

THE WEEKLY CONNECTION

ONE IN JESUS... REACHING MANY!

Week of March 8, 2026

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

LENT



BY HIS WOUNDS | ISAIAH 53

During this penitential season of Lent, we walk together step by step through Isaiah's great Suffering Servant song (Isaiah 52:13–53:12), hearing God's own prophecy of Christ crucified written hundreds of years beforehand. Come experience how the Lord brings salvation not through visible power or human glory, but through rejection, suffering, and even death. May the Spirit lead us to confess that His wounds are not defeat, but victory in the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

**SCAN QR FOR ONLINE RESOURCES
& PREVIOUS MESSAGES**



JOIN US FOR THIS LENTEN SERIES

UNDERLINED TIMES ARE LIVESTREAMED

Modern Praise - Saturdays at 5:00 PM | Sunday at 10:45 AM

Traditional Praise - Sundays at 8:00 AM | 9:30 AM | 11:00 AM

Midweek - Wednesdays at 4:15 PM | 7:00 PM

February 21-22 | LENT 1
THE SERVANT LIFTED UP

February 25 | Wednesday Midweek 1
KINGS ARE SILENCED

February 28-March 1 | LENT 2
NO BEAUTY WE DESIRED

March 4 | Wednesday Midweek 2
A MAN OF SORROWS

▶ March 7-8 | LENT 3
OUR GRIEFS, OUR PEACE

March 11 | Wednesday Midweek 3
THE LORD HAS LAID ON HIM

March 14-15 | LENT 4
THE SILENT LAMB

March 18 | Wednesday Midweek 4
CUT OFF FROM THE LIVING

March 21-22 | LENT 5
IT WAS THE WILL OF THE LORD

March 25 | Wednesday Midweek 5
HE SHALL JUSTIFY MANY



HOLY BAPTISM

9:30 AM - Harvey Fred Elias, son of Fred and Hannah Elias

11:00 AM - Parker Kate Kaminski, daughter of Michael and Leanne Kaminski

Elliot Tyler Thiessen, son of Matthew and Kylie Thiessen

For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself. – Acts 2:39

TRADITIONAL PRAISE WORSHIP OUTLINE

Lent 3 | March 8, 2026

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

PRELUDE

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

OPENING HYMN: *Jesus, I Will Ponder Now*

LSB #440 | stz. 1, 2, 4, 6

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Screen

Invocation/Confession

Gloria

Screen

Prayer of the Day

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 53:4-6

Anthem (8:00/9:30)

Men's Chorus

Epistle Reading: Romans 5:1-8

Gospel Acclamation

LSB #422

Holy Gospel Reading: John 4:5-26

THE NICENE CREED

Screen

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Baptismal Waters Cover Me*

LSB #616

MESSAGE

Pastor Tyler Cronkright

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH/LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: *Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious*

LSB #548

COMMUNION - THE LORD'S SUPPER - WHAT WE BELIEVE

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



SUFFERING SERVANTS PODCAST

On last week's episode of the podcast, Pastor Tyler and Trevor talked with our Interim Principal, (soon to officially be Principal) Elizabeth Leinberger! They talked through her ministry journey, the highs and the lows of being "called" in

Lutheran Schools, the vital importance of Christianity in education, as well as the unspoken burden she carries as a Principal and the joy that even that can bring. We hope you hear her heart for the school and for all of the students who attend St John. Enjoy! It is available wherever you get your podcasts. You can scan the QR code or go to the website: https://www.stjohnrochester.org/podcast_leinberger



GET INTO THE WORD | Winter Bible Studies & LIFEgroups

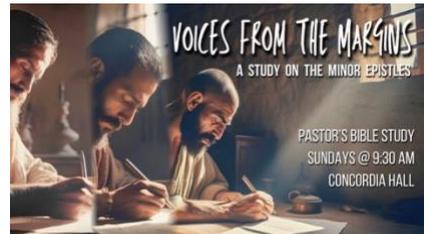
Members & guests alike, all are invited to take a moment to see what follows in this guide as we seek to make studying and experiencing God's presence through Word as accessible as possible! From children to seniors, men and women, Bible basics to more in-depth studies, there truly is something for everyone 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 are covering these three, chapter by chapter, and hearing 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 | 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! If you have any questions, please contact Beth Lowell at ealowell1@gmail.com.

SHARED LIFE



SCHEDULE DONATION



INFORMATION FLYER

BLOOD DRIVE | Friday, March 27 | 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM | Concordia Hall

We are hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive at St. John Lutheran Church & School. Donors must be age 16 and older. Please note: this event is not being promoted to the general public, it is being offered for our church, school, family & friends. To schedule an appointment for a blood donation time or view the flyer, scan the QR codes above. You can also visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter our sponsor code: **stjohnrochester**. Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



GRIEF SHARE | 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 in the

Church Library and runs until May 16. For more information, please contact Terry Priestly at tpriestley@stjohnrochester.org.

