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one in Jesus... reaching many

Week of July 12, 2026

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

AT THE TABLE: Feasting with Jesus in His Word

Summer often becomes a season of gathering around tables - backyard cookouts, family vacations, celebrations, and shared meals. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus continually meets people at tables. Around food and fellowship, He forgives sinners, restores the broken, teaches disciples, welcomes outsiders, and reveals the kingdom of God. In these remaining weeks of summer we will journey through various table encounters with Jesus and discover that He still invites us to come hungry and leave filled by His grace.



If you missed any of the UNHURRIED Series messages, you can find them on our Online Resources webpage. <https://www.stjohnrochester.org/worship/church-online/>

HOLY BAPTISM

This weekend we give thanks for the baptisms of:

Calvin Kuntz, Adult

Sophia Noelle Bendel, daughter of Kyle and Loren Bendel



SUMMER INSTRUCTION & MEETINGS

Please note that many of our Bible Studies and small groups pause their meetings during the summer months. Be sure to check our **Week At A Glance**, on the back page and contact the group leader for timing and location changes!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The main office is open Monday - Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. 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.

TRADITIONAL PRAISE WORSHIP OUTLINE

Pentecost 8

Many service elements are taken from the Pew Hymnal.

PRELUDE

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

LSB #819

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Invocation/Confession

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Hymn of Praise

LSB #940 | stz. 1, 2, 5

Prayer of the Day

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

Alleluia

LSB #952

Gospel Reading: Luke 5:27-32

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Screen

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Just as I Am, without One Plea*

LSB #570

MESSAGE

Pastor Marc Schwichtenberg

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH/LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer*

LSB #918

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

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 group will continue to meet through the summer! Join 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. This group meets on Wednesday mornings (even if you have to leave early) and picks a book of the Bible to read through and discuss. Coffee and bagels/donuts are provided, so that no one misses out on breakfast before work! For more information, contact Pastor Tyler at pastortyler@stjohnrochester.org.

SHARED LIFE

UPDATE: DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND FAMILY

The search for a DCE/DFM has recently expanded to pastoral candidates! You can help the call process by prayerfully submitting names of potential pastoral candidates to the main office. Qualified candidates include those rostered in the LCMS as callable with experience and leadership gifts in the areas of confirmation, high school youth and family ministry. **Candidate names can be emailed to the Pastoral Office at church@stjohnrochester.org or dropped off to the main office until July 20.** Please continue praying for the Call Committee as the Lord leads us forward through this important process.



CHRISTIAN SINGLES MINISTRY

These days it can be difficult for single people to meet one another, especially someone who shares your faith. Trinity Utica is looking to start a ministry for LCMS (and other denominations) singles in the Metro-Detroit area. The goal is to create a safe place for people to meet and mingle within a Christian community. This is directed toward anyone who is single or knows of someone who is single. If you are interested, please **scan the QR code and fill out the survey.**



WORSHIP NIGHT WITH THE STILL | August 4 at 7:00 PM

The Still is hosting a night of live worship on Tuesday, August 4 at The Roxy in downtown Rochester. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to this all-ages live worship experience! Doors open at 6:00 PM and music starts at 7:00 PM. General admission tickets may be purchased for \$10.00 by scanning the QR code, or by visiting:

<https://www.thestillworship.com/events/worship-night-with-the-still>

The Still Worship Collective was founded by Trevor Noonan, St. John's Modern Praise Worship Director, and Shaun Tomczak, a Nashville-based Christian songwriter and musician. The two have been lifelong friends, spending years writing together and pursuing ways to honor God through worship music. They both have a heart for uplifting and sharing the work of Christian songwriters, while encouraging them to stay committed to local congregations.

The Still Worship Collective is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with a mission to elevate the songs God is still inspiring in the local church. They do this by receiving song submissions from worship leaders, songwriters and other creative individuals, and producing those songs that are theologically sound and meant specifically for congregational worship in church settings. For more information, you can visit <https://www.thestillworship.com/>.



FAMILY PRAISE & PICNIC IN THE PARK

Sunday, August 23 at 11:00 AM

Join us for this year's Family Praise and Picnic in the Park on Sunday, August 23! Worship service begins 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.

Vintage Vehicle Display: Display your treasured car, truck, tractor, or cycle in the park using the Griggs Street entrance. Registration begins at 9:30 AM. Please contact Eric Brown to register your vehicle at EricBrown1939@gmail.com.

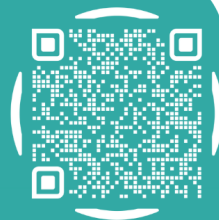
Here are just some of the details of the day:

- Family Friendly Worship Celebration
- Free Picnic Lunch and Ice Cream
- Vintage Vehicle Display
- Fun Games & Activities for All Ages

FAMILY PRAISE & PICNIC IN THE PARK VOLUNTEERS | AUGUST 23

Our Family Praise 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 www.stjohnrochester.org/event/fppip



LUTHERAN LAYMENS LEAGUE MEN'S RETREAT | September 5-9

The men of St. John are invited to attend this year's Lutheran Laymen's League Men's Retreat scheduled for September 10-13 at beautiful Camp Arcadia on Lake Michigan. This year's guest presenter is Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler, current Lutheran Hour Speaker. The cost is \$310, and registration can be completed online at <https://camp-arcadia.com/attend-arcadia/register/>. If you have questions, please contact Roger Guetzkow (248-622-1606) or Paul Kienman (248-890-4405).



