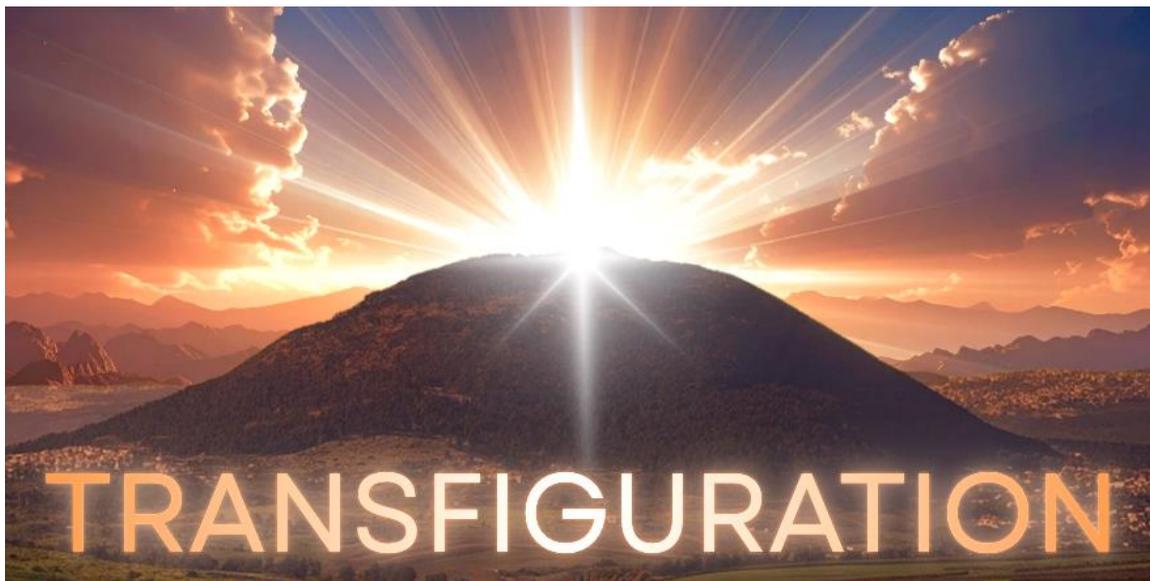


THE WEEKLY CONNECTION

ONE IN JESUS... REACHING MANY!

Week of February 15, 2026

WORSHIP CELEBRATION



EPIPHANY - TRANSFIGURATION

During this Epiphany season, we have been observing various witnesses to Christ and reflecting on our own witness. This Transfiguration Sunday truly marks one of the most powerful witnesses of Christ, who He is, and what He is about to do for us. He shines brilliantly, witnessing to the Father and then will descend down the mountain to the cross where He will shed blood, make peace, and bring forgiveness and restoration to the world. What we learn is that we cannot contain Christ. We cannot figure Him out. We simply stand in awe, listen to Him, and receive Him as He is; the Son of God who dies for us. Join us this weekend to celebrate this incredible moment in the life of our Savior.



If you missed any of the Character Witness Series messages, you can find them on 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/>

LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 18

Join us in worship as the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 18 at 4:15 PM and 7:00 PM. Ash Wednesday services will include the Lord's Supper and the traditional imposition of ashes.

The 4:15 PM service will also be livestreamed.



TRADITIONAL PRAISE WORSHIP OUTLINE

Transfiguration | February 15, 2026

Service Elements taken from the Divine Service, Setting 1, Pew Hymnal (LSB) p. 151.

For your convenience, all hymn lyrics will also be displayed on the screens at the front of the Sanctuary.

PRELUDE: All Things are Yours, My God	Mixed Choir
OPENING HYMN: <i>O God of God, O Light of Light</i>	LSB #810
SERVICE OF THE WORD	LSB p.151
Invocation/Confession	
Feast of Victory	LSB p.154
Prayer of the Day	
Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 34:1-12	Worship Bible p.177
Anthem: Heavenly Light	Mixed Choir
Epistle Reading: Hebrews 3:1-6	Worship Bible p.1002
Alleluia	p. 156
Holy Gospel Reading: Luke 9:28-36	Worship Bible p.867
THE NICENE CREED	(On Screen)
HYMN OF THE DAY: <i>O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair! (Tune: Wareham)</i>	LSB #413 Choir-stz.3
MESSAGE	Pastor Tyler Cronkright
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH/LORD'S PRAYER	
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT	
Service of the Sacrament	p.160-164
Hymn: <i>'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here</i>	LSB #414
Hymn: <i>Beautiful Savior</i>	LSB p. 537
Thank the Lord	p.164
POST COMMUNION PRAYER/BENEDICTION	
CLOSING HYMN: <i>Alleluia, Song of Gladness</i> LSB #417	

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.**



SUFFERING SERVANTS PODCAST

Special Lent edition with all three Pastors

Lent begins this week! On this week's episode of the Suffering Servants Podcast, all three of our Pastors talk together with Trevor about the history of Lent, fasting, and ashes, as well as the reason the time of Lent may seem more

reflective or even somber. Of course, they had some fun too! Enjoy listening by going to the website or searching "Suffering Servants" on your favorite podcast platform (Spotify, Apple, Overcast, etc.)

