



SAINT JOHN THIS WEEK



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LEADING IN WORSHIP ON APRIL 8 & 9, 2017

	5:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Ushers	Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor	Tim Chew Crew, Leah Wilson	Roy Adams Crew
Lectors	Linda Fisher	Phyllis Damgaard	Jennifer Erickson
Communion Assistants	Deb Ingwersen	Phyllis & Mike Damgaard	Jennifer & Steve Erickson
Greeters		Barb Paulson, Peggy Tye	Lois Biggs
Acolytes			

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to welcome our new members as we begin the Passion Week.

CHANCEL FLOWERS are in honor of the birth of our new granddaughter, Elizabeth Rose, daughter of Jake & Laura Hansen, given by Les & Rose Hansen.

PEOPLE WE HAVE BEEN PRAYING FOR: Tracy Doebelin, Nancy Andersen, Leola Poppen, Kent Madison, Mary Gittins, Debbie Drustrup, Jenny Grap, Rose Hansen, Robin Jastorff, Larry Gittins, Susan Minchin, Heidi Taylor, Ed Ebersold, Lynn Bertelsen, Jack Freese, Faye Wiig, Pastor John Plowman, Eldred Butts, Ella Hartz, Glenn Tuttle, Jean Vuagniaux, Scottie Taylor
**Names will be kept on the Prayer List for 2 weeks unless the church office is notified otherwise.*

HOSPITALIZED

Immanuel – Pastor John Plowman

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 2nd grade. Our theme this year is **Camp Agape: Come Gather Around God's Love** and the dates are July 10th – 13th. Please contact Deb Ingwersen with any questions.

SCRIP – Fareway cards are now available!

CAPITAL APPEAL RESULTS – Wonderful News!

So far \$610,002 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!

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.

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.

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.

SAINT 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 or 712-323-8391 Thank you so much, Heather Thompson

BETHANY HEIGHTS APARTMENTS AVAILABLE - Bethany Heights currently has multiple one bedroom apartment selections available for seniors. Come experience the companionship and devoted care Bethany has to offer! Please contact Paula Fandry for inquiries or to schedule a tour at 712-328-8228.

BETHANY LUTHERAN HOME AUXILIARY MEETING AND BAKE SALE - the April meeting of the Bethany Auxiliary will be held on **April 10th 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, April 1	5:30	68
Sunday, April 2	8:30	127
	11:00	<u>72</u>
Total		267

From the Finance Committee:

Last week's offering was \$10,324.50 or 130.69% of weekly budget. Year-to-date offering is \$108,351.89 or 97.97% of year to date budget.

SAINT JOHN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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. 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

MONDAY, APRIL 10

6:45 p.m. Seekers ChristCare

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

9:00 a.m. Adult Study
 5:30 p.m. GIFT
 6:30 p.m. High School Youth
 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, APRIL 13 – Maundy Thursday

9:00 a.m. Mary Group
7:00 p.m. Worship

FRIDAY, APRIL 14 – Good Friday

7:00 p.m. Worship

SATURDAY, APRIL 15 – Holy Saturday

5:30 p.m. Worship
 Baptism- Andersen Boysen

SUNDAY, APRIL 16 – Easter Sunday

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

LEADING IN WORSHIP ON SATURDAY, APRIL 15, 2017

Ushers: Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor
Acolytes:

Greeters:
Crucifer: Ben Brougham

LEADING IN WORSHIP ON EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts 10:34-43; Colossians 3:1-4; Matthew 28:1-10