

# ST JOHN L I F E Together

TWENTIETH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
OCTOBER 21–22, 2017

## ADORING The Prayer of the Church

*Persecuted Christians in:*

**Afghanistan**  
**North Korea**  
**Pakistan**  
**Somalia**

*Partner Church:*

**Independent Evangelical–Lutheran Church (Germany)**

*Comfort, health, recovery:*

**Dale** (friend of Kathleen McDonald Tompkins)  
**Sue** (friend of Kathleen McDonald Tompkins)  
**Susan Anderson** (sister of Pat Braun)  
**Michael Beckett** (friend of the Musa family)  
**Tina Bempah** (friend of Martha and Dave Schlesselman)  
**Candice Garcia** (niece of Kathy and Rick Deist)  
**Nora (Pat) Gohlke**  
**Elizabeth Hunt** (friend of Debbie Feyerabend)  
**Julie Kirby** (friend of Peter Sovitzky)  
**Alice Koch**  
**Jim McBride** (brother-in-law of Rose D'Eccliss)  
**Amy Piunti** (niece of Jim Williams)  
**Carol Schmidt** (niece of Toni Breseman)  
**Elvira Schroeder**  
**Meredith Yonker** (sister-in-law of James Yonker)

*Peace and comfort for the family and friends of:*

**Edward Hanzelin**  
**Randal Simon**

*Safe travel:*

**Stuart Zeigler**

*Those who need our ongoing prayers:*

**Sally Blank** (friend of Mary Prickette)  
**John Byrd**  
**Eldon Geyer** (cousin of Joan Kaliher)  
**Jeremy Kadletz** (relative of Joan Kaliher)  
**Gloria Peper**  
**Victor Peper**  
**Olga Perc** (aunt of Mike Bytner)  
**Joy Peterson** (mother of Kim Peterson)  
**Mark Rikje** (cousin of Ted Kahn)  
**John Rossi**  
**Debra Verdico** (friend of Karen Crawford)  
**Rev. Paul Zeigler**

Please submit your prayer requests to the website or call the church office at 630-668-0701 x400.

# MATURING

## SUNDAYS

### Adult Bible Study

#### *Love Living Graciously: How St. John Leads Us through Life Sacramentally*

- **Place:** The Study
- **Time:** 10:00 a.m.
- **Commitment:** 45 minutes
- **Contact:** Pastor Bruzek [bruzek@stjohnwheaton.org](mailto:bruzek@stjohnwheaton.org)

After centuries of privilege, our story seems to be falling out of favor. All around we sense the challenges—political, (a)moral, atheist, philosophical, materialist, religious—and suddenly things feel much like they did at the start of Christianity, when disciples of Jesus were considered alien and even outlaws. Now what? Has the world really moved beyond the story of the Crucified? And if not, how do we continue to tell the only story this world's got, the only story that *really* matters? The Gospel of St. John remains a compelling narration of Christ's Way through this world and then Home again in joy.

### High School Youth Catechumenate: *What's next?*

- **Place:** Lower Level High School Room
- **Time:** 10:00 a.m.
- **Commitment:** 45 minutes
- **Contact:** Pastor Buchs [dbuchs@stjohnwheaton.org](mailto:dbuchs@stjohnwheaton.org)

Forty-five minutes a week! We have so much to do. Come along as we work together to build on all the things you've learned so far. This class is driven by your interests and participation as you learn to follow Jesus with maturity—as we work to answer the question: what's next?

### Trouble Hearing the Sermon?

Bring your own headphones and listen directly through your phone. **Just a few simple steps:**

- 1) Connect to the wi-fi network named **Listen**.
- 2) Download and open the **AudioFetch** App (search for "AudioFetch" in your app store).
- 3) Listen in during the service!

*Questions? Ask John Crowe or Pastor Buchs.*

## Confirmation

- **Place:** Lower Level Youth Room
- **Time:** 10:00 a.m.
- **Commitment:** 45 minutes
- **Contact:** Pastor Nelson [mnelson@stjohnwheaton.org](mailto:mnelson@stjohnwheaton.org)

Confirmation at St. John is a three year process beginning in 6th grade. The focus of this year's study is The Christian Life and our lessons will be divided into units on Prayer, Liturgy and Theology of the Body. Friends are encouraged to come.

