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Time Change November 2

Don't forget!! Turn your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 2 or you'll be early for church.

Board Meetings

Board of Elders

The Board of Elders will meet on Monday, November 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees will meet on Monday, November 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Stewardship

The Board of Stew. will meet on Monday, November 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Board of Education

The Board of Ed will meet on Monday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Evangelism

The Board of Education will meet on Tuesday, November 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Voters' Assembly

Our Voters' Assembly will meet on Monday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m.



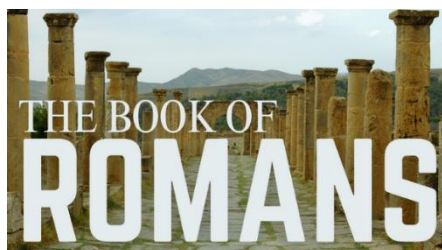
Pastor Pool's Sunday Bible Study

The Footsteps of Paul

In November, our Sunday class will discuss the cities of the second and third

missionary journeys of Paul. This series is based on Pastor and Sallie's recent trip to Greece and Turkey. Pastor will share a few photos, but we will especially look at the Scriptures as we get to know these ancient cities and the Gospel work of the Apostles in these places. We meet Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome. Bring your Bible. *See you there!*

November 2:	Philippi
November 9:	Berea
November 16:	Meteora
November 23:	Santorini and Mykonos
November 30:	In the Footsteps of Paul



Tuesday Bible Study with Pastor

The Book of Romans

Our Tuesday Bible Study begins a new unit on Paul's Epistle to the Romans. Now is a great time to get started

with us! Bring your Bible and your questions. We normally meet on the first and third Tuesdays. We have two class options at 9:30am or 7:00pm.

November 4:	Getting Familiar with Romans
November 18:	The Salutation: Romans 1:1-7

Sunday Services in November

November 2:	All Saints Day (Observed)
November 9:	Stewardship Sunday I
November 16:	Stewardship Sunday II
November 23:	Last Sunday of the Church Year
November 30:	First Sunday in Advent

Wednesday Thanksgiving Service

November 27:	Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7:00 p.m.
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The Church Year: Celebrating the Saints

The first Sunday in Advent is November 30. The paraments turn blue. We count the days until we celebrate the Incarnation. The church slows down and becomes more

reflective and repentant. And we have a new emphasis for our devotion as the church year begins.

Our emphasis this church year will be *Celebrating the Saints*. We have a new resource for your devotions with this title by Rev. William Weedon. Copies are available to purchase for \$20. But you can also find the Kindle version on Amazon for just \$9.99.

This is not exactly a daily devotion. It has readings for the beginning of each season in the church year. But it also has readings for all of the feasts, festivals, and commemorations. These special days are all listed in the hymnal. And it will take a proactive approach to pay attention to when these days fall in the calendar and church year. I will incorporate some of these feast days into Sunday Divine Services.

There isn't a devotion for every single day. I recommend filling in the other days with your Bible reading, past devotionals (like *To Live With Christ* by Bo Giertz), or get a copy of *Faith Alone* by Martin Luther (we can order this for you too).

My goal is to see our connection to the saints that have come before us. We have a rich tradition and heritage. In addition, we have many good examples of steadfast faith and love in the Scriptures and throughout church history. This new devotion and emphasis will shape our year together at St. John.

Our theme verse for the year is Jeremiah 6:16, "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.'" I hope you will commit this verse to memory with me. We have resources to help.

Blessed Advent and God's Peace,
Pastor

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



Thanksgiving Food Drive

Beginning November 2 we will be receiving Thanksgiving food items in the hallway by classroom 1 to give to families connected with our congregation who are in need.

Please bring non-perishable, non-expired canned fruits and vegetables, stuffing mix, instant mashed potatoes, boxed desserts, etc. We plan to assemble and deliver the boxes on Sunday, November 23 after late service. If you would like a box or would like to recommend someone to receive one, please call the church office. This drive is sponsored by the Board of Evangelism.

Operation Christmas Child

There are 2 OCC work days scheduled in November. The first one will be on Thursday, Nov. 6 at 6:00 p.m. and the second will be on Thursday, Nov. 13 at 1:30 p.m. Please have all filled boxes to Church by Sunday, November 16.



Mary Martha

Mary Martha will meet on Tuesday, November 11 at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship hall. Plans will be made for the December 9 Christmas Potluck which will be held at noon. The 2026 Altar duties and refreshment sign-up sheets will be available. The Mary Martha ladies will also sign up at this meeting to serve as waitresses at the Pizza Ranch on February 2, 2026. Hostesses are Carol Stuedemann and JanaLea Montgomery. All ladies are cordially invited to attend.

Stewardship Sundays November 9 & 16

On Sunday November 9, your 2025 Faith Promise Cards will be returned to you. That week you will receive a special mailing which will include your Faith Promise Card for 2026. Your pledge of support is between you and God, so please seal your envelope. Our individual Faith Promises will be received at services on November 16.





Advent & Fellowship Serving Schedule

Advent Services begin on Dec. 3. and will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 3, 10 & 17 at 1:30 and 7:00 p.m. Each year the congregation is

divided up by last name and asked to serve after the afternoon or evening service on their assigned Wednesday. The families serving are asked to bring a plate of sandwiches, two dozen cookies, or a pan of bars. Otherwise a donation to purchase punch and coffee may be left in the marked container on the table. Families who are serving are also asked to work in the kitchen before service to set up trays, and during and after the fellowship time to clean the kitchen and wipe the tables.

