



SAINT JOHN THIS WEEK



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LEADING IN WORSHIP ON SEPTEMBER 3 & 4, 2016

Ushers
Lectors
Communion Assistants
Greeters
Acolytes

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

9:30 a.m.
 Chad Burdick Crew
 Phyllis Damgaard
 Phyllis & Mike Damgaard
 Paul & Mandy Stark

ALTAR FLOWERS – In honor of the first birthdays of our grandson Malachi and great nephew, Teddy, given by Les & Rose Hansen.

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, Isabelle Dunai, Susan Minchin, Jenny Grap, Jan Girton, Carol Brigandi, Caiden Loose-Ives, Arla Halvorson, Derek Ravlin, Sue Mize, Judy McIntire, Giles Whitney, Rick Tallman, Gail Bates, Pastor John Plowman

HOSPITALIZED

Bergan Mercy – Rick Tallman
 Mercy – Pastor John Plowman

SYMPATHY to the family of Fred Holmberg, who passed away on August 28.

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

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.

PASTOR BEN'S OFFICE HOURS

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

STARTING ON SEPTEMBER 11 there will be 2 services on Sunday morning, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL resumes on September 11 at 9:45 a.m. Meet in the sanctuary for music and to meet the teachers. Registration forms are in the Caller or outside the office in the "wall pockets".

GIFT: Growing in Faith Together will resume on Wed., September 14 at 5:30 p.m. GIFT is geared toward families with infants and children up to eight years old, but all are welcome at any age.

CONFIRMATION - For students in 6th, 7th and 8th grades, class begins on September 14 and meets on Wednesdays. We will gather for a meal at 5:30pm and then have class from 6:30-7:45pm. Included in confirmation is the opportunity to get involved in the worship life of Saint John by acolyting, ushering and greeting. **Acolyte training** will be September 7 at 5:30pm (for 6th grade), 6:30pm (for 7th grade), and 7:30pm (for 8th grade). Families with students in multiple grades need only attend one session together.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS - Confirmation will soon be starting. Food and fellowship was a huge success last year and we are going to continue this endeavor this year. If you would be willing to help with a meal, or if you are feeling brave and would like to chair a meal, it would be much appreciated. Please contact Peggy Tye 712-256-5302 (H), 712-308-1203, kptye49@gmail.com

SJ101 (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.

GOOD TIME GROUP - As summer ends and fall begins, it is time for The Good Times Group to start their routine. We will be going to Spaghetti Works in the Old Market for our September 10th activity. Go a little early and enjoy the sights and sounds of the Old Market, then plan to meet at Spaghetti Works for 7:00 dinner. Please email your reservations to Keith and Peggy Tye at kptye49@gmail.com or send a text to Peggy at 712-308-1203 or Keith at 712-308-2875. Reservations must be made by Monday, Sept. 5th. We are looking forward to seeing all of you and hearing about everybody's summer. Let's make this the beginning of another great year of fun and fellowship!

CHANCEL CHOIR - Do you like to sing? Are you looking for a way to be involved in Saint John Lutheran? Everyone is welcome to join this fun and inviting worship experience. Please email Eric Wyler for more information! (wylser.eric@gmail.com)

PRAISE TEAM – Do you play an instrument and/or love to sing? The Praise Team practices every Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. Please come join us. Everyone is welcome.

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 21st from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The luncheon and bake sale will be held here at Saint John. Tickets are \$7 and are available from your Church Key Lady or at the door. 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

BETHANY BEST BALL GOLF OUTING is just around the corner. The event will be held this year at Dodge Riverside Golf Course in Council Bluffs on Saturday, September 24th. Registration is at 8:00 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. The registration fee is \$75/per person and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, hole prizes, food and much more. Come spend an enjoyable time golfing and support Bethany at the same time. We hope you will be able to join us. Please feel free to invite others. The outing is open to everyone. Individuals, Couples and Foursomes are welcome!! If you have questions or need a registration form, please contact Diane Carlon at 712-329-5451

Last Week's Attendance:

Saturday, August 27	51
Sunday, August 28	<u>167</u>
Total	218

From the Finance Committee:

Last week's offering was \$3815 or 50% of weekly budget.
Year-to-date offering is \$273,102 or 102% of year to date budget.

SAINT JOHN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

5:30 p.m. Worship with Communion

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

9:30 p.m. Worship with Communion

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour

12:30 p.m. Sudanese Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 – Labor Day

Office Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

7:00 p.m. Praise Team

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9:00 a.m. Adult Study

5:30, 6:30, 7:30 p.m. Acolyte Training

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

9:30 a.m. Mary Group

7:00 p.m. The Book Club ChristCare

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

5:30 p.m. Worship

7:00 p.m. Good Time Group

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Coffee Hour

11:00 a.m. Worship

12:30 p.m. Sudanese Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

1:30 p.m. Ruth Group

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	<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	Chad Burdick
Lectors		Rose Hansen	Burke Swenson
Greeters		Carole & Rick Tallman	Deb Ingwersen, David Craighill
Acolytes			

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 51:1-10; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10