## Sunday School

- **Place:** Lower Level Classrooms
- **Time:** 10:00 a.m.
- **Commitment:** 45 minutes
- **Contact:** Gretchen Scheel [gscheel@stjohnwheaton.org](mailto:gscheel@stjohnwheaton.org)

Children in preschool 3's through grade 5 are invited to come along for Sunday School each week. This is sure to be a fun year filled with God's word, sacred music, good friends, and lots of Bible adventures! Bring a friend and join us. Parents are asked to sign in and sign out children in preschool through grade 2. Older students will be dismissed at 10:50 a.m. Childcare is available for infants through age 3 in the ARK from 9:45 to 10:50 a.m. Please remember to sign in and sign out.

## WEDNESDAYS

### J.O.Y. Group (Jesus. Others. You.)

- **Place:** The Study
- **Time:** 9:00–10:30 a.m.
- **Commitment:** 90 minutes
- **Contact:** Vicar Joshua Ralston 630-668-0701 x412 [jralston@stjohnwheaton.org](mailto:jralston@stjohnwheaton.org)

All adults are welcome to join us as we take a look at the book of Psalms. This book contains the prayers used by God's people in the Old Testament, the New Testament, and even today! We will explore and discuss the historical background, the different writers, and the structure of the Psalms. This is a great opportunity to explore a part of the Bible which has connections to our shared liturgical life, as well as our own Christian piety.

## Pastor Chats

- **Place:** Gym
- **Time:** 4:00–5:20 p.m.
- **Commitment:** 80 minutes
- **Contact:** Gretchen Scheel [gscheel@stjohnwheaton.org](mailto:gscheel@stjohnwheaton.org) or Val Gaede 630-668-0701 x436 [gaede@stjohnwheaton.org](mailto:gaede@stjohnwheaton.org)

Children are invited to join our pastors as they help us learn more about the sanctuary. All are welcome to bring friends. We'll gather in the gym, and then enjoy snacks in The Study. We will rotate smaller age groupings through Taizé singing, lessons in the sanctuary with Pastor, and fun fellowship activity time.

## THURSDAYS

### Men's Bible Study

- **Place:** The Study
- **Time:** 6:30–7:15 a.m.
- **Commitment:** 45 minutes
- **Contact:** Vicar Joshua Ralston 630-668-0701 x412 [jralston@stjohnwheaton.org](mailto:jralston@stjohnwheaton.org)

Men are welcome to come join our Bible study as we continue to dig deep into the book of Acts. Come join us and stay also for the morning Eucharist service at 7:40 a.m.

## FRIDAYS

### Friday Morning Women's Bible Study *Love as Strong as Death: the Song of Songs*

- **Place:** Chapel and The Study
- **Time:** 9:00 a.m.–10:15 a.m.
- **Commitment:** 75 minutes (childcare provided)
- **Contact:** Pastor Buchs [dbuchs@stjohnwheaton.org](mailto:dbuchs@stjohnwheaton.org) or Pastor Nelson [mnelson@stjohnwheaton.org](mailto:mnelson@stjohnwheaton.org)

Bernard of Clairvaux wrote of Songs, *"It is everywhere love that speaks. If anyone hopes to grasp the sense of what he reads, let him love."* At the very same time, if you wish to grasp the sense of your love, read the Song of Songs. Expect to be surprised—love has been co-opted by the world and its meaning taken far afield. But here we find a redemption of desire and longing, a reclaiming of the vocabulary of love.

## SATURDAYS

### The Catechumenate: Welcome to St. John! Beginning November 4

- **Place:** The Study
- **Time:** 8:30–10:00 a.m.
- **Commitment:** 90 minutes, breakfast and childcare provided!
- **Contact:** Pastor Bruzek 630-668-0701 x421 or [bruzek@stjohnwheaton.org](mailto:bruzek@stjohnwheaton.org)

**NEW!** St. John is a wonderful, happy community of faithful folks, and we'd love to have you be a part of it. Surrounded by the beauty of this sanctuary and intent on living a thankful life of mercy and witness, we are devoted to Christ and rejoice in his Word and Sacraments. Come and see if this is the place for you. If you have any questions at all, or know somebody who might enjoy the class, please contact Pastor Bruzek.

## EMBODYING

### Grief and Loneliness Support Group Saturdays, October 14 through November 18

- **Place:** St. Paul Lutheran Church, 544 S. Ardmore Ave., Villa Park, Illinois
- **Time:** 3:00–4:00 p.m.
- **Commitment:** 1 hour per session
- **Contact:** Midwest Center for Hope & Healing 630-370-5546 or Donna Loza [dloza@mchhcounseling.com](mailto:dloza@mchhcounseling.com)

Coping with loss can be a painful process which can often lead to isolation and loneliness. This six-week group, led by St. John member Donna Loza (LPC, CADAC, MISA-I) will focus on:

- Identifying the stages of grief
- Acknowledging the anxiety or depression one may experience after a loss
- Exploring the impact loss has had on yourself and family
- Identifying ways to manage grief using various coping strategies and proper self-care

The group is open to adults 18 and over. Per session fee applies or attend all six and get group rate.