QUILTING GROUP | 2nd and 4th Monday/Month in Room 128

Are you looking for a meaningful way to share your time and enjoy fellowship with other women? The St. John Quilting Group invites you to join their mission of bringing warmth and comfort to those in need. Together, they create handmade quilts that are distributed globally to the poor and displaced. No sewing skills are required. If you can pin, thread a needle, or tie a knot, that's all that is needed! We would love to see you there. For more information, please contact Susan Walker at susanwalker749@yahoo.com.



ESTHER CIRCLE | Thursday, March 12 at 1:00 PM | Luther Hall

The group is reading "Waiting" by Sharla Fritz. This week's devotion will focus on Chapter Seven - Martha's Story. For more information or questions, please contact Ruth Leucht at 248-651-3584.



OWLS LUNCHEON | Friday, March 13 at 12:00 PM | Concordia Hall

The March OWLS (Older Wiser Lutherans in Service) Luncheon/Fellowship event will have a St. Patrick's Day theme and transition to an Easter message presented by **Lorraine Sattelmeier**. They will meet in Concordia Hall next Friday, March 13, beginning with lunch at Noon. The menu will include corned beef sandwiches and beverages provided by the volunteer ministry team. Attendees, if able, are requested to bring the following potluck items: Last Name A-K (salads/side dishes), and Last Name L-Z (desserts).

Invite a friend -- all ages welcome! Those wishing to attend the presentation only may join us at 12:45 PM. For anyone requiring transportation, we will try to accommodate you. **Please pre-register** with Roger Guetzkow at 248-622-1606 or email rjguetzkow@comcast.net by Tuesday, March 10.

EASTER PLANT DONATIONS | Order by March 22

We will once again be decorating our worship areas with beautiful, colorful plants for our Easter celebrations. You have the opportunity to purchase flowers (azaleas, hydrangeas, mums, and/or tulips) that will adorn our Easter services. The plant(s) 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. Please visit <https://www.stjohnrochester.org/event/easterflowers/> or scan the QR code to order your flowers. Orders are due by March 22.



DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY CALL PROCESS

The call committee is accepting names of potential candidates. You can help the call process by prayerfully submitting names of candidates to church@stjohnrochester.com. Qualified candidates include those rostered in the LCMS as callable with a DCE (Director of Christian Education) or Family Life degree, and background and experience serving in a church and school context.



VESTRY, ELDERS, AND FOUNDATION NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED

"The greatest among you is the one who serves." Matthew 23:11 These humble words of 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 (in the pastoral office or main office) and submit it to the pastoral office no later than Monday, April 8. What an incredible opportunity to use the talents that the Lord has blessed us with, to make a difference in furthering His work!

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES



GIRLS BASKETBALL – 2nd at State Tournament

Our girls 8th grade A basketball team played their season mightily and to God's glory. As one of only 8 teams at the state tournament, their season ended with a 2nd place win! Thanks to the coaches for their dedication and to the parents and fans for cheering and supporting the prayers! Way to go Eagles!

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Preschool - 8th Grade

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The banner features a blue and yellow background with circular patterns. It includes photos of children and a logo for St. John Lutheran Church & School. The text "NOW ENROLLING" is in large, bold, white letters. The years "2026 - 2027" are also in large, bold, white letters. The website "school.stjohnrochester.org" is listed below the years. The logo in the bottom right corner includes a cross and the text "ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL" and "ONE IN JESUS... REACHING MANY".

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.

PRESCHOOL 3s FAMILY NIGHTS

Our nearly 70 preschool 3s students and their families enjoyed Family Nights last week. As Jesus guides our path, along with our beautiful preschool road hallway, we had a car themed evening! The children and their families decorated a box car, enjoyed games and treats, and heard a devotion from Mrs. Neumeyer. The evening concluded with a car parade. Our Preschool 3s is a great start for a child's educational journey! Learn more at school.stjohnrochester.org/school



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.



Easter Eggstravaganza is designed for children age 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 for participants and volunteers.** Scan the QR code or visit: <https://www.stjohnrochester.org/event/2025-easter-eggstravaganza/>.

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

PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION IS FULL | Join the waitlist

This year's theme is Rainforest Falls. Children will explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, who is a safe place in life's storms. This event is geared toward children age 4 through those entering 6th grade. Scan the QR Code or visit <https://www.stjohnrochester.org/event/2026vbs/>

There are many VOLUNTEER opportunities. Sign up today!





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

Meets most Sundays at 12:30 PM in the Youth Room. Check your weekly emails for meeting locations and details. For more information, please contact Melissa Hammett at mhammett@stjohnrochester.org.

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



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

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

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.

