

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

December 14, 2025

Organist:	Debbie 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:	Elder
Wed. Elder Early:	Rick Eizenga
Wed. Elder Late:	Tom Hardersen

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 Marianne Wenzel in celebration of God sending us His Son Jesus.

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 14: Themes and Theodicy

-December 21: Put to the Test: Job 1:1-12

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR

Our Tuesday Bible study meets this Tuesday, December 16 at 9:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. We are just getting started with Paul's Epistle to the Romans. Now is a great time to join us! We normally meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays.

-December 16: His Invisible Attributes: Romans 1:18-25

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The offering envelopes for next year are now available on the table in the fellowship hall. Please pick up your box today. If you did not receive a box but would like one, sign up on the sheet provided. Please do not begin using the new envelopes until Sunday, January 4. Any envelopes which are not picked up will be put in your mail slot in January. Thanks!

OUR SCHEDULE FOR WORSHIP, STUDY AND WORK:

- 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
- Tuesday - 9:30 Tuesday Bible Study with Pastor
- 7:00 Tuesday Bible Study with Pastor
- Wednesday - 1:30 Wednesday Advent Service and Fellowship
- 7:00 Wednesday Advent Service and Fellowship
- 8:00 Confirmation Class
- Thursday - 6:30 Preschool Family Christmas Program & Party
- Sunday - **Fourth 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

OUR WORSHIP, STUDY, AND GIVING LAST WEEK:

Wednesday Advent Service: Afternoon 31; Evening 28; Total 59

Church Attendance Last Sunday: Early 24; Late 35; Total 59

Staff 5; Sunday School 13; Pastor's Class 6; Total 24

Offerings: Current \$2,605.31; District & Synod \$105; Building Fund \$210; SS \$8; Scholarship \$20; Advent \$262.25 Other \$7,765.80.

ADVENT SERVICES AND FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

Our last Wednesday Advent Services will be held on December 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. Those serving this Wednesday are:

-December 17 Russell Steen to Dan Akins

POINSETTIAS

If you would still like to order a Poinsettia plant, please let Camil know by Thursday. You can call the office or send her an email or text.

Payment may be made at any time. The cost is \$14 per plant. Please make checks out to St. John. Also, please let her know who you would like the Poinsettia to be in memory of. The Poinsettia insert will be in the bulletin next Sunday. Thanks!

PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND PARTY

The Preschool will have their family Christmas program and party this Thursday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m. Preschool will be on their Christmas break from Monday, Dec. 22 through Friday, Jan. 2.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday Patty Richter, Toshia Wilderson, Quinn Enwright, Renee White, Brett Beckwith, Larry Villa, Sara Bovis, Nathan Marsh, Emma Thomas, Teighlor Holesinger, Robert Bach Jr., Sophia Swanton, Aaron Becker, Jacquallynn Graham.

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 and December 21. Regular Sunday school is also available.

PASTOR & SALLIE'S CHRISTMAS GIFT

We would like to present Pastor and Sallie with a cash gift for Christmas. If you would like to contribute, please give your donation to one of the Elders. We will give them the gift on Christmas morning after service. Thanks!

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!

NEEDED: A CRAFTY PERSON TO MAKE BAPTISM BANNERS

The church is in need of someone who would like to take over making the banners for baptisms. You can make the current style, or come up with a new design. If you are interested, please let the office know.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who have helped to decorate the church for Christmas. We appreciate you and thank you for your time and talent. *Many hands make light work.*

LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

Advent III– Our Congregation must become comfortable speaking publicly about abortion if for no other reason than that Christian hearts also carry guilt and grief over the killing of their own children. The Word of the Lord commands us to condemn sin that we may cry out comfort and peace (Isaiah 40:1-2) in the Heavenly Father's forgiveness, even for violating the sanctity of human life.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, December 21: Isaiah 7:10-17; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

