

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

Sunday: 24th - Worship - 9 AM
Pastor on Vacation
Monday: 25th - Office Closed
Wednesday: 27th - Pastor in Office - 1:00 PM
Thursday: 28th - Brenda in Office - 9 AM
Pastor in Office - 10 AM
Newsletters out
Sunday: 31st - Worship - 9 AM

About today: *Remember the Sabbath day. Call the Sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing. (Sundays and Seasons)*

Confirmation Orientation - is Wednesday, Sept. 3, 7 PM. This is for students in grades 7 and 8 along with a parent or grandparent who needs to attend. Confirmation will resume on Wednesday, Sept. 10, at 7 PM.

“God’s Work. Our Hands” Sunday is Sunday, September 7, starting at 10 AM with worship. We’ll have a **potluck lunch** and **service projects** after worship. Projects include assembling the school backpacks and starting to clean the tombstones in the cemetery. If you have ice cream pails to share and bristle brushes for scrubbing, we’d appreciate it. We will ONLY be using warm water for this first round of cleaning. We’d love to have children and teens involved with all of these projects!

Sunday School Resumes on Sunday, September 14, 9 AM. We will use the Whirl Lectionary curriculum again this year. We’re also planning to have two classes: Bigs, Grades 1 and up and Littles, Preschool-Kindergarten. Classroom help will be needed; please let Bethany know your availability.

Did you know? Hymn 886 was written by Charles Wesley on May 21, 1739, the one year anniversary of his conversion experience. Wesley had been unsettled in his faith, but his experience a year earlier brought him great peace. He went on to found the Methodist church. This hymn originally had 18 stanzas!! ELW uses stanzas 7, 8, 9, 11, 13 and 1—in that order. Stanza 5 lifts up the marvelous understanding that people are justified by God’s grace.

Prayer of the Day **Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost** **8/24/25**
God of all creation, you reach out to call people of all nations to your kingdom. As you gather disciples from near and far, count us also among those who boldly confess your Son, Jesus Christ, as Lord. Amen.

Ministers of Worship

TODAY:	NEXT WEEK:
Accompanist: Kevin Du	Accompanist: Ahan Tandon
Lector: Kelli Snyder	Lector: Bob Hansen
Zoom Operator: TBD	Zoom Operator: TBD
Acolyte: Deacons	Acolyte: Deacons
Ushers: Snyder Family	Usher: Jerry Mixdorf

Fellowship

TODAY:	NEXT WEEK:
Lillian and Greyson	Colin Snyder
Pierce / Family	Family

Attendance

Last Sunday’s Attendance: 58 plus 3 Zoom
Last Month Attendance Average: 40

August Special Mission Collection - thanks to everyone who donated, we have collected everything we need for our school kits. Mark your calendars for Sept. 7 to help assemble the kits!

A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped make St. John’s Vacation Bible School another successful year! It was wonderful to have a huge turnout of kids of all ages, and we appreciated ALL the adults who were involved. We have a wonderful crew here!

Thanks to our gardeners who continue to share their produce with us. If you have some to share, bring it in; if you need some, take some.

Thank you to Jeff Seamans for serving as our lay worship leader this morning. Pastor Beth is on vacation in Des Moines this weekend. Her daughter and son-in-law are up from Texas for a few days as Brandon works the I-Cubs/Space Cowboys AAA baseball series.

With school starting up, please be extra mindful of children walking and biking to school. Honor the stop signs and double check the crosswalks.

**The LORD crowns you with
mercy and steadfast love.
—Psalm 103:4**

Order of Service
Blue Book

Prelude
GATHER
Welcome and Announcements
Gathering Song **ELW # 556**
#Greeting p. 46
#Scripture Song p. 47
#Prayer of the Day (see left)
Children’s Message

WORD

Scripture Readings
First Lesson: Isaiah 58:9b-14
Second Lesson: Hebrews 12:18-29
#Gospel acclamation p. 48
#The Gospel: Luke 13:10-17
Sermon
Hymn of the Day **ELW # 886**
#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 # 858**

***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