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# SAINT JOHN THIS WEEK



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### LEADING IN WORSHIP ON JULY 8 & 9, 2017

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

**5:30 p.m.**  
Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor  
Katie Comley  
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**9:30 a.m.**  
Earl Myers Crew  
Sandie Smith  
Roberta & Larry Califf

**ALTAR FLOWERS** – In loving memory of Bette Hansen on her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday, given by Tim & Nancy Chew and Les & Rose Hansen and families.

**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 Jon Plowman, Barbara Stuckey, Madlyn Olson, Phyllis Blumhagen, Stevi Brougham, Tim Ring, Adam Roane

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

#### HOSPITALIZED

Mercy – Barbara Stuckey  
 Children's – Adam Roane  
 Jennie Ed. – Jennifer Roane

#### NEW ARRIVALS

**Adam Joseph Roane**, son of Jennifer & Nate Roane, was born on July 4.  
**Zane Clarence Everly Tesch**, son of Michaela & Brendon Tesch, was born on June 18. Grandparents are Roberta & Larry Califf

#### SYMPATHY to the family of ...

Faye Fox, grandmother of Pastor Ben, passed away June 29.

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

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**"Camp Agape: Gathering Around God's Love"**

July 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm-8:00pm.

Children ages 3 years old through entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

A meal will be served from 5-5:30

with program starting after the meal.

You can register at: <http://saintjohnelca.org/>

or contact Katie Warner at [saintjohnvbs@gmail.com](mailto:saintjohnvbs@gmail.com)

**CAMP AGAPE** is coming to Saint John's. VBS will be July 10-13<sup>th</sup> and we are asking for your assistance. If you have any of the items below that we could borrow please drop them off in the office.

- Tents and Sleeping Bags
- Lawn Chairs, fold up chairs
- Any other Camping Equipment (camping stove, kayak, lanterns, etc.)

**FOOD FOR VBS** - The sign-up sheets are in the Welcome Center by the bookshelves for food items needed for Vacation Bible School. Please help us make 2017 VBS another great experience for our little ones!

**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.

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

**SCRIP NOTE** – Last week Scrip profit from just HyVee was \$30.00. And someone who bought a card for \$100.00 got to spend \$100.00 but the church also got \$3.00. Not a lot, but it adds up when more people participate.

**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**.

**BETHANY AUXILIARY MEETING** - The Bethany Auxiliary will be meeting Monday evening, **July 10<sup>th</sup>** at Bethany Heights. A short business meeting will be held at **6:00 p.m.** followed by Bingo and a pie social with the tenants. Please note the time change from the regular meeting time. Contact your church key lady for more information.

**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 1	56	Last week's offering was \$9,236.50 or 116.9% of weekly budget.	
Sunday, July 2	185	Year-to-date offering is \$207,271 or 97.1% of year to date budget.	
Total	241		

### **SAINT JOHN CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**SATURDAY, JULY 8**  
5:30 p.m. **Worship**

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

**MONDAY, JULY 10**  
1:30 p.m. Ruth Group  
5:00 p.m. VBS Begins

**TUESDAY, JULY 11**  
9:30 a.m. Esther Group  
4:30 p.m. Finance Committee  
5:00 p.m. Executive Committee  
6:30 p.m. Property Committee  
5:00 p.m. VBS

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 12**  
9:00 a.m. Adult Study  
5:00 p.m. VBS

**THURSDAY, JULY 13**  
9:00 a.m. Mary Group  
5:00 p.m. VBS

**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**

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

	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor	Earl Myers Crew
<b>Lectors</b>	Sue Mize	Linda Hahn
<b>Greeters</b>	Becky Taylor	Katie & Dave Warner
<b>Acolytes</b>		

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Isaiah 55:10-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

