

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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December 7, 2025

Organist:	Debby Pladna
Elders Early:	Jim Schnitzmeyer, Kurt Flathers
Ushers Early:	Daniel, Darrin & Bill Schemers
Acolyte Early:	Elder
Elders Late:	Tom Hardersen, James McHugh
Ushers Late:	Bryce P., Randy S., Kevin & Ryan D.
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 Craig and Julie Miller in celebration of the birth of Greyson Kent VanDellen.

PASTOR POOL'S SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

In December our class will begin a new study of the book of Job. We meet Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

-December 7: Looking at the Lectionary

-December 14: Themes and Theodicy

RAISE RIGHT ORDERS DUE TODAY

The December Raise Right order is due today. This is the last day that you will be able to purchase gift cards before Christmas. Please put your order form and payment in the blue box in the fellowship hall. Checks should be made out to St. John. Thanks for continuing to support our preschool!

POINSETTIAS

Camil will be taking orders for Poinsettias today after early and late service. The cost is \$14 per plant. Please make checks out to St. John.

PASTOR GONE

Pastor is gone today 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 - **Second Sunday in Advent**
- 7:45 & 10:15 Service of Prayer and Preaching
 - 9:00 Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, PWYK Class
 - 9:00 Christmas Eve Program Practice
 - 9:00 Pastor Pool's Class
 - Raise Right Orders are Due
 - 11:30 Putting up the Christmas Tree
 - Camil is Selling Poinsettias after Early & Late Service
- Tuesday - 7:00 Mary Martha Christmas Potluck
- Wednesday - 1:30 Wednesday Advent Service and Fellowship
- 7:00 Wednesday Advent Service and Fellowship
 - 8:00 Confirmation Class
- Sunday - **Third 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
 - 1:30 Pastor at the Alverno

OUR WORSHIP, STUDY, AND GIVING LAST WEEK:

Thanksgiving Service Attendance: Total 47

Church Attendance Last Sunday: Early 19; Late 44: Total 63

Staff 4; Sunday School 6; Pastor's Class 20; Total 30

Offerings: Current \$3,097.75; District & Synod \$155; Building Fund \$110; Thanksgiving \$375; Other \$1,000.

PUTTING UP THE CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE TODAY

Please stay after late service today 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 and Sallie are not here 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 one up today.*

ADVENT SERVICES AND FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

Services will be held December 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:

- December 10 Services Pastor Pool to Robert Stamp
- December 17 Services Russell Steen to Dan Akins

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday Kristian Poland, Douglas Housenga, Brian Housenga, Russel Steen, Dawn Adamiec, Austin Gluesing, James Lorenzen, Ruth Marsh, Danna Dyer, Keith King.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The new Flower Chart is now available on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please sign up to provide altar flowers for next year. Thanks!

NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES

2026 offering envelopes will be available for pick up starting next Sunday, Dec. 14. Please begin using the envelopes on Jan. 4, 2026.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSALS

Children who will be participating in the program on December 24 at 6:30 p.m. are asked to attend rehearsals during the Sunday school hour today, December 14 & 21. Regular Sunday school is also available.

MARY MARTHA CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

The Mary Martha Christmas Potluck will be **Tuesday, December 9 at 12:00 p.m.** in the fellowship hall. The meat and beverages will be provided. Members are asked to bring a dish to share and a table decoration. A mission donation will be received, and canned goods and paper products may be brought for the Victory Center. Wrapped prizes will be brought for Dirty Bingo and Cards. Deanna will lead the singing of Christmas Carols. Invitations have been sent.

NEEDED: SOMEONE 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.

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

Advent II – Abortion and assisted suicide arise out of panic. The Advent Gospel offers something better: promise and patient anticipation. During surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis, Jesus Christ means that better days are coming (Malachi 4:1-2), redemption is drawing near (Luke 21:28), and we may welcome one another like the Lord Himself (Romans 15:7). Sufferings will end, but blessings accumulate. Breathe, trust, hope, and rejoice.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, December 14: Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-11; Matthew 11:2-15

