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Board Meetings

Board of Elders

The Board of Elders will meet Monday, July 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees will meet Monday, July 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Stewardship

The Board of Stewardship will meet Mon., July 20 at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Education

The Board of Education will meet Mon., July 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Evangelism

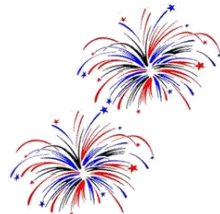
The Board of Evangelism will meet Tues., July 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Voters' Assembly

Our Voters' Assembly will meet on Monday, July 27 at 7:00 p.m.
Come and get involved in the work of the Church.

Church Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed on
Friday, July 3, 2026
in observance of Independence Day.





Pastor Pool's Sunday Bible Study The Gospel According to Job

Our Sunday class continues our study of the book of Job. The

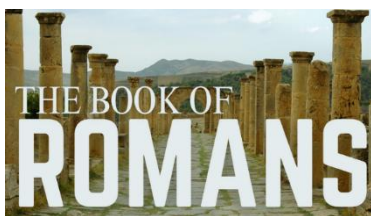
Christian life is a struggle. But the struggle is worthwhile. This book is full of surprising answers to some of our most difficult questions about suffering, evil, and redemption. We meet Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome. Bring your Bible.

July 5: Job's Final Reply to His Friends: Job 27

July 12: A Wisdom Hymn: Job 28

July 19: Job's Discourse, Part 1: Job 29

July 26: Job's Discourse, Part 2: Job 30



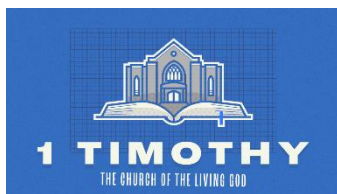
Tuesday Bible Study with Pastor The Book of Romans

Our Tuesday Bible Study is working through Paul's Epistle to the Romans. Now is a great time

to join us! There is no cost. Bring your Bible and your questions. We normally meet on the first and third Tuesdays. We have two class options at 9:30 am or 7:00 pm.

July 7: Did We Die to the Law?: Romans 7:1-12

July 21: Understanding Our Own Actions: Romans 7:13-25



1 Timothy: The Church of the Living God

Summer Wednesday Sermon Series
Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
Service of Prayer and Preaching

July 1: The Pastoral Office: 1 Timothy 3:1-7

July 8: The Mystery of Godliness: 1 Timothy 3:8-16

July 15: Some Will Depart: 1 Timothy 4:1-8

July 22: Command and Teach These Things: 1 Timothy 4:9-16

July 29: The Church and the Household: 1 Timothy 5:1-16



Celebrating the Saints

This year I have challenged our congregation to read *Celebrating the Saints* as our Church devotion. We have given our attention to the saints who have come before us. We admire their faith and follow their example. We listen to their witness and direction. These are

our heroes in the faith. Through them and the Church year, we find a different rhythm for our lives.

Let me encourage you. Don't give up on your reading. If you have stopped or never started, join us on this spiritual journey. Often when we think about the Church, and the way it should be, we remember our childhood. We think of the Church in the good old days. And we want those days back. I want us to think back even further.

The way we worship should be guided by the Church Fathers and the Reformers. The hymns we sing should span the whole of Church history. And the Biblical witness is at the center of all we believe. Get to know the Church through the ages in *Celebrating the Saints*.

This month our devotions are especially focused on biblical figures. We commemorate Isaiah, Ruth, Elijah, Ezekiel, Mary Magdalene, James, Mary, Martha, Lazarus, and Joseph of Arimathea. We also remember two prominent Lutheran theologians Johann Sebastian Bach and Robert Barnes. These devotions are worth your time.

Remember our theme verse for the year. It is more than good advice. It is God's will for you. In Jeremiah 6:16, the Prophet proclaims, "Thus says the LORD: 'Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls.'"

Let's maintain a rich devotional life. Read and study with the Church. Remember the witness of the giants of the faith that came before us. Hear the Gospel every day.

Pastor

Special Giving Opportunities

This summer we are preparing to replace the roof of our Education Building. Your gifts above your regular giving will greatly help us with this project. Consider supporting Donivan Sirna as he prepares for the pastoral ministry at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. The local church has an important financial role in preparing future pastors. You may mark your offering envelopes for these special giving opportunities.

Mary Martha Picnic

The Mary Martha Picnic will be Tuesday, July 14 at 6:00 p.m. Members are invited and asked to bring a dish to share and a wrapped \$5 gift to be used as a prize for cards and "Dirty Bingo." The meat, beverages, and table service will be furnished. Altar volunteers and guests are welcome to join us.



New Confirmation Class

Save the date for youth catechesis leading to Confirmation, beginning Wednesday, September 2. Class is available to students' entering 6th or 7th grades (or above). Students should have the 10 Commandments, Lord's Prayer, and Apostles' Creed learned by heart before

class begins. Using the *Small Catechism* in family devotions will be helpful preparation also. Call the church to register: 563-242-5588.

Operation Christmas Child

In July we are collecting **NEW Under Garments & Socks for Boys & Girls, ages 2-4, 5-9 & 10-14**. Please place your donations in the bin in the fellowship hall.



