

ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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February 22, 2026

Organist:	Debbie Pladna
Elders Early:	Kurt Flathers, Rick Eizenga
Ushers Early:	Craig Miller, Tom Colschen Jon Meyermann
Acolyte Early:	Elder
Elders Late:	Tom Hardersen, Lucas Krueger
Ushers Late:	Peter Sirna, 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

There are no Altar flowers during Lent. Please look at the Flower Chart in the Narthex and sign up to provide flowers some Sunday this year. Thanks!

PASTOR'S SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

In February our class continues the study of the book of Job. We meet Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome.

Bring your Bible or borrow one of ours.

-February 22: Bildad Speaks: Job 8

PLANNING COUNCIL

The Planning Council will meet on Monday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m.

CONFIRMATION CLASS DURING LENT

This Wednesday February 25, Catechesis will be held from 8:00 – 8:45 p.m. following the evening Lent service. Class will meet at this time through Wednesday, March 25. There will be no class on March 18 due to Spring Break and no class on April 1 during Holy week.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION STARTING IN MARCH

Beginning March 1, and continuing throughout Summer Sunday School, our Sunday School Mission Project will go to help support the Fedderwitz missionaries. Thank you for teaching your children about helping others by sending a Sunday School offering each week!

OUR SCHEDULE FOR WORSHIP, STUDY AND WORK:

- Sunday - **First Sunday in Lent**
- 7:45 & 10:15 Divine Service, Holy Communion
- 9:00 Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, PWYK Class
- 9:00 Pastor Pool's Class
- Wednesday - 1:30 Wednesday Lent Service and Fellowship
- 6:15 Easter Choir Practice
- 7:00 Wednesday Lent Service and Fellowship
- 8:00 Confirmation Class
- Saturday - Janet's Jungle Seed Sale Ends Today
- Sunday - **Second Sunday in Lent**
- 7:45 & 10:15 Divine Service, Holy Communion
- 9:00 Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, PWYK Class
- 9:00 Pastor Pool's Class
- Food Pantry Collection
- Raise Right Orders Are Due

OUR WORSHIP, STUDY, AND GIVING LAST WEEK:

Church Attendance Last Sunday: Early 48; Late 82: Total 125
Staff 8; Sunday School 21; Bible Study 5; Pastor's Class 20; Total 54
Offerings: Current \$4,193.25; District & Synod \$100; Building Fund \$87; Sunday School \$4.75; Scholarship \$10; Higher Things \$185; Christian Aid \$175; Other \$1,225

LENTEN SERVICES AND FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday Lent Services will be held each Wednesday through March 25 and are at 1:30 & 7:00 p.m. with fellowship following each service. Every year the congregation is divided into groups, according to the church directory, to serve after Lent Services. Each family serving is asked to bring a plate or two of sandwiches, four dozen cookies, or a pan of bars. Otherwise a donation toward punch and coffee may be left in the container. Families are also asked to help in the kitchen before, during, and after fellowship. The serving schedule is as follows:

- February 25** - **Joe Dykstra to Ann Hansen**
March 4 - **Tom Hardersen to Lewis Meyermann**
March 11 - **Craig Miller to Judy Ross**
March 18 - **Karen Rowan to Angie Stewart**
March 25 - **Elwood Stewart to Dan Akins**

NO FAMILY NIGHT DURING LENT

Family Night is not meeting during Lent.

EASTER CHOIR PRACTICE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

The Easter Choir will practice every Wednesday during Lent from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m. We could use a few more people to participate. Thanks!

JANET'S JUNGLE SEED SALE

The last day to order seeds is this Saturday, February 28.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday Jacob Judd, Bonnie Ugarph, Gary Harmsen, Klaire DeCoster, Nadine Daehler, Terry Hill, Vicki Beckwith, Glen Gray Jr., Deanna Petersen, Alicia Slapnicka, Laura Pretz, Molly Mellinger, Carrie Krogman, Kimberly Heister, Donivan Sirna.

MARCH RAISE RIGHT ORDERS DUE NEXT SUNDAY

If you would like to order form our March Raise Right fundraiser, please put your order form and payment in the blue box in the fellowship hall. Orders are due next Sunday, March 1. Gift cards should be in your mail slot in the Narthex on Sunday, March 8. Thanks!

HIGHER THINGS

A group from St. John will be attending the Higher Things conference June 30 – July 3 in St. Louis. Thrivent Choice dollars can be designated to help fund our trips. You may also contribute by writing Higher Things on your weekly offering envelope. Thank you!

HELP WANTED

Trinity Lutheran Church in Clinton is accepting applications for the position of office secretary for their church. Working hours would be part-time and flexible depending on your schedule. Please call the Trinity Lutheran Church office at (563) 242-5328 with questions or if interested in submitting an application. Thank you!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: MARK YOUR CALENDAR

St. John ladies are invited to Trinity in Clinton on Friday, March 6 for the World Day of Prayer service. A continental breakfast and fellowship begin at 9:00 a.m. with the Service following at 10:00 a.m. (Note the service is at an earlier time this year). This World Day of Prayer is hosted by Trinity Ladies Aid and Eventide.

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

“God created us anew in Baptism. We are the work of His hands, and He will not forsake us. Guided by the Spirit through the wisdom of His Word, we learn to walk in His ways, even when we must ‘walk in the midst of trouble’.” *Dr. Carol Geisler, Lutheran Hour Ministries*

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, March 1: Genesis 12:1-9; Romans 4:1-8, 13-17; John 3:1-17