

THE WEEKLY CONNECTION

ONE IN JESUS... REACHING MANY!

Week of October 5, 2025

WORSHIP CELEBRATION



September 13/14 – Kingdom for the Lost

September 20/21 – Kingdom Economics

September 27/28 – Kingdom of No Regret

October 4/5 – Kingdom Responsibility

October 11/12 – Kingdom Gratitude

October 18/19 – Kingdom Prayer

KINGDOM PERSPECTIVES SERIES

At a time when perspectives of political power and influence have increasingly been confused to be synonymous with spiritual power, our God and Savior declares, “My kingdom is not of this world!” This same God is the one who brings a different reality into being among us through His Word and welcomes us to live in a different kind of kingdom with eternal perspectives as his people - perspectives that truly are not of this world. Join us in worship this fall as we explore some of these surprising perspectives and the impact they can have on our lives today.



If you miss any of the Kingdom Perspectives Series messages, they will be uploaded weekly to our Online Resources webpage. Scan the QR code or visit the website below to watch any of the previously aired sermons.

<https://www.stjohnrochester.org/worship/church-online/>

HOLY BAPTISM

This Saturday, October 4 during the 10:45 AM Modern Praise service, we celebrate the baptism of Alejandro Ricardo Rios, son of Ruben and Haley Rios. May God richly bless Alejandro and her family.



TRADITIONAL PRAISE WORSHIP OUTLINE

Pentecost 18 | October 5, 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: *Sent Forth By God's Blessing*

Jubilate Bells (8:00/9:30)

OPENING HYMN: *God of Grace and God of Glory*

LSB #850

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Invocation/Confession

Screen

Feast of Victory

p.155

Prayer of the Day

Old Testament Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Anthem: *Father, Lead Me Day By Day*

Grades 4 & 5

Epistle Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Alleluia and Verse

p.156

Holy Gospel Reading: Luke 17:1-10

THE NICENE CREED

Screen

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*

LSB #843

MESSAGE

Pastor Tyler Cronkright

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH/LORD'S PRAYER

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

LSB p.160-166

ANTHEM: *My Lord, What a Mornin'*

Jubilate Bells (8:00/9:30)

Hymn: *We Walk by Faith and Not By Sight*

LSB #720

Hymn: *Lord, Let Us Walk Your Servant Way*

LSB #857

Thank the Lord

POST COMMUNION PRAYER/BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

LSB #643

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.**

BIBLICAL DISCOVERY



GET INTO THE WORD | Fall Bible Studies and LIFEgroups

Our Fall Bible studies and LIFEgroups have begun! Check out the full listing of classes and events by scanning the QR Code or visiting our website. A printed copy of the *Get Into The Word* guide can also be found in the narthex and atrium. Whether you are looking for a small class or large group, there is something for everyone - no matter your age, schedule, or life circumstances! Be sure to make the most of growing in your faith walk with Jesus through His Word this Fall!

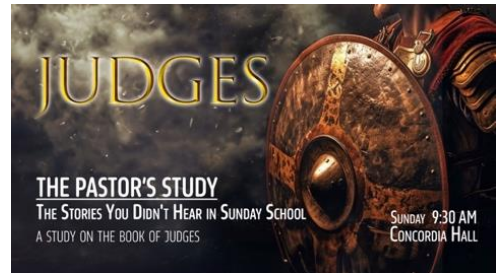


STORIES YOU DIDN'T HEAR IN SUNDAY SCHOOL:

A study on the Book of Judges

Sundays at 9:30 AM | Concordia Hall

Join our Pastors on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM in Concordia Hall, as we study one of the most interesting, exciting, and perhaps even grisly books of the Bible. Judges often gets overlooked on Sunday mornings. Not only is it difficult to discover Christ in it, there are also some stories that you may have been “protected” from as a kid. Together, we are looking at all of the stories and talking about how Christ is at work and what God is teaching Israel and us in them. We can't wait to see you! If you have questions or want more information, contact Pastor Tyler at pastortyler@stjohnrochester.org.



ADULT BIBLE STUDY | Wednesdays at 6:00 PM | Concordia Hall

The Bible in a Year study is an adult Bible study on Wednesday evenings. The group is currently studying the *Book of Luke* in the Chad Bird 1517 series. When this six week study concludes, the group plans to continue with *The Truth Project*.

