



# ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Lutheran Hour: Sundays at 6:30 a.m. 600 WMT

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November 23, 2025

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Organist:	Kurt Flathers
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:	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 Bob & Claudia Schenk in celebration of their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

## PASTOR POOL'S SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

In November we are discussing the cities of the second and third missionary journeys of Paul. Class is on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

-November 23: Santorini and Mykonos

-November 30: In the Footsteps of Paul

## THANKSGIVING BOXES

Today after late service we will be assembling and delivering Thanksgiving boxes. Thank you to everyone who donated food this year.

## VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING

Our Voters' Assembly will meet on Monday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend our Voters' Assembly. Come and learn what is happening at our church.

## THANKSGIVING SERVICE

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

## OUR SCHEDULE FOR WORSHIP, STUDY AND WORK:

- 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
- Monday - 7:00 Voters' Assembly
- Tuesday - Preschool Thanksgiving Feast
- Wednesday - No Preschool  
- No Family Night, No Confirmation Class  
- 7:00 Thanksgiving Service
- Thursday - Church Office Closed, No Preschool
- Friday - Church Office Closed, No Preschool
- Sunday - **First Sunday in Advent**  
- 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 49; Late 81: Total 130  
Staff 5; Sunday School 18; Pastor's Class 24; Total 47  
Offerings: Current \$5,456.25; District & Synod \$110; Building Fund \$63; Sunday School \$5; Scholarship \$10; PS \$25; Other \$675.75

## PRESCHOOL THANKSGIVING FEAST

Preschool will have their Thanksgiving Sharing Feast on Tues., Nov. 25.

## PRESCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK

Preschool is on Thanksgiving break from Wednesday, November 26 – Friday, November 28. Class will resume on Monday, December 1.

## 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

## 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. Please make checks out to St. John. If paying in cash correct change is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday Christine Frett, Lainey Schroeder, Joseph Dykstra, Jackson Sikkema, Greta Dykstra, Ellen Gluesing.

## NEW CHURCH YEAR DEVOTION: *CELEBRATING THE SAINTS*

We have a new devotional available in the fellowship hall. Copies are \$20 The Kindle version is on Amazon for just \$9.99. Pick one up today!

## PASTOR GONE

Pastor will be gone from Thursday, December 4 – Tuesday, December 9 so that he and Sallie may attend a family funeral in Florida. Pastor will be back in the office on Wednesday, December 10.

## DECORATING THE CHURCH

We will be putting up the decorations in the Sanctuary on Friday, December 5 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to come and help. We especially need men to help haul the decorations out. Thanks!

## CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE

Please stay after late service on Sunday, December 7 and help put up the church Christmas tree. We need lots of help to haul the tree upstairs, assemble the tree, and decorate it with the hundreds of ornaments. Pastor will be gone on December 7 so we could use some extra help. Thanks!

## CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Please return the sheet for the Christmas Eve Children's program asap. Practice begins next Sunday, November 30. Thanks!

## LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

Our Heavenly Father delights in surprises, and the good things of God often arrive unanticipated (1 Thessalonians 5:2). He does not hesitate to deliver blessings both at the outset and at the ending of human life (Isaiah 65:20). And He envisions His people rejoicing out loud about it (Psalm 149:1-2). What implications and opportunities might this offer, especially for our encounters with surprise pregnancies and terminal diagnoses?

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, November 30: Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 24:36-44