

St John's Lutheran Church - Bennington
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THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S

Sunday: 29th - Worship - 9 AM
Monday: 30th - Pastor in Office - 10 AM
Wednesday: 2nd - Pastor in Office - 1:00 PM
Thursday: 3rd - Brenda in Office - 9 AM
 Pastor in Office - 10 AM
Friday: 4th - 4th of July!
Sunday: 6th - Worship w/ Communion - 9 AM

About today: *We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus’ call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit’s fruit: love, joy, peace, patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of life God has given us. This is the path of life. (Sundays and Seasons)*

Dunkerton Community Hall Board is hosting a Pork Loin Sandwich Meal tonight from 5-7 PM. Come enjoy a pork loin sandwich (pork loin donated by Tyson Foods), cheesy potatoes, baked beans, dessert, and a drink. This is a free will donation fundraiser; proceeds go towards the general maintenance and upkeep of the hall. New this year will be silent auction baskets. Please stop and check out the selection and place your bid. Meal is Dine-In or To-Go!

RAGBRAI Supplies update: we now have all the pies, water and cash donated for this fundraiser. Thanks to everyone who have donated!!
Be watching for how you can help with set up / clean up and other RAGBRAI related things. RAGBRAI rolls through Dunkerton bright and early on Friday, July 25!

The three ELCA Bishops in Iowa are climbing back on their bikes for a one-day reprise in support of anti-hunger ministries. Join them on Thursday, July 24, for the RAGBRAI ride from Iowa Falls to Cedar Falls, or support their cause with a donation. Watch for them on the route and give them a shout-out to the “Bishops on Bikes for a Cause!”

Dunkerton Days Parade- St John’s will have a float in the parade on Saturday, July 19. The theme is “Barefoot Blue Jean Nights.” If you have any old blue jeans and/or red or blue handkerchiefs we could use for the float, we would love to borrow them. Talk to Deanne Salisbury for details.

Prayer of the Day **Third Sunday after Pentecost** **6/29/25**
Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Ministers of Worship

TODAY:	NEXT WEEK:
Accompanist: Cedric Liu	Accompanist: Britain Atkins
Lector: Bob Hansen	Lector: Jessica Huntley
Zoom Operator: Denise Pierce	Zoom Operator: TBD
Acolyte: Deacons	Acolyte: Deacons
Ushers: Larry and Dawn	Ushers: Jim and Kathy
Best	Mixdorf
	Communion Servers: Nancy Happel
	Kelli Snyder

Fellowship

TODAY:	NEXT WEEK
Ava Fuelling and Family	Colin and Kai Snyder Family

Attendance

Last Sunday’s Attendance: 26 plus 1 Zoom
Last Month Attendance Average: 44

Semi-Annual Meeting: is planned for Sunday, July 20, after worship.

July and August Special Mission Collection: School Supplies for LWR Backpacks. We’ll fill 40 backpacks again this September. To do that we need the following: 70 page notebooks; 30-centimeter rulers, pencil sharpeners, blunt scissors; unsharpened #2 pencils; black or blue ballpoint pens, boxes of 16 or 24 crayons and 2.5” erasers. With the notebooks, each backpack receives 4, so that’s a lot of notebooks needed!

Did you know that there is a loneliness epidemic today, and that our youth feel it, too? Aaron Shoppa, program director of youth ministry in the ELCA, recently spoke at the NE Iowa Synod Assembly. Shoppa said, “The church is the best place to help youth find a faithful community where they belong and see their purpose,” and mentorship is key in that quest. One role model makes a significant difference, and five or more is outstanding.”
Congregations can create a culture “where adults are invested in their youth and know their names, their struggles, their hopes and dreams.”

**Glorious things are spoken
of you, O city of our God.
—Psalm 87:3**

Order of Service
Blue Book

Prelude
GATHER
Welcome and Announcements
Gathering Song **ELW # 793**
#Greeting p. 46
#Scripture Song p. 47
#Prayer of the Day (see left)
Children’s Message

WORD

Scripture Readings
First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
Second Lesson: Galatians 5:1, 13-25
#Gospel acclamation p. 48
#The Gospel: Luke 9:51-62
Sermon
Hymn of the Day **ELW # 818**
#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 # 574**

***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