



# SAINT JOHN THIS WEEK



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## LEADING IN WORSHIP ON MARCH 25 & 26, 2017

	5:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor	Earl Myers Crew	Linda Hahn Crew
<b>Lectors</b>	Deb Ingwersen	Becky Henkel	Alan Meilike
<b>Greeters</b>	Katie Comley	Andrea & Mike Nebel	Shelly Graham
<b>Acolytes</b>			

**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, Larry Gittins, Susan Minchin, Wayne Jacobsen, Heidi Taylor, Ed Ebersold, Kenny Brunsvold, Lynn Bertelsen, Roma Mowery

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

### SYMPATHY to the families of ...

Lovella Tye, mother of Keith Tye, who passed away on March 22.  
 Beverly McAtee, who passed away on March 20.  
 Doris Rodenburg, grandmother of Julie Hays, who passed away on March 19.  
 Elaine Campbell, mother of Glen Campbell, who passed away on March 14.  
 Ervin Konz, grandfather of Glen Campbell, who passed away on March 18.

### HOSPITALIZED

Jennie Edmundson – Roma Mowery

**BAPTISM** on Sunday, March 26 – Ella Arthea Youngs, daughter of Shelly and Zeb Youngs

**NEW ARRIVAL** – Evelyn Annmari Repair, great-granddaughter of Alvina Hjortsvang, was born on March 14 to David & Christina Repair.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** – Given by Marlys & Paul Lien.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** – In honor of Bob Johnson on his birthday.

**WEDNESDAY LENTEN MEAL** – March 29 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.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** - “Love” Kids? Want to spread the Word of God to young people? Have we got the perfect job for you this summer! We are in need of 3 VBS teachers. One teacher for grades 3-6, and 2 teachers for grades Pre-K thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Our theme this year is **Camp Agape: Come Gather Around God's Love** and the dates are July 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Deb Ingwersen with any questions.

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m.  
 Good Friday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m.  
 Holy Saturday, April 15 at 5:30 p.m.

### Easter Morning, April 16

at 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

**SCRIP** – Using Scrip doesn't cost you anything; you pay face value for a card but the church profits from what you pay. The church benefits whether it is your regular shopping or gift.

**SAITH JOHN FACEBOOK** - Have you seen the [Saint John Lutheran Church Council Bluffs IA Facebook page](#)? We're trying to keep it updated. If you want more information posted on it or have suggestions, please let us know! [kandhthompson@icloud.com](mailto:kandhthompson@icloud.com) or 712-323-8391 Thank you so much, Heather Thompson

**REMEMBERING HOPE: Understanding Alzheimer's & Supporting Caregivers** - Informational meeting on Sunday, April 2, 1:00-3:00 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 239 Frank Street. Presenters cover topics such as getting a diagnosis, learning how to communicate with your loved one as symptoms progress, considering options for care, and other caregiver challenges.

**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 and May are still open.**

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

**BETHANY LUTHERAN HOME AUXILIARY MEETING AND BAKE SALE** - the April meeting of the Bethany Auxiliary will be held on **April 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** This will be the quarterly meeting and bake sale. This year the bake sale will be held at both Bethany Lutheran Home and Bethany Heights. Individuals are encouraged to donate baked good items for the sale. (Items packaged in smaller quantities are always appreciated by the Residents and Tenants). *Please do not price your items.* Thank you for your support of this fundraiser. Supplemental funds are being provided by Thrivent Financial Pottawattamie County Chapter.

**Last Week's Attendance:**

Saturday, March 18	5:30	101
Sunday, March 19	8:30	119
	11:00	119
	Total	339

**From the Finance Committee:**

Last week's offering was \$8291.50 or 104.96% of weekly budget. Year-to-date offering is 93,795.39 or 98.94% of year to date budget.

**SAINT JOHN CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 25 - Commitment Weekend**

**5:30 p.m. Worship**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26 – Commitment Weekend**

**8:30 a.m. Worship**

9:45 a.m. Saint John 101

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

**11:00 a.m. Worship**

Baptism – Ella Arthea Youngs

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

**MONDAY, MARCH 27**

10:30 a.m. Altar Guild

**TUESDAY, MARCH 28**

9:00 a.m. Golden Oldies ChristCare

9:30 a.m. Women's Board Meeting

6:30 p.m. Praise Team

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29**

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

**THURSDAY, MARCH 30**

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 1**

**5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 2**

**8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion**

9:45 a.m. Saint John 101

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**

12:15 p.m. Baptism Class

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**Ushers**

**Lectors**

**Communion Assistants**

**Greeters**

**Acolytes**

**5:30 p.m.**

Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor

Sue Mize

Deb Ingwersen

**8:30 a.m.**

Tim Chew Crew

Phyllis Damgaard

Phyllis & Mike Damgaard

**11:00 a.m.**

Roy Adams Crew

Jennifer Erickson

Jennifer & Steve Erickson

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45