



# 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 28, 2025

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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:	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 Tom and Christine Colschen.

## ALTAR FLOWERS CHRISTMAS EVE

The Altar flowers on Christmas Eve were to the Glory of God, from Karen Rowan in celebration of God's greatest gift to the world, his Son, Jesus.

## ALTAR FLOWERS CHRISTMAS DAY

The Altar flowers on Christmas Day were to the Glory of God, from Judy Ross in celebration of Jesus' birth.

## PASTOR POOL'S SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

We are studying the book of Job. The Christian life is a struggle. But the struggle is worthwhile. We meet Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

-December 28: When Satan Attacks: Job 1:13-22

-January 4: When Satan Attacks, Part 2: Job 2

## 2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The new offering envelopes are now available on the table in the fellowship hall. Please do not begin using them until Sunday, January 4.

## MEMORIAL

A memorial totaling \$50 has been received to the Glory of God in memory of Shawn Kuhse for the St. John Memorial Fund.

## OUR SCHEDULE FOR WORSHIP, STUDY AND WORK:

- Sunday - **First Sunday after Christmas**  
- 7:45 & 10:15 Divine Service, Holy Communion  
- 9:00 Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, PWYK Class  
- 9:00 Pastor Pool's Class
- Monday - **No Preschool**
- Tuesday - **No Preschool**
- Wednesday - **No Preschool**
- Thursday - **Church Office Closed, No Preschool**
- Friday - 12:30 Blood Drive, **No Preschool**
- Sunday - **The Epiphany of Our Lord (Celebrated)**  
- 7:45 & 10:15 Divine Service, Holy Communion  
- 9:00 Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, PWYK Class  
- 9:00 Pastor Pool's Class  
- Victory Center Food Pantry Collection  
- Raise Right Orders are due.

## OUR WORSHIP, STUDY, AND GIVING LAST WEEK:

Wednesday Advent Service: Afternoon 37; Evening 34; Total 71  
Church Attendance Last Sunday: Early 38; Late 70; Total 108  
Staff 8; Sunday School 22; Kurt's Class 4; Pastor's Class 20; Total 54  
Offerings: Current \$45,111.25; District & Synod \$195; Building Fund \$305; SS \$9.40; Scholarship \$10; Advent \$952.50 Other \$149

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IS THIS FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

The next Blood Drive hosted by St. John will be held this Friday, January 2, 2026 from 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Please go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) today and schedule your appointment to donate. Everyone who comes to donate will receive a free, long-sleeved t-shirt.

## RAISE RIGHT ORDERS ARE DUE JANUARY 4

Please place your order form and payment in the blue box in the fellowship hall. When we purchase gift cards at face value to use on everyday purchases, our St. John preschool receives a percentage of each gift card sale. Through the Raise Right program in 2025, we were able to raise \$1,122.36 for our preschool. Thank you for supporting our school!

## BIBLE READING PLAN

The new addition of our Three-Year Bible Reading Plan is available in the Fellowship Hall. We are in the third year of this plan that takes us through the Old Testament once, the New Testament twice, and the Psalms twice a year. The plan begins Jan. 1. Read God's Word with us!

## EPIPHANY SERVICE

The congregation is invited to attend an Evening Prayer service for the Epiphany of our Lord on Tuesday, January 6 at 7:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Clinton.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday Kendra Schroeder, Mollie Horst, Zac Poland, Rick Eizenga, Tiffany Lange, Kevin Marsh Jr., McKenna Stock.

## TAKING DOWN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: JANUARY 5

We are taking down the Christmas decorations in the church on Monday, January 5 at 10:00 a.m. Please come help. Thanks!

## PORTALS OF PRAYER

The January – March edition of Portals of Prayer is now available.

## HIGHER THINGS

We are attending the Higher Things Youth Conference on June 30 – July 3 in St. Louis. Registration is \$150. Registration is due Sunday, January 11. See the display in the fellowship hall.

## WANTED PERSON/PERSONS TO DELIVER ALTAR FLOWERS

Volunteers are needed to deliver Altar flowers on Sunday mornings. Please contact the office if you would be interested. Thanks!

## HELP IS NEEDED

Kristina & Wyatt Kuhse are relocating to a new apartment and need some help moving. Please call Kathy Schrader, 563-593-1349, for details.

## THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for their Merry Christmas wishes, prayers, cards and gifts. I am so blessed. *Camil Dell*

## THANK YOU FROM THE POOLS

We are so grateful for our congregation and for your cards, gifts, and thoughtfulness in this season of God's gifts. May you find peace and joy in the Incarnation and Nativity of Our Lord. In the Love of Christ, *Pastor and Sallie*

## LIFE THOUGHTS FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

Herod's fury and Rachel's weeping still sound forth in our time and our land. Bethlehem's slaughter may have had dozens of casualties, but abortion's victims' number in the millions. We have not only responsibility but privilege to participate instead in the Lord's work, upholding life (Psalm 54:4) by advocating hope (Jeremiah 31:16-17) and arranging deliverance for the endangered (Matthew 2:13-14).

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, January 4: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

