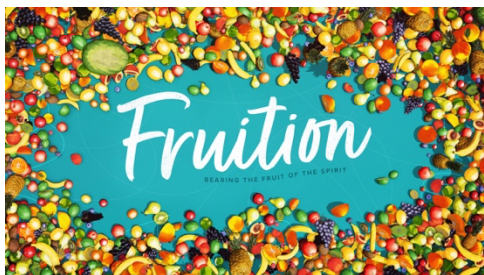


THE WEEKLY CONNECTION

ONE IN JESUS... REACHING MANY!

Week of July 20, 2025

WORSHIP CELEBRATION



FRUITION SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES

Jesus made it clear that anyone who would truly be His disciple would also bear the fruit of faith (John 15:4-9, 16). Yet, perhaps your faith like a broken off, disconnected branch has been wilting a bit lately? If so, forget the Miracle Gro, instead it's time to get reconnected in the miraculous power of the Word of God and begin thriving once again as a Spirit-filled follower of Jesus! Join us in worship onsite (or online if you're out of town)

throughout the summer for our FRUITION summer worship series! It will be the perfect time to grow as you will be nurtured as a chosen one of God through His promises to rediscover the fruit of the Spirit!



July 5/6
The Fruition of Love

July 12/13
The Fruition of Joy

July 19/20
The Fruition of Peace

July 26/27
The Fruition of Patience

August 2/3
The Fruition of Kindness

August 9/10
The Fruition of Goodness

August 16/17
The Fruition of Faithfulness

August 24
Praise in the Park

August 30/31
The Fruition of Gentleness

September 6/7
The Fruition of Self-Control



HOLY BAPTISM

This Sunday, July 20th, at the 10:45 AM Modern Praise Service, we celebrate the baptism of Leo Christopher Aguirre Harpe, son of Austin and Valeria Smith-Harpe. May God richly bless the Harpe family!

TRADITIONAL PRAISE WORSHIP OUTLINE

Pentecost 7 | July 20, 2025

Service elements are taken from the Divine Service, Setting One, Pew Hymnal pg. 151.

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

PRELUDE

BELLS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: *Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good*

LSB #819

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Invocation/Confession

Screen

Feast of Victory

p.155

Prayer of the Day

Old Testament Reading: Micah 5:1 – 5a

Worship Bible p.778

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 2:11 – 18

Worship Bible p.976

Alleluia and Verse

p.156

Holy Gospel Reading: Luke 12:49 – 53

Worship Bible p.872

THE NICENE CREED

Screen

HYMN OF THE DAY: *When Peace, Like a River*

LSB #763

MESSAGE

Pastor Marc Schwichtenberg

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH/LORD'S PRAYER

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

LSB p.160-164

Preface

Sanctus

The Words of Our Lord

Agnus Dei

Hymn: *Jesus Comes Today with Healing*

LSB #620

Thank the Lord

POST COMMUNION PRAYER/BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: *O God of Love, O King of Peace*

LSB #751

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. **During regular worship weekends, the Lord's Supper is celebrated in Traditional Praise on the first and third weekends of the month; and in Modern Praise on the second and fourth weekends of the month. On months with a fifth Sunday, Communion will be served at both Traditional and Modern Praise services.**



MODERN PRAISE TEMPORARY RELOCATION

ONE WEEKEND ONLY

Join us for Modern Praise
in the **SANCTUARY**

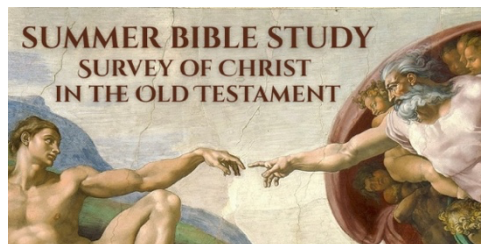
SATURDAY 8/2 @ 5pm

SUNDAY 8/3 @ 11am

BIBLICAL DISCOVERY

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Join us this summer in Concordia Hall every Sunday at 9:30 AM as we take a deeper look at the Old Testament Scriptures and how they reveal Christ to us and for us. This is a video series, led by Chad Bird (Old Testament Scholar and Author), and is intended to survey the Old Testament to discern prophecies, patterns, and foreshadowing's of the Messiah. We look forward to seeing you!