*This year we are not only asking for donations, but also encouraging individuals to pack their own boxes for OCC. The church will provide the boxes and get them sent off, but we'd like you to pick up boxes from the church, pack them, and return them to church by collection day. Thanks!



St. John Family Night

Each Wednesday from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., we will be having a family night intended for families with kids Pre-K through 5th grade. The night will include a shared meal, devotions,

singing, fun, and time with the Small Catechism. Parents will meet together with kids and also with each other for conversation. We are looking for help with meals and clean-up. Please let Debby Gosnell know if you can help. Family Night is not meeting on July 1.

YOU'RE INVITED

- Who:** Your family
What: Church Picnic
Date: Sunday, August 30, 2026
Time: Late Service 10:15 A.M.
Picnic 11:30 A.M.



There is no cost but a freewill offering will be taken to help defray the cost of the meat. Each family is asked to bring a dish or 2 to share choosing from: potatoes, salads, vegetables, or dessert. Meat, rolls, beverage, and table service will be provided.

After filling your plate you may find a seat in the fellowship hall or at the picnic tables outside at the church pavilion. There will be activities and games, inside and outside, for both adults and children after lunch.

Help is needed before, during, and after the picnic. Watch for sign-up sheets in the fellowship hall coming soon.

Please join us for food, fellowship, and fun!

At the Picnic we will also be accepting a freewill offering to go toward a new roof for the Education Building.

Preschool News

St. John preschool is accepting applications for the 2026/2027 school year. You may begin the registration process at: www.stjohn-clinton-ia.org under the preschool tab. For more information, please contact our Director, Cindy Sperry, or Camil Dell at the church office, 563-242-5588 or email us at: csperry@stjohn-clinton-ia.org, cdell@stjohn-clinton-ia.org



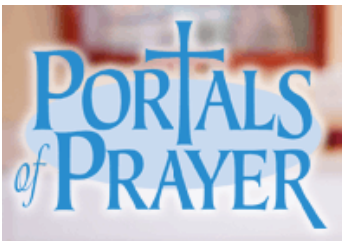
Raise Right Fundraiser For Our Preschool

Raise Right Order forms are available in the Fellowship Hall. Our next order is due on Sunday, **July 5**. Please put completed order forms and payments in the blue box. Thank you for participating in the Raise Right fundraising program for our preschool.



Children's Summer Sunday School

Summer Sunday School will meet on the first Sunday of the month, beginning at 9:00 a.m., during the Summer. Kids of all ages are invited to join us on July 5 and August 2. All ages meet in classroom 4. Each class will include a lesson and a craft.



Portals of Prayer

The July – September Portals of Prayer is now available upstairs on the guestbook stand, table and piano, and downstairs in the fellowship hall. Please pick one up today.



Higher Things

A group of students and adults from St. John are attending the Higher Things Youth Conference June 30 – July 3 in St. Louis.

Thrivent Choice dollars help to pay

for our trips. If you are a Thrivent member, think about directing your dollars to St. John. You may also donate by writing Higher Things on your weekly offering envelope. Thank you!

Check It Out At The St. John Lutheran Church Library

You are invited to come and visit our church library. The library has many reference books, catechisms, commentaries, encyclopedias, and question and answer books available. There is also a collection of fiction books, as well as, devotionals and biographies. And, the kids will love checking out the children's videos and books which are especially suited just for them.

The church library is for the use of all members and their families, and is accessible anytime that the church is open. It's easy to use, and there are no fines or due dates. Why not stop in today and take advantage of this awesome, free, resource?



Thank You VBS Volunteers

Thank you to those who worked long and hard at VBS. Thank you also to the parents, guardians and others who brought the children to VBS each day and who gave donations of money and baked yummy cookies.

We couldn't do VBS without our awesome volunteers!

CONGRATULATIONS!



July Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Lois Meyermann, who will be 97 on July 2.
Janice Edwards, who will be 85 on July 20.
Sylvia Lorenzen, who will be 91 on July 21
Harlan Gluesing, who will be 83 on July 24.



July Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary to:

Kevin & Camil Dell, 35th
Anniversary on July 13.

We list birthdays 80 and above and anniversaries for year one and every five years thereafter unless we receive a request not to do so.

Holy Communion at Home

If you are at home and would like a visit from Pastor, please call the office to set up an appointment. He is glad to come and bring you God's Word and the Sacrament. Pastor also does a monthly service at the Alverno on the second Sunday of each month at 1:30. Visitors are generally welcome to attend.



THOSE WHO SERVE IN JULY

Early

Elders: Kurt Flathers
Rick Eizenga

Ushers: Bill Schemers
Calvin Lange
Will Schemers

Late

Elders: Troy Bialas
Tom Hardersen

Ushers: Kevin Montgomery
Peter Sirna

Recording

5 Darlene Paysen
12 Darlene Paysen
19 Darlene Paysen
26 Darlene Paysen

Acolyte Schedule

5 Early Elder
5 Late Elder
12 Early Elder
12 Late Ben Leslie
19 Early Elder
19 Late Elder
26 Early Elder
26 Late Aryanna Hagen

Wednesday Night Elders

1 Lucas Krueger
8 Kurt Flathers
15 James McHugh
22 Lucas Krueger
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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: JULY 20

If you would like to put any information in the newsletter, contact Camil Dell, and get her the information by July 20.

