

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

- Sunday: 27th - Worship - 9 AM
Monday: 28th - Office Closed: RAGBRAI Comp Day.
Wednesday: 30th - Pastor in Office - 1:30 PM
Thursday: 31st - Brenda in Office - 9 AM
Pastor in Office - 10 AM
Sunday: 3rd - Worship w/ Communion - 9 AM

About today: *Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God’s own. “When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.” (Sundays and Seasons)*

St. John’s Vacation Bible School will be on Sunday, August 17. The theme is “*Zoom in on God*” through creation, friendship and other themes. We will again this year start at the church at 3 PM and include a pizza supper here at the church.

After supper, we will go to the Fairbank Aquatic Center for a St. John’s Pool Party. All ages are welcome to go the pool. It’s a time for fun with the entire congregation! This is NOT a “stop and drop” event; families will be needed to drive over to the pool, to help with the activities, and can catch up with each other, too!

Come for one or both parts of the schedule!

Congratulations to the creativity of Deanne, Dan and Bethany and of those who decorated the float for the Dunkerton Days parade. Our float got second place for “Best Use of Theme.” Both ribbon and picture are on the bulletin board.

Did you know? Hymn 543 was written in 1983 by Jaroslav Vajda. Concordia Publishing House wanted a hymn that could be used during the day and using the tune closely associated with an evening hymn, “God who made the earth and heaven.” (ELW 564) The words are based on the benediction in Numbers 6:22-27. Take the words from this song to heart and imagine that God is sending you out into the world that God loves so very much. (Adapted from Hymnal Companion to ELW, pps.377-78.)

Prayer of the Day **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost** **7/27/25**
Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Ministers of Worship

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| TODAY: | NEXT WEEK: |
| Accompanist: Kevin Du | Accompanist: Britain Atkins |
| Lector: Bethany Anderson | Lector: Dawn Best |
| Zoom Operator: Chris Hesse | Zoom Operator: Chris Hesse |
| Acolyte: Deacons | Acolyte: Deacons |
| Ushers: Randy and Pam Wright;
Kim Rigdon | Ushers: Greg and Denise Pierce;
Justin Pierce |
| | Communion Servers: Kim Rigdon;
Jessica Huntley |

Fellowship

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| TODAY: | NEXT WEEK |
| Alex Huntley | Aidan Hesse |
| Family | Family |

Attendance

Last Sunday’s Attendance: 42 plus 1 Zoom
Last Month Attendance Average: 36

Welcome to new accompanist Kevin Du! Kevin is a student of Dr. Suzanne Torkelson and is now part of the rotation of accompanists we have. Thanks for bringing your talents and abilities to St. John’s, Kevin!

A HUGE Thank You to everyone who helped with the RAGBRAI pie stand at the Community Hall! From making / donating pies, donating bottles of water, giving monetary donations and helping serve the bikers on Friday, YOU made it happen! And we saw again that it takes a lot of volunteers to make things successful. Well done, Team Dunkerton!

July and August Special Mission Collection: we are collecting school supplies for Lutheran World Relief backpacks. We are filling 40 backpacks this September. We need 70 page notebooks; 30-centimeter rulers; pencil sharpeners; blunt scissors; unsharpened #2 pencils; black or blue pens; boxes of 16 or 24 crayons and 2.5” erasers. Thanks for your generosity!

Tomorrow, the Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA begins in Phoenix, AZ. One of the main agenda items is the election of a new presiding bishop. Hold the assembly in prayer!

Your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.
—Psalm 138:8

Order of Service
Blue Book

- Prelude
- GATHER**
- Welcome and Announcements
- Gathering Song** **ELW # 789**
- #Greeting p. 46
- #Scripture Song p. 47
- #Prayer of the Day (see left)
- Children’s Message

WORD

- Scripture Readings
- First Lesson: Genesis 18:20-32
- Second Lesson: Colossians 2:6-19
- #Gospel acclamation p. 48
- #The Gospel: Luke 11:1-13
- Sermon
- Hymn of the Day** **WOV # 783**
- #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 # 543**
- 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