

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Lutheran Hour:

Sundays at 6:30 a.m. 600 WMT

The Clinton Lutheran Hour: Sundays at 9:30 a.m. 105.9 FM & 1340 AM

September 21, 2025

Organist: Debbie Pladna

Elders Early: Rick Eizenga, Kurt Flathers

Ushers Early: Bill S., Daniel S., Darrin S.

Acolyte Early: Elder

Elders Late: Troy Bialas, Dave Becker

Ushers Late: Bryce Petersen, Randy Housenga

Ryan Dell, Kevin Dell

Acolyte Late: Elder

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 Sheryl Jindrich in thankfulness to God for her family.

PASTOR POOL'S SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

We meet Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome. For the next few weeks, Pastor will discuss the cities of the second and third missionary journeys of Paul. This series will be based on Pastor and Sallie's trip to Greece and Turkey.

-Sept. 21: The Footsteps of Paul: Ephesus

-Sept. 28: The Footsteps of Paul: Patmos

NATIONAL BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Today is National Back to Church Sunday. This holiday is all about reinvigorating the sense of belonging and purpose that comes from being part of a faith community. Thank you for being here. Please continue to invite past members, friends, and relatives to attend church with you each Sunday.

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY

Our Voters' Assembly meets on Monday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m. Come and learn about the work of the church. All are invited to the Voters' Assembly.

OUR SCHEDULE FOR WORSHIP, STUDY AND WORK:

- Sunday - **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
- 7:45 & 10:15 Service of Prayer and Preaching
- 9:00 Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, PWYK Class
- 9:00 Pastor Pool's Class
- Monday - 7:00 Voters' Assembly
- Wednesday - 5:30 Family Night
- 7:00 Youth Catechesis
- Sunday - **Sixteenth 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

OUR WORSHIP, STUDY, AND GIVING LAST WEEK:

Church Attendance Last Sunday: Early 51; Late 153; Total 204

Staff 4; Sunday School 15; Pastor's Class 42; Total 61

Offerings: Current \$3,281; District & Synod \$320; Building \$323;

Sunday school \$9; Scholarship \$10; Other \$2,420

FAMILY NIGHT

Family Night meets this Wednesday, September 24 at 5:30 p.m. This month we began a new focus for Family Night. We are hearing a bunch of Bible stories and learning some Bible Verses by heart. This experience is for young families with children up to the 5th grade. We share a meal, sing a hymn, teach the catechism, and enjoy some devotional time together. Please join us!

FAMILY NIGHT HELP

Volunteers are needed to provide food and / or work in the kitchen during Family Night. Please sign up in the fellowship hall if you are able to help. Thanks!

YOUTH CATECHESIS

Youth Catechesis meets this Wednesday, September 24 at 7:00 p.m. Class will meet each Wednesday from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., September – April, except when the public school is closed for vacation or weather.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Everyone is encouraged to pick up a box in the fellowship hall and fill it for OCC. We are also in need of someone to assemble fishing kits at home. Supplies and directions would be provided. Please contact Janice Wheelock if interested. Thanks!

170TH ANNIVERSARY: SAVE THE DATE

On Sunday, October 26, we will celebrate our 170th anniversary as a congregation. **We will worship together that Sunday with one service at 9:00 a.m.** Bible classes will not meet. We will dedicate our new chapel space, followed by brunch in the fellowship hall.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday Marty Bovis, Maggie Dell, Kelli LeQue, Dennis Carstensen, Janet Steen, Amber Mueller, Debra Eickert, Tracy Reynolds.

SNOW BIRDS

If you are a snow bird and will be going away for the winter months, please let Camil know when you're leaving and what your address is while you're away. The post office will not forward newsletters, so if they are sent to your local address while you're away, they are returned to the church and the church is charged extra postage. Thanks!

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Parents of college students (or students in the service) are asked to give a note to Camil with their student's address. They will be added to our mailing list and will receive the monthly newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

A rough-draft copy of the Church Membership Directory will be available in the fellowship hall beginning on October 2. Please take a look at your information and make any needed changes directly on the rough draft. The new directories will be available after the beginning of the new year.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. JOHN

Thank you to everyone who donated or volunteered at our Blood Drive on Friday, September 19. Our next 2 drives are scheduled for Friday, January 2 and Friday, June 12. Please watch your bulletins and newsletters for more information. Thanks for helping to save lives!

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

Abortion and euthanasia require twisting words and redefining terms with craftiness and deceit. Yet our God and Father would have even the most despised human life called into His kingdom. Jesus on earth in the flesh confirms this sanctity already and not just eventually. Let us bring not the hard language of using death as a solution but the sweet words of the sanctity of life.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, September 28 Amos 6:1-7; 1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 16:19-31