SHARED LIFE

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The main office is currently open Monday - Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The phones and doors will not be answered after 1:00 PM. If you need to meet with a staff member outside of these hours, please schedule an appointment.

OWLS | Melodies at the Museum - Thursday, July 24 from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Our OWLS (Older Wiser Lutherans in Service) group is inviting St. John members and guests to the Detroit Institute of Arts on Thursday, July 24th for "Melodies at the Museum". This event combines a one hour musical performance by a local group followed by time to visit DIA exhibits. We need a minimum of 25 attendees to secure DIA-provided charter bus transportation. To attend or ask questions contact Roger Guetzkow at rjguetzkow@comcast.net or phone 248-622-1606.

11:30 AM – Meet at St. John (South Atrium Entrance off Helen Rd.)

Noon – Coach Departs for DIA

1:00 PM – DIA Musical Performance (Abigail Stauffer & the Wisdom)

2:00 PM – DIA Self-Guided Tour

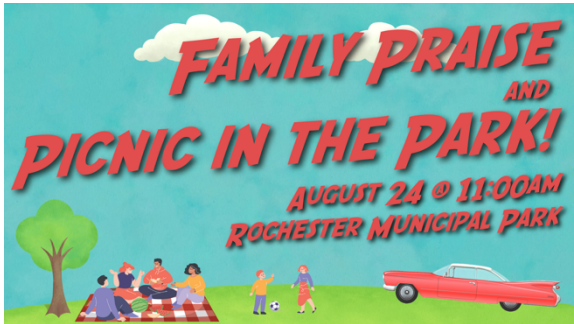
3:00 PM – Coach Departs for St. John

4:00 PM – Arrive at St. John



OWLS | Stahls Music and Auto Experience - August 2

Join us for a nostalgic look at Stahls collection of playable music machines, 100+ classic automobiles, and memorabilia on Saturday, August 2. Families, young and old, will enjoy this trip back in time that features two dance hall organs and a Wurlitzer theatre organ. We will meet in St. John's rear parking lot at 12:30 PM to organize carpools and caravan to Stahls located at 56516 North Bay Drive in Chesterfield, 48051. If it's more convenient to drive directly, you can meet our group at Stahls for this OWLS-sponsored event. Please register by emailing Roger Guetzkow at rguetzkow@comcast.net or phone 248-622-1606 if you plan to carpool and caravan. There is no admission fee for Stahls, but donations are accepted.



SAVE THE DATE!

FAMILY PRAISE & PICNIC IN THE PARK

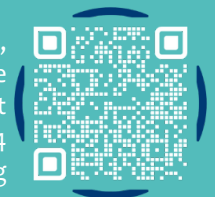
Sunday, August 24 at 11:00 AM

Plan to join together at *Family Praise & Picnic in the Park* on Sunday, August 24! The service begins with worship at 11:00 AM in beautiful Rochester Municipal Park. **This will be the only worship service offered that weekend as our St. John family gathers to witness Jesus' love in the community!** Make plans now to join us and invite your family, friends, and neighbors too.

Park Info: Dress casually and bring your lawn chairs & blankets as seating will be on the grassy area surrounding the Band Shell in the middle of the park. For our friends and family with mobility concerns, we have golf cart drivers that will transport you to and from the parking lot, as well as seat you in a shaded area with provided chairs.

Volunteer

This event isn't possible without volunteers like you! Sign up today to help set up, decorate, greet, prepare food, drive golf cart shuttles, and much more! If you are able to assist with this event, please contact Our Ministry Engagement Coordinator, Deana Stevens, at dstevens@stjohnrochester.org or (248) 402-8004 or sign up using our online form by scanning the QR code or visiting <https://www.stjohnrochester.org/event/fppip/>.



Vintage Vehicle Display (9:30 AM – 2:00 PM)

If you would like to display your treasured car, truck, tractor, or cycle please contact Eric Brown at ericbrown1939@gmail.com for registration details!