SUFFERING SERVANT PODCAST

Don't forget to check out Pastor Tyler's podcast! His show attempts to bring meaning to suffering through shorter episodes highlighting basic Biblical truths in the face of suffering, as well as longer episodes conversing with others whom God has used in the midst of their own personal suffering. The podcast is available wherever you listen to podcasts, just search “Suffering Servants” or visit <https://www.stjohnrochester.org/sufferingservants>

MEN'S GATHERING | Wednesday, October 10 at 7:00 PM

The RMB (Rochester Mills Brewing) Men's Gathering is an informal gathering for men to connect for great conversation and a cold brew if you so desire. Take time to be with others for helpful insights and 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. For more information, please contact Pastor Tyler at pastortyler@stjohnrochester.org.



GRIEF SHARE | Begins October 11 at 10:00 AM | Church Library

Grief Share is a special weekly support group offering comfort, answers, and hope. It is designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one and is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the days ahead. This group meets Saturdays at 10:00 AM in the Church Library, starting October 11, 2025 and running through January 10, 2026. For more information, please contact Terry Priestly at tpriestley@stjohnrochester.org.

ESTHER CIRCLE | Thursday, October 11 at 1:00 PM

The group is reading "Waiting" by Sharla Fritz. This week's devotion will focus on Chapter Five - Anna's Story. The group will meet in Mary Martha and will assemble Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief following the meeting. If you would like more information or have questions, please contact Ruth Leucht at 248-651-3584.

OWLS Luncheon/Fellowship | October 17 at 12:00 PM | Concordia Hall

Mark Tisdell, Michigan State Representative for the greater Rochester area will update us on "What's Happening in Lansing" at our OWLS Luncheon/Fellowship scheduled for Friday, October 17, at Noon, in lower level Concordia Hall. Our menu will feature lasagna and beverages provided by our volunteer ministry team. Attendees, if able, are requested to bring the following potluck items: Last Name A-H (desserts), and Last Name J-Z (salads/fruit).



All are welcome! Folks wishing only to attend the presentation may join us at 12:45 PM. If anyone requires transportation, we will make arrangements to accommodate them. Please pre-register with Roger Guetzkow at 248-622-1606 or email rjguetzkow@comcast.net by Tuesday, October 14.

BIBLES & BASKETBALL | Saturdays at 8:00 AM in the Gymnasium

Bibles & Basketball is an opportunity to get into God's Word, play some basketball, and promote the ideals of Christian brotherhood. This group of men meet almost every Saturday morning from 8:00 to 10:00 AM and is open to men of all ages – the more the merrier! Whether you come regularly or occasionally, all are welcome. For more information and to get on the mailing list, please contact Eric Garland at egarlan10@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S FAITH & FELLOWSHIP ONE-DAY EVENT | November 1, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Ladies of St. John, join us on Saturday, November 1 to be encouraged in your faith walk with Jesus! We will gather to watch curated selections of Beth Moore's most recent simulcast, engage in praise and prayer, and have meaningful fellowship with each other. This event is intended to bring women together and build relationships for a stronger community.

Whatever walk of life you are in, this event is for you! Beth Moore is known for her engaging and insightful approach to faith and scripture and speaks to the heart of women. Space is limited, so invite your friends and register early! Light breakfast items, coffee, water, and lunch will be provided. The cost is \$30 per person, and includes all refreshments and lunch. Scan the QR code or visit https://www.stjohnrochester.org/event/womens_event/ to register now!



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Our Art Class students from the **Middle School Fine Arts Block (FAB)** recently designed and installed the Art Room Entry Door decor! One group designed the inside of the door with a sparkling moon, stars, and twinkling lights in the clouds, while another designed the outside, with a welcoming and relaxing beach vibe.

Each of the two FAB-Art classes was split into groups to create design options for the door, with the students voting on their favorite design. Following the vote, a student-led discussion determined how to break-down the design into

different parts to allow multiple small groups to work on each of the separate parts of the design at the same time, using objects and art supplies from school and home.

