

# THE WEEKLY CONNECTION

**ONE IN JESUS... REACHING MANY!**

Week of March 10, 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.”

**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. A full schedule can be found on the last page of this Connection. Please also note that Lenten dinner will not be served between midweek services this year to simplify traffic as our campus construction continues.**

### **TRADITIONAL PRAISE ONLINE WORSHIP TIME SHIFT TO 9:30 AM**

Our Traditional Praise livestream (available on our website, Facebook, and YouTube) has shifted from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM moving forward. Please note these online service recordings (including Modern Praise 10:45 AM) are also available to view at any time after they are recorded.

### **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 4 | March 10, 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:** *The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace*

LSB #580

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

LSB p.151

Invocation

Confession

LSB p.151

Kyrie

LSB p.152

Prayer of the Day

Old Testament Reading: Numbers 15:37-41

Worship Bible p.124

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

Worship Bible p.976

Gospel Acclamation: *On My Heart Imprint Your Image*

LSB #422

Holy Gospel Reading: Mark 5:25-34

Worship Bible p.840

## APOSTLES' CREED

Screen

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old*

LSB #846

## MESSAGE

Mr. Steve Wilson

**RESPONSE:** Create in Me

LSB #956

## PRAYERS/LORD'S PRAYER

## BENEDICTION

**CLOSING HYMN:** *By Grace I'm Saved*

LSB #566 | stz. 1, 3, 4, 6

## 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

### RMB MEN'S GATHERING | Wednesday, March 13 at 7:00 PM

The RMB (Rochester Mills Brewing) Men's Gathering is an informal gathering for men to connect with men for great conversation and a cold brew if you so desire. Led by Pastor Jon Trinklein, come to Rochester Mills Brewery on Wednesday, March 13 at 7:00 PM. Take time to be with others for helpful insights, good laughter and before you know it God shows up in ways you didn't see coming. Bring a friend and tell the restaurant host you are looking for the St John group. To receive updates of all events and gatherings of the Men's Gathering, send a request to [Jontrinklein6262@gmail.com](mailto:Jontrinklein6262@gmail.com)

**SPRING FORWARD** – This weekend, Sunday, March 10, it's time to "spring forward" and turn your clocks ahead one hour!



### **EASTER FLOWER SALE | Order by March 17**

We will once again be decorating our worship areas with beautiful colorful flowers for our Easter celebrations. You have the opportunity to purchase flowers (azaleas, hydrangeas, mums, and/or tulips) that will adorn our Easter services. The flowers can then be picked up after the last services on Easter Sunday and taken home with you. You can designate the flowers in memory or honor of a loved one, as thanksgiving for God's blessings, or for a special occasion. Flowers are available in the price range of \$15-\$25. Order by March 17 by visiting <https://www.stjohnrochester.org/event/2024easterflower/>.



### **SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING FOLLOW-UP**

Many thanks to all who attended last Sunday's Special Congregation Meeting. 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.

A brief update on the All2Jesus school expansion and upcoming summer renovation plans were also shared during the Congregation Meeting. Praise the Lord it is moving forward in amazing ways by the Lord's provision and blessing! As part of this update, we also welcomed Andy Sohn a special guest from Church Extension Fund (our project financial lender) who presented a \$29,000 rebate check to our St. John family for our ongoing partnership both as an invested ministry and because of the increasing number of individual investors from our congregation! Please keep the ongoing construction and renovation work in your prayers as well! We have so many reasons to be grateful as we continue to live out ministry and mission that flow in answer to Jesus' prayer for us as His dearly loved people: One in Jesus...Reaching Many!



### **ARE YOU READY TO MAKE ST. JOHN YOUR HOME? | Last week to join!**

Have you or someone you know been searching for an opportunity to learn or rediscover what real faith in Jesus is all about in a non-threatening environment where your real questions can be answered? 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 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! Come join Pastors Marc and Steve on an 8-week, action-packed journey through God's Word as they help you discover what Christian Lutheran faith is all about! You will also learn more about our St. John mission and vision!





Classes started February 26 and meet on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. (Free childcare is available.) After completion of the series, participants are welcomed to prayerfully consider official membership as part of the St. John family. For more information, please contact [church@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:church@stjohnrochester.org) or call the Pastoral Office at 248-402-8020. We hope you can join us! Register now by scanning the QR Code or visiting: <https://www.stjohnrochester.org/event/one-class-membership-class/>

### **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.

### **ESTHER CIRCLE | Thursday, March 14 at 1:00 PM**

The devotion for this meeting will focus on Lesson 6, days 1-3 of "Chosen." The class will meet in Luther Hall. If you would like more information or have questions, please contact Ruth Leucht at 248-651-3584.

