



# SAINT JOHN THIS WEEK



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### LEADING IN WORSHIP ON NOVEMBER 26 & 27, 2016

	5:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Ushers	Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor	Earl Myers Crew	Linda Hahn Crew
Lectors	Rose Hansen	Pat Nepple	Mary Jensen
Greeters		Jamie Loose-Ives & children	Deb Ingwersen
Acolytes	Samuel Hovey	Tye Nebel, Ryley Nebel	Devin Nailor, Ben Brougham, Connie Brougham

**ALTAR FLOWERS** – In honor of the First Communion class, given by Mary & Roger Burmeister.

**\*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, Robin Jastorff, Lisa Smith, Rose Hansen, Mary Mauch, Caiden Loose-Ives, Mason Barta, Ashley Oien, Julia Taylor

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

**HOSPITALIZED:** Clarkson – Keith Warford

**SYMPATHY** to the families of Floyd Fischer, who passed away on November 19. Linda Dalbey

**BAPTISM** at the 11:00 service Lexington Rose Damgaard, daughter of Kate & Andy Damgaard.

### CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

3:30 pm Traditional Candlelight Service  
with an interactive sermon focused for children and youth  
5:30 pm & 10:30 pm Traditional Candlelight Services

**CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY WORSHIP**  
Sunday at 9:30am (One Service Only)

**HELP FOR THE HOLIDAYS:** Come join us for a special holiday worship service on Sunday, December 4 at 4:30 p.m. "Blue Christmas" is intended to be a service of healing for those experiencing grief or any loss during the holiday season.

**FROM SERVICE AND WITNESS** – In 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.

**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.

**SCRIP NOTE** - Getting ready for the holidays? Whether you are decorating, cooking or shopping for gifts, SCRIP is an easy way to pay for all of those items.

**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](mailto:wyler.eric@gmail.com). Spots are limited and will be filled first come, first serve!

**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@childrequare.org](mailto:lmilbrath@childrequare.org)

**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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**PERSONAL AMPLIFIERS** are available in the Narthex. Ask an usher for assistance if needed.

**Last Week's Attendance:**

Saturday, November 19	5:30	77
Sunday, November 20	8:30	148
	11:00	138
<b>Total</b>		<b>363</b>

**From the Finance Committee:**

Last week's offering was \$5087 or 67% of weekly budget.  
Year-to-date offering is \$360,227 or 101% of year to date budget.

**SAINT JOHN CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**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**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28**

1:30 p.m. Altar Guild

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

9:00 a.m. Adult Study  
7:00 p.m. Seekers ChristCare

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

9:00 a.m. Adult Study  
6:00 p.m. Wednesday Meal  
6:30 p.m. Confirmation

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30 (continued)**

6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir  
7:15 p.m. Advent Service  
8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1**

6:30 p.m. Praise Team  
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2**

6:00 p.m. Players Group

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3**

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

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 - Second Sunday in Advent**

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**  
4:30 p.m. **Blue Christmas Worship**

**LEADING IN WORSHIP ON DECEMBER 3 & 4, 2016**

	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor	Tim Chew Crew, Aubrey Stark	Roy Adams Crew
<b>Lectors</b>	Sue Mize	Carol Wood	
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Sue Mize	Debbie & Lane Plugge	
<b>Greeters</b>	Deb Ingwersen	Madison Stark	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Hannah Lucy, Dalton Mohatt		

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12