



SAINT JOHN THIS WEEK



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LEADING IN WORSHIP ON SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2017

Ushers: Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor
Acolytes:

Greeters: Katie Comley
Crucifer: Ben Brougham

LEADING IN WORSHIP ON EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017

	<u>6:30 a.m.</u>	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>9:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
Ushers	S. Behrens, R. Jensen	Tim Chew Crew	Chad Burdick Crew	Roy Adams Crew
Lectors	Sarah Boehm	Bob Johnson	Charlie Wilson	Mary Jensen
Communion Assistants	Debbie & Jeff Hamling	Cookie & Bob Johnson	Toni & Neil Wilson	Marlys & Paul Lien
Greeters		Peggy Tye, Barb Paulson		Marilyn & Lenny Burke
Acolytes		Ryley Nebel, Tye Nebel	Connie Brougham, Ben Brougham	Ellie Casey, Kathryn Graham
Crucifers			Leah Wilson	

ALTAR FLOWERS - In loving memory of my sister, Dorothy Anna Larsen, whose birthday was April 16, given by Alvina Hjortsvang.

PEOPLE WE HAVE BEEN PRAYING FOR: Tracy Doebelin, Nancy Andersen, Leola Poppen, Kent Madison, Mary Gittins, Debbie Drustrup, Jenny Grap, Robin Jastorff, Larry Gittins, Susan Minchin, Heidi Taylor, Ed Ebersold, Lynn Bertelsen, Jack Freese, Faye Wiig, Pastor John Plowman, Glenn Tuttle, Jean Vuagniaux, Scottie Taylor, Sharlene Morrissey, Noah Menard

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

NEW ARRIVALS

Elias James Petersen, son of Megan & Trevor Petersen, was born on April 11.

Isla Rae King, daughter of Sarah & Jason King, was born on April 11. Grandparents are Karen & Jay Bramman

BAPTISM on Saturday, April 15

Andersen Dane Boysen, son of Jacqueline & Tyler Boysen.

EASTER MORNING – A continental breakfast will be served on Easter morning from 7:30 am to 10:00 am. All proceeds will help fund our students attending camp at Carol Joy Holling this summer

CAPITAL APPEAL RESULTS – Wonderful News!

So far \$623,840 of our \$750,000 goal has been pledged towards our "Rooted In Faith" capital appeal. This is a fantastic affirmation of the mission and ministry God has called us to do. If you have not yet made a pledge, please use a card from the pew or obtain a card from an usher or at the church office Thanks be to God!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – The VBS committee is still looking for one Lesson Teacher for grades Pre-2nd grades. We also need one Lesson Teacher for Grades 3-6. Would you like to join us for a fun week at Camp Agape? Come help us Gather Around God's Love – July 10 – 13. Lessons will be provided for your classes. Prayerfully consider helping "Share the Word" and Love of God during VBS week. Please contact Deb Ingwersen of Tracy Frush with any questions. We'd love to hear from you.

NO CHILDREN'S HOUR on Easter morning.

AUTOMATIC GIVING - We want to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your offerings. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. For more information and the authorization form please contact the church office, 712-323-7173.

APPLICATIONS for the **Alfred E. and Diane Welch Scholarship** for 2017-2018 will be accepted beginning April 15 and are due by May 15. Some specifics about this scholarship are: **1.** Any member of Saint John who has demonstrated an on-going involvement in the life and mission of the church and is attending a post-high school institution of learning is eligible. **2.** Student must have achieved a high school GPA of 3.0 or above. This scholarship of \$2,000.00 will be awarded each year, \$1,000.00 per semester, made payable to the school. If you, or someone you know, are interested in applying for this scholarship, contact the church office or simply pick up an application.

APPLICATIONS for the **Joseph Kaltenborn Scholarship** for 2017-2018 will be accepted beginning April 15 and are due by May 15. Some specifics about this scholarship are: **1.** Any member of Saint John who

has demonstrated an on-going involvement in the life and mission of the church and is attending a post-high school institution of learning is eligible. **2.** Student must have achieved a high school GPA of 2.6 or above. **3.** Preference is given to students who have not previously received this scholarship, though, depending upon number of applicants, previous recipients may reapply. **4.** Scholarship amounts range from \$500 - \$1000. If you, or someone you know, are interested in applying for this scholarship, contact the church office or simply pick up an application.

THE WHITE EASTER LILY symbolizes purity and honesty. Some say Easter lilies proliferated in the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus wept in the last hours before Judas' betrayal. According to some legends, the significance of the Easter lily goes back even further to the pure white lilies that sprouted from Eve's repentant tears after she and Adam were cast from Paradise. The Easter lily was brought from Bermuda to Philadelphia during the 1880s by Mrs. Thomas Sargent. A local nursery owner spotted them and, impressed with their ability to grow in time for the Easter season, introduced them to a public clamoring for spring blooms. Published in the Omaha World Herald.

Last Week's Attendance:		From the Finance Committee:	
Saturday, April 8	5:30 62	Last week's offering was \$8592.00 or 108.76% of weekly budget.	
Sunday, April 9	8:30 202	Year-to-date offering is \$116,943.89 or 98.69% of year to date budget.	
	11:00 135		
	Total 399		

SAINT JOHN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, APRIL 15 – Holy Saturday
5:30 p.m. Worship
 Baptism- Andersen Boysen

SUNDAY, APRIL 16 – Easter Sunday
6:30 a.m. Worship
8:00 a.m. Worship
9:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Worship

TUESDAY, APRIL 18
 9:00 a.m. Golden Oldies ChristCare
 1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl
 6:30 p.m. Praise Team

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19
 9:00 a.m. Adult Study
 9:00 a.m. Sewing Group

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19 (continued)
 6:30 p.m. High School Youth
 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, APRIL 20
 11:00 a.m. Life Group
 11:30 a.m. Men's Club
 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers

SATURDAY, APRIL 22
5:30 p.m. Worship

SUNDAY, APRIL 23
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

LEADING IN WORSHIP ON APRIL 22 & 23, 2017

Ushers	5:30 p.m. Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor	8:30 a.m. Tim Chew Crew	11:00 a.m. Roy Adams Crew
Lectors	Deb Ingwersen	Lane Plugge	Alan Meilike
Greeters	Deb Ingwersen	Peggy Tye, David Craighill	Mary Lou Hansen, Eric Hansen
Acolytes			

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31