

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

November 16, 2025

Organist:	Debbie Pladna
Elders Early:	Rick Eizenga, Bill Ross
Ushers Early:	Brent Pladna, Craig Miller
Acolyte Early:	Elder
Elders Late:	David Becker, Lucas Krueger
Ushers Late:	Jay Mueller, Eli Mueller, Tom McHugh
Acolyte Late:	Benjamin Leslie

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 Jon & Ellen Meyermann in honor of our Veterans.

PASTOR POOL'S SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

In November our study will discuss the cities of the second and third missionary journeys of Paul. We meet Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

-November 16: Meteora

-November 23: Santorini and Mykonos

TODAY IS STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

We will bring forward our individual Faith Promise Cards for 2026 at Services today. There are extra cards and envelopes on the guestbook stand if you forgot yours or didn't receive one in the mail. Faith Promise Cards may also be brought next Sunday or anytime throughout the year.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Today during late service, we will bless our OCC boxes before sending them on their way. The Sunday school and preschool children will also bring forward the boxes that they filled and sing an OCC song.

BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

OUR SCHEDULE FOR WORSHIP, STUDY AND WORK:

- Sunday - **Pentecost 23 – Stewardship Sunday II**
- 7:45 & 10:15 Divine Service, Holy Communion
- 9:00 Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, PWYK Class
- 9:00 Pastor Pool's Class
- Monday - 6:00 Board of Stewardship
- 7:00 Board of Trustees
- Tuesday - 9:30 Tuesday Bible Study with Pastor
- 6:00 Board of Evangelism
- 7:00 Tuesday Bible Study with Pastor
- Wednesday - 5:30 Family Night
- 7:00 Youth Catechesis
- Sunday - **Last Sunday of the Church Year**
- 7:45 & 10:15 Divine Service, Holy Communion
- 9:00 Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, PWYK Class
- 9:00 Pastor Pool's Class
- 11:30 Assemble and Deliver Thanksgiving Boxes

OUR WORSHIP, STUDY, AND GIVING LAST WEEK:

Church Attendance Last Sunday: Early 49; Late 77: Total 126

Staff 6; Sunday School 11; Pastor's Class 28; Total 45

Offerings: Current \$6,612; District & Synod \$410; Building Fund \$5,723; Sunday School \$6.76; Scholarship \$160; Other \$3,985

BOARD OF EVANGELISM

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

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR

Our Tuesday Bible study meets this Tuesday, November 18. We are studying Paul's Epistle to the Romans. We normally meet on the first and third Tuesdays. We have two class options at 9:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.
-November 18: The Salutation: Romans 1:1-7

FAMILY NIGHT

Family Night meets this Wednesday, November 19 at 5:30 p.m.

YOUTH CATECHESIS

Youth Catechesis meets this Wednesday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m.

NEW CHURCH YEAR DEVOTION

Our emphasis in the coming church year will be *Celebrating the Saints*. We have a new devotional available. Copies are \$20 The Kindle version is on Amazon for just \$9.99. Pick one up today!

THANKSGIVING BOXES

Thanksgiving food items are being received in the hallway by room 1. We are looking for a couple more families to bless with a Thanksgiving box. Please contact the office if you know of anyone. Assembly and delivery of the boxes will be on Sunday, November 23, after late service.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday Robert Stamp, Barbara Jepsen, Kurtis Van Dellen, Ashton Williams, Alexander Rodriguez, Lori Susie.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Our Thanksgiving Service this year will be held on Wednesday, November 26 at 7:00 p.m. There will be no Family Night or Confirmation on that Wednesday. The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28. There is no preschool Wednesday, November 26 – Friday, November 28.

POINSETTIAS

Camil will be taking orders for Poinsettias on Sunday, November 30 and Sunday, December 7 after early and late service. The cost is \$14 per plant. The Poinsettias will be used to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas. Please make checks out to St. John. If paying in cash correct change is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

ADVENT SERVICES AND FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

Services begin on Wednesday, December 3 and will be held 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 one of the Advent services. Families are asked to bring cookies, bars or sandwiches and to help set up before, and clean up after, fellowship. Reminder slips will be in your box on the Sunday before your scheduled date. The serving schedule 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

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

The Lord our God has given His firstborn for our transgressions so we don't have to (Micah 6:7). We ought neither encourage nor invite expectant mothers and fathers to sacrifice the fruit of their bodies as if it could right a wrong, even in surprise pregnancy. Instead, let us wait upon the One who has begun this good work within to bring it to completion (Philippians 1:6).

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, November 23: Malachi 3:13-18; 2 Col. 1:13-20; Luke 23:27-43