



# SAINT JOHN THIS WEEK



## SAINT JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

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### LEADING IN WORSHIP ON JULY 30 & 31, 2016

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|                             | <u>5:30 p.m.</u>        | <u>9:30 a.m.</u>                       |
| <b>Ushers</b>               | Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor | Linda Hahn Crew                        |
| <b>Lectors</b>              | Sue Mize                | Scott Hartman                          |
| <b>Communion Assistants</b> |                         | Mariette Nelson-Bittle, Hayley Hartman |
| <b>Greeters</b>             |                         | Ruby Runte, Debbie Whitney             |
| <b>Acolytes</b>             |                         | Ryley Nebel, Tye Nebel                 |

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are in honor of Pastor Shannyn, given by Golden Oldies ChristCare You have been a blessing to us. Go and be a blessing to others.

**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, Lynne Hannon, Richard Boyd, Debbie Drustrup, Isabelle Dunai, Monica McKenny

**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). The book will be presented to Pastor Shannyn at the July 31 Celebration but **you can still submit pages until August 15<sup>th</sup>**. Questions? Talk to Heather Thompson at 712-323-8391.

**FIRST COMMUNION** on Sunday, July 31  
 Madison Marie Stark and Aubrey Jane Stark, daughters of Mandy & Paul Stark, communed for the first time.

**THE 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE** is looking for interest facts to share during our year of celebrating. We discovered that we have three long standing members of our Saint John family. Can you guess who they might be? Well they are Gladys Pedersen, Dorothy Smith and Walter Sherman. All three have been members since the late 20's and early 30's. If by chance we missed someone please let the office know so we can update our records.

**THE PLAYERS GROUP** invites any and all interested to attend our next get-together on Friday, August 5, 6:00 p.m. at HyVee on West Broadway for a buffet. If you have any questions please call Marlys Lien at 712-256-4357. Please call Pat Peterson (712-322-8225) to make reservations.

**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.

**PASTOR SHANNYN'S CONTACT INFORMATION:**  
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**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 still open.**

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

**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.

**NEW GREETING CARDS WANTED** - Our residents and tenants love sending greeting cards. Each building has a location designated where they can go and pick out a greeting card to send. The cards are made available to them FREE OF CHARGE thanks to your generosity. We

are currently in need of Birthday, Sympathy, Thinking of You and Friendship Cards. If you would like to donate new greeting cards, please feel free to drop them off at Bethany Lutheran Home or Bethany Heights

**BETHANY AUXILIARY SALAD LUNCHEON AND BAKE SALE** - Mark your calendar and plan to enjoy great food and fellowship at the annual Bethany Auxiliary Salad Luncheon, September 21st from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The luncheon and bake sale will be held at Saint John Lutheran Church 633 Willow Avenue in Council Bluffs. Tickets are \$7. We promise you won't go away hungry!! Join us for lunch and grab some goodies from the bake sale for later. Help support the Bethany Auxiliary. Proceeds support Resident projects at Bethany. Thank you.

**LAP BLANKETS NEEDED** - Do you remember the feeling of warmth or comfort you experienced from a blanket or throw? We would like to provide each new BLH resident with that feeling by presenting them with a lap blanket of their own when arrive at Bethany. If you or someone you know would be interested in donating lap blankets, it would be appreciated. Lap blankets need to be sewn or tied. Please do not send lap blankets that have been knit or crocheted. Though they are beautiful and made with love, they do not hold up well after numerous launderings. If you have any questions or are interested in the project, please contact BLH Activities Coordinator Kaily Stanley at BLH at 712-328-9500.

***Last Week's Attendance:***

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Saturday, July 23 | 74         |
| Sunday, July 24   | <u>221</u> |
| Total             | 295        |

***From the Finance Committee:***

Last week's offering was \$4094, or 54% of offering budget. Year-to-date offering is \$232,138 or 102% of budget.

**SAINT JOHN CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

**SUNDAY, JULY 31- 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!**  
9:30 p.m. Worship  
10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour  
12:30 p.m. Sudanese Worship

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3**  
9:00 a.m. Adult Study

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 5**  
6:00 p.m. Players Group

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 6**  
5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 7**  
9:30 p.m. Worship with Communion  
10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour  
12:30 p.m. Sudanese Worship

**LEADING IN WORSHIP ON AUGUST 6 & 7, 2016**

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| <b>Ushers</b>               | <b><u>5:30 p.m.</u></b> |
| <b>Lectors</b>              | Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor |
| <b>Communion Assistants</b> | Rose Hansen             |
| <b>Greeters</b>             | Deb Ingwersen           |
| <b>Acolytes</b>             |                         |

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| <b><u>9:30 a.m.</u></b>  |
| Tim Chew Crew            |
| Kim Townsend             |
| Beth & Kim Townsend      |
| Lois Biggs, Barb Paulson |

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40