

ST JOHN L I F E Together

NINETEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 14–15, 2017

ADORING The Prayer of the Church

Persecuted Christians in:

Colombia
North Korea
Oman
Turkey

Partner Church:

Evangelical Lutheran Church–Synod of France

Birthday:

Isabelle Loza

Comfort, health, recovery:

Dale (friend of Kathleen McDonald Tompkins)
Sue (friend of Kathleen McDonald Tompkins)
Susan Anderson (sister of Pat Braun)
Tina Bempah (friend of Martha and Dave Schlesselman)
Bruce Bluder (friend of James Yonker)
Candice Garcia (niece of Kathy and Rick Deist)
Elizabeth Hunt (friend of Debbie Feyerabend)
Julie Kirby (friend of Peter Sovitzky)
Gloria Peper
Victor Peper

Amy Piunti (niece of Jim Williams)
Mark Rikje (cousin of Ted Kahn)
John Rossi
Elvira Schroeder
Meredith Yonker (sister-in-law of James Yonker)
Rev. Paul Zeigler

Safety and Protection:

Cpl. Dillon, Air National Guard
(friend of Pat and Cliff Fullhart)

Those who need our ongoing prayers:

Barbara Barrett (friend of Cheryl and Bill Ondratschek)
Sally Blank (friend of Mary Prickette)
John Byrd
Ervin Dieckhoff (cousin of Jeanette Marti)
Eldon Geyer (cousin of Joan Kaliher)
Carol Jablonsky (friend of Debbie Feyerabend)
Jeremy Kadletz (relative of Joan Kaliher)
Rev. John Kleinig
Jim Lecky (brother-in-law of Donna Festner Lecky)
Olga Perc (aunt of Mike Bytner)
Joy Peterson (mother of Kim Peterson)
Debra Verdico (friend of Karen Crawford)

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

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

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

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

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

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 or Val Gaede 630-668-0701 x436 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

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 or Pastor Nelson 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.

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

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, CADC, 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.

Siberian Lutheran Mission Society Invitation Sunday, October 15

- **Place:** LCMS Indiana District Office 1145 Barr Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana
- **Time:** 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time
- **Commitment:** 90 minutes
- **Contact:** Dr. Timothy Quill 260-580-0812 timothy.quill@ctsfw.edu

You are cordially invited to attend a wine and appetizer reception sponsored by the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society. This information and fund raising event is a vital part of the "Five Year Strategy to Achieve Financial Self-Sufficiency" for the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibirsk, Siberia. St. John is a longtime, faithful provider of funding, teaching, traveling and prayer as this seminary trains pastors for the mission fields of this huge country. Attendees will gain a new—or renewed—appreciation for the efforts taken to establish the seminary and learn how to help preserve it. If you can't go to the reception but are interested in the proposed strategy, please contact Dr. Quill.

Morning Eucharist and Breakfast Club

Thursday, October 19

- **Place:** Chapel and The Commons
- **Time:** 7:40 a.m. and following
- **Commitment:** 20+ minutes
- **Contact:** Gretchen Scheel 630-668-0701 x403
gscheel@stjohnwheaton.org

All are invited to Morning Eucharist followed by a light breakfast in The Commons. Please come to enjoy the Lord's Supper and His Word and stay for the second most important meal of the day and a chance to visit with friends. Gluten free options are available. Breakfast Club is held on the third Thursday of the month during the school year.

Camerata Chicago presents Vivaldi and Bach

Friday, October 20

- **Place:** Gary United Methodist Church, Wheaton
- **Time:** 7:30 p.m.
- **Commitment:** 90 minutes (see ticket prices below)
- **Contact:** Bartholomew Hall, Operations Director
312-544-0419 bartholomewhall@cameratachicago.org

Enjoy the outstanding musical artistry of internationally renowned string orchestra Camerata Chicago conducted by Drostan Hall. Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* will be performed by 16 year old virtuoso violinist Amelia Piscitelli with Steve Robinson of 98.7WFMT narrating four seasons of poetry. Concertmaster Mathias Tacke, of the Vermeer String Quartet and Amelia will also perform the Bach *Double Violin Concerto*. St. John members receive 50% off admission with coupon code **SJLC**. Cost after discount: Adults \$25; Seniors \$20; Students \$5, ages 16 and under may attend free with a paying adult. www.cameratachicago.org

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

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.

Couple Communication: A Four-Session Workshop

Tuesdays, October 24, 31, November 7 and 14

- **Place:** Central DuPage Pastoral Counseling Center
507 Thornhill Drive, Carol Stream
- **Time:** 6:30–8:30 p.m.
- **Commitment:** 2 hours per week,
Per session fee applies
- **Contact:** CDPCC 630-752-9750 x10
or register online www.cdppcc.org

This workshop is designed to provide couples with practical skills and techniques for improving communication that can easily be assimilated into everyday living. Learn how to talk about sensitive issues, how to say what you think, feel or want without blaming or attacking and how to get beyond ordinary chitchat and share the deeper meaning of life. Each of the four sessions will deal with a different topic and participants are asked to work at home on the skills between sessions. *Registration deadline is Tuesday, October 17.*

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
Register and donate at 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

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 and Invitation to Musicians • 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 mggiuliani@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. A special invitation is extended to all vocal and instrumental musicians. You need only attend one rehearsal to participate. Contact Cantor Giuliani to learn more.

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

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 or 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 along with Pastor Arthur Just and Pastor Peter Ledic

NEW! 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

NEW! 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
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

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. 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

NEW! 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.

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

Me and My Shadow gives little ones a chance to play and interact socially while moms and dads do the same! Upcoming dates are October 17 and 31. Contact Anne for the location or if you have questions.

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."

AugustNew socks

SeptemberLaundry detergent, toilet paper
and paper towels

OctoberNew toys and teen gifts

NovemberFood 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

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.

Most needed food items:	Household items:
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 15

- 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
- 12:15 p.m. Governing Board (203)

Monday • October 16

CLOSED

Tuesday • October 17

- 7:40 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
- 9:30 a.m. Me & My Shadow (off site)
- 6:45 p.m. St. John Ringers (Mezzanine)

Wednesday • October 18

- 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. Wind & Strings Rehearsal (Balcony)

Thursday • October 19

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

Friday • October 20

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

Saturday • October 21

- 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

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

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

Isaiah 45:1-7

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22