



# SAINT JOHN THIS WEEK



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### LEADING IN WORSHIP ON JULY 9 & 10, 2016

**Ushers**  
**Lectors**  
**Greeters**  
**Acolytes**

#### 5:30 p.m.

Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor  
 Linda Fisher

#### 9:30 a.m.

Earl Myers Crew  
 Youth  
 Shelly Graham, Thomas Graham

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are in memory of our mom Bette Hansen on her birthday given by Les & Rose.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** are in memory of my mother Bette Hansen on her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on July 11, given by Nancy Chew.

**PEOPLE WE HAVE BEEN PRAYING FOR:** Tracy Doebelin, Keith Warford, Nancy Andersen, Leola Poppen, Kent Madison, Ronald Thompson, Betty Stelter, Cindy Jordan, Caiden Loose-Ives, Jason Jensen, Claudia Besco, Mary Gittins, Barb Paulson, Lauren Hale, Diane Kalskett, Junior Boerjan, Larry Califf

**SYMPATHY** to the family of ...

Luetta Vorthmann, mother of Bill Vorthmann, who passed away on June 17.

**BAPTISMS** at the 5:30 service.

**Morgan Lynn VanderHelm**, daughter of Joey & Kyle Vanderhelm. Grandparents are Becky & Steve VanderHelm and great-grandmother is Arlene Borwick.

**Stella Roe Taylor and Cash Adam Taylor**, children of Heidi & Adam Taylor. Grandparents are Jan & Terry Moxley.

#### **NEW ARRIVAL**

Elijah Eric Wyler was born on June 28 to Lindsay & Eric Wyler and big brother James.

**60<sup>th</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE** for Tom & Leona Stuart on Sunday July 17, 2-4 pm at Walnut Hill Reception Center, 1350 East Pierce St., Co. Bluffs.

**OUR 125<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION** continues on July 31 with a family fun day immediately following church. Lunch will be served at 11:15 and pie social / ala Pastor Shannyn will follow. Activities for all ages will be continuous. At 1:30 the event will conclude with the blessing and send off for Pastor Shannyn as she prepares to leave for Seattle.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED** - The Service / Witness Committee is asking for donations of school supplies for Lutheran World Relief and Bloomer School.

Each school kit for LWR requires the following:

- 1 box of 16 or 20 crayons
- 4 30-sheet notebooks
- 1 ruler with inches and centimeters
- 1 pair of blunt scissors
- 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers
- 5 black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel pens)
- 1 2 1/2 inch eraser.

Similar items are needed for Bloomer School with the addition of a backpack to put them in. We will gladly accept any of the items on the list.

Please place your donations in the collection box in the Welcome Center by Sunday August 28.

#### **LANDS OF LUTHER TRIP: FILLING UP FAST!**

There are 41 people who have made a deposit for the Lands of Luther Trip. This leaves 7 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.

**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 712-323-8391.

**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.

**LET'S GET REAL** - Thank you to everyone who attended the Let's Get REAL workshop on June 12. It was an important time to ask questions, get information, share stories, and learn. Video clips and helpful downloads can be found on the website under "Faith Formation" --> "Let's Get Real" More workshops will be scheduled in the future. Stay tuned to the Caller and Bulletin for these workshops.

**BETHANY GOLF OUTING -SAVE THE DATE!** The Annual Bethany Golf Outing will be held on **Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 a.m. at Dodge Riverside Golf Course in Council Bluffs. Watch for more details next month. If you have questions, please contact Diane Carlon at 712-329-5451. Thank you.

**BETHANY AUXILIARY MEETING** - The Quarterly meeting of the Bethany Auxiliary will be held on **Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** There will be a short business meeting followed by Bingo and a Pie Social with the Bethany Heights Tenants (11 Elliott Street). For more information, please contact your Church Key Lady or Diane Carlon at Bethany at 712-329-5451.

**BLH RESIDENT FUNDRAISER** - Bethany Lutheran Home Residents are holding a special fundraiser in July. The residents along with the Activities Department will be making Body Scrub and Hand Scrub for sale. The cost is \$4.00 per item. The items will be available for sale on July 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Pre-orders are welcome. Proceeds from the fundraiser provide additional funding for special event outings for those with limited resources and for other general activity functions. For more information or to purchase items, please contact Kaily Stanley, BLH Activities Coordinator at 712-328-9500.

<b>Last Week's Attendance:</b>		<b>From the Finance Committee:</b>	
Saturday, July 2	67	Last week's offering was \$9,157, or 120% of offering budget.	
Sunday, July 3	<u>183</u>	Year-to-date offering is \$215,268 or 105% of budget.	
Total	250		

**SAINT JOHN CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**SATURDAY, JULY 9**  
**5:30 p.m. Worship**  
 Baptisms- Morgan VanderHelm,  
 Stella Taylor, Cash Taylor

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

**MONDAY, JULY 11**  
 1:30 p.m. Ruth Group

**TUESDAY, JULY 11**  
 9:30 p.m. Esther Group

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 13**  
 9:00 a.m. Adult Study

**SATURDAY, JULY 16**  
**5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion**

**SUNDAY, JULY 17**  
**9:30 p.m. Worship with Communion**  
 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour  
**12:30 p.m. Sudanese Worship**

<b>LEADING IN WORSHIP ON JULY 16 &amp; 17, 2016</b>		
	<b><u>5:30 p.m.</u></b>	<b><u>9:30 a.m.</u></b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor	Linda Hahn Crew
<b>Lectors</b>	Katie Comley	Bonnie Dunkelberger
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Deb Ingwersen	Barb Woods, Becky Henkel
<b>Greeters</b>	Linda Fisher	Mary Lou Hansen, Eric Hansen
<b>Acolytes</b>		

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Genesis 18:1-10a; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42