

St John's Lutheran Church – Bennington

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THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S

- Sunday: 28th - Worship – 9 AM
Upper Elementary Sunday School Meeting
- Monday: 29th - Pastor in Office – 10 AM
- Wednesday: 1st - Pastor in Office – 1:30 PM
- Thursday: 2nd - Brenda in Office – 9 AM
Pastor in Office – 10 AM
- Saturday: 4th - Happy July 4th!
- Sunday: 5th - Worship w/ Communion – 9 AM

About today: *The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome. (Sundays and Seasons)*

Upper Elementary Sunday School Meeting is today after worship. Families of those with students in grades 4-5-6 this fall are encouraged to stay and attend. We want your ideas, feedback and insights!

SJB Kayaks is planned for Sunday, July 26, 1 PM, at George Wyth State Park. Led by Dan and Deanne Salisbury. They have several kayaks for you to use, but you can also bring your own. Lifejackets are required. Please contact Dan or Deanne to let them know of your interest. Bring your own treats, too!

School supply drive for Lutheran World Relief back packs starts in July and goes through August. Please bring in items as you're able to and once the sales start! We'll look to pack 40 backpacks again this fall!

Dunkerton Community Hall Board is hosting a Pork Loin Sandwich Meal tonight from 5–7 p.m. The meal includes a pork loin sandwich, cheesy potatoes, baked beans, dessert, and a drink. Pork loin is donated by Tyson Foods. Dine in or carry out. This free-will donation fundraiser will also feature a silent auction with a variety of items to browse and bid on. Proceeds will support renovations of the front bathrooms.

Prayer of the Day Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 6/28/26

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Ministers of Worship

TODAY:

Accompanist: Kevin Du
Lector: Denise Pierce
Zoom Operator: Denise Pierce
Acolyte: Deacons
Ushers: Greg and Denise Pierce;
Justin Pierce

NEXT WEEK:

Accompanist: Pastor Beth
Lector: Drew Speer
Zoom Operator: Bobbi Seamans
Acolyte: Deacons
Ushers: Speer Family
Kim Rigdon
Communion Servers: Kim Rigdon; Jessica Huntley
July Communion Bread Maker: Deanne Salisbury

Fellowship

TODAY:

Alivia Stafford Family

NEXT WEEK:

Self-Serve

Attendance

Last Sunday's Attendance: 38 plus 3 Zoom
Last Month Attendance Average: 45

St. John's is seeking donations of non-chocolate parade candy for the Dunkerton Days parade, on Saturday, July 18 at 10 AM . Candy may be left at church no later than July 17. Thank you!

Vacation Bible School planning meeting is tomorrow night at 6 PM here at the church.

St. John's Semi-Annual Meeting is planned for Sunday, July 12, after worship. If you have any agenda items, please let the office or council know. Copies of the camera access policy are available today on table so that it can be reviewed ahead of time.

Did you know? LWR needed backpack supplies are black ink and blue ink pens (NOT gel pens) unsharpened #2 pencils, pencil sharpeners, 2.5" erasers, blunt scissors, rulers with centimeters, packs of 16 or 24 crayons, and 70 page spiral notebooks. Note: each backpack gets 4 notebooks. Last year 73,180 of the 179,200 backpacks assembled were distributed in the US. The chart by PB's office gives more information.

**Your love, O LORD, forever
will I sing. –Psalm 89:1**

**Order of Service
Blue Book**

- Prelude
- GATHER**
- Welcome and Announcements
- Gathering Song** ELW # 641
- #Greeting p. 46
- #Scripture Song p. 47
- #Prayer of the Day (see left)
- Children's Message
- WORD**
- Scripture Readings
- First Lesson: Jeremiah 28:5-9
- Second Lesson: Romans 6:12-23
- #Gospel acclamation p. 48
- #The Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42
- Sermon
- Hymn of the Day** ELW # 592
- #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 # 546
- Kids meet pastor in back during last
verse of song to help; congregation
response is "And have fun doing it!"*** p. 53
- #Dismissal
- #Postlude
- # - Please stand as you are able
- WOV - Blue Book**
- ELW – Cranberry Book**