## **J.O.Y. Trip to Concordia University Fall Concert • Sunday, October 22**

- Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, IL
- Time: Bus departs at 4:30 p.m.
- Commitment: 6+ hours, \$10 plus individual dinner cost
- Contact: Tom Hecht 630-871-6491  
or [thecht@illinoisalumni.org](mailto:thecht@illinoisalumni.org)

Join the JOY Group as we enjoy the Fall Concert at Concordia University, Chicago featuring the Wind Symphony and the Kapelle Choir. Conductors are Dr. Richard Fischer and St. John member Dr. Charles Brown. After departing St. John, we will stop to eat at Russell's Barbeque, a favorite local restaurant near the campus. The concert begins at 7:00 p.m. and the bus should return no later than 10:00 p.m.

## **CareNet Annual Banquet *Rescue a Child, Save a Mom* • Thursday, October 26**

- Place: Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace, IL
- Time: Doors open at 5:45 p.m.  
Dinner served promptly at 6:15
- Commitment: About 3 hours
- Contact: Jill Quinte 630-462-0835 or [cjquinte@att.net](mailto:cjquinte@att.net)  
Register and donate at [carenetdupage.com](http://carenetdupage.com)

Join CareNet Pregnancy Services of DuPage for the 35th annual banquet. The evening promotes CareNet's vision to rescue and redeem families in our community and offers an opportunity to partner with them in saving lives. CareNet provides support to women in crisis pregnancies with free counseling and practical help, empowering them to choose life for their babies. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Jim Garlow, pastor, author and voice of the national radio feature *The Garlow Perspective* and the spokesperson for Alliance Defending Freedom. Due to space limitations this is an adults-only event.

## **Oktoberfest • Friday, October 27**

- Place: Gym
- Time: 6:30–10:30 p.m.  
Childcare provided 7:00–9:00 p.m. in the ARK
- Commitment: Up to 4 hours
- Contact: Lindsay Yonker 630-207-5410  
[layonker@gmail.com](mailto:layonker@gmail.com)

Join us for bratwurst, authentic German side dishes, live music and terrific fellowship. You provide the fellowship and the beer, or whatever you'd like to drink, and we'll do the rest! The annual Oktoberfest is a favorite among new visitors, long-time members and everyone in between. Even if you *nicht Deutsch sprechen*—it's always a great time!

## **Reformation Hymn Festival • Sunday, October 29**

- Place: Bethany Lutheran Church & School  
1550 Modaff Road, Naperville
- Time: 4:00 p.m.
- Commitment: 2+ hours
- Contact: Cantor Michael Giuliani 630-355-2198  
or [mgiuliani@bethany.lcs.org](mailto:mgiuliani@bethany.lcs.org)

Take part in a Reformation Hymn Festival at Bethany Lutheran. Divine Service Setting Five, arranged for the 500th Anniversary by CUC Composer Jonathan Kohrs, will be used as the liturgy for the festival. The event is free and open to all.

## **Reformation 500 Events at Concordia University Chicago**

**Saturday, October 28 • Monday, October 30**

- Place: CUC Campus, 7400 Augusta Street  
River Forest, IL
- Time and Commitment: Varies
- Contact: Deaconess Betsy Karkan 708-209-3502  
[betsy.karkan@cuchicago.edu](mailto:betsy.karkan@cuchicago.edu)

Concordia University Chicago presents a series of engaging events that explore the Reformation and its impact on theology, education, art, history, vocation, the Church, culture, society and the future of global Christianity.

- **Saturday, October 28: *Reformation 500 Celebration Day*.** A family event for district congregations culminating in a festival worship service featuring a regional children's choir.
- **Monday, October 30, 7:30 p.m.: *The Reformation at 500: An Interdenominational Conversation*.** Key leaders of major church bodies discuss points

of divergence and convergence among the three historic branches emerging from the Reformation controversies. **Registration for this event is full.** For details about live stream options, please visit [cuchicago.edu/reformation](http://cuchicago.edu/reformation) or [wheaton.edu/events](http://wheaton.edu/events).

### **Discover Croatia, Slovenia and the Adriatic Coast • June 9–20, 2018 • Webinar on October 30\***

- **Place:** Croatia, Slovenia, and Montenegro
- **Time:** June 9–20, 2018
- **Commitment:** 12 days
- **Contact:** Pastor Bruzek [bruzek@stjohnwheaton.org](mailto:bruzek@stjohnwheaton.org) along with Pastor Arthur Just and Pastor Peter Ledic

Come travel with us next summer to some places that you might not venture on your own—Croatia, Slovenia, and if you choose, Montenegro. Beyond being Pastor Ledic's homeland and a backdrop for Game of Thrones, Croatia has a long and wonderful history, some great churches, remarkable beaches, modern and medieval cities, and some startlingly beautiful landscape.

