



# SAINT JOHN THIS WEEK



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

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

**5:30 p.m.**  
 Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor  
 Deb Ingwersen  
 Deb Ingwersen

**9:30 a.m.**  
 Linda Hahn Crew  
 Carol Wood  
 Mandy & Paul Stark

**ALTAR FLOWERS** – In memory of Glen Henkel on his birthday, given by Becky and Family.

**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

**INVITE SOMEONE TO WORSHIP WITH YOU** – All of us know someone who needs the Lord and a place to worship and serve. In your circle of influence, be an influence for Jesus Christ. Your invitation will make a difference in that person's life!

**ARE YOU MISSING** a jacket? Several have been on the coatrack in the hallway since spring.

**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.

**RAISE ME TO READ** – Over 280 books were collected during VBS week. They will be divided between the Raise Me to Read program and Micah House. Thank you for responding to this worthwhile cause.

**DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST** we will be collecting school supplies for Bloomer School and for LWR School Kits.

**Bloomer** needs glue sticks, Crayola markers, crayons and pencils, erasers, 2-pocket and pronged folders, scissors and Kleenex.

### LWR School Kit list:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks (280-300 sheets total) wide or college-ruled paper approximately 8 x 10 1/2. No loose leaf paper.
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.
- One pencil sharpener
- One pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors embedded steel blades work well.)
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 25 crayons
- One 2 1/2 " eraser

Thank you in advance for your donation of school supplies. The Service/Witness Committee

**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.

**Most 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.

**INKJET PRINTER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING** – Empty inkjet cartridges can be recycled and remanufactured. Look for the recycle box under the table by the office.

**REMEMBER THE FOOD PANTRY**– Please consider donating to the Food Pantry. You can place your donations in the shopping cart in the Welcome Center.

**SCRIP NOTE** – Please stop by the table in the Welcome Center to check out the large 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.

**Last Week's Attendance:**

Saturday, July 15	55
Sunday, July 16	<u>232</u>
Total	287

**From the Finance Committee:**

Last week's offering was \$10,411.50 or 131.8% of weekly budget.  
Year-to-date offering is \$224,224 or 97.9% of year to date budget.

**SAINT JOHN CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**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

**TUESDAY, JULY 25**  
9:30 a.m. Women's Board Meeting

**THURSDAY, JULY 27**  
Caller Mailed

**SATURDAY, JULY 29**  
5:30 p.m. Worship

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

**LEADING IN WORSHIP ON JULY 29 & 30, 2017**

<b>Ushers</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor
<b>Lectors</b>		Linda Fisher
<b>Greeters</b>		Deb Ingwersen
<b>Acolytes</b>		

<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	Linda Hahn Crew
	Phyllis Damgaard
	Mary Lou Hansen, Eric Hansen

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** 1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-5