



SAINT JOHN THIS WEEK



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LEADING IN WORSHIP ON JANUARY 7 & 8, 2017

	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
Ushers	Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor	Scott Hartman Crew	Chad Burdick Crew
Lectors	Linda Fisher	Doug Thompson	Alan Meilike
Greeters		Tonya & Eathan Achenbach	Deb Ingwersen, Kris Docken
Acolytes	Ellie Casey		Hannah Jensen

ALTAR FLOWERS – In honor of Alvina Hjortsvang on her 90th birthday, given by Ruth, Robert, Mark, Diane and their families.

***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, Shirley Jorgensen, Larry Gittins, Giles Whitney, Ed Ebersold

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

HOSPITALIZED

Mercy – Ed Ebersold

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL – January 11 at 6:00 p.m. Please sign up on the back of the bulletin insert if you plan to attend.

SAINT JOHN MUGS are still available to buy. The cost is \$7.00. Look for the table in the Welcome Center.

SCRIP NOTE – Have you thought of making a New Years Resolution that benefits the church? Try using Scrip to pay for all your grocery shopping for 2017. Don't forget that Pizza King is available with an 8% profit.

WE ARE TAKING ORDERS - Luther's Day By Day and other Luther books can be ordered through January. Look for the table in the Welcome Center.

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

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.

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

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH IMPORTANT DATES 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)

DONATIONS OF FLEECE NEEDED FOR SERVICE PROJECT- In February the confirmands and their mentors will be making fleece blankets, hats, and scarves for the Center for Healthy Families and Bloomer School. Donations of fleece to help with this project would be much appreciated. Blankets: 1.5-3 yards of fleece; Hats ½ yard of fleece, Scarf ⅓ yard of fleece. Fleece will be collected throughout the month of January for this special service project. Donations can be placed in the box near the office. Anyone else (all ages) wanting to participate is welcome us on February 1st, 6:30pm. If you have sharp scissors please label and bring them with you to use.

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.

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.

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.

Weekends in January and February are still open.

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

REMEMBER THE HUNGRY – Here are a few items suggested for Our Savior's Food Pantry: boxed dinners, canned soup, canned tuna or chicken, cat food. Please place your food donations in the grocery cart in the Welcome Center. Thank you.

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. ***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 31	5:30	50
Sunday, January 1	9:30	112
Total		162

From the Finance Committee:

Last week's offering was \$7184 or 95% of weekly budget.
Year-to-date offering is \$7184 or 95% of year to date budget.

SAINT JOHN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

9:00 a.m. Golden Oldies ChristCare
1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl
4:30 p.m. Finance Committee
6:30 p.m. Property Committee
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

9:00 a.m. Adult Study
5:30 p.m. GIFT
5:30 p.m. Meal

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

6:30 p.m. Confirmation
6:30 p.m. High School Youth
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

9:00 a.m. Mary Group
5:30 p.m. Council Meeting

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

7:00 p.m. Nebraska Wesleyan University Choir

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

5:30 p.m. **Worship with Communion**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

8:30 a.m. **Worship with Communion**
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Budget Forum
11:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion**
12:30 p.m. **Sudanese Worship**

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Ushers	Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor	Scott Hartman Crew	Jeff Hamling Crew
Lectors	Sue Mize	Bob Johnson	Kim Townsend
Communion Assistants	Katie Comley, Becky Taylor	Diane & Mike Ashbaugh	Beth & Kim Townsend
Greeters		Tonya & Eathan Achenbach	Mary Lou Hansen, Eric Hansen
Acolytes	Hannah Lucy	Addison Nano	

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 49:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42