*Ask Pastor Bruzek for a brochure, or visit gateway.gocollette.com/link/837617*

\* On Monday, October 30 at 7:00 p.m., Collette Travel will host a webinar to answer any questions you might have. Please contact Pastor Bruzek for information on signing up for this.

### **Afternoon Circle • Wednesday, November 1**

- **Place:** Room 203
- **Time:** 12:00 p.m.
- **Commitment:** 2 hours
- **Contact:** Marilyn Hess 630-510-3055 or text 630-414-0845 [Marilynhess@Yahoo.com](mailto:Marilynhess@Yahoo.com)

Please join the ladies of the Afternoon Circle for the November meeting. Following lunch, Kirby Bruzek will speak on the topic of being a pastor's wife. Guests are welcome to join us for this opportunity to get acquainted with Mrs. Bruzek, her wonderful personality and many God-given gifts. RSVP to Marilyn Hess.

### **Good Shepherd Institute: Singing the Faith—Past, Present and Future November 5–7**

- **Place:** Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana
- **Time:** Sunday through Tuesday
- **Commitment:** 3 Days, \$130 registration fee
- **Contact:** 260-452-2224 [GSI@ctsfw.edu](mailto:GSI@ctsfw.edu) or Marilyn Graham 630-596-6343

The 18th Annual Good Shepherd Institute Conference will feature plenary presentations on the history of the Reformation and the musical heritage of the Church. A series of sectionals focusing on detailed topics about art, music and preaching will provide practical ideas for conference goers. The founders of the Good Shepherd Institute will reflect on what the future holds not only for the Church's song but also for her care of souls.

*Registration deadline is November 1.*

### **New Directory**

**Wednesday, November 8—Saturday, November 11**  
**Wednesday, November 29—Saturday, December 2**

- **Place:** Rooms 202-203
- **Time:** Weekdays 2:00–9:00 p.m., Saturdays 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
- **Commitment:** One hour
- **Contact:** Nicole and John Byars 312-479-8678 or [ndbyars@mac.com](mailto:ndbyars@mac.com)

This fall, we are producing a new church directory. Professional photographers from Lifetouch Church Directories and Portraits will be on site during the dates and times listed above. Each participating family receives a complimentary 8 x 10, a copy of the new book and the option to purchase high quality, professional portraits at discounted prices. Photos will be ready in time for Christmas. Schedule your photography session in The Commons on weekends or anytime on our website, [www.stjohnwheaton.org](http://www.stjohnwheaton.org). Sign up early for the best selection of dates. We need your help to make our family album complete!

## **ESSE 21st Annual Pancake Breakfast: In honor of our Veterans • Saturday, November 11**

- **Place:** St. Paul Lutheran Church,  
515 S. Wheaton Avenue
- **Time:** 7:30–11:30 a.m.
- **Commitment:** \$5.00 donation
- **Contact:** Toni Breseman 630-668-6811  
or Cathy Davit 630-260-3773

The ESSE pancake breakfast is fun for patrons of all ages. The event will feature raffle prizes and silent auction items. Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance from Toni or any of the ESSE centers. *Ecumenical Support Services for the Elderly* provides adult care options that promote the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of older adults and their families.

## **Women's Book Club • Tuesday, November 14**

- **Place:** The Commons
- **Time:** 7:00 p.m.
- **Commitment:** 1–2 hours, plus reading time
- **Contact:** Gretchen Scheel [gscheel@stjohnwheaton.org](mailto:gscheel@stjohnwheaton.org)

Join us the second Tuesday of each month for an evening of fellowship and book discussion. Our November selection *Family Tree* by Barbara Delinsky explores and challenges readers with the prickly questions of race, class, pedigree, family heritage and history.

### **Coming up:**

- There is no meeting in December.
- **January 9, 2018**—*The Glass Castle* a memoir by Jeannette Walls recounting the unconventional, poverty-stricken upbringing Walls and her siblings had at the hands of their deeply dysfunctional parents.

