

THE WEEKLY CONNECTION

ONE IN JESUS... REACHING MANY!

Week of November 9, 2025

WORSHIP CELEBRATION



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 as we continue to explore some of these surprising perspectives and the impact they can have on our lives today.

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
November 8/9 – Kingdom Marriage
November 15/16 – Kingdom that Prevails
November 22/23 – Christ the King



If you miss any of the previous Kingdom Perspectives 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/>



WELCOME TO THE ST. JOHN FAMILY!

Praise the Lord! This weekend we officially welcome 59 families (87 adults and 57 children) into membership as part of the St. John family! These amazing individuals recently completed the 8-week ONE Class. Please give them a warm welcome and get to know them - you'll be glad you did! May the Lord bless us all as we continue to walk together through His Word as ONE in Jesus...Reaching Many! We are so very blessed! If you are interested in making St. John your official spiritual home, or want to explore what that means, the next ONE Class will start January 26. Please contact our Ministry Engagement Coordinator, Deana Stevens, at dstevens@stjohnrochester.org if you'd like to join the next class.

Hiedy Aljamany, Charlotte(c),
 Sophie(c)
 Ema Atkins
 Linda Bjarnesen
 Lexie Brohl
 Sue Carey
 Ted and Doreen Carrabia
 Frank and Joanna Chirico, Vincenzo(c),
 Giovanni(c)
 Rosa Ciaramitaro, Matteo(c), Julian(c)
 Brad Collier
 Jim and Carol Collier
 Ronald and Debbie Corey
 Daniel and Jacqueline Dery, Leo(c),
 Shoshana(c)
 Taylor Ferner, Maria(c), Lainey(c)
 Chad and Melissa Gietzen, Zachary(c),
 Audrey(c)
 Todd Gluski, Haley(c), Zachary(c)
 Jim Grunewald
 Julian Gueccia
 Dorothy Hadrill
 Jacob Hedrick
 Karla Heinert
 Fred and Nancy Hynick
 Lukas and Katie Janssen
 Matthew(c), Daniel(c), Timothy(c)

Leanne Kaminski, Julian(c)
 Dan and Kristina Kilger, Charlotte(c),
 Noah(c)
 Kyoung-Hoon Kim, Zna(c)
 Lisa King
 Matthew and Kelli Kisker, Emma(c),
 Miles(c)
 Jacob and Haley Klausmeier, Jones(c),
 Julian(c)
 John and Veronica Klausmeier
 David and Teresa Knorr
 Calvin Kuntz
 James and Colleen Lindsay, Colin(c),
 Jackson(c)
 Micah and Amanda Lorenzen, Nole(c),
 Coen(c), Neely(c), Grady(c), Bode(c),
 Boone(c)
 Don and Hope Lucas
 Emily Lucas
 Kaylea Marzetti
 Bryce and Shelby Morrison,
 Brooklyn(c), Landon(c), Adelyn(c)
 Chris and Linda Morrow
 Daniella Munaco, Sebastian(c),
 Olivia(c)
 Shannon Papez-Rushton, Maeve(c)
 Brittney Rahn

Daniel and Jean Rioux
 Paul and Cynde Schmude, Aria(c),
 Zoe(c)
 Casey and Brittany Schoff, Rylie(c),
 Carson(c), Maddie(c)
 Joshua Shoemaker
 Dean and Barbara Siewert
 Joshua and Cecelia Smith, Hudson(c),
 Miller(c), Graham(c)
 Matthew and Marianne Smith,
 Rosabelle(c)
 Shayla Smith
 Ian Sobocinski
 Michael Strong
 Sandie Thorsen
 Samantha Tocco
 Dale and Janice Van Wulfen
 Kathleen Van Wulfen, Kristin(c)
 David and Melissa Wangler,
 Addison(c), McKenna(c)
 Spencer and Megan Wood, Sloan(c),
 Milo(c)
 Sungjong Yoo and Aran Kim, Evelyn(c),
 Kailyn(c)
 Scott and Erin Zimmerman, Anna(c),
 Eva(c)

TRADITIONAL PRAISE WORSHIP OUTLINE

Pentecost 22 | November 9, 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: Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

Men's Chorus (8:00/9:30)

BELLS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: *Jerusalem the Golden*

LSB #672

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Invocation/Confession

Screen

Hymn of Praise

LSB #950

Prayer of the Day

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 3:1-15

Anthem: Be Thou My Vision

Men's Chorus (8:00/9:30)

New Testament Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 13-17

Alleluia

LSB 952

Holy Gospel Reading: Luke 20:27-40

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Screen

HYMN OF THE DAY: The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us

LSB #514

MESSAGE

Pastor Marc Schwichtenberg

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH/LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns*

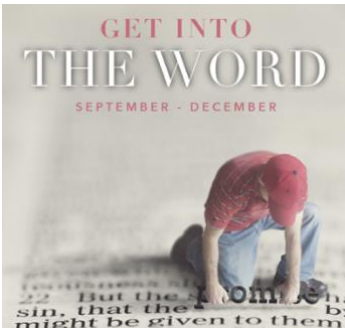
LSB #348

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

Make the most of growing in your faith walk with Jesus through His Word! Whether you are looking for a small class or large group, there is a Bible Study, LIFEgroup, or event for you! 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.

