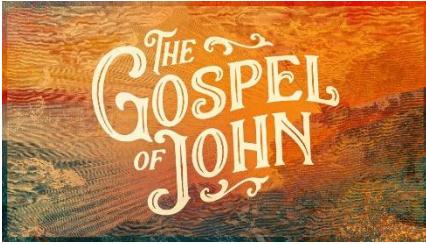

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Pastor Pool's Sunday Bible Study

The Gospel of John



In June, we continue our study of the Gospel of John. We are looking at this beautiful Gospel verse by verse. We meet Sunday mornings at 9:00 am.

Everyone is welcome. Bring your Bible. *Now is a wonderful time to join us in this study!*

June 1: John 11:28-44: Lazarus, Part 3

June 8: John 11:45-57: You Know Nothing at All

June 15: John 12:1-11: Jesus Anointed at Bethany

June 22: John 12:12-26: The Triumphal Entry

June 29: John 12:27-36: Jesus is Lifted Up

Tuesday Bible Study with Pastor

Dreams and Visions in the Bible



Our Tuesday Bible study continues our look at the dreams and visions of the Bible. God spoke to His ancient people in various ways. We will look at the experiences of the Patriarchs, Prophets, and Pentecost. Our goal will be to understand how and why God gave these revelations. We usually meet the first and

third Tuesdays. **Because of VBS, our classes will be on June 3 and 24 this month.** We have two class options at 9:30am or 7:00pm.

June 3: The Visions of Daniel Continue (Daniel 7)

June 24: One Last Vision in Daniel (Daniel 8)



Glass Cups for Holy Communion

We begin our transition to individual glass cups for Holy Communion in June. You might be wondering why we are making this change. Much of it is just practical. This should cost less in the long run. Plastics aren't terribly good for us or the environment. And the cups are less likely to break when you pick one up.

Of course, we are not trying to make extra work for our Altar Guild. We appreciate all our volunteers. We have ordered special racks so that glasses, once rinsed, can be washed in our dishwashers. They will then be stored in these same racks once they are clean and dry.

Our true goal is to heighten our reverence as we receive the Sacrament. These new glasses are beautiful and substantial. In 1 Corinthians 11:17-34, Paul talks about the necessity of approaching the Sacrament rightly. Everything in the church—and in life—is to be done decently and with good order (1 Corinthians 14:40).

Glass and precious metals have long been used to communicate the importance of what is happening in the Sacrament. It's a little like when you welcome a special guest into your home. You bring out the crystal and fine china rather than paper plates and red solo cups. The Sacrament is special and important. With this change, we are trying to communicate the significance of this meal. It is fundamental to our lives in Christ. We want to do whatever we can to take the Sacrament seriously.

Through Paul's instructions we know to come to the Sacrament in repentance of our sins and in faith. This faith is marked by understanding Christ's work for us on the cross. In addition, we need to discern the body, meaning we understand He is truly present for us in the Sacrament. We call Holy Communion a means of grace. We find His gracious work here as Christ delivers the benefits of His salvation to us in bread and wine—now His body and blood.

If you have any questions, talk with me or one of the Elders.
Pastor

CHURCH COOKOUT



Church Cookout And Potluck

The church is hosting a cookout on Wednesday, June 4 at 5:30 p.m. to kick-off our Wednesday Summer Services. It will be a potluck and each family is asked to bring a dish to share. The church will provide the meat, buns and beverages. Look for a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. Sign up to attend and please tell us what dish you will bring.

Come to the cookout and then head to service at 7:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome!

Note: This will be in place of our usual Wednesday Family Night.



St. John Family Nights

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. *Note: We will not have Family Night on Wednesday, June 4 because we are having a cookout to kick-off our Wednesday Summer Services. Family Night also will not meet on Wednesday, June 18 during VBS week.*

Mary Martha

The Mary Martha Society will meet this month on Tuesday, June 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Hostesses are Christine Frett and Lisa Hagen.

We will make plans for the July 8 potluck. All women of the congregation are invited to attend the Mary Martha meetings.



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Summer Services: The Fruit of the Spirit

June, July, and August at 7 pm

- June 4: The Fruit of the Spirit
- June 11: Self-Control
- June 18: Gentleness
- June 25: Faithfulness

We will learn a new hymn at Wednesday Summer Services so listen ahead and get familiar with it before services begin. The hymn is *LSB 691 Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing*

**Join us for a kick-off BBQ and meal on June 4 at 5:30 pm. And then come to service at 7:00 p.m.*

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 June 1, July 6 and August 3. The theme for Summer Sunday School is "Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord all the Earth." Each class will include a lesson and music-centered craft.



St. John VBS – Save the Date!



