



SAINT JOHN THIS WEEK



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LEADING IN WORSHIP ON FEBRUARY 4 & 5, 2017

	5:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Ushers	Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor	Jeff Hamling Crew	Bob Kossow Crew
Lectors	Noel Kropp	Monica McIntire	Doug Thompson
Communion Assistants	Becky Taylor, Noel Kropp	Mary Stellish, Debbie Plugge	Pat & Doug Thompson
Greeters		Larry & Kelli Gann, Addison Nano	Lois Biggs
Acolytes		Tye and Ryley Nebel	

ALTAR FLOWERS – In honor of all the ‘baggage’ we let go this week.

***PEOPLE WE HAVE BEEN PRAYING FOR:** Tracy Doebelin, Nancy Andersen, Leola Poppen, Kent Madison, Betty Stelter, Mary Gittins, Debbie Drustrup, Jenny Grap, Derek Ravlin, Rose Hansen, Mary Mauch, Robin Jastorff, Brittany Campbell, Elaine Campbell, Dennis Smith, Kenneth Musser, Larry Gittins, Ella Haitz, Pr. John Plowman, Shirley Erickson, Vicki Thompson

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

HOSPITALIZED

Jennie Ed – Shirley Erickson

SYMPATHY to the family of ...

Robert Tracy, who passed away on January 23.
Mary Meyer, who passed away on January 25.

ALL “LOOSE OFFERING” this weekend will be added to Pastor Jon’s discretionary fund.

NAME TAG SUNDAY - Name Tags are available this weekend 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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL – February 8 at 5:30 p.m. Please sign up on the back of the bulletin insert if you plan to attend.

PRIME RIB DINNER - Please join us for the annual Prime Rib Dinner on Saturday, February 11th. Light hors d’oeuvres at 6:30, dinner at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20/ticket or 2 for \$30. Tickets will be on sale in the Welcome Center Jan. 15-Feb. 5. Deadline to buy a ticket is Wed, Feb. 8th. We apologize but tickets will not be available at the door. All proceeds will go to support the youth attending the Omaha Urban Plunge mission trip.

WORSHIP SURVEY RESULTS from last weekend:

Out of 100 responses; 50 votes were to continue to use the bulletin as is, 25 votes for scripture readings and inserts, and 25 votes for only inserts. As a result, we will reduce our “full” bulletin copies by 40%.

As you enter the Sanctuary next week, please tell the Ushers your preference of a bulletin or scriptures. Both choices will contain the normal inserts/announcements. We appreciate your input.

BEAT THOSE WINTER GERMS – The Service/Witness Committee is having a “Cold & Flu Season” drive for Bloomer. The teachers need Kleenex, hand sanitizer & disinfectant wipes for their classrooms. Look for the collection box in the hall by the office.

SAINT JOHN MUGS are still available to buy. The cost is \$7.00. Look for the table in the Welcome Center.

WE ARE TAKING ORDERS - Luther's "Day By Day" and other Luther books can be ordered through January. Look for them at the table in the Welcome Center.

SCRIP NOTE – Valentine's Day is a good time to try Scrip. Kids and adults enjoy cards like Starbucks, Arbys, Barnes and Nobles, Pizza King (for that romantic dinner), Target, etc.

ARE YOU A THRIVENT FINANCIAL MEMBER? You may have benefits that could help the high school youth get funding for their mission/service projects! Please contact Alli Van Roekel at 402-201-9588 or allivanroekel@gmail.com to see how you can help!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH IMPORTANT DATES:

FEBRUARY 11 - Prime Rib Dinner (First fundraiser opportunity)

REMEMBER THE HUNGRY – Here are a few items suggested for Our Savior's Food Pantry: boxed dinners, canned soup, canned tuna or chicken, or cat food. Please place your food donations in the grocery cart in the Welcome Center. Thank you.

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.

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

CARE NOTES - If you or a loved one is having difficulties, please stop by the Care Notes display in the Welcome Center.

Last Week's Attendance:		From the Finance Committee:	
Saturday, Jan. 28	5:30 68	Last week's offering was \$13,626 or 172% of weekly budget.	
Sunday, Jan. 29	8:30 118	Year-to-date offering is \$40,791 or 103% of year to date budget.	
	11:00 168		
	Total 354		

SAINT JOHN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

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, FEBRUARY 6

1:30 p.m. Ruth Group

6:45 p.m. Seekers ChristCare

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

9:30 a.m. Golden Oldies ChristCare

6:30 p.m. Praise Team

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

9:00 a.m. Adult Study

5:30 p.m. Meal

5:30 p.m. GIFT

6:30 p.m. Confirmation

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8 (continued)

6:30 p.m. High School Youth

6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

9:30 a.m. Mary Group

7:00 p.m. Book Club ChristCare

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

5:30 p.m. Worship

7:00 p.m. Prime Rib Dinner

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

11:00 a.m. Worship

12:30 p.m. Sudanese Worship

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Caller Deadline

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Lectors	Ben Brougham	Ryley Nebel	Kristine Docken
Greeters		Larry & Kelli Gann	Mary Lou and Eric Hansen
Acolytes	Connie Brougham		

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37