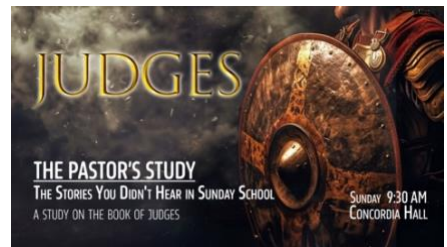


STORIES YOU DIDN'T HEAR IN SUNDAY SCHOOL:

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.



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>

THE TRUTH PROJECT | Wednesdays at 6:00 PM | Concordia Hall

The Wednesday night Adult Bible Study is hosting a 12-week series called “The Truth Project.” The series features video presentations by Dr. Del Tackett, as he takes you through lessons on the relevance and importance of living the Biblical worldview in daily life. Topics include: ethics, science, history, sociology, law, the American experiment, labor & more.



ESTHER CIRCLE | Thursday, November 13 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 Luther Hall and will review the study questions on page 175. If you would like more information or have questions, please contact Ruth Leucht at 248-651-3584.

SANCTUARY ELEVATOR OUT OF SERVICE

The elevator outside of the Sanctuary remains out of service. We are working diligently with vendors to get the issue corrected as soon as possible, and will provide updates when they are available. **We understand that some of you may be missing out on events hosted in the lower level, however please do not risk your safety unnecessarily.**



Our friends with mobility concerns are encouraged to use the atrium doors (#1 and #12) and use the ramp near the pastor's office to access the Church Library, Luther Hall, Chapel, Nursery, and Sanctuary. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

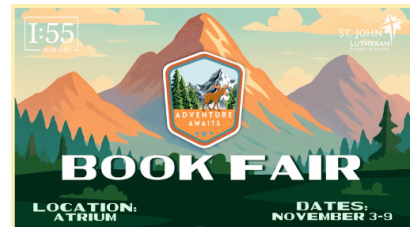
Group Leaders: If your group meets in one of the lower level rooms, and you have participants with mobility concerns, please reach out to Erin Morgante at emorgante@stjohnrochester.org for possible room changes. Lower level rooms include: Concordia, Mary Martha, Room 128, and the Youth Room.

CALL PROCESS UPDATE

St. John Lutheran Church and School continues the call process for two (2) open positions; School Principal and Director of Youth & Family Ministry. Call Committees are meeting and November is the month when the LCMS provides congregations with a list of callable rostered candidates for these positions. Please keep our Call Committees and the potential candidates in your prayers!

1:55 BOOK FAIR | This Sunday is the last day!

All proceeds benefit the St. John Lutheran School Media Center. Everyone is invited to visit and shop the Book Fair! Book Fair items make great Christmas gifts! St. John partners with the 1:55 Book Fair program, a Christian organization that screens their books through the filter of faith. Learn more at <https://i55bookfairs.com/>.



FALL FEEDBACK FORUM | Monday, November 10

These are great days for our church and school and we have so much to give thanks for and celebrate! At the same time we want to be open to ways we can keep honing our approach to growing closer to Jesus and one another, as well as mobilizing for our mission together as a church and school. How are we doing? We want to know! Please come and join together with

our pastors, principal, and other church and school leaders for a time of sharing at our Fall Feedback Forum on **Monday, November 10 at 7:00 PM in Luther Hall.**

WEATHER RELATED SCHOOL/CAMPUS CLOSING PROCEDURES

With colder weather approaching, the possibility of inclement weather and school closings approaches as well. As a reminder, if Rochester Community Schools closes due to inclement weather conditions, St. John Lutheran Church & School will also be closed. This means that **all** classes, programs and activities scheduled for the day will be cancelled. This includes Preschool – 8th grade, athletic events, Bible studies, small groups, and all other facility events.

Information will be shared on our website (stjohnrochester.org) and Facebook page.



LESSONS & CAROLS | Join the Festival Chorus

This year, our annual Lessons & Carols services are scheduled for December 14 at 2:00 PM and 4:30 PM. Once again, we will be putting together a Festival Chorus for this event. The Festival Chorus is open to anyone who is interested in singing in conjunction with our Mixed Choir, Men's Chorus, and Middle School Choralier ensembles. No experience is required. Festival Chorus rehearsals will be held in the choir loft. Music and folders will be provided at the first rehearsal. If you are interested in joining us this year, please contact Director of Music, Nick Kwapis at nkwapis@stjohnrochester.org.

