

the connection

one in Jesus... reaching many

Week of July 19, 2026

WORSHIP CELEBRATION



AT THE TABLE: Feasting with Jesus in His Word | Week 2 - Filled: Bread for the Hungry

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 previous 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:

10:45 AM - Jace Richard Cronkright, son of Pastor Tyler and Brandi Cronkright

11:00 AM - Elaine Alison Messer, daughter of Andrew and Lauren Messer



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 9

Many service elements are taken from the Pew Hymnal.

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN: *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

LSB #821

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Invocation/Confession

Screen

Hymn of Praise

LSB #940 | stz. 1, 2, 5

Prayer of the Day

First Reading: Exodus 16:9-18

Second Reading: Revelation 7:13-17

Alleluia

LSB #952

Gospel Reading: John 6:1-15, 25-35

THE NICENE CREED

Screen

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

LSB #686

MESSAGE

Pastor Steve Grafe

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH/LORD'S PRAYER

ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

Screen

HYMN: o Living Bread from Heaven

LSB #942

CANTICLE: Sent Forth By God's Blessing

LSB #643

PRAYER/BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: *Christ, the Eternal Lord*

LSB #829 | stz. 1, 2, 5

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.**

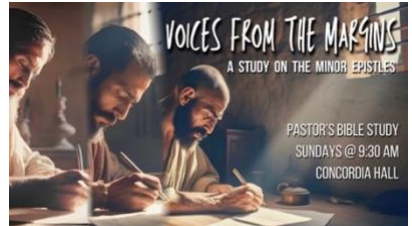
BIBLICAL DISCOVERY

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

Pastor's Bible Study | Sundays at 9:30 AM | **MULTIPURPOSE ROOM July 19 & 26**

Due to the lower level flooring replacement project, for the next two Sundays, the Sunday Bible Study hour will be located in the Multipurpose Room instead of Concordia Hall. The Multipurpose Room is located on the first floor of the south preschool wing. There will be coffee available.

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.



PODCAST | The Still Worship Collective

Pastor Tyler and Trevor Noonan have a new episode of the podcast out this week! Songwriter and musician Shaun Tomczak joins the show today to talk about The Still Worship Collective, which exists to elevate the songs God is still speaking to worship leaders, songwriters, and creatives in the local church. Why do we sing what we sing? Do the lyrics actually matter? How did a small idea become a full movement within local churches? Enjoy the show and make sure you check out The Still

Worship Collective wherever you listen to music! **You can listen to the episode by following this link, scanning the QR code, or searching "Suffering Servants" in your favorite podcast app!** https://www.stjohnrochester.org/still_worship_podcast

See WORSHIP NIGHT WITH THE STILL on the next page!



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.

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

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 eleinberer@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 eleinberger@stjohnrochester.org.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

A promotional banner for St. John Lutheran School enrollment. The background is a vibrant yellow and blue geometric design. On the left, two young girls are sitting at a desk, smiling. On the right, three children are standing together, also smiling. The text "St. John Lutheran School" is at the top in white. Below it, "NOW ENROLLING" is written in large, bold, white letters. Underneath that, "Preschool - 8th Grade" is written in a slightly smaller white font. In the bottom right corner, "2026 - 2027" is displayed in large white numbers, with the website "school.stjohnrochester.org" below it. The St. John Lutheran Church & School logo is in the bottom right corner, featuring a cross and the text "ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL ONE IN JESUS... REACHING MANY".

St. John Lutheran School
NOW ENROLLING
Preschool - 8th Grade
2026 - 2027
school.stjohnrochester.org
ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
ONE IN JESUS... REACHING MANY

SCHOOL IS APPROACHING!

Want to have experienced, educated, Christ-centered mentors as a part of your children's lives? Enrollment is ongoing this summer based on available space, with application currently being accepted for 1st - 8th grade and Young 5's. Visit school.stjohnrochester.org/admissions to start the process!

SAVE THE DATE!

August 18: K-8 Welcome Day

August 24: 1st Day of School K-8

August 31/September 1: 1st Day of School Preschool & Young 5's

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

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: Linda Morrow – recovering from dislocated hip / Eve (6y) – thanksgiving for successful heart surgery / Marie – heart surgery / Lindsey Papke – recovering from leg surgery / Chris Van Dan Elzen – motorcycle accident

Bereavement (for the families of): Crystal Mischley (strength for Matthew her husband) / David Miller (father of Allison Kaulfuss) / Michael Edwards (father of Paul Edwards) / Chris Sprow (husband of Lauren & father of Liam & Brenna)

Strength & Guidance: Wendy in need of employment / Pastor Marc as he attends the LCMS Convention / Call Team seeking a Youth & Family ministry director or Pastor

Gospel Impact: For students & chaperones attending Group Mission Work Camp this week

Thanksgiving: Baptisms of Jace Richard Cronkright, son of Pastor Tyler & Brandi Cronkright and Elaine Alison Messer, daughter of Andrew & Lauren Messer / Steve & Amy Gauss 28th wedding anniversary

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).



CAREGIVERS NEEDED

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 20 - 26

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

Monday, July 20

9:00 AM - The Five Books of Moses - Men's Bible Study (Church Library)

6:00 PM - Foundation Meeting (Church Library)

20

Tuesday, July 21

10:00 AM - ESL (Mary Martha)

21

Wednesday, July 22

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

22

Thursday, July 23

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

23

Friday, July 24

24

Saturday, July 25

25

Sunday, July 26

9:30 AM - Pastor's Bible Study (*Multipurpose Room - south preschool wing*)

26



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)

1011 W. University Dr. | Rochester, MI 48307 | 248.402.8000 | stjohnrochester.org