Middle School students select two Fine Arts Block (FAB) classes each semester, with options including Advanced Band, Choraliars, Guitars, General Music and Art, all taught by our middle school faculty, helping students to develop their individual interests. Learn more at school.stjohnrochester.org.

ST. JOHN TRUNK OR TREAT

Indoors! | Sunday, October 12

Join us for the annual St. John Trunk or Treat event to be held on Sunday, October 12, from 2:30 - 4:00 PM. Hosted by our ministry leadership team, this INDOOR, family-friendly event will take place in the gymnasium. Enjoy some light refreshments, a candy stroll, and if the weather is nice, the playground will be available, too! **This event is open to our church, school, and the community, so feel free to invite your neighbors and friends!** Registration to attend is not required.



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL | Sundays at 9:30 AM

Join us on Sundays at 9:30 AM in the south school wing! Children ages 4 years to 6th grade are welcome and encouraged to join us. There are no attendance requirements! If you have any questions regarding Sunday School, please contact the Church Office at church@stjohnrochester.org.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH | Sundays at 12:30 - 2:30 PM

Middle School Youth meets every Sunday at 12:30 PM in the Youth Room. For more information, please contact Melissa Hammett at mhammett@stjohnrochester.org.



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH | Sundays at 6:00 - 8:00 PM

High School Youth meet every Sunday at 6:00 PM. Check your weekly emails for meeting locations and details. For more information, please contact Melissa Hammett at mhammett@stjohnrochester.org.

WORKCAMP 2026 MISSION TRIP LOCATION ANNOUNCEMENT | October 5, 12:00 PM | Luther Hall

This Sunday we are having a short reveal and presentation in Luther Hall following the 10:45 AM and 11:00 AM worship services. We will announce the location of next summer's mission trip where we will be serving a community in need, all in the mighty name of JESUS! The first 100 people get a prize! Please join us and learn what we do for one week in the summer as the hands and feet of our Creator. We are looking for students (6th - 12th grade) and adults to join the fun, laughter, and love! The total cost is \$360.00 per person for the trip. A \$60.00 nonrefundable deposit is due by October 12. Registration details will be available at the reveal!



**GROUP
MISSION
TRIPS**

LUTHERAN HIGH NORTHWEST NEWS

Save the date for important events at Lutheran High Northwest:

- As of October 1, LHNW is accepting **online applications for the 2026-2027 school year!** If you have an 8th grader and have already decided that Lutheran Northwest is the right fit for your family, please visit www.lutherannorthwest.com/apply to begin the Crusader journey!
- Crusader Open House** is Wednesday, 10/22, with guided hour-long tours beginning every 10 minutes from 6:30-7:30 PM. You'll have the opportunity to speak with administrators, teachers, and current students during this in-depth look at Lutheran Northwest, so bring your questions! RSVP at www.lutherannorthwest.com/events.
- 7TH & 8TH GRADE FAMILIES: Is your student up for a challenge?! Form a team & plan to sign up for the **4th ANNUAL 7th & 8th GRADE CRUSADER QUIZ BOWL** at Lutheran Northwest! This fun Academic & Bible quiz competition will be held on Wednesday, 10/29, from 6-8PM. Teams must include 3-5 students. Visiting our Quiz Bowl page at www.LutheranNorthwest.com/events. The deadline for signing up is Monday, 10/27.

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 worshipping 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

Fiscal Year-to-Date July 1, 2025 – September 30, 2025

St. John Fiscal Year is July 1 – June 30

	<u>Budgeted YTD</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>
Income	\$1,330,833	\$1,529,828
Expenses	\$1,559,269	\$1,402,127

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: Patti Rapson - upcoming knee replacement surgery / Chris Havens 8y / Fariba Hartfiel - recovering from extensive spinal surgery / Layla Loveres 6y - autoimmune disease / Mary McColeman - hospice / Jim Schwark - thanksgiving for successful hernia surgery / Jan Anderson - stem cell transplant / Hunter Thomson – football injury, & his mother Karen Kimbro

Bereavement: (for the families of): Jeanette Mixon (wife of Herman)

Strength & Guidance: Principal & Director of Youth & Family – call process / Abilgail-Mary - for life opportunity blessings