REHEARSALS

Thursday, 11/13: 8:00 - 9:00 PM

Thursday, 11/20: 8:00 - 9:00 PM

Thursday, 12/4: 7:30 - 9:00 PM

Sunday, 12/7: 12:30 - 2:30 PM (With Orchestra)

Saturday, 12/13: 9:30 - 11:30 AM (Final Rehearsal)



PERFORMANCES

December 14 at 2:00 PM & 4:30 PM



OWLS Thanksgiving Luncheon | Friday, November 14, at 12:00 PM

OWLS (Older Wiser Lutherans in Service) will meet Friday, November 14, beginning at Noon in **LUTHER HALL**. The OWLS Ministry Team will provide turkey, potatoes, dressing, and beverages! Attendees, if able, are requested to bring the following potluck items: Last Name A-H (side dishes), and Last Name J-Z (desserts). To assist with planning, please pre-register with Roger Guetzkow at 248-622-1606 or rjguetzkow@comcast.net by Tuesday, November 11.

November's guest speaker is Rev. Gil McDonald, who will be giving a special presentation on the "Unholy Trinity." **All are welcome to attend the luncheon and stay for the guest speaker.** Folks wishing to only attend the presentation should arrive by 12:45 PM. We will try to arrange a ride for anyone requiring transportation.



A HUGE thank you to the organizers, leaders, and all of the women who attended last weekend's Women's Faith & Fellowship Event. The Lord blessed these women with an excellent day and we look forward to the continued support and engagement of the wonderful women in our congregation.

WOMEN'S ADVENT EVENT | Friday, December 5 at 6:30 PM

Ladies, we invite you to join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior with a special worship service led by Pastor Tyler Cronkright. Take time before the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season takes over to reflect on God's goodness, and intentionally prepare your hearts and homes this Christmas season. Mark your calendars, invite your friends, and celebrate with us the birth of the Savior of the world. Registration information will be available next week. For more information, please contact Jennie Eller at Jeller@stjohnrochester.org.



THE LUTHERAN CHORALAIRES ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT | December 6

The Lutheran Choralaires is a men's chorus based in southeast Michigan. Their main purpose has always been to proclaim Christ in song. This year's concert is scheduled for **Saturday, December 6 at 4:00 PM in our St. John Sanctuary**. Suggested donation is \$10 for adults and \$5 children. For more information, please contact Paul Kienman at 248-890-4405 or info@lutheranchoralaires.org.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES



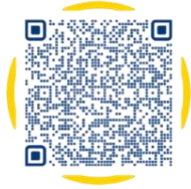
Choraliers & Chamber Choir sang in chapel this week.



Mr. Matt Wallace (Grade 4) was officially installed as a called LCMS teacher at St. John.

PRESCHOOL - 2ND GRADE OPEN HOUSE
November 18 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM

Join us on Tuesday, November 18 to learn more about our early education program! Visit the classrooms, meet the teachers, and learn more about our Christ-centered Preschool 3's, Preschool 4's, Young 5's, Kindergarten, 1st Grade, and 2nd Grade. Enrollment information for the 2026-2027 school year will be available.



REGISTER FOR THE OPEN HOUSE BY SCANNING THE QR CODE

For more information visit school.stjohnrochester.org/admissions or contact Beth Dameron, Director of Admissions, at 248-402-8012 or bdameron@stjohnrochester.org.



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

Children ages 4 years to 6th grade are welcome and encouraged to join us every Sunday in the school wing for Sunday School! There are no attendance requirements! If you have any questions regarding Sunday School, please contact the Pastoral Office at church@stjohnrochester.org.

Register for our Sunday School email list to get updates! Sign up at the Sunday School kiosk or on our website at stjohnrochester.org/groups/childrens-sunday-school

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

Middle School Youth meets most Sundays 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 most 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.

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.



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: Wes Griffith - upcoming heart procedure / Michael Griffith - hospitalized from kidney stone / Don Susewitt - hospitalized / Abel Beyer 3y (friend of Cronkright's) - daughter of missionaries in Central Asia now back for Abel's treatment of Leukemia / Flynn Gearhart 10yr - cancerous tumors on brain

Bereavement: For the families of Herta Ochss (mother of Linda Gerhart and grandmother of Sara Gerhardt)

Strength & Guidance: School Principal and Director of Youth & Family – call processes

Gospel Impact: Neighbor to Neighbor Food Drive

Thanksgiving: For the 59 families (87 adults & 57 children) joining the fellowship of believers here at St. John / Frances Brodeur (mother of Jeanne Robinson) - celebrating 100th birthday / Scott & Laura Mattox's 38th anniversary / Jerry and Mary Bantin's 70th anniversary

