

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

- Sunday: 9th - Worship – 9 AM
WELCA Meeting
Vacation Bible School – 2:30 PM
- Monday: 10th - Pastor in Office – 10 AM
- Wednesday: 12th - Pastor in Office – 1:30 PM
Newsletter Articles Due!
- Thursday: 13th - Brenda in Office – 9 AM
Pastor in Office – 10 AM
- Sunday: 16th - Worship w/ Communion – 9 AM
Council Meeting

About today: *Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the Eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God’s presence to others. (Sundays and Seasons)*

SJB Education Scholarship recipients this year are Bethany Anderson, Kayla Rathe and Joey Snyder. We will present their checks on Sunday, Aug. 23, during worship.

Camp EWALU 65th anniversary weekend is August 28-30. It includes a free concert on Friday night by Peter Mayer. Look for him on Spotify! Check out www.ewalu.org for further details.

Sunday School and Confirmation will start next month. Welcome back Sunday is Sept. 13 with 10 a.m. church with a potluck and backpack packing. Sunday School then starts on Sept. 20, 9 a.m. New this year: a separate class and classroom for students grades 4-6!

School Supply Drive for Lutheran World Relief continues. We need: black and blue ink pens (not gel), unsharpened #2 pencils, pencil sharpeners, 2.5” erasers, blunt scissors, rulers with centimeters, packs of 16 or 24 crayons and 70 page spiral notebooks.

Prayer of the Day Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 8/9/26
O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Ministers of Worship

TODAY:	NEXT WEEK:
Accompanist: Kevin Du	Accompanist: Kevin Du
Lector: Jeff Seamans	Lector: Deanne Salisbury
Zoom Operator: Denise Pierce	Zoom Operator: TBA
Acolyte: Deacons	Acolyte: Deacons
Ushers: Chris and Renee’ Hesse	Ushers: Joe and Teresa Stafford
	Communion Servers: Larry and Dawn Best
	August Communion Bread Maker: Deanne Salisbury

Fellowship

TODAY:	NEXT WEEK:
Lillian and Greyson Pierce	Kai Snyder
Family	Family

Attendance

Last Sunday’s Attendance: 49 plus 2 Zoom
Last Month Attendance Average: 37

Today at 2:30 Begins Vacation Bible School here at St. John’s. The kids will be going into “Galaxy: Launching on a Mission of God’s Love.” A pizza supper here is followed by going to the Tripoli swimming pool from 6-8 PM. See you later on this afternoon! Come for all or part of the time.

Celebrating Women Event is planned for Sunday, August 30, 10:30 – 1 PM here at St. John’s. Speaker will be Anna Weepie talking about her mission trip to Nicaragua. Lunch will be provided. RSVP by signing up on the clipboard in the narthex or letting Pam Wright know paw6834@aol.com.

The congregation is invited to a Birthday Party for Delores Joens on Saturday, August 15, 1-4 PM at 4715 Algonquin Drive, Cedar Falls, 50613. If unable to go to the party she would love to hear from you.

A gentle reminder: we are no longer collecting plastic bags. Thank you!

I will listen to what the LORD
God is saying. –Psalm 85:8

Order of Service
Blue Book

Prelude

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song ELW # 774

#Greeting p. 46

#Scripture Song p. 47

#Prayer of the Day (see left)

Children’s Message

WORD

Scripture Readings

First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:9-18

Second Lesson: Romans 10:5-15

#Gospel acclamation p. 48

#The Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW # 785

#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 # 773

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