Gospel Impact: Trunk or Treat / Upcoming Women's Event

Thanksgiving: Baptism of Alejandro Ricardo Rios - son of Ruben and Haley Rios / George & Irmgard Flemming's 55th wedding anniversary

Long-Term Healing & Recovery: Sue Neumeyer (SIL of Joel & Karen) - multiple health issues and hospitalizations this summer / Diane Ringwelski (friend of Vicki Wright) - glioblastoma and undergoing treatment / Jim Genova (in-law of Pastor Steve & Sarah) - Parkinson's & leukemia / Jolie Knudsen - cancer / Haley Longworth – spiritual warfare / Gerald Walters (brother of Pam Peck) - long term care for kidney failure / Ginny Schmidt - recovering from broken ankle / Lauren Gonser (brother of Terry) - cancer / Ryder Finkel – 9y old with inoperable brain tumor / Gary Kwapis – cancer / Lori Kulczycki / Larry Edmonds (uncle of Pastor Tyler) - cancer / Nancy Egloff – continuing eyesight treatments / Rosemarie Chila - cancer / Lorri Heins – cancer / Brian Thornberry (father of Erin Morgante) – cancer / Brent Zoellner / Crystal Mischley – cancer / Leanne Stevens / Allison - Huntington's disease / Rebecca / Kristie Knudsen – ALS / Ryan & Anne Jankovich / Pastor Michael Standfest

Church-Work Students: Ethan Dodson / James Wilson / Nicolas Stevens

Pregnancy: Natalie / Sarah (DIL of Chuck & Candy Bartley) / Monica Kuiper / Ashley Pavka (Wright) / Shay Spaniola-Henning / Lisa Legler (Rafdal)

Those in Military Service: Mark Anderson / Aaron Byers / Devin Deck / Troy Glover / Alex Holzke / Earle IV Leighton / Alex Lindsay / Erich Mammen / David Metcalf / Matthew Neumeyer / John Paulson / Michael Pesamoska / Christian Petty / Jon Taykowski / Brad Ziegler / Kayla Pfund / Tim Pfund / Bryan Mullins / Tyler Wetzel / Jack Sinko / Stephen Rusanchin / Courtney Sharbaugh / Paul Batt / Victor Martin / Gabe Couturier / David Lyons / Austin Taylor / Tyler Doeblor / Drew McBrien / Zachary Browne / Cameron Dork / Jon Rubin / Brendan Standfest / Luke Standfest

Home Bound or Nursing Home Residents: Jerry & Mary Bantin / Kathy Bentley / Karen & Richard Brooks / Frank & Lorraine Hayes / Bob & Sally Hobson / Mary McColeman / Helga Olson / Ruth Parish / Rob Plewa / Ray Rau / Jerry Ruff / Chuck Schroeder / June Scott / Gloria Trudeau / Connie Ulrich / Lillian Von Rusten / Iris Wawrzyniak / Karen Wright / John Zimmerman

COMPASSIONATE SERVICE

WELCOME CENTER - volunteers needed

We are pleased to announce the expansion of our hospitality services to include a special new kiosk! You may have noticed the **Welcome Center** that was launched in the main atrium just outside the Modern Praise entrance, and we have plans to launch another in the south church lobby.

We are looking for greeters to work in the welcome center booths before and after all five services. You can be scheduled on a regular basis or serve here and there as desired. It's up to you, as we want this to be a blessing to you as well as the people you are welcoming! Not sure you have a gift for this? Here are a few questions to help you decide:

- Do I have a welcoming spirit?
- Am I able to make new people feel at ease?

*We're glad you're here!
How can we help?*

If you feel like this describes you and want to explore these new opportunities further, please contact **Deana Stevens, Ministry Engagement Coordinator**, at dstevens@stjohnrochester.org or 248-402-8004.



COLLEGE CARE PACKAGE DONATIONS

You have a unique opportunity to uplift the hearts & spirits of our college students! St. John sends care packages to our college students on a regular basis as a tangible expression of God's love and our unwavering prayers, designed to offer comfort, remind them of their faith, and encourage their walk with Christ amidst academic demands.

