



# SAINT JOHN THIS WEEK



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## LEADING IN WORSHIP ON AUGUST 5 & 6, 2017

	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	<u>9:30 a.m.</u>
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor	Tim Chew Crew
<b>Lectors</b>	Katie Comley	Sue Haven
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Deb Ingwersen	Marie Neal, Sue Haven
<b>Greeters</b>	Katie Comley	Barb Paulson

**ALTAR FLOWERS** – In celebration of our anniversary, given by Paul & Marlys Lien.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** - In celebration of Barb Paulson's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**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, Pastor John Plowman, Barbara Stuckey, Tim Ring, Adam Roane, Pastor Stephany Sanborn, Pastor Noel Kropp, Dylan Nodean

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

### HOSPITALIZED

**Jennie Ed.** – Pastor Stephany Sanborn

**Nebr. Methodist** – Pastor Noel Kropp

### WEDDING on August 5

Morgan Elizabeth Means and Collin Eliot Fast

### NEW ARRIVAL

Calvin Nichalaus Johnston was born on July 28 to Mallory & Nick Johnston. Grandparents are Becky & Steve VanderHelm and great-grandmother is Arlene Borwick.

### SYMPATHY to the family of ...

Dennis Jones, son of Phyllis Jones, who passed away on August 2.

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

**THE CHANCEL CHOIR** will begin regular rehearsals on Wednesday, Aug. 30. Everyone is invited and no prior experience necessary! Come have fun and learn some great music! If you have any questions, feel free to email Eric Wyler at [wyler.eric@gmail.com](mailto:wyler.eric@gmail.com)

### BLESSING OF BACKPACKS – Aug. 20, 9:30 Service -

Bring your bags and receive a blessing for all those working within the school system supporting learners, and/or Christian education. Sunday School registration forms will be available as well.

### 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.

### 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: (continued on back)

- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band

- Four 70-sheet notebooks (280-300 sheets total) wide or college-ruled paper approximately 8 x 10 1/2. No loose leaf paper.
- One pencil sharpener
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.
- One pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors embedded steel blades work well.)
- 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.

***Weekends in August and September 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.

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

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

**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 20th** 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.

**GARDEN PRODUCE WANTED** - Our Bethany Residents and Tenants always enjoy home-grown summer and fall garden produce. We know the weather has been difficult on many gardens, but if you have extra produce you would be willing to share, we would love it. Please feel free to bring it to either Bethany Lutheran Home or Bethany Heights. Thank you in advance for sharing your bountiful garden harvest and for remembering Bethany.

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

Saturday, July 29	49
Sunday, July 30	<u>195</u>
Total	244

***From the Finance Committee:***

Last week's offering was \$4,127 or 52.24% of weekly budget.  
Year-to-date offering is \$231,274 or 94.43% of year to date budget.

**SAINT JOHN CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 5**

2:30 p.m. Wedding – Morgan Means & Collin Fast  
5:30 p.m. **Worship with Communion**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 6**

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

**MONDAY, AUGUST 7**

1:30 p.m. Ruth Group

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 8**

9:30 a.m. Esther Group  
4:00 p.m. Foundation Board Meeting  
4:30 p.m. Finance Committee  
5:00 p.m. Executive Committee  
6:30 p.m. Property Committee  
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9**

9:30 a.m. Adult Study

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 10**

9:00 a.m. Mary Group

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12**

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

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13**

9:30 a.m. **Worship**  
Baptism - Elias James Petersen  
10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour  
12:30 p.m. **Sudanese Worship**

**LEADING IN WORSHIP ON AUGUST 12 & 13, 2017**

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

**5:30 p.m.**  
Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor  
Linda Fisher  
Ruby Runte

**9:30 a.m.**  
Tim Chew Crew  
Carol Wood  
Libby Woods

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** 1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33