

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 26, 2025

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:	Lainey Schroeder

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 Kevin & JanaLea Montgomery in thankfulness to Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

PASTOR POOL'S SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY NOT MEETING TODAY

There is no Bible Study or Sunday school today. We will have our combined Divine Service at 9:00 a.m. followed by the dedication of our new chapel in room 2 and brunch.

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

-Nov. 2: Phillipi

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. 28: Paul and John

CRUCIFERS NEEDED

Confirmed youth are needed to be Crucifers on several upcoming Sundays including next Sunday, November 2 at early and late service. Other dates include December 24 at the 6:30 p.m. Children's Program service, December 25 at the Christmas Day service at 9:00 a.m., and January 4 at early and late service. Please sign up in the fellowship hall.

OUR SCHEDULE FOR WORSHIP, STUDY AND WORK:

- Sunday - **Reformation Day (Observed), 170th Anniversary**
- 9:00 Divine Service, Holy Communion
- 10:00 Dedication of our New Chapel
- Brunch
- Monday - 7:00 Planning Council
- Tuesday - 9:30 Tuesday Bible Study with Pastor
- 7:00 Tuesday Bible Study with Pastor
- Wednesday - 5:30 Family Night
- 7:00 Youth Catechesis
- Sunday - **All Saints Day (Observed)**
- 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 98; Total 149

Staff 5; Sunday School 17; Pastor's Class 27; Total 49

Offerings: Current \$3,673; District & Synod \$155; Building Fund \$153;
SS \$6.86; Mission Festival \$920; Scholarship \$10; Other \$213.59

170TH ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY TODAY

Our church was incorporated in 1855 and this year we celebrate our 170th anniversary. **Today, October 26, we will have one service at 9:00 a.m.** There is no Bible classes or Sunday school. Immediately after service we are 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.

FAMILY NIGHT

Family Night meets this Wednesday, October 29 at 5:30 p.m. and is for young families with children up to the 5th grade. Please join us!

YOUTH CATECHESIS

Youth Catechesis meets this Wednesday, October 29 at 7:00 p.m.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

We are asking the congregation to please get involved in helping with Operation Christmas Child. Last year as a congregation we were able to send 219 boxes to children in need around the world. So far this year, we have only had about 11 shoe boxes packed by our members. We are asking that you stop by the OCC display in the fellowship hall and take at least one box home to fill. By filling ordinary shoeboxes with toys and other fun items, you can be part of giving boys and girls what may be their first gift ever! You will also be helping to spread the word of God to children and families around the world. The Sunday school and preschool children have all packed boxes, how about you? All filled boxes need to be returned to church by Saturday, November 15.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday Heather Becker, Lauren Lange, Abel Thomas, Nick Beckwith, James Schnitzmeyer, Lewis Meyermann.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD WORK DAYS

OCC work days are scheduled for Thursday, November 6 at 6:00 p.m. and Thursday, November 13 at 1:30 p.m. Please come and help pack OCC shoeboxes. Thank you!

NOVEMBER RAISE RIGHT ORDERS

November Raise Right Orders are due next Sunday, November 2. Please put your order form and payment in the blue box in the fellowship hall. Now is a great time to order gift cards to give as stocking stuffers, or teacher gifts, etc. Or, purchase gift cards to use for your holiday shopping and to buy food for your Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. When you purchase the cards at face value Raise Right gives a donation to our preschool. There are hundreds of merchants to choose from when buying gift cards from Raise Right. Thanks for supporting our preschool!

THANKSGIVING BOXES

Beginning next 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

Real freedom doesn't come with so-called reproductive rights or alleged bodily autonomy. The Son of God works genuine liberation in the truth of an Almighty Father who gives life as gift (Romans 3:23-24) and delivers from violence like abortion and assisted suicide (Psalm 46:9). Be still and receive not only everlasting salvation but also every neighbor as a heavenly privilege!

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, November 2: Revelations 7:2-17; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12