



# SAINT JOHN THIS WEEK



## SAINT JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF

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### LEADING IN WORSHIP ON SEPTEMBER 24 & 25, 2016

	<u>5:30 p.m.</u>	<u>8:30 a.m.</u>	<u>11:00 a.m.</u>
<b>Ushers</b>	Bob Hansen, Bill Taylor	Gary Woods Crew, Cael Malskeit	Chad Burdick Crew
<b>Lectors</b>	Linda Fisher	Mandy Stark	Jeremy Hulshizer
<b>Greeters</b>		Katie & David Warner	Mary Lou Hansen, Eric Hansen, Devin Nailor
<b>Acolytes</b>	Connie Brougham, Ben Brougham		

**ALTAR FLOWERS** – In loving memory of Eric Scott Jacobsen, on his 36<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sept. 21. Love and miss you every day, given by Diane & Wayne Jacobsen, Jr. and family.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** – In honor of Earl & Janice Myers' 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, given by their daughters, Janet and Jill.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** – In loving memory of Nancy Wilson, given by Jennifer Miller and family.

**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, Derek Ravlin, Gail Bates, Junior Boerjan, Norma Gahm

**ALTAR GUILD** is in need of a few new members. We are looking for women, men and couples who would enjoy serving God in this manner. Altar Guild is responsible for preparing the altar area for all services held at Saint John. We are divided into teams with 3 people on each team. Each team is responsible for one week a month. Usually the week-end services are our only work for the week but there are some exceptions. Please call the church office at 712-323-7173 or Altar Guild president, Mary Lou Burke at 712-322-003 if interested or you may have questions but might be interested

**125<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY DINNER** – Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 5. A catered dinner will be served in the Faith and Life Center at 7:00 p.m. Bishop Rodger Prois will join us and be a part of the evening's program. Tickets will be for sale at the Saturday service and between Sunday services beginning October 1 and ending on October 23.

**HALLOWEEN PARTY/ TRUNK OR TREAT – Oct. 23, 1:00-2:30 pm.** The kids can dress up and come "trick" the trunks in the parking lot. ALL ages are welcome. Adults are invited to hand out candy in the parking lot. We will have cookies and punch and a craft indoors. We will move indoors if it's raining for the "trunk" or treat. Any donations of candy will be appreciated.

**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](mailto:avorthmann@cbcsd.org). The Bloomer/Saint John neighborhood kids need you!

**"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 17-25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**THE GOOD TIME GROUP** will meet at The Twisted Tail in Beebetown on Saturday October 8 at 7:00 p.m. Please call Mike and Diane Ashbaugh at 712-323-3234 or email us at [mdash66@cox.net](mailto:mdash66@cox.net) by October 3 to make reservations.

**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.

**THE PLAYERS** for October, on Friday the 7th at 6:00 pm will be a road trip to Mineola to Toby's Steak House. Contact the hosts, Ken and Julia Taylor (712-256-2391) if you would like to join us.

**SCRIP NOTE:** Scrip is an easy way to do your regular spending and benefit the church at the same time.

**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.

**THANK YOU** - The Bethany Auxiliary and Key Ladies would like to thank everyone for their support of the annual Salad Luncheon and Bake Sale. Nearly 200 individuals attended the luncheon served by the 14 sponsoring congregations. Thank you for your continued support of the Bethany Auxiliary, Bethany Lutheran Home and Bethany Heights. It is greatly appreciated.

<b>Last Week's Attendance:</b>		<b>From the Finance Committee:</b>	
Saturday, September 17	36	Last week's offering was \$6,847 or 90% of weekly budget.	
Sunday, September 18, 8:30	158	Year-to-date offering is \$297,174 or 103% of year to date budget.	
	11:00 120		
	Total 314		

### SAINT JOHN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**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. Bloomer Connection Meeting  
 9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour  
 11:00 a.m. **Worship**  
 12:30 p.m. **Sudanese Worship**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

1:30 p.m. Altar Guild

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

9:00 a.m. Golden Oldies ChristCare  
 9:00 a.m. VODEC  
 9:30 a.m. Women's Board Meeting  
 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts  
 6:45 p.m. Seekers ChristCare  
 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28**

9:00 a.m. Adult Study  
 5:30 p.m. GIFT  
 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 29**

*Caller Mailed*  
 6:30 p.m. Praise Team

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1**

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

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2**

8:30 a.m. **Worship with Communion**  
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<b>Lectors</b>	Sue Mize		
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Sue Mize	Barb Woods	
<b>Greeters</b>		Aubrey Stark	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Ben Brougham, Connie Brougham		

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:** Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10