



SAINT JOHN THIS WEEK



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LEADING IN WORSHIP ON NOVEMBER 5 & 6, 2016

	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
Ushers	Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor	Earl Myers Crew, Leah Wilson	Linda Hahn Crew, Addison Nano
Lectors	Sue Mize	Carol Wood	Kim Townsend
Communion Assistants	Sue Mize	Carol Wood, Bob Johnson	Beth & Kim Townsend
Greeters		Jamie Loose-Ives & children	Lois Biggs
Acolytes	Dalton Mohatt		Megan Elam, Connie Brougham

ALTAR FLOWERS – In loving memory of our dear son Eric Scott Jacobsen. Love and miss you every day. Given by Diane and Wayne Jacobsen, Jr. & family.

CHANCEL FLOWERS – In loving memory of Nancy Wilson on the three year anniversary of her passing, given by Jennifer Miller & family.

ALTAR FLOWERS – In loving memory of Velma Capel Baxley on her 87th birthday, given by Mary & Susan Stellish.

***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, Joe Arrick, Larry Paulson, Cindy Bang

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

ALL "LOOSE OFFERING" on the first weekend of each month will be added to Pastor Jon's discretionary fund.

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!

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

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.

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!

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.

NAME TAG SUNDAY - Name Tags are available on the first Sunday of each month to help worshipers meet and greet one another. Names can be difficult to remember and name tags help us learn names and invite us to get to know one another.

FROM SERVICE AND WITNESS - First, thanks to all who donated to our October project, Treat the Troops. It was a huge success!! Thanks also to everyone who donated to the Shoe Tree. Lutheran Family Services will be so happy to receive this wonderful donation. **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. Watch for more information in the Welcome Center.

SCRIP NOTE: The church benefits from you using Scrip cards to do your everyday shopping and your gift giving. Stop by the Scrip table and find out all about it.

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

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.

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.

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.

SYMPATHY to the family of John Dat, a 55 year old member of South Sudanese Thanksgiving Lutheran Church who meet here at Saint John. Contributions toward burial costs are being gratefully accepted. Checks can be made out to Saint John Lutheran Church.

Last Week's Attendance:

Saturday, October 29	5:30	54
Sunday, October 30	8:30	134
	11:00	145
	Total	333

From the Finance Committee:

Last week's offering was \$7856 or 103% of weekly budget.
Year-to-date offering is \$335,642 or 100.3% of year to date budget.

SAINT JOHN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- 5:30 p.m. **Worship with Communion**
- 7:00 p.m. 125th Anniversary Dinner

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 - All Saints Day

- 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**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- 1:30 p.m. Ruth Group

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- 9:00 a.m. Golden Oldies ChristCare
- 9:30 a.m. Esther Group
- 1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Group
- 4:30 p.m. Finance Committee
- 5:00 p.m. Executive Committee
- 6:30 p.m. Property Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Seekers ChristCare

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9 (continued)

- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Meal
- 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 10

- 9:00 a.m. Mary Group
- 9:00 a.m. VODEC
- 6:30 p.m. Praise Team
- 7:00 p.m. The Book Club ChristCare

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- 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

LEADING IN WORSHIP ON NOVEMBER 12 & 13, 2016

	5:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Ushers	Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor, Dalton Mohatt	Earl Myers Crew, Tye Nebel	Linda Hahn Crew
Lectors	Youth	Ryley Nebel	Kyle Gann
Greeters	Ruby Runte	Jamie Loose-Ives & children	Mary Lou Hansen, Eric Hansen
Acolytes	Samuel Hovey		

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