



SAINT JOHN THIS WEEK



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LEADING IN WORSHIP ON DECEMBER 31, 2016 and JANUARY 1, 2017

Ushers	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	<u>9:30 a.m.</u>
Lectors	Bob Hansen	Scott Hartman Crew
Communion Assistants	Linda Fisher	Marlys Lien
Greeters	Katie Comley	Marlys & Paul Lien
Acolytes	Katie Comley	Tom Brown

***PEOPLE WE HAVE BEEN PRAYING FOR:** Tracy Doebelin, Nancy Andersen, Leola Poppen, Kent Madison, Ronald Thompson, Betty Stelter, Jason Jensen, Mary Gittins, Debbie Drustrup, Jenny Grap, Derek Ravlin, Rose Hansen, Mary Mauch, Jan Girton, Kendra Noller, Shirley Jorgensen

**Names will be kept on the Prayer List for 2 weeks unless the church office is notified otherwise.*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL – January 4 at 6:00 p.m. Please sign up on the back of the bulletin insert if you plan to attend.

MEN'S CLUB LUNCH – Thursday, January 19 at 11:30 a.m. at Sugar's Lounge. Please sign up on the back of the bulletin insert if you plan to attend.

ALL "LOOSE OFFERING" on the first weekend of each month will be added to Pastor Jon's discretionary fund.

SCRIP NOTE – We now have Pizza King cards with an 8% profit! Remember, Scrip is a good way to make your shopping easy and benefit the Church at the same time.

STAY IN OUT OF THE COLD – Join us for food and fellowship after services. And if you have time we could always use a hand in the Coffee Bar.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, Jan. 2

SAINT JOHN ANNUAL MEETING – Sunday, January 29 at 12:45 p.m. Lunch will be served at 12:15 p.m. Please make a reservation if you plan to eat.

NEBRASKA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY CHOIR will be performing at Saint John on Friday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m. The choir is a 49-voice ensemble, more than half of whom are music majors.

EARLY BIRD SAVINGS – If you register your child for camp before January 31 you will get a **\$50 discount** for a full-week session. Look for the Carol Joy Holling flyer on the table by the office.

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2016 BUDGET FORUM – Sunday, January 15 at 9:45 a.m.

FOUNDATION AWARDS PRESENTATION – Sunday, January 29, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.

THE GOOD TIME GROUP will be meeting on Saturday, January 7, 2017, to take down the Christmas decorations at 9:00 a.m. After the decorations are all put away for another year, we will be having our annual meeting in the Welcome Center. The more the merrier and faster to get the job done! Please plan to attend. Snacks provided.

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH
IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP:**

JANUARY 11 (Wed), 6:30-7:15 p.m. - Mission Trip Informational Meeting

JANUARY 15 (Sun), 9:45-10:30 a.m. - Mission Trip Informational Meeting (for those who couldn't make it earlier)

JANUARY 31—Mission Trip REGISTRATION & \$100 DEPOSIT DUE

FEBRUARY 11—Prime Rib Dinner (First fundraiser opportunity)

HATS, MITTENS, COATS GALORE! Thank you to everyone who donated hats, mittens, gloves and coats to Bloomer School and Rocky Boy Indian Reservation. They are very grateful that the children have warm clothes for the cold winter. Thanks for your generosity and care!

ALTAR FLOWERS – If you would like to provide altar flowers in memory of, or in honor of someone, please call the church office, 323-7173.

All weekends in January and February are still open.

Altar flowers (set of 2) are \$25.68 and Chancel flowers (1) are \$21.40

THANK YOU to all who donated presents to the Community of Christ and MOHM's Place toy/gift drives. It makes a huge difference in our community.

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BETHANY ANNUAL MEETING - The Annual Meeting of Bethany Lutheran Home will be held on Sunday, January 8, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the Skyrise Dining Room (Upper Dining Room) at Bethany, 7 Elliott Street. All Sponsoring Congregation Delegates are encouraged to attend. Visitors are also welcome. The meeting will include various department reports, financial report and election of Board Members for 2017. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Brenda Hennigs at Bethany Lutheran Home 712-328-9500. *In the event of inclement weather or our need to postpone the meeting due to flu, please contact Bethany at 712-328-9500 and/or tune to your local television station if appropriate, before heading to Bethany.*

Last Week's Attendance:

Saturday, December 24	3:30	281
	5:30	298
	10:30	84
Total		663

From the Finance Committee:

Last week's offering was \$5629 or 74% of weekly budget. Year-to-date offering is \$398,859 or 101% of year to date budget.

SAINT JOHN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion

MONDAY, JANUARY 2 – Office Closed

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

9:00 a.m. Golden Oldies ChristCare

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

9:00 a.m. Adult Study
5:30 p.m. GIFT
5:30 p.m. Meal
6:30 p.m. Confirmation
6:30 p.m. High School Youth
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4 (continued)

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

9:00 a.m. Good Time Group - take down decorations
5:30 p.m. Worship

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:30 p.m. Sudanese Worship

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

1:30 p.m. Ruth Group
6:45 p.m. Seekers ChristCare

LEADING IN WORSHIP ON JANUARY 7 & 8, 2017

	5:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Ushers	Bob Hansen	Scott Hartman Crew	Jeff Hamling Crew
Lectors	Linda Fisher	Doug Thompson	
Greeters		Tonya & Eathan Achenbach	Deb Ingwersen
Acolytes			

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17