<https://sufferingservants.buzzsprout.com/2105824/episodes/18662949-why-lent>



GET INTO THE WORD | Winter Bible Studies & LIFEgroups

Members & guests alike, all are invited to take a moment to see what follows in this guide as we seek to make studying and experiencing God's presence through Word as accessible as possible! From children to seniors, men and women, Bible basics to more in-depth studies, there truly is something for everyone no matter your age, life circumstance, or schedule!

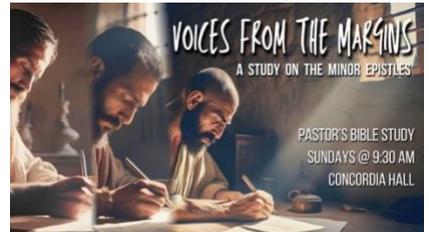
Scan the QR Code or visit our website to get the latest edition!



VOICES FROM THE MARGINS: A STUDY ON THE "MINOR" EPISTLES OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

Pastor's Bible Study | Sundays at 9:30 AM | Concordia Hall

Join our Pastors on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM in Concordia Hall. We are familiar with Romans, Philippians, 1 and 2 Corinthians, but what about the smaller Epistles? John's letters, Peter's letters, or even Philemon? We're going to cover these three, study chapter by chapter, and hear from the "margins", the lesser known letters. We can't wait to see you! For more information, contact Pastor Tyler at pastortyler@stjohnrochester.org.



DAD'S BIBLE STUDY | Wednesdays at 6:00 AM | Luther Hall

This study is intended for dads of all ages and walks of faith as we grow in God's Word together, learn what it means to lead our families well, and receive encouragement in the highest calling God has for men. Join us on Wednesday mornings (even if you have to leave early) as we pick a book of the Bible and read through it with discussion. Coffee and bagels/donuts will be provided, so that we don't miss out on breakfast before work! For more information, contact Pastor Tyler at pastortyler@stjohnrochester.org.

**MOM'S BIBLE STUDY | Rooted Together: Moms Growing in Faith
1st & 3rd Fridays at 2:00 PM starting February 20 | Luther Hall**

This study creates a welcoming community for moms seeking deeper roots in Christ and stronger connections with one another. Pastor Tyler will be sharing Scripture, prayer, and honest conversation as we grow together in faith while navigating the joys and challenges of motherhood. Whether you're new to faith or have walked with Jesus for years, you're invited to come for encouragement and growth alongside other moms. Please join us on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month (MomCo off-weeks) at 2:00 PM in Luther Hall before student pick-up! Our first gathering will be Friday, February 20. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Lowell at ealowell1@gmail.com.



First Communion Class

- 6th grade and older
- Parent(s) must attend
- Sunday, March 1, 8, 15 & 22
- Luther Hall 9:30-10:30 AM

SCAN TO REGISTER

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

March 1, 8, 15, 22

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM | Luther Hall

We are excited to invite your 6th grade and older student to take a significant step in their faith journey! This spring, St. John will be hosting our First Communion Class, a four-week experience designed to help students and parents explore the foundations of our faith together.

Register now:

<https://www.stjohnrochester.org/event/first-communion-class/>

SHARED LIFE

POSITION OPENINGS ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SCHOOL | 26-27 SCHOOL YEAR

With God's blessings, we report updates from our staff. After seven faithful years of service as a kindergarten teacher at St. John Lutheran School, Mrs. Brandi Cronkright has shared that she will be stepping away from classroom teaching after this school year to care for her growing family. In addition, Mrs. Lindsay Gagliano has shared that after two years of teaching in our middle school as a homeroom and science teacher, she too will be stepping back from the classroom to be with her daughter and family. We have been blessed by Mrs. Cronkright and Mrs. Gagliano and their joyful service. Please keep Mrs. Cronkright, Mrs. Gagliano, and their families in your prayers.

With this news, and with the continued growth of our school ministry, we announce that we are accepting applications and referrals for the following:

- Kindergarten Teacher, one opening
- Middle School Classroom Teacher, two openings

Names and applications/resumes may be submitted by Friday, February 20, 2026 to Elizabeth Leinberger, Interim Principal, at eleinberger@stjohnrochester.org for consideration, along with recommendations from our LCMS Michigan District and the Concordia University System. Candidates should have a passion for sharing the love of Jesus, a love for children, and a desire to work with a collaborative dynamic team. A Bachelor's Degree is required.

