



# SAINT JOHN THIS WEEK



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### LEADING IN WORSHIP ON MARCH 18 & 19, 2017

	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor	Earl Myers Crew, Ryley Nebel	Linda Hahn Crew
<b>Lectors</b>	Sue Mize	Scott Behrens	Marlys Lien
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Becky Taylor	Bobbette & Scott Behrens	Marlys & Paul Lien
<b>Greeters</b>		Andreia & Mike Nebel	Lois Biggs
<b>Acolytes</b>	Ellie Casey		

**ALTAR FLOWERS** – In honor of Randy Roenfeld on his 65<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** – In memory of Scott Wilcox, given by the Chancel Choir.

**PEOPLE WE HAVE BEEN PRAYING FOR:** Tracy Doebelin, Nancy Andersen, Leola Poppen, Kent Madison, Mary Gittins, Debbie Drustrup, Jenny Grap, Derek Ravlin, Rose Hansen, Robin Jastorff, Elaine Campbell, Larry Gittins, Susan Minchin, Beverly McAtee, Wayne Jacobsen, Heidi Taylor, Ed Ebersold, Kenny Brunsvold, Lynn Bertelsen

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

#### HOSPITALIZED

Jennie Edmundson – Roma Mowery  
Select Specialty Hospital – Larry Gittins

#### SYMPATHY to the families of ...

Scott Wilcox, husband of Nynette, who passed away on March 9.

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#### FIRST COMMUNION

Gracie Renee Hays, daughter of Jill & Russ Hayes, will receive her first communion on Sunday, March 19. Gracie and her mother made the communion bread.

#### BAPTISM on Saturday, March 18

Myles Kinnick Harter, son of Samantha & Kevin Harter

**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.

**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 22 at 5:30 p.m. Please sign up on the back of the bulletin insert if you plan to attend.

**BAPTISM CLASS** – If you plan to have a child baptized in the near future or want to learn more about the rite of baptism there will be a class offered on **Sunday, April 2** at 12:15 p.m. This class is mandatory for parents who wish to have their child baptized. Please call the church office if you are interested, 323-7173.

**VBS MEETING** – There will be a VBS planning meeting on Tuesday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m.

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

**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](mailto:avorthmann@cbcsd.org), at Bloomer school 712/328-6519 or at 816/646-9431.

**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](mailto: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 11	5:30	68
Sunday, March 12	8:30	96
	11:00	102
	Total	266

**From the Finance Committee:**

Last week's offering was \$5972 or 75.59% of weekly budget.  
Year-to-date offering is 85,503.89 or 98.39% of year to date budget.

**SAINT JOHN CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**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**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 21**

9:00 a.m. Golden Oldies ChristCare  
1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl  
6:30 p.m. VBS meeting  
6:30 p.m. Praise Team

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22**

9:00 a.m. Adult Study  
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

**SATURDAY, MARCH 25 - Commitment Weekend**

**5:30 p.m. Worship**  
Baptism – Andersen Dane Boysen

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26 – Commitment Weekend**

**8:30 a.m. Worship**  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour  
**11:00 a.m. Worship**  
Baptism – Ella Arthea Youngs  
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**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41