ST. JOHN POSITIONS AVAILABLE

St. John Lutheran Church & School is now accepting applications for the positions listed below. Candidates should have a love for Jesus, a love for children, and must be able to pass a background check. Additional criteria is shared below as applicable.

KINDERGARTEN AIDE: 5 Days/week

This position provides support to one of our Kindergarten teachers. This position is for Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM, school days only. Interested candidates should submit a letter of application and resume by **Friday, July 31** to Principal, Elizabeth Leinberger at eleinberger@stjohnrochester.org.

PRESCHOOL AIDE: 2 Days/week

This position provides support to the preschool teachers and preschool students of St. John Lutheran School. This part-time position is for 2 days a week (days to be determined), from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM, school days only. Interested candidates should submit a letter of application and resume by **Friday, July 31** to Preschool Director, Karen Neumeyer at kneumeyer@stjohnrochester.org.

MORNING & AFTERNOON CARE ROOM AIDE: 5 Days/week

This position provides before and/or after-school supervision to students of St. John Lutheran School. This part-time position is Monday through Friday, from either 6:45 AM – 8:30 AM or 3:15 PM till 5:15 PM, school days only. In addition to a background check, this position requires a recent physical and mandatory online coursework (paid). Interested candidates should submit a letter of application and resume by **Friday, July 31** to Childcare Licensing Director, Missy Kauppila at mkauppila@stjohnrochester.org.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS: As needed

Applications are being accepted for qualified substitute teachers for the 2026-2027 school year for St. John Lutheran School. Interested candidates should submit a letter of application and resume by **Friday, August 21** to Principal, Elizabeth Leinberger at leinberger@stjohnrochester.org.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES



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Preschool - 8th Grade

2026 - 2027
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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.



END OF FISCAL YEAR 2026 OFFERING

Thanks to YOU, our faithful and generous St. John family, we were able to meet our financial goal for the 2026 fiscal year!

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: Chris Sprow - hospice / Nicole / Ray (grandfather of Jordan Barber) / Jessica (cousin of Scott Spresney) - treatment for retinopathy / Gail - broken hip / Eve (6y) - heart surgery / Joel King - cellulitis from hip surgery / Jerry & Mary Bantin - failing health (Jerry in hospice)

Bereavement: For the families of: David Miller (father of Allison Kaulfuss)

Strength & Guidance: Call Team seeking a Director of Youth & Family Ministry or Pastor

Thanksgiving: Baptisms of Calvin Luke Kuntz / Sophia Noelle Bendel - daughter of Kyle and Loren Bendel

COMPASSIONATE SERVICE

MOMCO VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Beginning September 10

St. John MomCo (formerly MOPS) is seeking loving, responsible individuals to care for the MomCo children during meetings every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month (September-May).

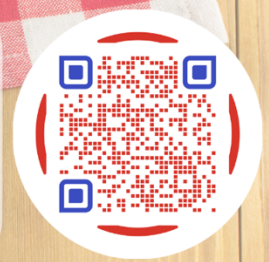


There are currently 3 different childcare rooms: Infants (under 12 months), Nursery (Age 1 - 3), and Preschool (Age 3-5). **Volunteers do not have to be available for every meeting and can even sign up to be a substitute when additional help is needed.** Volunteers are essential to the group, by providing childcare so moms with young children can enjoy fellowship and community with other moms. **If you would like to volunteer or need more information, please email stjohnmomco@gmail.com.**

FAMILY OF GOD | August 2

Your love, faithfulness, and generosity are what allow us to continue to support our Mission Partner, Family of God. Please consider signing up for one of our monthly serve events to help continue blessing our friends in Detroit. This is a great opportunity for Bible Study groups, LIFEgroups, Book Clubs, and Families to serve together! Individuals are always welcome to join too!!

The August sign-up for donations and serving is available at www.stjohnrochester.org/FOG2026



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

WEEK AT A GLANCE: JULY 13 - 19

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

Monday, July 13

9:00 AM - Quilters Guild (Room 128)

7:00 PM - Vestry (Luther Hall)

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Tuesday, July 14

10:00 AM - (Mary Martha) ESL

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Wednesday, July 15

6:00 AM - (Luther Hall) Dad's Bible Study

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Thursday, July 16

10:00 AM - (Church Library) The Lutheran Witness - Men's Bible Study

12:00 PM - (Mary Martha) International Bible Study

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Friday, July 17

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Saturday, July 18

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Sunday, July 19

9:30 AM - (Concordia Hall) Pastor's Bible Study

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SUMMER



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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