



# 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

October 19, 2025

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Organist:	Debbie Pladna
Elders Early:	Jim Schnitzmeyer, Dave Reynolds
Ushers Early:	Tom Colschen, Jon Meyermann, Calvin Lange
Acolyte Early:	Elder
Elders Late:	Tom Hardersen, James McHugh
Ushers Late:	Donivan Sirna, Pete Sirna
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, in celebration of St. John's upcoming 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

## PASTOR POOL'S SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

In October, our Sunday class will discuss the cities of the second and third missionary journeys of Paul. This service is based on Pastor and Sallie's recent trip to Greece and Turkey. We meet Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

-Oct. 19: The Footsteps of Paul: Thessalonica

-Oct. 26: No Class – 9:00 Combined Service

## BAPTISM

Valerie Joan Pladna will be baptized into God's family at late service today. She is the daughter of Andrew and Jenny Pladna, and granddaughter of Brent and Debbie Pladna.

## TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR

Our Tuesday Bible study continues our look at the dreams and visions of the Bible with the focus on New Testament experiences. We are meeting on the third and fourth Tuesdays in October. Class is at 9:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. in classroom 1. Everyone is welcome!

Oct. 21: Peter and Cornelius

Oct. 28: Paul and John

## OUR SCHEDULE FOR WORSHIP, STUDY AND WORK:

- Sunday - **Nineteenth 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 Tuesday Bible Study with Pastor  
- 7:00 Tuesday Bible Study with Pastor
- Wednesday - 5:30 Family Night  
- 7:00 Youth Catechesis
- Thursday - 6:00 OCC Assembly Workshop
- Sunday - **Reformation Day (Observed)**  
- 9:00 Divine Service, Holy Communion  
- 10:00 Dedication of our New Chapel  
- Brunch

## OUR WORSHIP, STUDY, AND GIVING LAST WEEK:

Church Attendance Last Sunday: Early 52; Late 77; Total 129

Staff 6; Sunday School 13; Pastor's Class 28; Total 47

Offerings: Current \$4,502.50; District & Synod \$240; Building Fund \$3,933.52; Sunday school \$6; Mission Festival \$1,266.50; Scholarship \$210; Other \$3,045

## FAMILY NIGHT

Family Night meets this Wednesday, October 22 at 5:30 p.m. and is for young families with children up to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Please join us!

## YOUTH CATECHESIS

Youth Catechesis meets this Wednesday, October 22 at 7:00 p.m.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD ASSEMBLY WORKSHOPS

There is an OCC Assembly workshop scheduled for **this Thursday, October 23 at 6:00 p.m.** Everyone is encouraged to come and help, including men. We will be assembling fishing kits, jewelry kits, friendship bracelets and jump ropes. *Many hands make light work.*

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We have empty boxes ready and would like to encourage every family to take home at least one box to fill this year. Boxes and instructions are in the fellowship hall. Each box costs \$10 to ship. Thanks for your help!

## 170<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

Our church was incorporated in 1855 and this year we celebrate our 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary. **Next Sunday, October 26, we will gather our early and late services together for one service at 9:00 a.m.** There will be no Bible classes or Sunday school. Immediately after service we will be dedicating our new Chapel in classroom 2. Following our dedication, we will have a cake and light brunch reception in the Fellowship Hall. Pictures and reminders of our past will be available for your perusal. Please join us for this special Sunday and spread the word to others.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday Tiffany Vogel, Maisie Sikkema, Christian Rowan, Daniel Stewart, Ramona Bailey, Ann Hansen.

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

A rough-draft copy of the Church Membership Directory is in the fellowship hall. Please take a look at your information and make any needed changes directly on the rough draft. Thank you!

## TRUNK OR TREAT

Save the Date! The board of Evangelism is hosting a trunk or treat this **Friday, October 24** in the St. John parking lot from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall for anyone who would like to decorate their car or hand out candy. The Board will provide supplies to decorate and candy to pass out, or you may provide your own.

## HALLOWEEN CANDY NEEDED

Please drop off your donations of Halloween candy and individual packets of hot cocoa and apple cider **anytime this week** when the church is open. The candy and drink mixes will be used for our Trunk-or-Treat event on Friday, October 24. Thank you for your help!

## THANKSGIVING BOXES

Beginning Sunday, November 2 we will be receiving non-perishable, non-expired, Thanksgiving food items in the hallway by classroom 1 to give to families connected with our congregation who are in need. Suggested items are boxed potatoes, canned vegetable and fruit, stuffing mix, mushroom soup, boxed dessert mixes, gravy mixes, cranberry sauce, etc. Let the office know if you would like to receive a box.

## LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

The Lord God Himself solemnly swears Himself to sustain life unto its end (1 Corinthians 1:7-8). What comfort we may bring to surprise pregnancies and terminal diagnoses that this very Lord draws near to the brokenhearted (Psalm 34:18)—and not to pare down their lives, but to preserve them. Giving Gospel-motivated voice to God's truth and Christ's love carries out the greatest of commandments (Matt. 22:37-39).

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, October 26: Rev.14:6-7; Romans 3:19-28; Matthew 11:12-19