALL²JESUS BUILDING UPDATE

Over the past several weeks we have seen significant progress in our campus expansion project. While the exterior of the building may seem to "slow down" the skilled trades are hard at work inside. HVAC, plumbing, electrical, and fire suppression systems are nearly complete on the first floor. Late this week the second floor and extended atrium received their concrete subflooring - bringing us several steps closer to project completion still anticipated for mid to late summer. Please continue to keep this project, the workers, and the capital initiative in your thoughts and prayers.

2024 ST. JOHN MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE | Begins Tuesday, April 16

The St. John Men's Golf League is looking for league members and substitute golfers. This year the league will start on Tuesday, April 16 at Black Heath Golf Course. The league plays for 20 weeks and is scheduled to finish on August 27. Tee times are from 3:20 to 4:20 and golf carts are included with your membership dues of \$600 for the season. Substitutes pay \$20 and that also includes the cart fee. All men over the age of 18 are welcome to be members and substitutes can be 16 years and older. All degrees of ability are welcome. There are weekly prizes along with a year-end banquet. Please contact David Schulz at davidschulz@comcast.net or 586-770-6495 for more information.



SCHOOL STAFFING UPDATE

Over the past few weeks, interviews have occurred for Preschool and 6th grade teaching positions. For the 2024-2025 school year, 5th and 6th grade will be expanding to two classrooms for each grade. Mrs. Cori Vanker will be shifting from 6th grade to teach the second 5th grade class; and Mrs. Cassie Benter, our Media Specialist/Middle School ELA teacher, will be shifting to teach one of the 6th grade classes. For the second 6th grade position, a contract has been extended to Mrs. Lindsay Gagliano who is currently serving in the L'anse Creuse school system.

In Preschool/Young 5's, Mrs. Sue Prentice has announced her intention to retire at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Mrs. Megan Mauck, our current Preschool Specials Teacher, will shift to serve as the Young 5's teacher next year. Additionally, preschool teaching positions are being offered to Mrs. Brandy Lenz (currently serving in St. John preschool), Mrs. Amy Gauss (currently serving in St. John Kindergarten), and Mrs. Jennifer Shore (currently a Lake Orion preschool aide). Please pray for these individuals, as they discern God's will.

We thank Sue Prentice for her years of service at St. John, welcome Mrs. Vanker, Mrs. Benter and Mrs. Mauck to their new roles, and pray for those discerning positions. Preschool aide interviews will be conducted in the new few weeks, and the Media Center position is being reviewed to include other school needs to make this a full-time position. Additional staffing details and updates will be provided in the coming weeks.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL | Sundays at 9:30 AM

Weekly Sunday School meets at 9:30 AM in the school classrooms of our building (September – May). All children ages 3 (if potty trained) through 6th grade are welcome. Please note that Sunday school will not be offered on Easter Sunday, March 31.

LIGHTHOUSE MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY | March 17

Lighthouse will meet on Sunday, March 17 in the gym from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. For more information, please contact our Director of Child and Family Ministry, Steve Wilson at 248-402-8006 or swilson@stjohnrochester.org.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY | March 17

High School Youth will gather on Sunday, March 17 for St. Patrick's Day in the Youth Room from 6:00-8:00 PM for games, corn beef reubens, and green milk. For more information, please contact our Director of High School Youth Ministry, Melissa Hammett at mhammett@stjohnrochester.org.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Nearly 60 St. John middle school students participated in the Lutheran Schools Music Festival at Trinity, Clinton Township this past week, directed by Mr. Kwapis and Mr. Fobel. The students received helpful feedback from the judges and earned scores of 1 all around! Great job Eagles!



Continuing with our winter field trips, Kindergarten classes visited the Rochester Fire Department last week to learn more about fire safety. We are thankful for this opportunity to connect with our community.

Spring/Easter Break starts this Friday at 11:45 AM with school resuming on Tuesday, April 2. Enjoy this time together for rest, recreation, and Easter family worship.



Looking for a Christ-centered middle school with strong academics, a variety of extra-curricular activities and experienced and well-educated faculty? Look no further than St. John Lutheran School. For more information or to schedule a Student Shadow Visit, contact our Director of Admissions, Beth Dameron at bdameron@stjohnrochester.org or 248-402-8012.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024 | July 22-26 | Register Now!

VBS will take place July 22-26 from 9:00 AM to Noon at Lutheran High Northwest (due to ongoing construction on our campus). Registration is open at: <https://www.stjohnrochester.org/event/2024vbs/>

COMPASSIONATE SERVICE

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Would you like to be involved in serving with the church but find some of the work a bit too challenging? How about considering driving a church family who can no longer drive themselves to church with you! What a wonderful way to honor some of our church families who want to be present on campus. We are looking for several volunteers to help us with this new serve opportunity. For more information or to volunteer to drive please contact Director of Mission Mobilization, Jennie Eller at jeller@stjohnrochester.org.

