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Week of June 21, 2026

WORSHIP CELEBRATION



UNHURRIED: The Pace of Grace

Week 3: *Simplicity & Slowing Down*

In a world driven by noise, pressure, busyness, and constant distraction, Jesus offers something radically different: rest for weary souls. This summer, join us for UNHURRIED: The Pace of Grace, a sermon series inspired by themes from *The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry* by John Mark Comer and rooted deeply in God's Word. Together we'll explore how the grace of Jesus reshapes not only our hearts, but also the pace of our lives. Through Scripture, we'll discover Christ's invitation to slow down, abide in Him, practice Sabbath rest, and live with greater peace, purpose, and presence. This isn't about escaping life or earning God's favor through spiritual performance—it's about receiving the rest and renewal already given to us through Jesus. Come learn what it means to live at the unhurried pace of grace.



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

HOLY BAPTISM
Matthew Barr(adult) was baptized this week.



TRADITIONAL PRAISE WORSHIP OUTLINE

Pentecost 5

Many service elements are taken from the Pew Hymnal.

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN: *Father, We Praise Thee*

LSB #875

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Invocation/Confession

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Gloria

Prayer of the Day

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 2:18-26

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-10

Alleluia

LSB #952

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:13-21

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HYMN OF THE DAY: *When Peace, Like a River*

LSB #763

MESSAGE

Pastor Tyler Cronkright

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH/LORD'S PRAYER

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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DIST. HYMN: *Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread*

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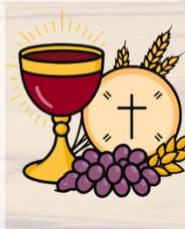
BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: *This Is My Father's World*

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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.**

4TH OF JULY INDEPENDENCE DAY



During our nation's **250th** birthday weekend St. John will only be hosting services on **Sunday, July 5**.

Sunday, July 5 *Both Services include the Lord's Supper*

9:00 AM - TRADITIONAL PRAISE (SANCTUARY)
Join us for cake afterward in Luther Hall!

10:30 AM - MODERN PRAISE (GYMNASIUM)
Join us for cake afterward in the Atrium!



BIBLICAL DISCOVERY

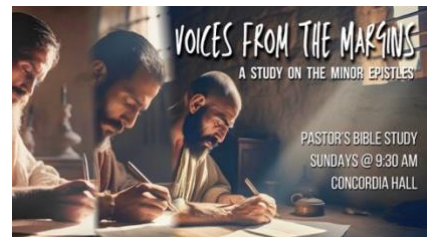
SUMMER INSTRUCTION & MEETINGS

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**, and contact the group leader for timing and location changes!

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.



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.

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATE: WHAT ABOUT A PASTOR?

Our call team has made great progress over the last few months working through numerous candidate bios and ongoing attempts at interviewing potential DCE and DFM candidates. At the same time, this process has not been an easy one, as the clear message across the synod is Director of Youth and Family candidates are difficult to come by and not as numerous as they once were. While we may eventually still land on extending a call to a DCE, at Pastor Marc's request this past week, the Vestry approved expanding the search to include potential pastoral candidates as a further option toward filling this very important role on our Ministry Leadership Team. Over the next 30 days, pastoral candidate recommendations (rostered LCMS) will be received from the congregation. Qualified candidates will have experience and leadership gifts in the areas of confirmation, high school youth and family ministry, and may be submitted by email to church@stjohnrochester.org. Please keep praying for the Lord's leading!

ESL (English as a Second Language) UPDATED SUMMER HOURS

Please note that our some of our ESL groups have adjusted their meeting hours for the summer. Beginning this week, the Tuesday ESL group, led by Audrey Kiehl, (audrey.kiehl@hotmail.com) will meet from 10:00 AM to Noon. The Thursday ESL group, led by Peter Harris (harris1964@wowway.com) will meet from Noon to 2:00 PM. Both groups meet in Mary Martha. If you have any questions, please reach out to the group leaders.



Recent surge in scam activity involving staff & member names



1. Be Skeptical of Urgent or Emotional Demands.

Scammers like to create a false sense of urgency and panic.

2. Verify Channels Independently.

Hang up or close the message and look up official contact information.

3. Protect Your Information and Payment Methods

Never send money via gift cards, wire transfers, cryptocurrency, or peer-to-peer payment apps (like Zelle or Venmo) to someone you don't know personally. Once that money is gone, it is nearly impossible to recover.

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.**



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

SCHOOL NEWS

School is out for the summer! Student applications are still being accepted for the 2026-2027 school year, and family tours are available throughout the summer. Learn more at school.stjohnrochester.org/admissions

St. John Lutheran School
NOW ENROLLING
Preschool - 8th Grade

2026
2027

school.stjohnrochester.org

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
ONE IN JESUS... REACHING MANY

Back in May, the Middle School Youth Group wrapped up their year with a FOAM PARTY!





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 NEEDS

As it was shared at the Congregational Meeting on May 17, the projected Offering Income increase of 14% is based on the current projected shortfall for June 30. If we as a faith family meet the current fiscal year Offering Income as budgeted, and avoid the projected shortfall, the next fiscal year increase would be 9%. The numbers below outline our Offering Income received through June 3, 2026 and the weekly Offering Income needed between now and June 30 to meet the current fiscal year budgeted Offering Income.