BUILDING CLOSURE February 16 | NO SCHOOL February 17

The St. John campus will be closed for President's Day on Monday, February 16 (with the exception of The ONE Class at 7:00 PM). There is NO SCHOOL on February 17 due to faculty and staff professional development.



GRIEF SHARE | February 21 – May 16 | Saturdays 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 beginning February 21 in the Church Library and runs until May 16. For more information, please contact Terry Priestly at tpriestley@stjohnrochester.org.

ST. JOHN MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE | Begins in April

The 2026 men's golf league begins Tuesday, April 7 at Blackheath Golf Club, weather permitting. Tee times are available from 3:15 to 4:30 PM. The season will conclude on Tuesday, August 18, subject to weather conditions. This 20-week league is divided into two segments, culminating in playoffs between the top two golfers of each half, who will compete for the titles of overall champion, runner-up, and third and fourth place.

The league fee is \$700, with an initial payment of \$350 due by February 15 and the remaining balance due by March 24. Last year, the league welcomed 32 participants and are pleased to announce that there is capacity for additional players this season!



For registration forms or further information, please contact Tom Rowe at 248-420-1248, Bob Novack at 248-421-7971, or Dave Schulz at 586-770-6495. The league also needs substitute golfers for the season. If you are interested in joining the list of substitutes, please contact Tom, Bob or Dave.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES



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

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

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.

Sign up 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

CALL UPDATES

With full hearts we are pleased to announce that **Interim Principal Elizabeth Leinberger has accepted our call** to continue her career at St. John Lutheran School, serving as Principal, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year. We are truly blessed by the strong leadership and enduring service she provides to our St. John Family and thank God for Elizabeth's presence in our ministry.



WE ALSO SHARE THAT

After extensive prayer and consideration, this week **Russell Baumann declined our call** to serve as Director of Youth and Family Ministry. Given all that is occurring for his family, they realized God's timing is not now. We pray for peace, understanding and patience as we wait for the Lord to reveal His plan for this role at St. John Lutheran Church & School. Our call committee will reconvene this week to prayerfully discuss next steps. If you have a candidate name to recommend please contact the pastoral office.

SCHOOL NEWS

A colorful banner for St. John Lutheran School enrollment. The background is yellow and blue with circular patterns. Text on the left reads "St. John Lutheran School NOW ENROLLING Preschool - 8th Grade". On the right, there is a photo of five children and a woman. At the bottom, it says "2026 - 2027" and "school.stjohnrochester.org". The St. John Lutheran Church & School logo is in the bottom right corner, with the tagline "ONE IN JESUS...REACHING MANY".

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ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
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Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year is underway!

For application and enrollment information, if you missed our Open Houses, or to schedule a personal campus tour, visit school.stjohnrochester.org/admissions/, or contact Beth Dameron, Director of Admissions, at 248-402-8012 or bdameron@stjohnrochester.org.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA | Saturday, March 21 | 1:00 – 3:00 PM

This family friendly event shares the Easter message in a fun and engaging way with various activities including an Easter skit, cookie decorating, crafts, games, and other activities.



Eggstravaganza is designed for children ages 2 to 5th grade and is open to our church, school and community. Please invite your family, neighbors, and friends! Parents are asked to stay with their children throughout the event.

For more information contact our Director of Admissions, Beth Dameron, at bdameron@stjohnrochester.org. **Registration is required. Sign up now by scanning the QR code or visiting <https://www.stjohnrochester.org/event/2025-easter-eggstravaganza/>.**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | June 22-26 | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

This year's theme is Rainforest Falls. Children will explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms. This event is geared toward children age 4 through those entering 6th grade.

Registration opens February 17 at 8:00 AM!

Scan the QR Code to register or visit <https://www.stjohnrochester.org/event/2026vbs/>



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH | Sundays at 6:00 - 8:00 PM | **NO MEETING THIS WEEK**

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



SCAN THE QR CODES ABOVE FOR ALL THE DETAILS ON THE HIGH SCHOOL LADIES & MEN'S RETREATS



MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH | Sundays at 12:30 - 2:30 PM | NO MEETING THIS WEEK

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.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH LOCK-IN

March 6 | 7:00 PM - 7:00 AM

Pizza - Games - Devotion - Surprises - SO. MUCH. FUN.

All middle school youth (grades 6-8) are invited to join us for our annual lock-in on **March 6**. This is a completely student-planned event, packed with high-energy games, powerful devotion time, delicious late-night pizza, and a whole bunch of surprises you'll only discover if you're there! For more information and to register scan the QR code or visit stjohnrochester.org/event/2026-middle-school-lock-in/



LUTHERAN NORTHWEST NEWS

Have you made up your mind that Lutheran Northwest is the right fit for your 8th grader for next Fall but haven't yet filled out an application for admission? Now is a great time to complete this important step! **Save your child's spot in the LHNW Class of 2030 here:** www.LutheranNorthwest.com/apply.