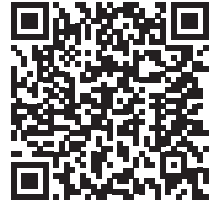
SACRIFICIAL GENEROSITY

CEREAL DRIVE UPDATE

Thank you to all who helped restock our Mission partner Rochester Area Neighborhood House's cereal supply. St. John collected 253 pounds of cereal, which will allow RANH to continue to serve 150+ Rochester residents who are in need. Thank you for pouring out the love of Christ to our community.

UPDATE REGARDING PLEDGES FOR CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY ANN ARBOR

As the Board of Regents voted to keep Concordia University Ann Arbor (CUAA) open for another year and prayerfully beyond, the Michigan District will continue to accept pledges to raise \$5,000,000 to support CUAA operations for the 2024-2025 academic year. Currently, the District is working towards an arrangement with CUAA establishing the terms and conditions for releasing the funds. For more information or to make a pledge, scan the QR Code or go to <https://michigandistrict.org/pledge-support-for-concordia-university-ann-arbor/>



YOUR FINANCIAL GIFTS MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE

"We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing!" 2 Thessalonians 1:3

Your continued financial support and partnership in the ministry and mission of St. John Lutheran Church & School is so important and is making a huge difference in changing lives for eternity in Jesus' name! If you are worshiping onsite, offerings will be taken touch-free at the door. You can also scan the provided QR Code to give online, or many have switched to faithful ongoing giving electronically either through their own bank (as a recurring automatic transaction) or through our website giving portal at <https://www.stjohnrochester.org/give/>. If you have any questions, please reach out to Steve Gauss at sgauss@stjohnrochester.org.



GIVE ONLINE

YTD Mission & Ministry Offerings (July 1 – March 10)

St. John's fiscal year is 7/1/23 through 6/30/24

Budget \$ 2,033,791

Actual \$ 1,965,649

Variance (\$68,142)

CONSTANT PRAYER



WE WOULD LOVE TO PRAY FOR WHATEVER IS ON YOUR HEART

To submit a prayer request, please email prayer@stjohnrochester.org at any time or visit our website and click on the prayer link toward the bottom of the homepage. These requests are received by our pastors and are passed along (or kept confidential when requested) to our prayer warriors and are also included in our weekend worship.

Healing & Peace: Marilyn Miller / Violet Anticic – recovering from surgery / Gail & Don Craft (relatives of Carolyn Rosenzweig) – trying to return to the U.S. from overseas for medical care / Chuck Adams (father of Ashley McKown) - hospitalized / Rob McEvoy – recovering from surgery / Allison Remesz – hospitalized / David Peck – upcoming heart procedure

Bereavement: *For the family & friends of* - Rev. E. Paul Burow (former St. John pastor) / Craig Koenig (brother of Karen Neumeyer) / Gordon Gotts (father of Julie Barrett)

Strength & Guidance: For Pastor Tyler Cronkright as he deliberates St. John's call to become our new Associate Pastor of Discipleship, his wife Brandi, and the Family of God church where he currently serves / For school teacher interviews and call processes

Thanksgiving: For all the families that attended Easter Egg-stravaganza and the many volunteers

HOLY WEEK



PALM SUNDAY MARCH 23-24

MODERN PRAISE (GYMNASIUM)

SATURDAY @ 5:00PM | SUNDAY @ 10:45AM

ONLINE @ 10:45AM

TRADITIONAL PRAISE (SANCTUARY)

SUNDAY @ 8:00AM | 9:30AM | 11:00AM

ONLINE @ 9:30AM



MAUNDY THURSDAY MARCH 28

TRADITIONAL PRAISE (SANCTUARY)

4:15PM | 7:00PM

ONLINE @ 4:15PM



GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 29

TRE-ORE TRADITIONAL PRAISE (SANCTUARY)

12:00 - 3:00PM (LAST WORD STARTS AT 2:30PM)

ONLINE @ 12:00PM

TENEBRAE TRADITIONAL PRAISE (SANCTUARY)

7:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY MODERN PRAISE (GYMNASIUM)

7:00PM

ONLINE @ 7:00PM



EASTER MARCH 30-31

MODERN PRAISE (GYMNASIUM)

SATURDAY @ 5:00PM | SUNDAY @ 9:15 | 10:45AM

ONLINE @ 10:45AM

TRADITIONAL PRAISE (SANCTUARY)

SUNDAY @ 8:00AM | 9:30AM | 11:00AM

ONLINE @ 9:30AM



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Lenten Worship Celebration Schedule

Traditional Lenten Midweek (sanctuary): Wednesdays at 4:15 & 7:00 PM (Online at 4:15 PM)

Traditional Praise: Sundays at 8:00 AM | 9:30 AM | 11:00 AM (Online at 9:30 AM)

Modern Praise: Saturdays at 5:00 PM | Sundays at 10:45 AM (Online at 10:45 AM)

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