



# SAINT JOHN THIS WEEK



## SAINT JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

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### LEADING IN WORSHIP ON JUNE 3 & 4, 2017

	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor	Bob Kossow Crew
<b>Lectors</b>	Linda Fisher	Burke Swenson
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Katie Comley, Deb Ingwersen	Reegan Swenson, Burke Swenson
<b>Greeters</b>	Katie Comley	Tom Brown, David Craighill
<b>Acolytes</b>		

**ALTAR FLOWERS** – In celebration of our successful “Rooted in Faith, Forward in Mission” Capital Appeal.

**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, Faye Wiig, Sue Mize, Lynne Hannon, Walter Sherman

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

**BAPTISM** at the 5:30 service  
Vivian Mae Townsend, daughter of Stephanie & Derek Townsend. Grandparents are Beth & Kim Townsend.

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

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** at noon on Fridays during the summer months.

**REMINDER: SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**  
Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

**THIS IS 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.

**DEACON LISA JOHNSON** has accepted the call issued by our congregation as Children, Youth & Family Minister. Her projected start date is the second week in August.

**CAPITAL APPEAL – Wonderful News!**  
So far \$654,084 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.

**Vacation Bible School**  
“Camp Agape: Gathering Around God’s Love”  
July 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm-8:00pm.  
Children ages 3 years old through entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade.  
A meal will be served from 5-5:30 with program starting after the meal.  
You can register at: <http://saintjohnelca.org/>  
or contact Katie Warner at [saintjohnvbs@gmail.com](mailto:saintjohnvbs@gmail.com)

**ANNUAL BETHANY LUTHERAN HOME AUXILIARY ICE CREAM SOCIAL-** Mark your calendar. It’s time for ice cream!! The Auxiliary Ice Cream Social will be held on **Sunday, June 4th from 2-4 p.m.** at Bethany Lutheran Home, 7 Elliott Street in Council Bluffs. Ice Cream as well as pies and cakes will be available for a free will offering. Come join us for an afternoon of fellowship and dessert!! Tell your friends!! Proceeds will be used for resident and tenant projects at Bethany.

**SCRIP NOTE** - Think of Scrip as a fundraiser that you use for your everyday shopping.

**STEPHEN MINISTRIES** -Do you, a family member, or someone you know have a need or a care? If so, contact Pastor Benson (323-7173), Mary Lou Hansen (322-7248, Debbie Plugge (256-5310) or Alan Meilike (328-1671) and a Stephen Minister will be assigned to you. Please note that all communications are always **CONFIDENTIAL**.

**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.

**CARE NOTES** - If you or a loved one is having difficulties, please stop by the Care Notes display in the Welcome Center

**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 July are 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 Sarah Norton at Bethany Heights at 328-8228 to sign up. Teen Volunteer orientation will be held on **Tuesday, June 8th at 2:00 p.m. in the Garden Lounge at Bethany Lutheran Home.** Hope you join us this summer!!

**Last Week's Attendance:**

Saturday, May 27	5:30	49
Sunday, May 28	9:30	149
	Total	198

**From the Finance Committee:**

Last week's offering was \$2,512.00 or 31.79% of weekly budget.  
Year-to-date offering is \$168,275 or 96.82% of year to date budget.

**SAINT JOHN CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 3**

9:00 a.m. Stephen Ministries Retreat  
5:30 p.m. **Worship with Communion**  
Baptism – Vivian Townsend

**SUNDAY, JUNE 4**

9:30 a.m. **Worship with Communion**  
10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour  
11:15 a.m. Capital Appeal Celebration Barbeque  
12:30 p.m. **Sudanese Worship**

**MONDAY, JUNE 5**

1:00 p.m. Jack Freese Memorial  
1:30 p.m. Ruth Group  
6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7**

9:00 a.m. Adult Study

**THURSDAY, JUNE 8**

9:00 a.m. Mary Group

**JUNE 9 - 11**

Synod Assembly

**SATURDAY, JUNE 10**

5:30 p.m. **Celebration of Life Choir**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 11**

9:30 a.m. **Worship**  
10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour  
12:30 p.m. **Sudanese Worship**

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Jeremy Hulshizer  
Tom Brown, David Craighill

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Genesis 1:1-2:4a, Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Matthew 28:16-20