

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Lutheran Hour: Sundays at 6:30 a.m. 600 WMT

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October 15, 2023

Organist:	Debbie Pladna
Elders Early:	Jim Schnitzmeyer, Dave Reynolds
Ushers Early:	Calvin Lange, Jon Meyermann
Acolyte Early:	Elder
Elders Late:	Troy Bialas, James McHugh
Ushers Late:	Donivan Sirna, Pete Sirna, Parker Sirna
Acolyte Late:	Ava Mueller

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN

We welcome all visitors in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. May God bless our time together. We ask that you sign our guest register in the entryway.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are, to the Glory of God, from Craig & Julie Miller in celebration of the birth of Emersyn Irene Van Dellen to parents Mariah & Justin Van Dellen.

PASTOR POOL'S SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

In October we are continuing our study on the Old Testament book of Proverbs. We meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome. This is a great time to get involved with Bible study!

-October 15: Proverbs 17: Feasting with Strife

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR

Our Tuesday Bible study meets on Tuesday, October 17 at 9:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. in classroom one. We are continuing our look at the hidden Epistles in the back of the Bible. New participants are always welcome!

-October 17: 2 Peter 2:1-16: The Angels who Sinned

NEW MEMBERS

Today at late service we welcome our new Members, Terry and Delores Thomas and Angela Stewart. We pray for God's Blessing upon their Christian fellowship at St. John Congregation.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Pools will be in Florida to see family October 18-24. Please contact your Elders if you need spiritual care while Pastor is away.

OUR SCHEDULE FOR WORSHIP, STUDY AND WORK:

- Sunday - **20th Sunday after Pentecost**
- 7:45 & 10:15 Divine Service, Holy Communion
- 9:00 Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, PWYK Class
- 9:00 Pastor Pool's Class
- Tuesday - 9:30 Bible Study with Pastor
- 7:00 Bible Study with Pastor
- Wednesday - **Pastor and Sallie are on Vacation through Oct. 24**
- 6:00 OCC Work Day
- 6:30 Pregnancy Center Youth Event, Journey Church
- 7:00 Youth Catechesis Class
- Friday - **No Preschool – Church Office Closed**
- Sunday - **21st Sunday after Pentecost**
- 7:45 & 10:15 Divine Service, Holy Communion
- 9:00 Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, PWYK Class
- 9:00 Pastor Pool's Class
- Thanksgiving Food Box Collection Begins

OUR WORSHIP, STUDY, AND GIVING LAST WEEK:

Church Attendance Last Sunday: Early 46; Late 70; Total 116
Staff 7; Sunday school 18; Bible Class 3; Pastor's Class 26; Total 54
Offerings: Current \$3,470.50; District & Synod \$191; Building \$202;
Scholarship \$5; Other \$7,376

PREGNANCY CENTER YOUTH EVENT

The Pregnancy Center's Annual Pro-Life Youth Event will be held on Wednesday, October 18 from 6:30 – 8:30 at Journey Church in Clinton. High School aged kids are invited to attend. There will be pizza, worship, a guest speaker and free pro-life giveaways.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Catechesis class meets on Wednesday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m. We meet every Wednesday, Sept. – April, unless public school is not meeting or is canceled due to weather.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

There is a rough-draft copy of the membership directory in the fellowship hall. Please take a look at your information, and your adult children's information, and make any needed changes on the rough draft.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD WORK DAYS

Please join us this Wed., Oct. 18 at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We will also meet on Tues., Oct. 24 at 1 p.m. and on Wed., Nov. 1 at 6 p.m. We will fill our boxes with the donations which have been collected.

NO PRESCHOOL – OFFICE CLOSED

There is no preschool on Friday, October 20. The Church office will also be closed that day. See you on Sunday.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to those celebrating this week: Debbie Johnson, David Lorenzen, Janet Peters, Bill Ross, Brandon King, Tiffany Vogel, Maisie Sikkema, Christian Rowan.

CRUCIFERS

We are looking for confirmed youth to be crucifers on Sunday, Oct. 29, Nov. 5, Dec. 17 & 24, and Jan. 7 and on Monday, Dec. 25. Please sign up in the fellowship hall. Thanks!

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The Bd. of Evangelism is sponsoring a Thanksgiving Food collection beginning on Sun., Oct. 22 in the hallway outside of classroom one. Thanksgiving Boxes will be given to families connected to our congregation who are in need. Please bring canned fruits and vegetables, stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, boxed desserts, etc. Let the office know if you would like a box or know of someone who needs one. Thank you!

THE PREGNANCY CENTER FALL BANQUET

Camil is hosting a table for The Pregnancy Center Fall Banquet which is on Thur., Oct. 26 beginning at 6:15 at Rastrelli's. Dinner is complimentary and the program is free. An opportunity will be extended to make a donation to TPC. There is still room for four more people to sit at her table. **Please let Camil know if you want to attend.** Thanks!

TRUNK OR TREAT

The Bd. of Evangelism is holding a Trunk or Treat on Friday, Oct. 27 from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. We would love for congregation members to participate by decorating their car and handing out treats, or by donating candy. There is a sign-up sheet and candy donation box in the fellowship hall. Bring your kids to the Trunk or Treat! Thanks!

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“For all who have been damaged by the sin of abortion—and for all who have been complicit by not speaking up in defense of innocent babies—repent, and then hear the sweet and comforting words of Jesus; ‘Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest’ (Matthew 11:28). God gave us courage to engage in the battle For Life!”
Pastor Paul Clark, President of Lutherans for Life of Michigan

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, Oct. 22: Isaiah 45:1-7, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, Matt. 22:15-22