Registration forms and volunteer sign-up sheets are now available on the table right outside of Pastor's office. The theme this year is Epic Australian Adventure; Dates will be June 16-20. VBS meets

every day Monday – Friday from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. VBS is for children 4 years old or enrolled in St. John Sunday School or Preschool through those entering grade 7. Older children and adults are welcome to volunteer as helpers. Mark your calendars and plan on joining your friends for another exciting adventure! Questions? Contact Sheryl Jindrich or Sarah Flathers.

Thank You Sunday School Teachers

*Ross Eberhart, Kurt Flathers,
Sarah Flathers, Sheryl Jindrich,
Anna Krueger, Lucas Krueger,
Pastor Pool, Sallie Pool,
Donivan Sirna, Janice Wheelock.*



Higher Things



This summer the Higher Things Youth Conference will be held on July 29 - August 1, 2025 at Calvin University in Grand Rapids, MI. The conference is entitled; *ALL THINGS NEW*. St. John has 3 youth and 3 adults attending. Thrivent Choice dollars help to pay for our Higher

Things trips so, if you are a Thrivent member, consider directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars to St. John. You may also designate your weekly offering by writing Higher Things on your weekly offering envelope. Thank you for your support!



Preschool News

The Preschool is currently accepting applications for the 2025/2026 school year. To begin the registration process please go to stjohn-clinton-ia.org and click on the preschool tab.

Board Sign-Ups

Are you interested in getting more involved? We could really use your help! We are asking for you to sign-up to participate on one of our Church Boards: Trustees, Stewardship, Evangelism, and Education. The sign-up sheets are available in the Fellowship Hall. The terms last just two years. Meetings are every other month. Please talk with Pastor or one of our Board Directors if you have any questions.



St. John Blood Drive

Friday, June 13, 2025

12:30 – 4:30 P.M.

St. John Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
416 Main Ave. Clinton, IA

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

You can also call the church office and Camil can help you set up an appointment.

Please help us meet our goal of 35 appointments!

Everyone who comes to donate will receive a \$15 Amazon Online Gift Card and will automatically be entered for a chance to win 1 of 2 - \$7000 Gift Cards

Operation Christmas Child

It's that time of year again when we start to collect items for Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes. It's never too early to start shopping for shoebox gifts. Save money and buy items when they're on sale. Please look for the Operation Christmas Child display in the fellowship hall and place your donations in the collection box.



**FOR OCC IN JUNE WE ARE COLLECTING
TOYS, TOOLS, FISHING KITS & SEWING KITS.**



Raise Right Fundraiser For Our Preschool

Don't forget to stock up on gift cards to use while on your summer vacation. Did you know that you can get gift cards for motels, gas stations, restaurants and more? Our next Raise Right order is due **June 1**. And cards will be in your box on **June 8**. Order forms are available in the Fellowship Hall. Please fill out your order form and place it, along with your payment, in the blue box.

Happy Father's Day, June 15

We wish all of the men in our congregation a Happy Father's Day! Whether you're a dad, grandpa, uncle, Sunday school teacher, or friend thank you for being a strong, Christian role model for all the kids at St. John



Psalm 103:13 As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.



June Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

Lois Specht, who will be 94 on June 4.

Lois Henningsen, who will be 85 on June 4.

June Hardersen, who will be 80 on June 4

Karen Judd, who will be 82 on June 7.

Russ Henningsen, who will be 90 on June 16.

Marianne Wenzel, who will be 81 on June 16.

Happy Anniversary to:

Dennis & Sandy Carstensen 30th
wedding anniversary on June 2.

Jacob & Emilyann Wert 5th wedding
anniversary on June 5.

Robert & Sue Phillips 55th wedding
anniversary on June 13.

Christopher & Kelli Bennett 25th wedding
anniversary on June 24.

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 does a monthly service at the Alverno on the second Sunday of each month at 1:30. Visitors are generally welcome.



THOSE WHO SERVE IN JUNE

Early

Elders: Bill Ross
Dave Reynolds

Ushers: Calvin Lange
Jon Meyermann

Recording

1 - Darlene Paysen
8 - Darlene Paysen
15 - Darlene Paysen
22 - Darlene Paysen
29 - Darlene Paysen

Late

Elders: Tom Hardersen
Lucas Krueger

Ushers: Bryce Petersen
Randy Housenga
Ryan Dell
Kevin Dell

Acolyte Schedule

1 - Early - Elder
1 - Late - Elder

8 - Early - Elder
8 - Late - Elder

15 - Early - Elder
15 - Late - Elder

22 - Early - Elder
22 - Late - Elder

29 - Early - Elder
29 - Late - Lainey Schroeder

Wednesday Night Elders

4 - Jim Schnitzmeyer
11 - Bill Ross
18 - Lucas Krueger
25 - Jim Schnitzmeyer

NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE: JUNE 20

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