The serving schedule for Advent is as follows:

Dec. 3	Services	Barb Lueders to Brent Pladna
Dec. 10	Services	Pastor Pool to Robert Stamp
Dec. 17	Services	Russell Steen to Dan Akins

You will find a reminder card in your bulletin slot on the Sunday before you are scheduled to serve. Thank you!

Youth Catechesis

Youth Catechesis meets every Wed. at 7 p.m. Class will not meet on Wed., Nov. 26 because of the Thanksgiving Holiday. During Advent, Class will meet from 8 – 8:45 after the Wed. evening service on Dec. 3, 10, & 17. There is no class on Dec. 24 or 31.

New Sunday School Mission Project

The new Mission Project for our Sunday school offerings, is the **Clinton Humane Society**. All Sunday school offerings, beginning November 2 and running through the month of February, will go toward helping to provide needed supplies for the animals who currently reside at the shelter. Please remind your child to collect change, do chores, or bring in money from their piggy bank, each week so that they may bring an offering for Sunday school. Thank you for encouraging our youth to be grateful givers.



Hebrews 13:16 *Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.*

Christmas Cards For Those At Home

The following is a list of St. John members who are in nursing homes or homebound. Please think of them as you send out your Christmas Cards this year.

Alverno: 849 – 13th Ave. N. Clinton, IA 52732

Mary Asmus, Mary Boyer, Sharon Gillette,
Tom Judd, Marilyn Stuedemann

Addington Place: 1701 – 13th Ave. N. Clinton, IA 52732

Sylvia Lorenzen, Janet Peters, Marlene Greve

At Home

Gary & Vicki Harmsen	2425 Stockwell Ln.	Clinton, IA 52732
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Lois Lamz	500 E. McNair Rd. #10	Winnebago, IL 61088
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Lois Meyermann	1266 Hess Lane	Cedar Rapids, IA 52403
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Darlene Omann	549 Meadowview	Clinton, IA 52732
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Carl & Ruth Johnson	1920 W. Willow Knolls Dr. #328	Peoria, IL 61614
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Shawn Kuhse	511 – 20 th Ave. N.	Clinton, IA 52732
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Darlene Schroeder	1141 – 13 th Ave. N. #3B	Clinton, IA 52732
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Gene Siefken	864 Carriage Hill Dr.	Dubuque, IA 52003
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Church Membership Directory

There is a rough draft copy of the Membership Directory in the fellowship hall. Please take a look at it and make any changes to your information directly on the rough draft.

Church office Closed

The Church office will be closed on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28 for Thanksgiving. There is no Family Night or Confirmation on Wednesday, November 26.



Preschool News

Happy Fall Y'all! We are loving the mild fall weather as we play outdoors. Our Class this year really loves swinging and singing so Mrs. Andresen and I spend a lot of time pushing children on the swings. Pumpkin pounding, catching collecting, and raking leaves, impromptu marching bands, and digging in the sand are also keeping us busy. Indoors the children are enjoying our farm center with corn, animals, and tractors. They love when it's their turn to take home our class (stuffed) pet Foxy Cinnamon. Scented homemade play dough brings lots of little hands to the table ready to squeeze, roll, laugh and create. Durning Jesus time this month we will learn about Moses' and the Israelites' struggles in Egypt and escape to the promised land. We have been learning all year about how God keeps his promises and these Bible events reinforce that theme. Thank you as always for our school ministry. Your prayers and support make serving these children and families possible.

Cindy and Gina



Raise Right

Our next Raise Right order is due Sunday, **November 2**. Orders and payment may be placed in the blue box in the Fellowship Hall. Gift cards should be available on Sunday, **November 9**. Stock up on cards to give to teachers for Christmas gifts, to use as stocking stuffers, to stock up on supplies for your Christmas dinner, etc. Thank you for supporting our preschool!



Preschool Thanksgiving Break

There is no preschool on Wed., November 26, Thur., November 27, or Fri., November 28. Class resumes on Mon., December 1.

November Birthdays & Anniversaries CONGRATULATIONS!



Happy Birthday to:

Tom Hardersen, who will be 82 on November 5.

Ruth Johnson, who will be 99 on November 7.

Kenneth White, who will be 85 On November 11.

Robert Stamp, who will be 81 on November 17.

Happy Anniversary to:

Dennis & Cheryl Schroeder, Married 50 years on November 1.

Tyler & Amanda Dell, Married 10 years on November 14.

Alan & Barb Goddard, Married 55 years on November 21.

Robert & Claudia Schenk, Married 60 years on November 21.

Tom & June Hardersen, Married 60 years on November 27.

Randy & Phyllis Housenga, Married 55 years on November 28.



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.



THOSE WHO SERVE IN NOVEMBER

Early

Elders: Rick Eizenga
Bill Ross

Ushers: Brent Pladna
Craig Miller

Late

Elders: David Becker
Lucas Krueger

Ushers: Jay Mueller
Tom McHugh
Eli Mueller

Recording

2 Darlene Paysen
9 Darlene Paysen
16 Darlene Paysen
23 Darlene Paysen
30 Darlene Paysen

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2 Early Elder
2 Late Aryanna H.
9 Early Elder
9 Late Elder
16 Early Elder
16 Late Benjamin L.
23 Early Elder
23 Late Elder
30 Early Elder
30 Late Lainey S.

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2 Early
2 Late

NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE: NOV. 20

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