



# SAINT JOHN THIS WEEK



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### LEADING IN WORSHIP ON SEPTEMBER 9 & 10, 2017

Ushers  
 Lectors  
 Greeters  
 Acolytes

#### 5:30 p.m.

Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor  
 Katie Comley  
 Deb Ingwersen

#### 8:30 a.m.

Gary Woods Crew  
 Megan Michael  
 Tim Wegner, Tom Brown

#### 11:00 a.m.

Chad Burdick Crew  
 Mary Jensen  
 Shelly Graham, Thomas Graham

**ALTAR FLOWERS** – Almighty God has given you, Deacon Lisa, the will to do this ministry, may God graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform this ministry.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** - are in celebration of Margaret Oviatt on her 97<sup>th</sup> birthday, given by her family.

**SINGLE ROSE** - is given in memory of Walter Oviatt.

**PEOPLE WE HAVE BEEN PRAYING FOR:** Tracy Doebelin, Nancy Andersen, Leola Poppen, Mary Gittins, Jenny Grap, Larry Gittins, Ed Ebersold, Lynn Bertelsen, Sue Mize, Lynne Hannon, Barbara Stuckey, Pastor Stephany Sanborn, Pastor Noel Kropp, Mary Lou Hansen, Adam Roane, Melissa Stacchini, Guy Parrott, Mitchell Biggs, Paul Lien, Gail Bates

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

### HOSPITALIZED

#### **SYMPATHY to the family of**

Toni Bowman, sister of Katie Comley

**G.I.F.T - Growing in Faith Together** – Begins this week, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. GIFT will meet around the baptismal font in the sanctuary from 5:30-6:00 p.m. GIFT is geared toward families with infants and children up to eight years old, but all are welcome at any age (especially grandparents, sponsors, etc.) If you are interested in learning more or would like to help lead one of the weeks, please contact the office or Deacon Lisa.

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** – Sunday, September 17 at 9:45 a.m. We will be discussing improvements to the east parking lot that will involve moving the utility pole on the southeast side of the building. The projected cost is \$40,000, thus requiring a congregational vote.

**SAINTJOHN 101 (NEW MEMBER CLASS)** will be on three Sundays, **September 24 and October 1 & 8** at 9:45 a.m. in the Conference Room. Please call the church office (712-323-7173) if you are interested or have questions.

**BAPTISM CLASS** – If you plan to have a child baptized in the near future or want to learn more about the rite of baptism there will be a class offered on **Sunday, September 24** at 12:15 p.m. This class is mandatory for parents who wish to have their child baptized. Please call the church office if you are interested, 323-7173.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADULT BIBLE STUDY** – Begins this week, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> - **\*Note new time 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** During the first two months, the class will be reading and discussing one of Martin Luther's finest treatises, "The Freedom of a Christian." Copies are available for purchase at \$8.50/book.

**GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS** – If you are interested in helping out fellow members of our Church family here at Saint John with tasks they are not able to do themselves, please sign on the back of the bulletin insert and leave your phone number and we will call you with the details. Questions, talk to Deb Ingwersen.

**A HUGE THANK YOU** – For all the school supplies donated. Bloomer was very appreciative, and many LWR Kits are ready to send out.

**ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY** – Help is needed to deliver altar flowers to members who are homebound, in a nursing home or a hospital. Flowers can be picked up following the 11:00 service or on Mondays. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the office.

**BLOOMER-SAINT JOHN CONNECTION** – Volunteers are needed for the 2017-2018 school year to work with children preschool-2<sup>nd</sup> grade one-on-one and/or with the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade book club. The book club is run through the school library and you'll work with the same group of 6-8 children each month. Commitment is 20 minutes/child each week or every other week. For more information contact Deb Ingwersen. Applications are on the wall outside the church office.

**THE CHANCEL CHOIR** rehearses on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited and no prior experience necessary! Come have fun and learn some great music!

**PRAISE TEAM** – Do you play an instrument and/or love to sing? The Praise Team will practice every Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome, come join us. You don't have to commit to singing every week. We are going to have 5-6 singers commit to each weekend and rotate singers.

**BETHANY AUXILIARY SALAD LUNCHEON AND BAKE SALE** - Mark your calendar for the Bethany Auxiliary Salad Luncheon, **September 20th** from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The luncheon and bake sale will be held here at Saint John. Tickets are \$7. 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.

<b>Last Week's Attendance:</b>		<b>From the Finance Committee:</b>	
Saturday, Sept. 2	66	Last week's offering was \$8,177.50 or 103% of weekly budget.	
Sunday, Sept. 3	140	Year-to-date offering is \$271,123.50 or 95% of year to date budget.	
Total	206		

**SAINT JOHN CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

- 5:30 p.m. Worship**  
Installation of Deacon Lisa Johnson
- 7:00 p.m. Good Time Group

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

- 8:30 a.m. Worship**  
Installation of Deacon Lisa Johnson
- 9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship**  
Installation of Deacon Lisa Johnson
- 12:30 p.m. Sudanese Worship**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

- 1:30 p.m. Ruth Group
- 6:45 p.m. Seekers ChristCare

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

- 9:00 a.m. Golden Oldies ChristCare
- 9:30 a.m. Esther Group
- 4:30 p.m. Finance Meeting
- 5:00 p.m. Executive Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Property Committee
- 7:00 p.m. Praise Team

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

- 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Sewing Group
- 5:30 p.m. Meal
- 5:30 p.m. GIFT
- 6:00 p.m. Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

- 9:00 a.m. Mary Group

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

*Caller Deadline*

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

- 5:00 p.m. HS Youth Bonfire
- 5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion**  
Baptism – Westley Gregory

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

- 8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion**
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. Congregational Meeting**
- 11:00 a.m. Worship with Communion**
- 12:30 p.m. Sudanese Worship**

**LEADING IN WORSHIP ON SEPTEMBER 16 & 17, 2017**

	<b><u>5:30 p.m.</u></b>	<b><u>8:30 a.m.</u></b>	<b><u>11:00 a.m.</u></b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor	Gary Woods Crew	Chad Burdick Crew
<b>Lectors</b>	Linda Fisher	Alan Meilike	Jennifer Erickson
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Becky Taylor	Susan Stellish, Mary Stellish	Jennifer & Steve Erickson
<b>Greeters</b>	Becky Taylor	Tim Wegner, Tom Brown	Linda Hahn
<b>Acolytes</b>			

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Genesis 50:15-21; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

