

St John's Lutheran Church – Bennington

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THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S

- Sunday: 24th - Worship – 10 AM
- Monday: 25th - Memorial Day
Pastor Beth on Staycation this week
- Wednesday: 27th - Brenda in Office – 9 AM

Sunday: 31st - Worship – 9 AM

About today: Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgiven sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world. (Sundays and Seasons)

St. John's Education Scholarship application can be found on the church's website www.stjohnsbennington.com. Applicants must have at least one semester of post-high school education, before they can apply. Applications are due by June 1st, no exceptions.

Anna Weepie leaves for her mission trip to Guatemala today. If you'd like to know what the coming week has in store, check out the schedule on the bulletin board. Pray for Anna and the whole group that's traveling as they engage in medical mission work, lead Vacation Bible School for local children, and give some TLC to the permanent staff associated with Adonai Missions. The group flies into Guatemala City today.

Mission Collection for May continues with the collection of paper products for the Dunkerton Food Bank. Thanks to those who have already donated!

Pastor Beth will be on staycation this week. She will be in briefly to consult on the bulletin and can be contacted in event of an emergency.

Reminder that worship time changes to 9 AM next Sunday!

Prayer of the Day

Day of Pentecost

5/24/26

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Ministers of Worship

TODAY:

Accompanist: Laurie Thome
Lector: Deanne Salisbury
Zoom Operator: TBD
Acolyte: Deacons
Ushers: Dan and Deanne Salisbury

NEXT WEEK:

Accompanist: Pastor Beth
Lector: Bob Hansen
Zoom Operator: TBD
Acolyte: Deacons
Ushers: Jim and Kathy Mixdorf

Fellowship

TODAY:

Alivia Stafford
Family

NEXT WEEK:

Ava Fuelling
Family

Attendance

Last Sunday's Attendance: 41 plus 3 Zoom
Last Month Attendance Average: 91

Thank you to Alivia Stafford for sharing her solo-ensemble piece, "He's Gone Away," for worship today.

Confirmation Faith Projects for our 8th grade students are due by next Sunday, May 31. This is their opportunity to show their faith expression using some sort of creative means.

Pastor has moved to summer hours for Wednesdays, which means after lunch and into the afternoon instead of late afternoon and into the evening. Regular hours for Sunday, Monday and Thursdays remain as is.

Alive and Running 5K will be on June 20, 7:30 AM, starting at the Gospel Hall. We've been invited to provide treats again this year. Granola bars, cereal bars, snacks and cookies/bars may be taken to the Baptist church on Friday, June 19 or brought to SJB by noon on June 18. Cash donations welcome, also, to buy things like fruit and water. We'll start passing the clipboard today.

**Send forth your Spirit and
renew the face of the earth.
–Psalm 104:30**

**Order of Service
Blue Book**

- Prelude
- GATHER**
- Welcome and Announcements
- Gathering Song** **ELW # 627**
- #Greeting p. 46
- #Scripture Song p. 47
- #Prayer of the Day (see left)
- Children's Message
- WORD**
- Scripture Readings
- First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21
- Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
- #Gospel acclamation p. 48
- #The Gospel: John 20:19-23
- Sermon
- Hymn of the Day** **ELW # 399**
- Special Music by Alivia Stafford
- #Apostles' Creed p. 49
- #Confession and Forgiveness p. 50
- #Sharing the Peace
- Offering
- #Offertory Song p. 50
- #Offertory Prayer p. 51
- #Prayers of Intercession
- #The Lord's Prayer p. 52
- SEND**
- #Blessing p. 53
- Sending Song:** **ELW # 400**
- Kids meet pastor in back during last
verse of song to help; congregation
response is "And have fun doing it!"**
- #Dismissal p. 53
- #Postlude
- # - Please stand as you are able
- WOV - Blue Book**
- ELW – Cranberry Book**