



# SAINT JOHN THIS WEEK



## SAINT JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

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### LEADING IN WORSHIP ON MAY 28 & 29, 2016

	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	<u>9:30 a.m.</u>
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor, Kerigan Keefer	Chad Burdick Crew
<b>Lectors</b>		Marlys Lien
<b>Greeters</b>	Taylan Keefer	Marie Neal, Elaine vonGillern
<b>Acolytes</b>	Sydney Frush, Seth Frush	Hannah Jensen

**ALTAR and CHANCEL FLOWERS** – In honor of the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Saint John Lutheran Church and in memory of Elizabeth Bracker, Velma Baxley and Duane Benson, given by Golden Oldies ChristCare.

**PEOPLE WE HAVE BEEN PRAYING FOR:** Tracy Doebelin, Nancy Taylor, Keith Warford, Nancy Andersen, Leola Poppen, Kent Madison, Ronald Thompson, Shawn Taylor, Betty Stelter, Cindy Jordan, Tom Pagan, Caiden Loose-Ives, Jason Jensen, Claudia Besco, Mary Gittins, Eileen Carlson, Chuck Murnan, Fred Farris, Barb Paulson, Richard Ring, Lauren Hale, Diane Kalskett

**HOSPITALIZED**  
 Immanuel – Pastor John Plowman

**SYMPATHY** to the families of ...  
 Robert Jeffrey, who passed away on May 21.  
 Lona Wynne, friend of Paul Schmitt, who passed away on May 25.

**SHARING MEMORIES** – *We are gathering memories from the last six years we've shared with Pr. Shannyn* - Work is underway to put together a scrapbook for Pr. Shannyn as a gift to take with her on her new adventure. If you would like to submit a scrapbook page for her book with pictures of your family, your Church group, or your Saint John friends; Please use 12x12 cardstock or 12x12 scrapbook paper. (You can use both sides if you would like). Turn in completed pages by July 15<sup>th</sup> to the Church office or in the box in the fellowship area. Questions? Talk to Heather Thompson at 402-981-6249.

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

**THANKS** to everyone who walked and helped with the float on Saturday. It was a huge success. We will also have a float in the Veteran's Day Parade in November.

**SHIRTS** can be picked up during office hours M-F and before & after services on Saturday or Sunday.

**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.

**LANDS OF LUTHER TRIP: FILLING UP FAST!**  
 As of last Thursday, there are 33 people who have made a deposit for the Lands of Luther Trip. This leaves 15 spaces remaining for a full tour. If anyone is seriously considering this trip, decisions should be made as soon as possible. For more information, talk to Pastor Jon.

**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. **Deadline to order is Sunday, June 19.**

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** – During the summer months the office will close at noon on Fridays.

**LET'S GET REAL** - On June 12th at 10:45am we will be holding the first in a series of workshops called "Let's Get REAL!" as we partnering with Kanesville Therapy in CB. These workshops will focus on the "real" issues and challenges of life. We will talk how to support adults, youth, children, family members, and peers who deal with depression, anxiety, grief, fear, and other areas of life. Many people struggle with these issues and we are often at a loss of how to support or help or how to deal with it ourselves as individuals. Licensed counselors will be coming to talk about productive and helpful ideas for the self, parents, and friends. We also hope to start the conversation and support for one another so you do not feel alone as you experience these very real areas of life. Feedback will be gathered at this first workshop that will help guide the topics of the following workshops. Options include: brain development in teens, how to deal with mean kids at school (all ages), behavioral issues, supporting friends and family with mental illness, and much more.

**I SCREAM, YOU SCREAM, WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE CREAM!!** *Sunday, June 5th from 2-4 p.m.* at Bethany Lutheran Home, 7 Elliott Street in Council Bluffs. Proceeds will be used for resident and tenant projects at Bethany.

**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.

***Weekends in June and July are still open.***

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

**CALLING ALL TEENS--** What are **YOU** doing this summer? Bethany Lutheran Home and Bethany Heights are looking for some great volunteers between the ages of 14-18 to be a part of our Teen Volunteer program. Teen Volunteers interact with residents and tenants, participate in activities and outings and assist where needed. If you are looking for an opportunity for a rewarding experience and willing to commit 2-4 hours per week, please contact Kaily Stanley at Bethany Lutheran Home at 329-9500 or Sarah Norton at Bethany Heights at 328-8228 to sign up. Teen Volunteer orientation will be held on ***Tuesday, June 14th at 2:00 p.m.*** Hope you join us this summer!!

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT BETHANY-** Bethany currently has several positions available. For more information, please visit our website at [www.bethanylutheranhome.org](http://www.bethanylutheranhome.org) or contact our HR Coordinator, Cindy Schechinger at 712-328-9500

***Last Week's Attendance:***

Saturday, May 21		60
Sunday, May 22	8:30	105
	11:00	<u>105</u>
	Total	270

***From the Finance Committee:***

Last week's offering was \$4,467, or 59% of offering budget. Year-to-date offering is \$168,045 or 105% of budget.

**SAINT JOHN CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**SATURDAY, MAY 28**  
5:30 p.m. **Worship**

**SUNDAY, MAY 29**  
9:30 p.m. **Worship**  
10:45 a.m. Saint John 101  
10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour  
12:30 p.m. **Sudanese Worship**

**MONDAY, MAY 30 – Memorial Day**  
Office Closed

**TUESDAY, MAY 31**  
7:00 p.m. Praise Team  
7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1**  
9:00 a.m. Adult Study

**FRIDAY, JUNE 3**  
6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal  
6:00 p.m. Players Group

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4**  
2:30 p.m. Wedding- Sarah Hamling & Bart Boehm  
5:30 p.m. **Worship with Communion**  
Baptism- Mallory Olson

**SUNDAY, JUNE 5**  
9:30 p.m. **Worship with Communion**  
10:45 a.m. Saint John 101  
10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour  
12:30 p.m. **Sudanese Worship**

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**Ushers**  
**Lectors**  
**Communion Assistants**  
**Greeters**  
**Acolytes**

**5:30 p.m.**  
Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor  
Katie Comley

**9:30 a.m.**  
Bob Kossow Crew, Seth Frush  
Mackenzie Frush  
Tracy Frush, Mackenzie Frush  
Mary Lou Hansen, Eric Hansen  
Madison Stark

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** 1 Kings 17:17-24; Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17