



SAINT JOHN THIS WEEK



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LEADING IN WORSHIP ON DECEMBER 3 & 4, 2016

	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
Ushers	Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor	Tim Chew Crew, Aubrey Stark	Roy Adams Crew, Luke Meyer
Lectors	Sue Mize	Carol Wood	Doug Thompson
Communion Assistants	Sue Mize	Debbie & Lane Plugge	Pat & Doug Thompson
Greeters	Deb Ingwersen	Peggy Tye, Madison Stark	Linda Hahn
Acolytes	Hannah Lucy, Dalton Mohatt		Addison Nano, Ben Brougham

ALTAR FLOWERS – In memory of our Grandparents: Paul & Alma; John & Jacobina; Hans & Jennie; Guy & Hazel. Given by Les & Rose Hansen

***PEOPLE WE HAVE BEEN PRAYING FOR:** Tracy Doebelin, Keith Warford, Nancy Andersen, Leola Poppen, Kent Madison, Ronald Thompson, Betty Stelter, Cindy Jordan, Jason Jensen, Mary Gittins, Debbie Drustrup, Jenny Grap, Derek Ravlin, Junior Boerjan, Robin Jastorff, Lisa Smith, Rose Hansen, Mary Mauch, Mason Barta, Glen Tuttle, Jan Girton

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

HOSPITALIZED:

Mercy – Glen Tuttle
Jennie Ed. – Jan Girton

SYMPATHY to the families of ...

Brinnon Scheiki
Pastor Robert Vaage, of Milford, Iowa, who died on November 26.

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

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)

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.

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.

MITTENS AND COATS – In December we will be collecting hats, mittens and coats for Rocky Boy Camp and Bloomer School, who is in need of various sizes of children's coats. If you have gently used winter coats please drop them off in the office or place them by the Hat and Mitten Tree.

We will also be gathering toys and gifts for MOHM's Place and Community of Christ Christmas support. **The deadline for donating gifts is Dec. 18.**

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>

THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE CHOIR will be performing here at Saint John on Saturday, December 10 at 5:30 pm.

POINSETTIAS – The deadline to order poinsettias is December 11.

SCRIP NOTE – Have you used Scrip? Holiday shopping is a great time to find out how useful and easy it is. Just stop by the Scrip table to see how easy your daily shopping and gift giving could be and benefit the church at the same time.

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 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 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.

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.

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

Last Week's Attendance:			From the Finance Committee:	
Saturday, November 26	5:30	43	Thanksgiving	Last week's offering was \$5552 or 73% of weekly budget.
Sunday, November 27	8:30	125	Eve, Nov. 23 - 170	Year-to-date offering is \$365,779 or 100.2% of year to date budget.
	11:00	<u>115</u>		
	Total	283		

SAINT JOHN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

9:00 a.m. STARS ChristCare

1:30 p.m. Ruth Group

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

9:00 a.m. Golden Oldies ChristCare

6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:00 a.m. Adult Study

5:45 p.m. Council Meeting

6:00 p.m. Wednesday Meal

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7 (continued)

6:30 p.m. HS Youth

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 8

9:30 a.m. Mary Group

6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers

6:30 p.m. Praise Team

7:00 p.m. The Book Club ChristCare

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

5:30 p.m. **Celebration of Life Choir**

7:00 p.m. Good Time Group

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 – Third Sunday in Advent

8:30 a.m. **Holiday Music Festival**

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

11:00 a.m. **Sunday School Christmas Program**

12:30 p.m. **Sudanese Worship**

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	5:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Ushers	Celebration of Life Choir	Tim Chew Crew, Ryley Nebel	Roy Adams Crew
Lectors		Tye Nebel	
Greeters		Peggy Tye	Shelly Graham, Thomas Graham, Addison Nano
Acolytes			Ben Brougham, Connie Brougham

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11