



# SAINT JOHN THIS WEEK



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### LEADING IN WORSHIP ON APRIL 1 & 2, 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	Tim Chew Crew	Roy Adams Crew
<b>Lectors</b>	Linda Fisher	Phyllis Damgaard	Jennifer Erickson
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Deb Ingwersen	Phyllis & Mike Damgaard	Jennifer & Steve Erickson
<b>Greeters</b>		Barb Paulson, Peggy Tye	Lois Biggs
<b>Acolytes</b>			

**ALTAR FLOWERS** – In loving memory of my mom Erna Jacks on her birthday, given by Rose & Les Hansen.

**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, Jack Freese, Faye Wiig, Joe Gahm, Michael Biggs, Pastor John Plowman, Eldred Butts, Ella Haitz

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

### HOSPITALIZED

Jennie Ed. – Eldred Butts  
 Children's - Ella Haitz  
 Clarkson – Joe Gahm  
 Immanuel – Pastor John Plowman  
 Mercy – Michael Biggs

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

**THE GOOD TIME GROUP** will be going to Uncle Bucks at the Bass Pro Shop on Saturday, April 8th at 7:00pm. Please RSVP to Mike and Diane Ashbaugh at [mdash66@cox.net](mailto:mdash66@cox.net) or call 712-323-3234 by April 3. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

### CAPITAL APPEAL RESULTS – Great News!

We are within \$263,418 of reaching our goal in full. 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. With full participation, we can reach the goal of \$750,000. Thanks be to God!

**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.

**OPEN HOUSE** – Chuck & Lottie Tawzer invite you to an Open House celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, April 8, 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Faith & Life Center. No gifts please.

**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.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday, April 13, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 14, 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 15, 5:30 p.m.

### Easter Morning, April 16

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

**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.

**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.

**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	50
Sunday, March 19	8:30	130
	11:00	109
Total		289

#### From the Finance Committee:

Last week's offering was \$4232 or 53.57% of weekly budget.  
Year-to-date offering is 98,027.39 or 95.45% of year to date budget.

## SAINT JOHN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 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

### MONDAY, APRIL 3

1:30 p.m. Ruth Group

### TUESDAY, APRIL 4

9:00 a.m. Golden Oldies ChristCare

6:30 p.m. Praise Team

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

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, APRIL 6

7:00p.m. The Book Club ChristCare

### SATURDAY, APRIL 8

1:00 – 4:00 Lottie & Chuck Tawzer Open House

5:30 p.m. Worship

### SUNDAY, APRIL 9 – Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Saint John 101

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. New Member Reception

11:00 a.m. Worship

12:30 p.m. Sudanese Worship

2:00 p.m. Kelsey Benson Shower

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#### 5:30 p.m.

Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor  
Linda Fisher

#### 8:30 a.m.

Tim Chew Crew  
Tye Nebel  
Peggy Tye, Elaine vonGillern  
Tye Nebel, Ryley Nebel

#### 11:00 a.m.

Roy Adams Crew  
Kyle Gann  
Deb Ingwersen

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Matthew 27:11-54