COMPASSIONATE SERVICE

As the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons draw near we are reminded that "...God loves a cheerful giver." Here are several opportunities to participate in 

GIVE BACK NOVEMBER

PANTS HANGERS AND ROLLING RACK DONATIONS

The St. John Athletic Department is in need of hangers and a few rolling racks! If you have any pant hangers or rolling racks that are taking up too much space at home - our SJR Athletics would love to put them to good use! Please drop off items to the main office. If you have any questions please contact our Athletic Director, Sara Jung, at sjung@stjohnrochester.org Thank you and Go Eagles!

Neighbor-2-Neighbor Food Drive

NOVEMBER 1 - NOVEMBER 30, 2025

As you grocery shop for your family help us restock our local Mission Partner Pantries with non-perishable items.

TO HELP WHILE SHOPPING, LISTS OF ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE ATRIUM AND SOUTH CHURCH LOBBY.

Donations can be dropped off at the designated areas in the Atrium and Church Lobby during school and worship hours. Even one extra item purchased helps a family in need!



Christmas Giving Opportunity

GIFTS FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

How to Get Involved



Option 1: Starting November 15, there will be Giving Trees located in our atrium and church lobby. Take an Angel from the tree to sponsor a child. Register your tag online using the QR code and instructions on the back. Registering your tag is vital to our tracking system so don't forget!

Option 2: Starting November 15, visit stjohnrochester.org/2025gfagc_stpaul and sign up online to sponsor a child or give a monetary donation to GFAGC.

No matter which option you choose, you can fulfill a child's wishlist yourself, or team up with a friend or another family.



**Scan to
Learn More**



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As you grocery shop for your family help us restock our local Mission Partner Pantries with **non-perishable items**.

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| ☐ CEREAL | ☐ CANNED CHICKEN |
| ☐ PASTA | ☐ CANNED TUNA |
| ☐ OATMEAL (INSTANT & ORIGINAL) | ☐ CANNED TOMATO PRODUCTS |
| ☐ BROWN RICE (1 LB. BAGS) | ☐ CANNED FRUIT |
| ☐ WHITE RICE (1 LB. BAGS) | ☐ CANNED VEGETABLES |
| ☐ FLOUR | ☐ CANNED BEANS (KIDNEY) |
| ☐ WHITE SUGAR | ☐ SOUP |
| ☐ BROWN SUGAR | ☐ PASTA SAUCE |
| ☐ APPLESAUCE | ☐ |
| ☐ PEANUT BUTTER | ☐ BIRTHDAY CAKE MIX |
| ☐ JELLY | ☐ FROSTING |
| ☐ COFFEE | ☐ CANDLES |
| ☐ INSTANT HOT COCOA | ☐ |
| ☐ | ☐ TOOTHPASTE |
| ☐ GRANOLA BARS | ☐ SHAMPOO |
| ☐ SNACK PACKS | ☐ CONDITIONER |
| ☐ FRUIT SNACKS | ☐ BAR SOAP |
| ☐ CRACKERS (SALTINE, RITZ ETC...) | ☐ FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS |
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WEEK AT A GLANCE: NOVEMBER 10-16

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

MON

9:00 AM Quilters Guild (Room 128)
7:00 PM Fall Feedback Forum (Luther Hall)

TUE

8:45 AM Women of Prayer (Chapel)
1:00 PM ESL (Mary Martha)

WED

8:30 AM Mom's Morning Prayer (Nursery)
9:00 AM Chapel (Sanctuary)
1:00 PM Ladies Bible Study (Concordia)
6:00 PM Adult Bible Study (Concordia)
7:00 PM Women of Faith & Friendship LIFEgroup (Church Library)
7:00 PM RMB LIFEgroup at Rochester Mills Brewery (Offsite)

THR

8:30 AM MomCo (Concordia)
1:00 PM Esther Circle (Luther Hall)
1:00 PM International Bible Study (Mary Martha)
6:30 PM Torgler 242 Meeting (Torgler House)

FRI

9:30 AM ESL (Mary Martha)
12:00 PM OWLS Luncheon (Luther Hall)
7:00 PM Drummelsmith 242 Group (Luther Hall)

SAT

8:00 AM Bibles and Basketball Men's Group (Gymnasium)
10:00 AM GriefShare (Church Library)

SUN

9:30 AM Pastor's Bible Study (Concordia Hall)
9:30 AM Sunday School (School Wing)
12:00 PM FOG Bagged Lunch Prep (Church Kitchen)
12:30 PM Middle School Youth (Youth Room/Gym)
6:00 PM High School Youth (Youth Room)



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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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