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 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 – January 31, 2026

St. John Fiscal Year is July 1 – June 30

	<u>Budgeted YTD</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>
Income	\$3,403,076	\$3,679,862
Expenses	\$3,531,850	\$3,575,854

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: Lorraine Sattelmeier – mild stroke / Virginia Harriman – cancer (mother of Stacie Majerowicz) / RuthAnn Sadler – ongoing treatments after auto accident / Judy L’Esperance / Lucy Moerer / Adam Jankovich (grandson of Marie Schwartz / Ella Balent – 5/y hospitalized (daughter of Billy and Bailee) / Maya Guevare – Guillain-Barre Syndrome (granddaughter of Faye Jewell) / Leanne Rios - stranded in Jerusalem (daughter-in-law of Walt and Donna Brown) / Nicola McDonald – upcoming surgery / Brooke

Bereavement (for the families of): Beverly Sass (mother of Linda Mehlenbacher) / Barbara Dodson (mother of Keli) / Margaret Deierlein

Strength & Guidance: Call Team for our Child & Family Ministry Director

Gospel Impact: Easter Eggstravaganza Outreach / Special Friends Mission Partner

Thanksgiving: Baptisms of Harvey Fred Elias, son of Fred and Hannah Elias, Elliot Tyler Thiessen, son of Matthew and Kylie Thiessen, and Parker Kate Kaminski, daughter of Michael and Leanne Kaminski

Community Nation World: Turmoil in the Middle East / Those serving and families directly affected by the conflict



COMPASSIONATE SERVICE

VBS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY | June 22-26

To support the 450 children expected at VBS, we are looking for many volunteers to help share the love of Jesus with our kids!

Volunteers: 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Cleaning Crew: 12:30 - 1:30 PM



If you can spend the week or even one day helping, please scan the QR Code to register or visit <https://www.stjohnrochester.org/event/2026vbs/>. Information or questions? email vbs@stjohnrochester.org.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA VOLUNTEERS

March 21 | 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Come join the fun and help make Easter unforgettable for over 300 children as a station leader or assistant. Scan the QR or visit <https://www.stjohnrochester.org/event/2025-easter-eggstravaganza/>



COLLEGE CARE PACKAGE DONATIONS

This is a unique opportunity to uplift the hearts & spirits of our college students! The care packages we send aren't just boxes of snacks; they're tangible expressions 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!



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

Thank you for the response thus far! **We are still looking for several 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. **A few more Ham donations are needed for this meal.**



For more information, please contact our Mission Liaison Coordinator, Jennie Eller, at jeller@stjohnrochester.org.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: MARCH 9 - 15

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

MON	9:00 AM	Quilters Guild (Room 128)	9
	7:00 PM	The ONE Class (Luther Hall)	
TUE	8:45 AM	Women of Prayer (Church Library)	10
	1:00 PM	ESL (Mary Martha)	
	6:30 PM	AHG Meeting (Concordia)	
WED	6:00 AM	Dad's Bible Study (Luther Hall)	11
	8:40 AM	Mom's Morning Prayer Group (Nursery)	
	8:45 AM	Chapel (Sanctuary)	
	2:00 PM	The Way of Wisdom - Ladies Bible Study (Concordia)	
	4:15 PM	MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE (Sanctuary & livestream)	
	5:00 PM	Bell Choir Practice (Choir Loft)	
	5:30 PM	Adult Bible Study (Concordia)	
	7:00 PM	The Chosen - Women of Faith & Friendship LIFEgroup (Church Library)	
7:00 PM	RMB at Rochester Mills Brewery (Offsite)		
7:00 PM	MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE - (Sanctuary)		
THR	8:30 AM	MomCo (Concordia)	12
	1:00 PM	Esther Circle (Luther Hall)	
	1:00 PM	International Bible Study (Mary Martha)	
	7:00 PM	Choir Practice (Choir Loft)	
FRI	9:30 AM	ESL (Mary Martha)	13
	12:00 PM	OWLS Luncheon (Concordia Hall)	
	4:00 PM	High School Ladies' & Men's Overnight Retreats begin	
7:00 PM	Drummelsmith 242 Group (Luther Hall)		
SAT	8:00 AM	High School Ladies' & Men's Overnight Retreats conclude	14
	8:00 AM	Bibles and Basketball (Gymnasium)	
	10:00 AM	Griefshare (Church Library)	
SUN	9:30 AM	Sunday School (School Wing)	15
	9:30 AM	1st Communion Class (Luther Hall)	
	9:30 AM	Pastor's Bible Study (Concordia Hall)	
	12:00 PM	FOG Bagged Lunch Prep (Church Kitchen)	
	12:30 PM	Middle School Youth (Youth Room/Gym)	

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Worship Schedule

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Midweek Lenten Praise: Wednesdays at 4:15 PM (also online) and 7:00 PM

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