



# SAINT JOHN THIS WEEK



## SAINT JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

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### LEADING IN WORSHIP ON APRIL 30 & MAY 1, 2016

	<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, Brianna Ladd	Scott Hartman Crew	Ross Jensen Crew, Curtis Pestel, Jacob Erickson, Jacob Stogdill
<b>Lectors</b>	Linda Fisher	Phyllis Damgaard	Confirmands
<b>Communion Assistants</b>		Mike & Phyllis Damgaard	Madison Baxter, Kerigan Keefer, Taylan Keefer, Curtis Pestel
<b>Greeters</b>		Marie Neal, David Craighill	Lois Biggs
<b>Acolytes</b>	Luke Meyer, Ellie Casey		Talan Keefer, Kerigan Keefer
<b>Crucifer</b>			Sydney Frush

**ALTAR FLOWERS** - In honor of the 2016 confirmands, given by Bob & Cookie Johnson.

**PEOPLE WE HAVE BEEN PRAYING FOR:** Tracy Doebelin, Nancy Taylor, Pastor Gary Weant, Keith Warford, Nancy Andersen, Leola Poppen, Kent Madison, Christina Repair, Ronald Thompson, Shawn Taylor, Betty Stelter, Cindy Jordan, Tom Pagan, Caiden Loose-Ives, Jason Jensen, Claudia Besco, Mary Gittins, Diane Randall

### HOSPITALIZED

Children's – Caiden Loose-Ives

### BAPTISMS at the 11:00 service

LoriAnn Brougham  
 Macy Mulder, daughter of Nichole & Brian Rasmussen and Mike & Beth Mulder

**ALL "LOOSE OFFERING"** on the first weekend of each month will be added to Pastor Jon's discretionary fund.

**NAME TAG SUNDAY** - Name Tags are available on the first Sunday of each month to help worshipers meet and greet one another. Names can be difficult to remember and name tags help us learn names and invite us to get to know one another.

**SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE** – Beginning on Sunday, May 29 there will be one service at 9:30 a.m.

**PLAYERS GROUP** - Our meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup> is at LaMesa at 6 pm. We meet the first Friday of the month at 6 pm, hosted by a different couple each time we meet. All are welcome to attend. Please call Bob or Cookie Johnson (712-323-5351) if you plan to be there.

**SAINT JOHN 101** – There will be New Member Orientation on three Sundays, **May 15, 22 & 29** at 9:45 a.m. in the Conference Room. Please talk to Pastor Jon or call the church office (323-7173) if you are interested.

**BRICKS TO REMEMBER** –We are selling paving bricks that can be engraved to honor or remember someone. The bricks are at the entrance to the church, laid in rows between the pillars framing the entrance. The cost is \$125.00 per brick. Order forms can be found on the Coffee Bar and the table in the Narthex.

**SHIRTS** – The 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee will be selling commemorative T-shirts and polo shirts. Look for them Saturday night and between the services Sunday. The cost is \$6.50 for T-shirts and \$25.00 for polo shirts. Extended sizes are extra. Amounts are prepaid to Saint John Lutheran Church. The final order will be placed the first part of May. Order soon as we have a minimum order we need to place and the next placed order prices could increase.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** – Mark your calendar for July 11-14<sup>th</sup> 5:00 – 8:00 pm.

**MAY'S GOOD TIME GROUP** will meet at Malara's Italian Steakhouse, 22<sup>nd</sup> & Pierce Streets in Omaha on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. If you'd like to join us (and we'd love to have you), please call or text either Randy or Joyce Roenfeld – Joyce: 402-657-1492 or Randy: 402-616-3355.

**SAINT JOHN WEBSITE & WEEKLY CONTACT** - The website continues to be updated with new content and resources. Two recent additions: "Resources for the Home" under the Faith Formation tab and "This Week at Saint John" under the News tab to read and sign up for weekly email updates.

**SUMMER CAMP** – There are two opportunities for camp at Carol Joy Holling this summer. June 19-24<sup>th</sup> grades 1-12. OR Family Camp for all ages July 17-22<sup>nd</sup>. Register at [www.caroljoyholling.org](http://www.caroljoyholling.org)

**CELEBRATE CB! PARADE** – Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 21 at 10:30 a.m. Saint John will have an entry this year and we encourage everyone to walk along with our float. More information to come.

**DIAPER DERBY** - Throughout the month of April and the beginning of May we will be holding the Diaper Derby in support of the Center for Healthy Families. People are encouraged to bring in diapers and/or donate to help purchase diapers. 100% of the funds/items come from donations from the community. You are an important part of this program!

**LANDS OF LUTHER PLUS PRAGUE & AUSTRIA** - Pastor Jon is organizing a trip to Germany, Austria & Prague, July 17 through July 28, 2017. For more information see the flyer on the Coffee Bar.

<b>Last Week's Attendance:</b>		<b>From the Finance Committee:</b>	
Saturday, April 23	80	Last week's offering was \$4995 or 66% of weekly offering budget.	
Sunday, April 24	8:30 132	Year-to-date offering is \$134,775 or 104% of offering budget.	
	11:00 <u>106</u>		
	Total 318		

### SAINT JOHN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30**

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

**SUNDAY, MAY 1**

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

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

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

*Confirmation Sunday*

Baptisms–

LoriAnn Brougham and Macy Mulder

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

**MONDAY, MAY 2**

1:30 p.m. Ruth Group

**TUESDAY, MAY 3**

9:00 a.m. Golden Oldies + 3 ChristCare

7:00 p.m. Praise Team

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 4**

9:00 a.m. Adult Study

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY, MAY 5**

7:00 p.m. The Book Club ChristCare

**FRIDAY, MAY 6**

6:00 p.m. Players Group

**SATURDAY, MAY 7**

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

**SUNDAY, MAY 8 – Happy Mother's Day**

**8:30 p.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**

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	Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor	Scott Hartman Crew, Tye Nebel	Ross Jensen Crew, Curtis Pestel
	Youth	Linda Hahn	Barbara Stuckey
	Mandy Stogdill	Marie Neal, David Craighill, Madison Stark	Kris Docken
	Hannah Lucy	Addison Nano, Ryley Nebel	Luke Meyer, Hannah Jensen

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26