



SAINT JOHN THIS WEEK



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LEADING IN WORSHIP ON SEPTEMBER 17 & 18, 2016

	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
Ushers	Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor	Gary Woods Crew, Cael Malskeit	Chad Burdick Crew
Lectors		Bob Johnson	Mary Jensen
Communion Assistants		Cookie & Bob Johnson	Marietta Bittle, Mary Jensen
Greeters		Mandy & Paul Stark, Hannah Jensen	Lois Biggs, Kris Docken
Acolytes		Madison Stark, Aubrey Stark	Luke Meyer

ALTAR FLOWERS – In loving memory of Barb Lainson, given by her husband.

PEOPLE WE HAVE BEEN PRAYING FOR: Tracy Doebelin, Keith Warford, Nancy Andersen, Leola Poppen, Kent Madison, Ronald Thompson, Betty Stelter, Cindy Jordan, Jason Jensen, Claudia Besco, Mary Gittins, Barb Paulson, Diane Kalskett, Debbie Drustrup, Susan Minchin, Jenny Grap, Arla Halvorson, Derek Ravlin, Gail Bates, Beverly McAtee, Susie Baughman, Junior Boerjan, Carol Brigandi, Georgia Lawton

HOSPITALIZED

Mercy – Georgia Lawton

BAPTISM at the 8:30 service

Nora James Reber, daughter of Robin & James Reber

ADULT STUDY (Concurrent with Confirmation, Wed. 6:30-7:30 p.m.) With 2017 marking the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, Pastor Jon will be exploring a study of two works by Martin Luther (The Freedom of a Christian and The Large Catechism), in addition to conducting a brief survey of the history of Luther's life. No prior knowledge is required, only an interest in deepening your understanding of our Lutheran roots.

PRAISE TEAM – Do you play an instrument and/or love to sing? The Praise Team now practices every Thursday 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.

SJ-101 (NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION) – On Sunday, September 18 & 25 and October 2 at 9:45 a.m. in the Conference Room. Please indicate on the bulletin insert if you are interested or call the church office 712-323-7173.

“MORE THAN QUILTS” SILENT AUCTION & SALE -

Do you enjoy handmade crafts? The Sewing Group is planning a "More than Quilts" *Silent Auction* at Saint John this coming September 17-25th to help support our youth activities at Saint John and Lutheran Lakeside Camp. For sale will be handmade fabric items, large or small, quilts, wall hangings, tote bags, table runners, kitchen towels, and more.

BLOOMER SCHOOL -

If you're interested in becoming part of the bridge between Saint John and Bloomer Elementary school please meet Annie Vorthmann in the Welcome Center for an informational meeting on Sunday, September 25 at 9:45. Contact Annie for more information. Call or text 816-646-9431 or email at avorthmann@cbcsd.org. The Bloomer/Saint John neighborhood kids need you!

SATURDAY NIGHT DRIVERS -

We are looking for an additional driver to pick up Quidam on Saturday nights for church. It wouldn't be every week or even every month. Just when we have 5 Saturdays or if we are all busy and need a backup. Please contact Deb Ingwersen if you are interested or have questions. Her number is 712-329-9921.

BETHANY AUXILIARY SALAD LUNCHEON AND BAKE SALE - Wednesday, September 21st from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tickets are \$7 and are available from your Church Key Lady or at the door. Help support the Bethany Auxiliary. Proceeds support resident projects at Bethany. Thank you

SHOE TREE - We will be participating in the "Shoe Tree" fundraiser for Pottawattamie Center for Healthy Families again this year. Look for the tree in the Welcome Center the first week in October.

SCRIP FUNDS were used to pay for the new shelves and storage containers in the kitchen pantry. The cost was 487.58. Thank you to all of the Scrip participants to help make this possible!

PASTOR BEN'S OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. – noon
 Wednesday, 1 – 5 p.m.
 Friday, 1 – 5 p.m.

REWARDING OPPORTUNITIES to serve high school youth!: Two traditions that Saint John youth may want to continue this year involve taking a summer trip, and making monthly meals for parenting classes at the Center for Healthy Families. Both of these opportunities will require volunteers to lead coordination. These are both responsibilities that are not part of Alli Van Roekel's role with Saint John. Please prayerfully consider helping with one of these positions: * Summer Trip Coordinator * Leading one of the fundraisers * Coordinating meals for Center for Healthy Families (the youth do the cooking once a month on a Wednesday night) To learn more or offer to help, please call Alli at 402-201-9588.

BLACK SQUIRREL AKTION CLUB – Variety Show on Friday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the Lewis Central Middle School auditorium. This is a fundraiser for their community service projects. No admission charge but a "Free Will donation" will be accepted. Debbie Drustrup will be featured in a solo by the BeeGees. Please come for an evening of great fun.

Last Week's Attendance:		From the Finance Committee:	
Saturday, September 10	39	Last week's offering was \$6,561 or 86% of weekly budget.	
Sunday, September 11, 8:30	134	Year-to-date offering is \$290,327 or 103% of year to date budget.	
	11:00 <u>89</u>		
	Total 262		

SAINT JOHN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 – Quilt Auction Begins
 5:30 p.m. **Worship with Communion**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
 8:30 a.m. **Worship with Communion**
 Baptism – Nora Reber
 9:45 a.m. SJ-101 (New Member Orientation)
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
 11:00 a.m. **Worship with Communion**
 12:30 p.m. **Sudanese Worship**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
 9:00 a.m. Golden Oldies ChristCare
 9:00 a.m. VODEC
 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
 9:00 a.m. Adult Study
 11:00 a.m. **Bethany Salad Bar**
 5:30 p.m. GIFT

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 (continued)
 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Meal
 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study
 6:30 p.m. HS Youth
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
 6:30 a.m. Stephen Ministers Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Praise Team

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
 5:30 p.m. **Worship**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 – Quilt Auction Ends
 8:30 a.m. **Worship**
 9:45 a.m. SJ-101 (New Member Orientation)
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
 11:00 a.m. **Worship**
 12:30 p.m. **Sudanese Worship**

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Lectors	Linda Fisher	Mandy Stark	Jeremy Hulshizer
Greeters		Katie & David Warner	Mary Lou Hansen, Eric Hansen, Devin Nailor
Acolytes	Connie Brougham, Ben Brougham		

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Amos 6:1a, 4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31