



SAINT JOHN THIS WEEK



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LEADING IN WORSHIP ON MAY 6 & 7, 2017

	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
Ushers	Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor	Gary Woods Crew, Ryley Nebel	Ross Jensen Crew, Cael Malskeit, Dalton Mohatt
Lectors	Katie Comley	Lane Plugge	Confirmation Students
Communion Assistants		Debbie & Lane Plugge	Ellie Casey, Macy Mulder, Grace Ruzicka, Mandy Stogdill
Greeters	Katie Comley	Edie Goodwin, Marie Neal, Tye Nebel	Anne & Dale Vorce, Luke Meyer, Allison Steppuhn
Acolytes			Taylor Elam, Hannah Lucy

ALTAR FLOWERS - In loving memory of my dad, LeRoy Jacks on his birthday, given by Les & Rose Hansen.

PEOPLE WE HAVE BEEN PRAYING FOR: Tracy Doebelin, Nancy Andersen, Leola Poppen, Kent Madison, Mary Gittins, Jenny Grap, Robin Jastorff, Larry Gittins, Susan Minchin, Heidi Taylor, Ed Ebersold, Lynn Bertelsen, Jack Freese, Glenn Tuttle, Masen Schonort, Beth Musser, Eloise Hayes, Larry Califf, Orlyn Wingert

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

HOSPITALIZED

Mercy - Glen Tuttle released, now at Bethany receiving hospice care.

SYMPATHY to the family of Deputy Mark Burbridge, who passed away on May 1.

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 weekend of May 27/28: Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and **Sunday at 9:30 a.m.**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - A "tentative" Congregational Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, May 21 at 9:45 a.m. to vote on extending a letter of call to Lisa Johnson for the position of Children, Youth & Family Minister.

CAPITAL APPEAL UPDATE - Wonderful News!

So far \$649,184 of our \$750,000 goal has been pledged towards our "Rooted In Faith" capital appeal. 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. To this amount \$45,000 can be added over the next three years from the Iva Heuwinkel bequest. Thanks be to God! I

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - July 10-13, 5:00-8:00 pm.

Please join us for VBS registration on May 14 and May 21 at 9:45 am in the Faith and Life Center. We will have computers available if you would like to register online or paper copies if you would prefer that. We will also have volunteer sign-ups for those of you who would like to help during VBS.

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.

GOOD TIME GROUP -The Good Time Group will be meeting at the home of Barb & Gary Woods, 12 Westlake Village, on Saturday, May 20th at 7:00pm. They will provide the fried chicken, and ask that if your last name starts with the letter A-N to please bring a side dish, hot or cold, If your last name starts with O-Z please bring a dessert. Water, iced tea, coffee, and soda will be available. Anything stronger is up to you. Please RSVP either to 712-322-2288 or 402-651-6691 or in person at church. Pontoon boat rides will also be available.

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.

Last Week's Attendance:

Saturday, April 29	5:30	55
Sunday, April 30	8:30	130
	11:00	<u>136</u>
	Total	321

From the Finance Committee:

Last week's offering was \$7325.50 or 92.73% of weekly budget. Year-to-date offering is \$139,784.89 or 98.3% of year to date budget.

SAINT JOHN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, MAY 6
5:30 p.m. **Worship**

SUNDAY, MAY 7
8:30 a.m. **Worship**
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. High School Graduation Reception
11:00 a.m. **Worship**
Confirmation
12:30 p.m. **Sudanese Worship**

MONDAY, MAY 8
1:30 p.m. Ruth Group

TUESDAY, MAY 9
9:00 a.m. Golden Oldies ChristCare
6:00 p.m. Property Committee
6:30 p.m. Praise Team

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10
9:00 a.m. Adult Study

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10 (continued)
6:30 p.m. Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, MAY 11
7:00 a.m. "Write Touch" Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Mary Group

FRIDAY, MAY 12

SATURDAY, MAY 13
1:00 p.m. Wedding – Kelsey Benson & Jacob Bang
5:30 p.m. **Worship with Communion**

SUNDAY, MAY 14
8:30 a.m. **Worship with Communion**
Blessing of Graduates
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Confirmation Reception
11:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion**
12:30 p.m. **Sudanese Worship**

LEADING IN WORSHIP ON MAY 13 & 14, 2017

	5:30 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Ushers	Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor	Gary Woods Crew, Ryley Nebel	Ross Jensen Crew
Lectors		Tye Nebel	Ben Brougham
Greeters		Eddie Goodwin, Marie Neal	Shelly Graham, Thomas Graham
Acolytes			Connie Brougham

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14