



SAINT JOHN THIS WEEK



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LEADING IN WORSHIP ON OCTOBER 22 & 23, 2016

Ushers
Lectors
Greeters
Acolytes

5:30 p.m.
 Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor
 Linda Fisher

8:30 a.m.
 Giles Whitney Crew
 Gary Woods
 Andreia & Mike Nebel
 Leah Wilson

11:00 a.m.
 Bob Kossow Crew
 Burke Swenson
 Mary Lou Hansen, Eric Hansen, Devin Nailor
 Luke Meyer

ALTAR FLOWERS – In honor of the wedding of Keith Damgaard and Danielle deFrates.

***PEOPLE WE HAVE BEEN PRAYING FOR:** Tracy Doebelin, Keith Warford, Nancy Andersen, Leola Poppen, Kent Madison, Ronald Thompson, Betty Stelter, Cindy Jordan, Jason Jensen, Claudia Besco, Mary Gittins, Diane Kalskett, Debbie Drustrup, Jenny Grap, Derek Ravlin, Gail Bates, Junior Boerjan, Larry Gittins, Dylan Gaines, Floyd Fischer, Paula Roth, John Dat, Robin Jastorff, Sue Mize, LoriAnn Brougham, Heather Harold

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

WEDDING on October 21
 Keith Damgaard and Danielle DeFrates.

SYMPATHY to the family of ...
 Richard Walter, who passed away on October 15.

90TH BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE for Jim Moss is on Sunday, October 30, 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Faith and Life Center.

125TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER – Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 5. A catered dinner will be served in the Faith and Life Center at 7:00 p.m. Bishop Rodger Prois will join us and be a part of the evening's program. Tickets will be for sale at the Saturday service and between Sunday services through October 23rd.

TREAT THE TROOPS – We are collecting items for the Holiday Comfort Boxes to be sent to our deployed military personnel. A list of suggested items is in the October Caller or on the bulletin board above the collection box. Money is also appreciated to help pay for mailing the Christmas boxes.

HALLOWEEN PARTY/ TRUNK OR TREAT – Oct. 23, 1:00-2:30 pm. The kids can dress up and come “trick” the trunks in the parking lot. ALL ages are welcome. Adults are invited to hand out candy in the parking lot. We will have cookies and punch and a craft indoors. We will move indoors if it's raining for the “trunk” or treat. Any donations of candy will be appreciated. Please sign up on the bulletin insert if you can help with this event.

PUMPKINS NEEDED! And any other fall decorations that can be used to decorate our float for the Veteran's Day Parade on Saturday, November 5. If you have any potted mums or other fall flowers we could borrow please have them at the church by November 4, and you can pick them up at church after the parade on Saturday or on Sunday. Please put your name on everything you bring. **PARADE WALKERS** are also needed to hand out wristbands and seed packets. Meet at church by 10:30 a.m. See you there!

SHOE TREE - We will be participating in this fundraiser for Pottawattamie Center for Healthy Families again this year. The tree is right inside the door by the Coffee Bar. **The deadline to donate is October 31.**

BAPTISM CLASS – Sunday, Nov. 13 at 12:15 p.m. Parents who wish to have their child baptized are expected to attend this class prior to baptism. Please call the church office if you are interested, 323-7173.

SAINT JOHN FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATIONS will be accepted between October 24 and December 1, 2016. Application forms will be outside the church office door or you can call the church office, 323-7173 and one will be sent to you

SCRIP NOTE: Using Scrip prepaid gift cards to do your shopping, is one way to keep your credit information safe, you just write a check to the church, and use the gift card online.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS on Nov. 13 & 20. Youth who are 5th grade or older who have not received their first communion are invited to attend the First Communion class on Sunday Nov. 13 & Nov. 20 from 2:00-4:00pm. It is important that you attend BOTH sessions. Parents are encouraged to attend as well

QUILTS ON DISPLAY – The quilts made by the Saint John Sewing Group will be sent to Lutheran World Relief who will send them where needed.

THANKS to those who helped pick up trash on 5th Ave. this past weekend. Six volunteers picked up 10 bags of trash! This is a yearly project we will do every spring and fall. See you there next spring!

ANNUAL PIE SOCIAL – We will hold our fourth annual pie social on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 23 following the 7:00 worship service. Please bring a **PRECUT PIE** to share and enjoy fellowship together!

BETHANY TRICK OR TREAT- Donations of candy are being accepted to help treat the children who will be visiting Bethany for Halloween on *Monday, October 31st from 6:00 -7:00 p.m.* If you are able to donate candy, it would be greatly appreciated. All items must be individually wrapped and can be dropped off at Bethany Lutheran Home or Bethany Heights. We would also like to invite you to join us on the 31st. Thank you for your support.

Last Week's Attendance:		From the Finance Committee:	
Saturday, October 15	5:30 41	Last week's offering was \$7165 or 94% of weekly budget.	
Sunday, October 16	8:30 150	Year-to-date offering is \$323,880 or 101% of year to date budget.	
	11:00 <u>99</u>		
	Total 290		

SAINT JOHN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22
5:30 p.m. **Worship**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23
8:30 a.m. **Worship**
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. **Worship**
12:30 p.m. **Sudanese Worship**
1:00 p.m. Trunk-or-Treat

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24
9:00 a.m. STARS ChristCare
1:30 p.m. Altar Guild

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25
9:30 p.m. Women's Board Meeting
7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26
8:00 a.m. Peer Connection Consumer Conference
9:00 a.m. Adult Study
5:30 p.m. GIFT
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Meal
6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

WEDNESDAY (Continued)
6:30 p.m. HS Youth
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27
Caller Mailed
6:30 p.m. Praise Team

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28
5:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29
3:30 p.m. Wedding- Michelle Boyd & Zach Williby
5:30 p.m. **Worship**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30
8:30 a.m. **Worship**
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. **Worship**
Baptism- Gracelynn Josephine Clanton
12:15 p.m. Baptism Class
12:30 p.m. **Sudanese Worship**

LEADING IN WORSHIP ON OCTOBER 29 & 30, 2016

	5:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Ushers	Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor	Giles Whitney Crew, Tye Nebel	Bob Kossow Crew
Lectors	Rose Hansen		Jeremy Hulshizer
Greeters		Andreia & Mike Nebel, Madison Stark	Anne & Dale Vorce
Acolytes	Ben Brougham, Connie Brougham	Ryley Nebel, Aubrey Stark	Elizabeth Casey, Addison Nano

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36