## **Share the Spirit • Sunday, December 3**

- **Place:** DuPage County Fairgrounds  
2015 Manchester Road, Wheaton
- **Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- **Commitment:** Purchase and deliver gift(s)  
or donate online
- **Contact:** People's Resource Center 630-682-5402 x325

**NEW!** For many of our neighbors in DuPage, the holidays are a time of additional stress and worry due to unexpected job loss, medical bills, or car repairs. People's Resource Center's *Share the Spirit* program invites participating parents to choose toys,

games and books for their children, and provides gift cards for these families to purchase necessities. Take new, unwrapped gifts to the collection event at the fairgrounds, or *donate toward gift card purchases online at [peoplesrc.org/holiday](http://peoplesrc.org/holiday).*

## **ME and MY Shadow • Every other Tuesday**

- **Place:** Hosted in homes or local parks
- **Time:** 9:30–11:00 a.m.
- **Commitment:** 90 minutes or as long as you can stay or play
- **Contact:** Anne Jackson 312-340-8898 or  
[ms.anne.jackson@gmail.com](mailto:ms.anne.jackson@gmail.com)

Me and My Shadow gives little ones a chance to play and interact socially while moms and dads do the same! Remaining dates for 2017 are October 31, November 14 and 28, and December 12. Contact Anne for the location or if you have questions.

## **Manna Fund Donations**

- **Place:** Offering Pouch
- **Time:** During Worship Services
- **Commitment:** A minute
- **Contact:** Pastor Bruzek [bruzek@stjohnwheaton.org](mailto:bruzek@stjohnwheaton.org);  
Pastor Nelson [mnelson@stjohnwheaton.org](mailto:mnelson@stjohnwheaton.org)  
or Pastor Buchs [dbuchs@stjohnwheaton.org](mailto:dbuchs@stjohnwheaton.org)

The Manna fund at St. John is designed for members to help fellow members and non-members where appropriate, who are struggling during difficult times. By sharing the gifts God has given us we can help our brothers and sisters in time of need. The Pastoral staff will oversee disbursements. Put donations in one of the beige "Manna" envelopes included in your box, or use an envelope from the pew. Make checks payable to St. John. For cash donations please include your name in order to receive tax credit.

## Christmas Sharing

- **Place:** Lower Level
- **Time:** Before/after weekend worship
- **Commitment:** a few minutes
- **Contact:** Carol Hoelter 630-682-5663

In October we begin collecting new toys and teen gifts for approximately 300 children we anticipate serving. Gifts for pre-teens and teens are especially appreciated. Please place your donations in the grocery carts at the bottom of The Commons stairwell. Donations of cash, check, or gift cards should be placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Christmas Sharing."

August .....New socks

September .....Laundry detergent, toilet paper  
and paper towels

October .....New toys and teen gifts

November .....Food and *gently* used clothes

## Food Pantry Donations

- **Place:** Lower Level
- **Time:** Before/after weekend worship
- **Commitment:** 5 minutes
- **Contact:** Ann Williams 630-665-3315  
or [annwms22@sbcglobal.net](mailto:annwms22@sbcglobal.net)

Please help provide for our hungry neighbors in need by filling one or more grocery bags with non-perishable food and household items. Place donations in the grocery carts at the bottom of the stairwell and we'll get them to our local food pantries. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

<b>Most needed food items:</b>	<b>Household items:</b>
bagged rice/beans	baby wipes
boxed pastas and noodles	bar soap
canned pasta and soups	cleaning supplies
canned fruits/vegetables	diapers
canned tuna/chicken	dish soap
cereal	laundry detergent
coffee/tea/juice	paper towels
flour/sugar	tissues
pasta sauce	tooth brushes/tooth paste
peanut butter and jelly	toilet paper

# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

## Sunday • October 22

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (The Study)
- 10:00 a.m. High School Catechumenate (Lower Level)
- 10:00 a.m. Confirmation (Lower Level)
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School (Lower Level)
- 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 4:30 p.m. JOY Outing to CUC

## Monday • October 23

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## Tuesday • October 24

- 7:40 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
- 6:15 p.m. Maintenance Volunteers
- 6:45 p.m. St. John Ringers (Mezzanine)

## Wednesday • October 25

- 7:40 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
- 9:00 a.m. J.O.Y. Group (The Study)
- 4:00 p.m. Pastor Chats (Gym)
- 7:00 p.m. Kantorei (Balcony)
- 8:00 p.m. Chamber Choir Rehearsal (Balcony)

## Thursday • October 26

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study (The Study)
- 7:40 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
- 9:00 a.m. Garden Club

## Friday • October 27

- 7:40 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
- 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Chapel and The Study)
- 6:30 p.m. Oktoberfest (Gym)

## Saturday • October 28

- 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

## Sunday • October 29

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*You can prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:*

*Revelation 14: 6-7*

*Romans 3:19-28*

*John 8:31-36*