STEVE WILSON ACCEPTS CALL

As shared via email earlier this week, after much prayer and discernment our Director of Child and Family Ministry, Steve Wilson has been led by the Lord to accept the call to serve as the new Director of Next Gen Ministry at Hales Corners Lutheran Church in Hales Corners, Wisconsin. We truly thank the Lord for Steve's fruitful ministry among us over the last ten years and also pray the Lord's blessing on him and his family through the transition that is ahead. Steve will finish out the summer at St. John, but in the meantime please save the date of Sunday, August 17 for a Farewell Reception. Further details will be shared very soon.

ST. JOHN JOB OPENING | PRESCHOOL AIDE POSITION

St. John Lutheran Church & School is now accepting applications for the position of part-time Preschool Teacher Aide for the 2025-2026 School Year. The hours of this position will be for Mondays & Fridays, 8:00-12:30 PM. Interested candidates are invited to submit a letter of application and resume by Thursday, August 31, 2025; email to Karen Neumeyer, Preschool Director, kneumeyer@stjohnrochester.org or in person at the Main Office (M-F, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM).




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**27TH ANNUAL
GOLF OUTING**

**SIGN
UP NOW!**



SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025

Westwynd Golf Course
4161 N. Adams Road
Rochester, MI 48306

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Applications are being accepted for 5th, 6th and 7th grades for the 2025-2026 school year. For more information please call 248-402-8012 or visit school.stjohnrochester.org/admissions.

Save these upcoming dates:

- Tuesday, August 19: Welcome/Back to School Day for all incoming K - 8 students
- Wednesday, August 20: Middle School Orientation
- Monday, August 25: First Day of School, Half Day for K - 8
- Tuesday & Wednesday, September 2 & 3: First Day for Preschool/Young 5's Sessions

SACRIFICIAL GENEROSITY

YOUR FINANCIAL GIFTS MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE

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 can be placed in the designated areas outside the sanctuary. You can also scan the provided QR Code to give online or visit our website <https://www.stjohnrochester.org/give/>. If you have any questions, please contact our Director of Operations, Steve Gauss, at sgauss@stjohnrochester.org.



GIVE NOW

Let us all be reminded of the tremendous blessings God has placed in our lives - our time, talents, and treasures. Thank you for your financial commitment to God's work that is being done through the ministries of St John.

Fiscal Year 2024/2025

St. John Fiscal Year is July 1 – June 30

	<u>Budgeted YTD</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>
Income	\$5,517,529	\$5,567,443
Expenses	\$5,535,537	\$5,531,729

CONSTANT PRAYER

LET US 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: Janette Mixon - in & out of hospital / Roger (BIL of Andrea Hebert) - stage 4 cancer / Kim Oakes (mother of Kylee Watts) - hospice / Sharon Hardy - for good test results / Beverly Kadzielewski / Rita Golden (mother of Jennie Eller) - hospice

Bereavement (*for the families of*): Margaret Heitzig (sister of Dave Leinberger) / Jack Ninemeier (father of Stacey Lambert) / Dave Essenmacher (father of Kevin) / Majerowicz family at the loss of Aunt Nancy

Strength & Guidance: Steve Wilson as he transitions to his new call in Wisconsin

Gospel Impact: Group Mission Trip / VBS at St. Paul Pontiac

Thanksgiving: Baptism of Leo Christopher Aguirre Harpe - son of Austin and Valeria Smith-Harpe

WEEK AT A GLANCE: JULY 21-27

Here is a highlight of activities happening on campus this week.

MON	10:00 AM	ESL (Mary Martha)
	5:30 PM	Essenmacher 242 Group (Offsite)
	6:00 PM	Foundation (Church Library)
TUE	8:30 AM	The Vine Women's LifeGroup (Mary Martha)
WED	6:00 PM	Adult Bible Study (Concordia)
THR	10:00 AM	International Bible Study (Mary Martha)
	11:00 AM	OWLS - Melodies at the Museum (South Atrium Ent. off Helen Rd.)
	6:00 PM	Torgler 242 Group (Offsite)
FRI		
SAT		
SUN	9:30 AM	Summer Bible Study (Concordia Hall)
	6:00 PM	McLeod 242 Group (Church Library)



Worship Schedule

Traditional Praise: Sundays at 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM (also online), and 11:00 AM

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

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