



# SAINT JOHN THIS WEEK



## SAINT JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

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## LEADING IN WORSHIP ON JULY 15 & 16, 2017

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

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

**9:30 a.m.**  
 Linda Hahn Crew  
 Linda Hahn  
 Joyce & Randy Roenfeld  
 Katie & David Warner

**ALTAR FLOWERS** – Given by Marlys & Paul Lien

**PEOPLE WE HAVE BEEN PRAYING FOR:** Tracy Doebelin, Nancy Andersen, Leola Poppen, Mary Gittins, Jenny Grap, Robin Jastorff, Larry Gittins, Susan Minchin, Heidi Taylor, Ed Ebersold, Lynn Bertelsen, Sue Mize, Lynne Hannon, Walter Sherman, Pastor John Plowman, Barbara Stuckey, Tim Ring, Adam Roane, Edie Goodwin, Margaret Schneider

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

### HOSPITALIZED

Children's – \* Adam Roane \* Discharged

### NEW ARRIVAL

Zane Clarence Everly Tesch, son of Micheala & Brandon Tesch, was born on June 18. Grandparents are Roberta & Larry Califf.

**PERSONAL AMPLIFIERS** are available in the Narthex. Ask an usher for assistance if needed.

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

**THANKS TO SUE PAGAN** for playing at services while Joan Ebersold was out of town.

**RAISE ME TO READ** – In conjunction with VBS we are asking the congregation for donations of new or gently used books for children. The Raise Me to Read program seeks to have all children reading at grade level by the end of third grade. The program is focused on children from birth through age 8. Look for the collection box in the hallway by the office.

**THE VBS COMMITTEE** would like to send out a HUGE Thank You to everyone who made VBS week a success. Without all your generous help it wouldn't have been the success it was.

### Fun Facts:

Registered: - Over 100  
 Average Daily Attendance – 85  
 # of volunteers – 60+  
 Daily Heat Index – 100 degrees!  
 Next Year's Theme – God's Farm  
 Thanks again!

**CONFIRMATION PHOTOS** are in the Welcome Center on the table by the bookcases.

**HYMNALS** -Some writing is appearing on the tops of the hymnals and music books in the pews. Because the marks are on the edges of the pages they are impossible to completely remove by erasure. Please do not write on the pew books. Thank you.

**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.

**All weekends in August are open.**

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

**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.

**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.

**SCRIP NOTE** – Please stop by the table in the Welcome Center to check out the variety of cards for sale. Every card you purchase makes money for the church.

**GARDEN PRODUCE ALWAYS APPRECIATED-** We all enjoy the taste of homegrown vegetables and fruits over the summer. Many of the residents and tenants were avid gardeners in their day and miss the taste of homegrown foods. If you are gardening this summer and have extra produce you would like to share, please feel free to drop it off at Bethany Heights or Bethany Lutheran Home during the week. We would greatly appreciate it and the smile you'll see on the faces of our residents and tenants is priceless!

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

<b>Last Week's Attendance:</b>		<b>From the Finance Committee:</b>	
Saturday, July 8	60	Last week's offering was \$6,742 or 85.34% of weekly budget.	
Sunday, July 9	195	Year-to-date offering is \$213,813 or 96.7% of year to date budget.	
Total	255		

**SAINT JOHN CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**SATURDAY, JULY 15**

5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion

**SUNDAY, JULY 16**

9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

12:30 p.m. Sudanese Worship

**TUESDAY, JULY 18**

1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 19**

9:00 a.m. Adult Study

9:00 a.m. Sewing Group

**THURSDAY, JULY 20**

11:00 a.m. Life Group

11:30 a.m. Men's Club

**SATURDAY, JULY 22**

5:30 p.m. Worship

**SUNDAY, JULY 23**

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

12:30 p.m. Sudanese Worship

**LEADING IN WORSHIP ON JULY 22 & 23, 2017**

	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor	Linda Hahn Crew
<b>Lectors</b>	Deb Ingwersen	Carol Wood
<b>Greeters</b>	Deb Ingwersen	Mancy & Paul Stark
<b>Acolytes</b>		

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43