MISSION PARTNERS

MISSION SPOTLIGHT

Your generosity to the Lord is making a difference in the lives of our neighbors. This past year Rochester Area Neighborhood House (RANH) was able to give over 435,000 meals to local families through the Food Pantry, and 550+ rides ensured our neighbors could get to doctor appointments, job interviews, and essential services. Over 1,000 children received gifts, clothing, school supplies and care through events and programs offered through RANH. Faith-based partners in our community like St. John Lutheran Church & School have impact in the community and help RANH meet the needs of our neighbors. Thank you for making a difference for the kingdom of God.

CHILI COOK OFF & BINGO PARTY | Friday, February 20 | 5:00 - 7:00 PM



Our mission partner St. Paul Community Lutheran Church in Pontiac, invites you to compete in their 6th Annual Chili Cook Off & Bingo Party. The best chili wins a prize! This fundraiser event costs \$5 per person and benefits their Youth Ministry. [Scan the red QR code for more information.](#)



COMPASSIONATE SERVICE

GIFTS FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN EASTER DONATIONS

Scan this QR code for information and a link to donate Easter items that will bring smiles to over 2500 children.



FAMILY OF GOD | March 1, 2026

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 March 1. 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 March 1.
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:

www.stjohnrochester.org/FOG2026 or scan the QR code!

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



MOBILE PANTRY TEAM

WHO: 2-3 teams consisting of about 4 people each
WHAT: Teams take turns running the mobile pantry
WHEN: Serve once per month, typically Thursday or Saturday
HOW: Serve our community with food and prayer

Your Skills:
Compassion
Empathy
Prayer

Contact our Mission Liaison Coordinator, Jennie Eller, at jeller@stjohnrochester.org.

FAMILY OF GOD | EASTER SUNDAY HOSTS | APRIL 5

We are looking for hosts to serve the Family of God Easter meal. These volunteers will travel to Family of God (carpool leaves St. John at 2:00 PM) to greet and serve the meal.

Ham donations will also be needed for this meal.



For more information, please contact our Mission Liaison Coordinator, Jennie Eller, at jeller@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 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: Debbie & Dean Woodfield's Aunt in hospice / Donald Horstman (uncle of Jon) - recovering from successful kidney (cancer) removal surgery / Robert Sheldon - sprained hip

Bereavement (for the families of): Marlene Gentner (mother of Kevin) / Janie Deuel (sil of Linda Ayotte) / Ken Stoll / Kim Vitu

Strength & Guidance: Crystal - stress from financial troubles / Ryan Keyes - strength during anniversary of loss / Girls basketball team advancing to State Tournament

Gospel Impact: All on-going bible classes

Thanksgiving: Jerry & Debbie Larsen's 30th anniversary / Birth of Zara Toma to parents Angela & Sando / Glenn & Lorraine Sattelmeyer's birthdays

Community/Nation/World: For families of those children killed and injured in the British Columbia School shooting

WEEK AT A GLANCE: FEBRUARY 16 - 22

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

MON	7:00 PM	CAMPUS CLOSED - NO SCHOOL - PRESIDENT'S DAY The ONE Class (Luther Hall)	16
TUE	8:45 AM	NO SCHOOL - Professional Development Day Women of Prayer (Church Library)	17
WED	6:00 AM 8:40 AM 8:45 AM 2:00 PM 4:15 PM 5:00 PM 5:45 PM 7:00 PM	Dad's Bible Study (Luther Hall) Mom's Morning Prayer Group (Nursery) Chapel (Sanctuary) The Way of Wisdom - Ladies Bible Study (Concordia) ASH WEDNESDAY Service (livestream) - Ft. Choraliers (Sanctuary) Bell Choir Practice (Choir Loft) Adult Bible Study (Concordia) ASH WEDNESDAY Service - (Sanctuary)	18
THR	8:30 AM 10:00 AM 1:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM	MomCo Leadership Meeting (Luther Hall) The Lutheran Witness - Men's Bible Study (Church Library) International Bible Study (Mary Martha) Choir Practice (Choir Loft) The Lord's Prayer Bible Study (Luther Hall)	19
FRI	9:30 AM	ESL (Mary Martha)	20
SAT	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Bibles and Basketball (Gymnasium) Griefshare (Church Library)	21
SUN	9:30 AM 9:30 AM 12:00 PM 3:00 PM 3:00 PM	Sunday School (School Wing) Pastor's Bible Study (Concordia Hall) FOG Bagged Lunch Prep (Church Kitchen) Middle School Youth (OU Basketball game @ O'RENA) High School Youth (OU Basketball game @ O'RENA)	22





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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