

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 30, 2025

Organist: Debby 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: 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 Randy and Phyllis Housenga in celebration of their 55th Anniversary on November 28.

THANKSGIVING ALTAR FLOWERS

The Thanksgiving Altar flowers were to the Glory of God, from Judy Ross in thankfulness for all God's blessings.

PASTOR POOL'S SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Class is on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

-November 30: In the Footsteps of Paul

POINSETTIAS

Camil will be taking orders for Poinsettias today, November 30 and Sunday, December 7 after early and late service. The cost is \$14 per plant. Please make checks out to St. John. Correct change is appreciated.

BAPTISMS

Kinnick Robert Edward, Carver Elbert Ron, and Kinlee Ann Marie Rodriguez will be baptized into God's family this afternoon. They are the children of Cole & Erica Rodriguez.

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.

OUR SCHEDULE FOR WORSHIP, STUDY AND WORK:

- Sunday - **First Sunday in Advent**
- 7:45 & 10:15 Divine Service, Holy Communion
- 9:00 Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, PWYK Class
- 9:00 Christmas Eve Program Practice
- 9:00 Pastor Pool's Class
- Camil is Selling Poinsettias after Early & Late Service
- Tuesday - 9:30 Tuesday Bible Study with Pastor
- 7:00 Tuesday Bible Study with Pastor
- Wednesday - 1:30 Wednesday Advent Service and Fellowship
- No Family Night, No Confirmation Class
- 7:00 Wednesday Advent Service and Fellowship
- Thursday - Pastor Will be Gone from Dec. 4 – Dec. 9
- Friday - 10:00 Decorating the Church for Christmas
- Sunday - **Second Sunday in Advent**
- 7:45 & 10:15 Service of Prayer and Preaching
- 9:00 Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, PWYK Class
- 9:00 Pastor Pool's Class
- Camil is Selling Poinsettias after Early & Late Service
- Raise Right Orders are Due

OUR WORSHIP, STUDY, AND GIVING LAST WEEK:

Church Attendance Last Sunday: Early 60; Late 67: Total 127

Staff 6; Sunday School 17; Pastor's Class 30; Total 53

Offerings: Current \$3,590.50; District & Synod \$212; Building Fund \$196; Sunday School \$5.80; Scholarship \$10; Other \$95

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Our Tuesday Bible Study is just getting started with Paul's Epistle to the Romans. Now is a great time to join us! We normally meet on the first and third Tuesdays. We have two class options at 9:30am or 7:00pm.

-December 2: Rome and Righteousness: Romans 1:8-17

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

DECORATING THE CHURCH

We will be putting up the decorations in the church this Fri., Dec. 5 beginning at 10:00 a.m. Please come and help. Thanks!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday Rick Kuehl, Doug Susie, Scarlett Pladna, Cheryl Schroeder, James Jensen, Zoie Taylor, Wyatt Dell.

DECEMBER RAISE RIGHT ORDERS

December Raise Right orders are due next Sunday, December 7. Please put your order form and payment in the blue box in the fellowship hall. This will be your last chance to order gift cards to give as Christmas gifts. Gift cards make great stocking stuffers, teacher gifts, etc. Please take advantage of Raise Right to help with your Christmas shopping. Thank you for supporting our preschool all year with Raise Right!

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!

ADVENT DEVOTIONS

There are new Advent Devotionals available now on the guestbook stand, table and piano upstairs and on the table in the fellowship hall downstairs. The title is *Preparing for Jesus. Please pick on up today.*

HELP NEEDED TO MAKE BAPTISM BANNERS

The church is in need of someone who would like to take over making the banners for baptisms. If you are interested, please let the office know. You are welcome to continue with the current design, or create a new one of your own. Thank you to Judy Ross who has been graciously making our banners for over 20 years.

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

Advent I – Every human life belongs ultimately to the Lord God Almighty (Psalm 24:1). He retains responsibility for determining the manner of living and deciding the timing of dying. We may both condemn and cast off abortion and assisted suicide as works of darkness that gratify the desires of the flesh (Romans 13:12, 14). Our righteousness—and our neighbor's—rests in a Savior who pardons sin and provides for every need (Jeremiah 23:6).

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, December 7: Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

