



SAINT JOHN THIS WEEK



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LEADING IN WORSHIP ON NOVEMBER 19 & 20, 2016

Ushers

Lectors

Communion Assistants

Greeters

Acolytes

5:30 p.m.

Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor

Katie Comley

Becky Taylor

Becky Taylor

Hannah Lucy

8:30 a.m.

Earl Myers Crew

Marietta Bittle

Debbie & Lane Plugge

Jamie Loose-Ives & children

Madison Stark, Aubrey Stark

11:00 a.m.

Linda Hahn Crew

Jennifer Erickson

Jennifer & Steve Erickson

Shelly Graham, Thomas Graham

ALTAR FLOWERS – In loving memory of Roger von Gillern, given by Elaine and Family.

***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, Junior Boerjan, Floyd Fischer, Robin Jastorff, Lisa Smith, Rose Hansen, Mary Mauch, Caiden Loose-Ives.

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

HOSPITALIZED: UNMC – Keith Warford

SYMPATHY to the family of Blake Smith, great-nephew of Barbara Paulson, who passed away on November 12.

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 19 & 20. Thankoffering funds will be used to support our missionaries, Revs. Colin and Jeni Grangaard who are serving in Jerusalem.

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 – 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.

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

MEALS FOR MAUCHS - Mary Mauch, who is pregnant with twins, has been having some health issues and is on bed rest. If you would like to help Mary & Josh (and daughter Autumn) by providing a meal to them please go to the following website to sign up on the schedule: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/y6zv1e> or you can sign up on the back of the insert and someone will call you to put you on the schedule.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

3:30pm Traditional Candlelight Service

Focused for Youth & Family Service

5:30pm & 10:30 pm Traditional Candlelight Service

CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY WORSHIP

Sunday at 9:30am (One Service Only)

SCRIP NOTE - Scrip has Family Fare cards as well as the other places you may be buying supplies for your Thanksgiving dinner. The church benefits from every card sold.

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.

MOHM's PLACE CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE Tuesday Dec. 20, 4:00-7:00pm - Each year Saint John helps at MOHM's Place with their annual toy giveaway. Areas of serving include: the children's tent where we help kids choose and wrap presents for their parents, serving the meal, helping welcome families, and organizing gifts. There are two shifts: 3:30-5:30 and 5:30-7:30. Feel free to sign up for one or both. Contact the office or sign up on the bulletin insert if you would like to volunteer. Youth and adults from the congregation are all invited to serve. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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.

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 December and January are still open.

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

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS ENCHANTMENT - Children's Square U.S.A. Spiritual Life Program holds Christmas Enchantment, a fundraising event to support the Spiritual Life Program at Children's Square U.S.A. is scheduled for Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. at Hoy-Kilnoski Funeral Home. This Christmas celebration features fine foods, live entertainment, designer Christmas décor' for sale as well as live and silent auction items. Your purchases help fund the Spiritual Life program at Children's Square U.S.A., bringing hope and peace to the children living in our residential mental health treatment facility. More information can be had by contacting Lisa Milbrath at lmilbrath@childrensquare.org

Last Week's Attendance:

Saturday, November 12	5:30	66
Sunday, November 13	8:30	129
	11:00	134
	Total	319

From the Finance Committee:

Last week's offering was \$9078 or 119% of weekly budget. Year-to-date offering is \$355,140 or 101% of year to date budget.

SAINT JOHN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22
9:30 a.m. Women's Board Meeting
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23
9:00 a.m. Adult Study
7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24 - Happy Thanksgiving
Office Closed

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25
Office Closed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26
9:00 a.m. Good Time Group Decorates Church
5:30 p.m. Worship

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 - First Sunday in Advent
8:30 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
11:00 a.m. Worship
Baptism - Lexington Rose Damgaard
12:30 p.m. Sudanese Worship

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Greeters
Acolytes Samuel Hovey

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Pat Nepple
Jamie Loose-Ives & children
Tye Nebel, Ryley Nebel

11:00 a.m.
Linda Hahn Crew
Mary Jensen
Deb Ingwersen

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44