



SAINT JOHN THIS WEEK



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LEADING IN WORSHIP ON NOVEMBER 12 & 13, 2016

Ushers
Lectors
Greeters
Acolytes

5:30 p.m.

Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor, Dalton Mohatt
 Youth
 Ruby Runte
 Samuel Hovey

8:30 a.m.

Earl Myers Crew, Tye Nebel
 Ryley Nebel
 Jamie Loose-Ives & children
 Allison Steppuhn

11:00 a.m.

Linda Hahn Crew
 Kyle Gann
 Mary Lou Hansen, Eric Hansen
 Luke Meyer

ALTAR FLOWERS – In celebration of the 67th wedding anniversary of Lois & Roy Adams.

***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, Debbie Drustrup, Jenny Grap, Derek Ravlin, Gail Bates, Junior Boerjan, Floyd Fischer, Robin Jastorff, Heather Harold, Lisa Smith, Tom Brown, Cindy Bang, Rose Hansen, Mary Mauch

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

HOSPITALIZED: Jennie Edmundson – Floyd Fischer

SYMPATHY to the families of ...

John Leistad, grandfather of Julisa Novotny, who passed away on November 2.

Mary Jane Svoboda, who passed away on November 7.

Jo Youngs, who passed away on November 10.

HOLIDAY MUSIC FESTIVAL - We will be having our annual special music holiday festival on Sunday, Dec. 11 at the 8:30 service. If you are interested in singing or playing an Advent/Christmas solo or as part of a small group, please contact Eric Wyler wyler.eric@gmail.com. Spots are limited and will be filled first come, first serve!

THANKOFFERING - The Women of the Church will be collecting their annual Thankoffering on the weekend of November 26 & 27. Thankoffering funds will be used to support our missionaries, Revs. Colin and Jeni Grangaard who are serving in Jerusalem.

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.

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!

FROM SERVICE AND WITNESS – Thanks to all who donated to Treat the Troops. It was a huge success!! Thanks also to everyone who donated to the Shoe Tree. Lutheran Family Services was so happy to receive this wonderful donation which sold for \$1200.00 at the auction. **FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER** we will be collecting hats, mittens and coats for Bloomer School and Rocky Boy Camp. We will also be gathering toys and gifts for MOHM's Place and Community of Christ Christmas support. Look for tags in the Welcome Center.

MEMORIAL MONIES for Olga Schroeder and Edna Drake, along with money from the women of Saint John enabled us to purchase the new flatware used at the 125 Anniversary banquet on Saturday, November 5. The five piece place settings should meet all our needs in the future.

ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARDS are available on the table in the Narthex. Thanks to everyone who has already returned their card.

SAINT JOHN FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATIONS

will be accepted before December 1, 2016. Forms will be outside the church office door or you can call the church office, 323-7173 and one will be sent to you.

FREE CONCERT: Voices of Omaha invites you to attend the 48th Annual Performance of Handel's "Messiah," Sunday, Nov. 20, 3:00 p.m. at Holland Performing Arts Center. No ticket required.

CHILDREN'S SQUARE – Is in need of 2yr old toddler girl clothing for the fall/winter. Donations can be dropped off at Children's Square, or in the Church office.

MEDICARE PART D UPDATE - The open enrollment window is October 15-December 7. This is the time to review your current prescription drug plan for 2017. (Any changes will take place beginning January 1, 2017). Bethany will once again be offering **free assistance** in reviewing your current plan and options for the coming year. For more information or to make an appointment, please contact Diane Carlon at 712-329-5451.

WE WISH TO THANK Kim Townsend, Mark Hansen, Sue Pagan & all her quilters and the members of Women of the Church for their assistance with the school kits and quilts that are going to Lutheran World Relief. Six boxes of school kits and six boxes of quilts were readied for shipment on Sunday, November 6. They will be transported to Brown's Shipping on Monday or Tuesday for shipping to wherever they are needed. Thanks again to all those who were involved in this endeavor.

GOOD TIME GROUP - It's that time of year when Happy Holidays are with us again... For November, the Good Time Group will decorate the Church for Christmas on Saturday November 26 at 9 AM till approximately 11 AM. Juice and rolls will be served. Questions - please contact Giles and Debbie Whitney at 712-328-3074. We Wish Everyone a Happy Blessed Holiday Season ahead.

Last Week's Attendance:

Saturday, November 5	5:30	89
Sunday, November 6	8:30	131
	11:00	<u>107</u>
Total		327

From the Finance Committee:

Last week's offering was \$10,420 or 137% of weekly budget.
Year-to-date offering is \$346,062 or 101% of year to date budget.

SAINT JOHN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

10:00 a.m. John Dat Funeral
5:30 p.m. Worship
7:00 p.m. Good Time Group

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

8:30 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:15 p.m. Baptism Class
12:30 p.m. Sudanese Worship
2:00 p.m. First Communion Class
2:00 p.m. Mary Jane Svoboda Memorial

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

9:00 a.m. STARS ChristCare

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

9:00 a.m. Golden Oldies ChristCare
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16 (continued)

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17 – Caller Mailed

9:00 a.m. Life Group
11:30 a.m. Men's Club
6:30 p.m. Praise Team

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

11:00 a.m. Kiwanis Pancake Feed
5:00 p.m. Kiwanis Pancake Feed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19 - Thankoffering

5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 - Thankoffering

8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
11:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
12:30 p.m. Sudanese Worship
2:00 p.m. First Communion Class

LEADING IN WORSHIP ON NOVEMBER 19 & 20, 2016

Ushers	5:30 p.m. Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor	8:30 a.m. Earl Myers Crew	11:00 a.m. Linda Hahn Crew
Lectors	Katie Comley	Marietta Bittle	Jennifer Erickson
Communion Assistants	Becky Taylor	Debbie & Lane Plugge	Jennifer & Steve Erickson
Greeters	Becky Taylor	Jamie Loose-Ives & children	Shelly Graham, Thomas Graham
Acolytes	Hannah Lucy	Madison Stark, Aubrey Stark	

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Malachi 4:1-2a; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19