



SAINT JOHN THIS WEEK



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LEADING IN WORSHIP ON MARCH 11 & 12, 2017

	<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, Ryley Nebel	Linda Hahn Crew
Lectors	Linda Fisher	Tye Nebel	Kyle Gann
Greeters	Katie Comley	Andreia & Mike Nebel	David Craighill
Acolytes		Ben Brougham, Connie Brougham	

ALTAR FLOWERS – In loving memory of my grandparents, Mildred & Ernest Peters and Annie & Allen Ericksen, given by Carol Brigandi.

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, Robin Jastorff, Elaine Campbell, Larry Gittins, Susan Minchin, Beverly McAtee, Faye Wiig, Loren Blumhagen, Wayne Jacobsen, Heidi Taylor

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

HOSPITALIZED

Select Specialty Hospital – Larry Gittins

PRAYER VIGIL – The Rooted in Faith Forward in Mission prayer vigil is happening March 24 at 7:00 a.m. through March 25 at 7:00 a.m. Please be guided by the Holy Spirit to sign up for prayer times. You do not need to be at the church to participate. God hears your prayer wherever you are! There is a sign-up chart in the Welcome Center, or call the church office and we will be happy to sign up for you.

CHILI SUPPER – Saturday, March 18 following worship. Please join us for chili and a presentation about the new Capital Appeal. Please make a reservation if you plan to attend.

SAINTJOHN 101 (NEW MEMBER CLASS) will be on three Sundays, **March 19 & 26 and April 2** at 9:45 a.m. in the Conference Room. Please indicate on the back of the insert if you are interested or have questions.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN MEAL – March 15 at 5:30 p.m. Please sign up on the back of the bulletin insert if you plan to attend.

GIFT will be meeting at 5:30pm on Wednesdays during Lent. This is a great chance for families to make GIFT a part of their spiritual practice for Lent. Pastor Ben will be leading the first one on Ash Wednesday and there will be a chance for others to sign up for other dates.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Please indicate on the bulletin insert if you would like to help.

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

GOOD TIME GROUP - If interested in joining the Good Time Group, please send an email to: roenfeld@cox.net along with your name, email address and contact phone number.

SCRIP – Want to do something for the Church? Try Scrip, the Church profits from each and every card sold. They work great for everyday shopping and gifts.

BLOOMER SCHOOL - Would you like to volunteer at Bloomer but don't feel like you could make a weekly commitment? Annie Vorthmann is looking for adults who would be interested in being a "mystery reader" in Pre-School to 2nd grade classes. As a mystery reader, you would have several options. You could read one of your or your child's favorite children's books, do a storytelling, or read a book that the teacher chooses for you. The teacher may also ask you a few questions about when you were learning to read, what types of books were your favorites, and how you use reading today as an adult. If you are interested in being a "mystery reader" please contact Annie Vorthmann by email at avorthmann@cbcsd.org, at Bloomer school 712/328-6519 or at 816/646-9431.

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

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!

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.

Most weekends in April are still open.

Altar flowers (set of 2) are \$25.68 and Chancel flowers (1) are \$21.40

Last Week's Attendance:

Saturday, March 4	5:30	62
Sunday, March 5	8:30	156
	11:00	111
	Total	329

From the Finance Committee:

Last week's offering was \$8891.50 or 112.55% of weekly budget.
Year-to-date offering is 79,531.89 or 100.67% of year to date budget.

SAINT JOHN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

- 5:30 p.m. **Worship**
- 6:30 p.m. Good Time Group

SUNDAY, MARCH 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, MARCH 13

- 6:45 p.m. Seekers ChristCare

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

- 9:00 a.m. Golden Oldies ChristCare
- 9:30 a.m. Esther Group
- 6:30 p.m. Property Committee
- 6:30 p.m. Praise Team
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

- 9:00 a.m. Adult Study
- 9:00 a.m. Sewing Group

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15 (continued)

- 5:30 p.m. Meal
- 5:30 p.m. GIFT
- 6:30 p.m. High School Youth
- 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir
- 7:00 p.m. **Worship**
- 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

- 11:00 a.m. Cosmopolitan Club Pancake Feed
- 11:30 a.m. Men's Club
- 5:30 p.m. Service/Witness Committee
- 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers Meeting

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

- 5:30 p.m. **Worship with Communion**
- Baptism – Myles Kinnick Harter

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

- 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**

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Lectors	Sue Mize	Scott Behrens	Marlys Lien
Communion Assistants		Bobbette & Scott Behrens	Marlys & Paul Lien
Greeters	Katie Comley	Andreia & Mike Nebel	Lois Biggs
Acolytes	Ellie Casey		

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42