

THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S

- Sunday: 21st - Sunday School w/ Jerry Gallmeyer - 9 AM
 - Worship w/ Communion - 10 AM
 - Council Meeting after Worship
 - Make Hymnals into Art - 11 AM
 - Jessica Huntley use Fellowship Hall
- Monday: 22nd - Pastor in Office - 10 AM
- Wednesday: 24th - Pastor in Office - 4 PM
 - **Last Night of Confirmation** - 7 PM
- Thursday: 25th - Brenda in Office - 9 AM
 - Pastor in Office - 10 AM
- Sunday: 28th - Last Day of Sunday School - 9 AM
 - Brief Worship Service - 10 AM
 - St. Grubby's Day!

About today: *The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need. (Sundays and Seasons)*

Correction for quilt tops: those wishing to bring in quilt tops should make sure the tops measure 65x85 to allow for a hem. We regret the error in the newsletter. As garage sales start up, please keep an eye out for sheets and big pieces of fabric so we can keep providing warmth to those in need.

Today after worship we will be turning our green hymnals into art! Thank you to Teresa Stafford and her aunt, Glenda Slack, for showing us how to do this. All are welcome to attend and make hymnal art.

St. John's 2024 Scholarship application is now available on our website www.stjohnsbennington.com. The deadline is June 1st to have your application turned in. Students must have completed at least one semester of college to apply for the scholarship. Please contact Kelli Snyder with any questions.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Ministers of Worship

TODAY:

Ushers: Larry / Dawn Best
 Zoom Operator: Bobbi Seamans
 Lector: Dawn Best
 Accompanist: Alex Speer
 Acolyte: Jackson Fuelling

NEXT WEEK:

Ushers: Jim / Kathy Mixdorf
 Zoom Operator: Chris Hesse
 Lector: Jeff Seamans
 Accompanist: Britain Atkins
 Acolyte: Alivia Stafford

Fellowship

TODAY:

Ella and Jackson Fuelling
 Family

NEXT WEEK:

Corina and Carly Gray
 Family

Attendance

Last Sunday's Attendance: 66 plus 1 Zoom
 Last Month Attendance Average: 113

All are welcomed at God's table at St. John's, Bennington today! Gluten-free communion kits are available as are those with grape juice. Simply indicate to the pastor that you need gluten-free and she will give you a gluten-free kit. Those not communing are invited forward for a blessing.

The youth group would like to thank the congregation for their generous donations for the Easter breakfast and for their ongoing support all year round! Thank you!

Thank you to Jerry Gallmeyer for working with the Sunday School kids this morning! He taught us about masonry and stone work in connection with the lesson on Jesus the cornerstone.

Check out our new project we learned how to make - 'Sleep Mats' - in the fellowship hall. The mats will be donated to Midwest Mission for the homeless. This is an ongoing project that all are encouraged to help with!

Next Sunday is St. Grubby's Day. We will have a shortened worship service to allow time for service projects around the church afterward. Stay and help where you can.

**The LORD is my shepherd;
 I shall not be in want.
 —Psalm 23:1**

Order of Service

Prelude

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements
 Thanksgiving for Baptism
 (back of prayer list)
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 #Greeting p. 203
 #Glory be to God p. 204
 #Prayer of the Day (see left) p. 205
 Children's Message

WORD

Scripture Readings: p. 205
 First Lesson: Acts 4:5-12
 Second Lesson: 1 John 3:16-24
 #Gospel Acclamation p. 205
 #Holy Gospel: John 10:11-18
 Sermon
Hymn of the Day ELW # 778
 #Apostles' Creed p. 105
 #Prayers of Intercession
 Offering
#Offertory Song ELW # 182
 #Offertory Prayer

MEAL

#The Great Thanksgiving p. 206
and following pages.
 The Lord's Prayer p. 208
 Lamb of God p. 208
 Distribution
 #Post Communion Prayer

SEND

#Blessing p. 209
#Sending Song ELW # 501

Kids meet pastor in back during last verse of song to help; congregation response is "And have fun doing it!"
 #Dismissal p. 209
 #Postlude

- Please stand as you are able

ELW - Cranberry Book