Offering Income as of June 10, 2026	\$3,189,550
Total Offering Income budgeted for FY 2026	\$3,384,076
Average weekly Offering Income year-to-date	\$63,791
Weekly Offering Income needed to meet budget	\$97,263



Christmas in July

THE HEART OF GIVING



CHRISTMAS IN JULY | The Heart of Giving | July 14 | Petruzzello's Banquet and Conference Center
Christmas in July is the largest fundraiser of the year for our Mission Partner Gifts For All God's Children, blessing thousands of children in need. Please join GFAGC in 2026 for a wonderful night out including a delicious dinner and an exciting silent auction, all while making a difference!

VIP Admission: 5:30 PM | General Admission: 6:30 PM
Scan the QR code for all the details.

RELATIONAL WITNESS

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM

Another great way to stay connected to your St. John family and ongoing news and events is follow us on Facebook and Instagram! Find us on Facebook at [@StJohnLutheranChurch&School](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnLutheranChurch&School) and on Instagram at [@StJohnRochester](https://www.instagram.com/StJohnRochester).



FIND US ON YOUTUBE

WATCH & SHARE PREVIOUS SERMONS

While nothing replaces the experience of gathering in the same space with others in worship, prayer, and praise, we sincerely hope our online worship resources help you connect wherever you are with the loving promises of your Savior Jesus. Previous sermons can be found on our YouTube Channel at <http://www.youtube.com/@stjohnrochester810> or scan the QR Code. Make sure to Like and Subscribe!

ONGOING SERVICE

If you are interested in upcoming and ongoing service opportunities, please contact our Mission Liaison Coordinator Jennie Eller at jeller@stjohnrochester.org, or sign up for People Helping People emails to receive regular updates by scanning the QR code.



STAY CONNECTED!

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: Jerry Bantin - hospice

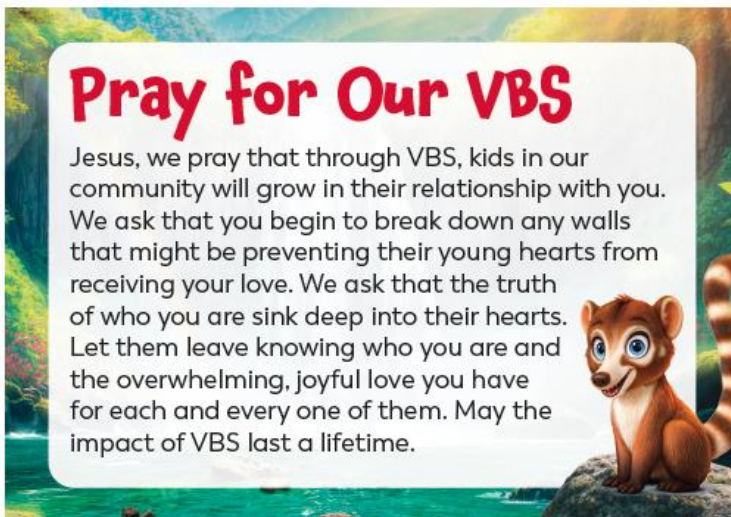
Bereavement (*for the families of*): Walt Brown / Delores Griffith (sister of Wes) / Fran Balzer (mother of Pat Hofmeister) / Alex (brother of Cathy Ruff) / Gladys Perttunen (sister of Kathy Briscoe) / Robert VonBargen (uncle of Erin Morgante)

Strength & Guidance: Call Team for our Youth & Family ministry director

Gospel Impact: VBS Week: Hearts of children attending - energy of volunteers - protection & safety - glory to Jesus / Crossroads Care Center drive

Thanksgiving: Baptism of Matthew Barr / All Fathers

Community/Nation/World: Synod President elections



WEEK AT A GLANCE: JUNE 22-28

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

VBS WEEK

Monday, June 22

8:45 AM - VBS Day 1

9:00 AM - Quilters Guild (Room 128)

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Tuesday, June 23

8:45 AM - VBS Day 2

10:00 AM - ESL (Mary Martha)

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Wednesday, June 24

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

8:45 AM - VBS Day 3

1:00 PM - OWLS Planning Meeting (Church Library)

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Thursday, June 25

8:45 AM - VBS Day 4

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

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Friday, June 26

8:45 AM - VBS Day 5

9:30 AM - ESL (Mary Martha)

7:00 PM - Drummelsmith 242 Group (Luther Hall)

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Saturday, June 27

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Sunday, June 28

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

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COMPASSIONATE SERVICE

PRAISE THE LORD, EVERYTHING HE HAS
CREATED, EVERYTHING IN ALL HIS KINGDOM.

PSALM 103:22

VBS DONATIONS | June 22-26



If you want to help with VBS but can't volunteer, please consider donating items for snacks and crafts! Non-perishable items can be dropped off to the main office any time (please clearly label VBS). Scan the QR code or visit www.stjohnrochester.org/VBSdonate to see the list of items needed!



VOLUNTEER TUTORS NEEDED



St. Paul and Gifts for All God's Children share a vision - Connecting Kids to Christ (CKC) and assisting them with reading, English, and math skills. Tutoring is a one-on-one program (never more than one volunteer per two students) that follows the easy-to-use IXL platform, which is an all-inclusive, interactive, online curriculum for pre-K to 8th grade used in 95 of the top 100 U.S. school districts. Tutoring sessions will also include prayer, engaging Bible lessons, and other learning activities. If you have two to four hours a week to volunteer please contact Pastor Jerry Corbett at 586-662-7094.

- Pontiac Public School calendar Sept 21 through May
- Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- St. Paul Community Lutheran Church
- 1133 Joslyn Avenue, Pontiac, MI. 48340





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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