



SAINT JOHN THIS WEEK



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LEADING IN WORSHIP ON JULY 2 & 3, 2016

	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	<u>9:30 a.m.</u>
Ushers	Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor	Earl Myers Crew
Lectors	Linda Fisher	Barbara Stuckey
Communion Assistants	Deb Ingwersen	Joyce & Randy Roenfeld
Greeters		Rich Andersen, Marty Pike
Acolytes		Tye Nebel, Ryley Nebel

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in celebration of Independence Day.

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

SYMPATHY to the families of ...
 Charles Caughlin, father of Linda Muehlilg, who passed away on June 17.
 Richard Hoff, who passed away on June 28.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – God's Love Is OUT OF THIS WORLD! Mark your calendar for July 11-14th 5:00 – 8:00 pm. Registration forms are at the Coffee Bar or can be downloaded from our website: SaintJohnELCA.org Deadline for registering is July 1.

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

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.

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 15th to the Church office or in the box in the fellowship area. Questions? Talk to Heather Thompson at 712-323-8391.

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.

ALL "LOOSE OFFERING" on the first weekend of each month will be added to Pastor Jon's discretionary fund.

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 24th** 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 11th 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 12th 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.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS - During the summer months the office will close at noon on Fridays.

Last Week's Attendance:

Saturday, June 25	62
Sunday, June 26	<u>197</u>
Total	259

From the Finance Committee:

Last week's offering was \$3,374, or 44% of offering budget.
Year-to-date offering is \$206,110 or 104% of budget.

SAINT JOHN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, JULY 2

5:30 p.m. **Worship with Communion**

SUNDAY, JULY 3

9:30 p.m. **Worship with Communion**

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

12:30 p.m. **Sudanese Worship**

MONDAY, JULY 4 – Independence Day

Office Closed

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

9:00 a.m. Adult Study

THURSDAY, JULY 7

9:00 a.m. Mary Group

6:30 p.m. 125th Anniversary Committee meeting

SATURDAY, JULY 9

5:30 p.m. **Worship**

Baptism- Morgan VanderHelm

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

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Ushers
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5:30 p.m.
Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor

9:30 a.m.
Earl Myers Crew
Youth
Shelly Graham, Thomas Graham

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Psalm 25:1-10; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37