



SAINT JOHN THIS WEEK



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LEADING IN WORSHIP ON DECEMBER 24, 2016

	3:30 p.m.	5:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Ushers	Roy Adams Crew	Tim Chew Crew	Mike Hahn Crew
Lectors	Jaxon Roberts	Phyllis Damgaard	Sarah Boehm
Communion Assistants	Niki Roberts, Patricia Minchin	Phyllis & Mike Damgaard	Debbie & Jeff Hamling
Greeters	Mandy & Paul Stark	Nano Family	Sarah & Bart Boehm
Acolytes	Madison Stark, Aubrey Stark	Elizabeth Casey, Joseph Bertelsen	Hannah Jensen, Leah Wilson

LEADING IN WORSHIP ON DECEMBER 25, 2016

Lector: Patricia Minchin **Greeters:** Katie & David Warner **Acolyte:** Elizabeth Casey

***PEOPLE WE HAVE BEEN PRAYING FOR:** Tracy Doebelin, Nancy Andersen, Leola Poppen, Kent Madison, Ronald Thompson, Betty Stelter, Jason Jensen, Mary Gittins, Debbie Drustrup, Jenny Grap, Derek Ravlin, Rose Hansen, Mary Mauch, Jan Girton, Kendra Noller, Shirley Jorgensen

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

SYMPATHY to the family of ...
Keith Warford, who passed away on December 19.

BAPTISM at 10:30 on Christmas Eve
Ella Arthea Youngs, daughter of Shelly & Zeb Youngs.

SCRIP NOTE – We now have Pizza King cards with an 8% profit! Remember, Scrip is a good way to make your shopping easy and benefit the Church at the same time.

POINSETTIA DEDICATION BOOKLETS can be found on the table in the Narthex.

HATS, MITTENS, COATS GALORE! Thank you to everyone who donated hats, mittens, gloves and coats to Bloomer School and Rocky Boy Indian Reservation. They are very grateful that the children have warm clothes for the cold winter. Thanks for you generosity and care!

There will be **NO HIGH SCHOOL MEETING** on Wednesday, December 28. The group will resume on January 4 with a Game Night. Be with the ones you love!

MITTEN TREE – There's still time! Please bring new hats, mittens & scarves to decorate the tree in the Welcome Center. **The deadline to donate is Jan. 8.**

EARLY BIRD SAVINGS – If you register your child for camp before January 31 you will get a **\$50 discount** for a full-week session. Look for the Carol Joy Holling flyer on the table by the office.

NEBRASKA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY CHOIR will be performing at Saint John on Friday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m. The choir is a 49-voice ensemble, more than half of whom are music majors.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, Dec. 26 and Monday, Jan. 2

SAINT JOHN ANNUAL MEETING – Sunday, January 29 at 12:45 p.m.

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

STAY IN OUT OF THE COLD – Join us for food and fellowship after services. And if you have time we could always use a hand in the Coffee Bar.

THANK YOU to all who donated presents to the Community of Christ and MOHM's Place toy/gift drives. It makes a huge difference in our community.

SAINT JOHN T-SHIRTS - There are a few gray 125 Anniversary T-Shirts available for sale \$6.50 each. Contact church office or see Patricia between services on Sunday.

STEPHEN MINISTRIES - Do you, a family member, or someone you know have a need or a care? If so, contact Pastor Benson (323-7173), Mary Lou Hansen (322-7248, Debbie Plugge (256-5310) or Alan Meilike (328-1671) and a Stephen Minister will be assigned to you. Please note that all communications are always CONFIDENTIAL.

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 January and February are still open.
Altar flowers (set of 2) are \$25.68 and Chancel flowers (1) are \$21.40

BETHANY ANNUAL MEETING - The Annual Meeting of Bethany Lutheran Home will be held on Sunday, January 8, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the Skyrise Dining Room (Upper Dining Room) at Bethany, 7 Elliott Street. All Sponsoring Congregation Delegates are encouraged to attend. Visitors are also welcome. The meeting will include various department reports, financial report and election of Board Members for 2017. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Brenda Hennigs at Bethany Lutheran Home 712-328-9500. ***In the event of inclement weather or our need to postpone the meeting due to flu, please contact Bethany at 712-328-9500 and/or tune to your local television station if appropriate, before heading to Bethany.***

Last Week's Attendance:			From the Finance Committee:		
Saturday, December 17	5:30	45	Last week's offering was \$6438.50 or 84% of weekly budget.		
Sunday, December 18	8:30	119	Year-to-date offering is \$393,230 or 101% of year to date budget.		
	11:00	<u>101</u>			
	Total	265			

SAINT JOHN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 –Christmas Eve Worship
3:30 p.m. Youth & Family Service
5:30 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service
10:30 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service
 Baptism – Ella Arthea Youngs

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 – Christmas Day
9:30 a.m. Worship

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31
5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26 – Office Closed

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1
9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28
 9:00 a.m. Adult Study

MONDAY, JANUARY 2 – Office Closed

LEADING IN WORSHIP ON DECEMBER 31, 2016 & JANUARY 1, 2017		
	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	<u>9:30 a.m.</u>
Ushers	Bob Hansen	
Lectors		Marlys Lien
Communion Assistants	Katie Comley	Marlys & Paul Lien
Greeters		
Acolytes		

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23