### **PRESCHOOL CARE ROOM AIDE POSITION FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR | Due by Friday, March 15**

St. John is accepting applications for the position(s) of Preschool Care Room Aide starting with the 2024-2025 school year. The hours of this position will be before school from 7:00 - 8:30 AM and after school from 3:15 - 5:00 PM, on school days only. Interested candidates are invited to submit a letter of application and resume, to Melissa Kauppila at [Mkauppila@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:Mkauppila@stjohnrochester.org). Applicants should indicate if they are interested in mornings, afternoons, or both.

### **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](mailto:davidschulz@comcast.net) or 586-770-6495 for more information.





# 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.



## **LIGHTHOUSE MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY | March 10**

Lighthouse will meet on Sunday, March 10 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](mailto:swilson@stjohnrochester.org).

## **HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY | March 10**

High School Youth will meet on Sunday, March 10 in the Youth Room from 6:00-8:00 PM for devotion, games, and a snack. Bring a friend! For more information, please contact Director of High School Youth Ministry, Melissa Hammett at [mhammett@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:mhammett@stjohnrochester.org).

## **ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

What a blessing to welcome nearly 80 guests on campus Monday for Special Person's Day for Kindergarten and 1st grade. With a special chapel message from Pastor Marc, singing by each class, classroom activities including 1st grade Show and Tell, Kindergarten Scavenger Hunt, crafts and refreshments, the students enjoyed hosting and sharing time with their guests. Thank you to the many parent volunteers who helped to make the morning special.



The Parent Network hosted the annual Mother Son Bowling event last Friday and it was well attended with nearly 200 moms and sons! This annual event is a special time for mothers and sons to connect.

Enrollment is underway for the 2024-2025 school year. To schedule a personal campus tour, set up a student shadow visit, or obtain more information, please visit [school.stjohnrochester.org](http://school.stjohnrochester.org).

## **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/>



## EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA | Saturday, March 16 | Register Now!

Easter Egg-stravaganza is on Saturday, March 16 from 1:00 - 3:00 PM on our St. John campus. This free, family-friendly event is open to the community and is designed for children ages 2 to 5th grade.

Registration is required at:

<https://www.stjohnrochester.org/event/2024-easter-eggstravaganza/>



### Donations and Volunteers are welcome!

- Volunteers aged 6th grade on up are needed to help with the egg hunt, cookies, and craft stations. Email Steve Wilson at [swilson@stjohnrochester.org](mailto:swilson@stjohnrochester.org) to sign up.
- Donations of plastic eggs, individually wrapped Easter candy, small water bottles, and individual bags of Goldfish crackers are appreciated and can be brought to the Main Office.

## SACRIFICIAL GENEROSITY



SUPPORT FOR CUAA

### AN 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](mailto:sgauss@stjohnrochester.org).



GIVE ONLINE

### YTD Mission & Ministry Offerings (July 1 – March 3)

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

Budget \$ 1,985,580

Actual \$ 1,924,441

Variance (\$61,139)

## CONSTANT PRAYER



### WE WOULD LOVE TO PRAY FOR WHATEVER IS ON YOUR HEART

To submit a prayer request, please email [prayer@stjohnrochester.org](mailto: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:** Lisa Johnston (daughter of Carol Johnston) / Marilyn Miller / Mark Lucas / Lisa Storc / Sean Fleming / Jennie Sweda / Mike Morgante / Ginny Schmidt / Judy Bradley / Crystal Mischley / Rose Chila / Glenn Raetzel / Ed Kane and wife Pat / Brian Thornberry (father of Erin Morgante) / Gina Binns

**Bereavement:** *For the family & friends of* – Joanne (sister of Carol Johnston) / Ken Mangan (father of Kari Weaver and Kristi Zalewski) / Lawrence Smith / Dolores Kidle

**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.

**Thanksgiving:** Donna and Walt Brown's 60th wedding anniversary / Todd Thornberry – successful cancer surgery / Megan Thornberry - pregnancy

### **Persecuted Church: Burkina Faso, West Africa**

A group of gunmen (suspected to be Islamic militants) violently attacked a Catholic church. The assailants opened fire during worship resulting in loss of lives and injuries. Pray for comfort and healing for those affected, and an end to religiously motivated violence.

## Lenten & Holy Week Worship Opportunities

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### **March 9/10 | Weekend**

Return | Psalm 51:13

### **March 13 | Wednesday**

Redeem | Psalm 51:14-15

### **March 16/17 | Weekend**

Reset | Psalm 51:16-17

### **March 20 | Wednesday**

Rebuild | Psalm 51:18-19

# 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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