Please prayerfully consider donating an item from our Amazon Wishlist and help us send a powerful message of faith, hope, and love directly to students' dorm rooms. Scan the QR code or visit <https://a.co/b9naiR1> to contribute and have items sent directly to St. John!



COMPASSIONATE SERVICE

The faith family of St. John is tremendously blessed with amazing volunteers! These areas are in urgent need of assistance. Please take a moment to pray and reflect on how your time and gifts might be used to bless others. We would love to have you join us in these meaningful ministry opportunities!

YARN OR LOOM DONATIONS

Do you have any leftover yarn or looms? Our newly formed, student-led Crochet Club welcomes any donations of these items. Donations may be brought to the Main Office marked 'Crochet Club' donation.

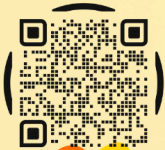


JOIN TEAM SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Seeking a way to serve with a team of other members? Helping out with Sunday School is a great opportunity! Responsibilities include helping with room setup before Sunday School begins, managing family check-in/check-out, providing a support presence for the teachers, and cleaning up. Weekly or monthly rotations are possible according to a schedule put together by the team, and you can expect to serve for 2-3 hours on your turn. Please email Terry Priestley at tpriestley@stjohnrochester.org and/or Beth Grillo at bethmgrillo@gmail.com if you'd like to be a part of this team!

FAMILY OF GOD | October 5 (This Sunday!)

The first Sunday of each month our St. John family provides a meal to Family of God Church in Detroit. Our next serve event is October 5. There are several ways you can help:



- 1. Donate Food:** Sign up to donate specific items by visiting the link below. Donations can be dropped off to the St. John church kitchen (downstairs).
- 2. Meal Prep Team:** Help prepare food (at St. John) after worship on October 5.
- 3. Greet & Serve:** Travel to Family of God (carpool leaves St. John at 2:00 PM) to greet and serve the meal.

**SIGN UP NOW AT: stjohnrochester.org/FOG2025
or scan the QR code!**

For more information, please contact our Director of Missions & Outreach, Jennie Eller, at jeller@stjohnrochester.org.



ST. JOHN TRUNK OR TREAT - Indoors! | Sunday, October 12

Hosts for trunks (tables) are welcome and needed! We are looking for **10 more** decorated host tables. We will provide the tables. We can also provide a theme and even some decor. Just let us know what you need. Please visit <https://www.stjohnrochester.org/event/trunk-or-treat/> to sign up to host a table.

Donations of individually wrapped candy including non-chocolate and no-nut are appreciated, as well as donations of non-candy trinkets. Donations may be brought to the bins in the Main Atrium.



WEEK AT A GLANCE: OCTOBER 6-12

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

MON

ALL DAY Elders (Concordia)
9:00 AM The Christ Key (Church Library)
7:00 PM Healing Hearts (Mary Martha)
7:00 PM The ONE Class (Concordia Hall)

TUE

8:45 AM Women of Prayer (Chapel)
1:00 PM ESL (Mary Martha)
5:00 PM AHG Kindergarten Meeting (Luther Hall)
6:30 PM AHG 1st - 5th grade Meeting (Concordia)
7:00 PM When you Pray - Women's Bible Study (Media Center)

WED

8:30 AM MomCo Tea (Mary Martha)
8:45 AM Chapel (Sanctuary)
8:45 AM Mom's Morning Prayer (Nursery)
1:00 PM Ladies Bible Study (Concordia)
6:00 PM Adult Bible Study (Concordia)
7:00 PM Women of Faith & Friendship (Church Library)
7:00 PM RMB Men's Group - Cronkright (Rochester Mills Brewery)

THR

8:30 AM MomCo (Concordia)
1:00 PM Esther Circle (Luther Hall)
1:00 PM International Bible Study (Mary Martha)
7:00 PM Safe in the Shepherd's Arms - Adult Bible Study (Luther Hall)

FRI

9:30 AM ESL (Mary Martha)

SAT

8:00 AM Bibles & Basketball (Gym)
10:00 AM Griefshare (Church Library)

SUN

9:30 AM Sunday School (South School Wing)
9:30 AM Pastor's Bible Study (Concordia Hall)
12:30 PM Middle School Youth (Youth Room)
2:30 PM **TRUNK OR TREAT** (Gym)





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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