

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

- Sunday: 3rd - Worship w/ Communion - 9 AM
Monday: 4th - Quilting - 9 AM
Pastor in Office - 10 AM
Wednesday: 6th - Pastor in Office - 1:00 PM
Thursday: 7th - Brenda in Office - 9 AM
Pastor in Office - 10 AM
Sunday: 10th - Worship - 9 AM
WELCA Meeting
LYO Meeting
Britain's Last Day Playing at St. John's

About today: *Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word. (Sundays and Seasons)*

Today, we join in celebrating the election of Bishop Yehiel Curry as our new Presiding Bishop! He has been bishop of Metro Chicago Synod since 2019. Bishop Curry has ties to Northeast Iowa through his participation in the Simba Circle that Camp EWALU has hosted.
Bishop Curry is the ELCA's first presiding bishop who is black, and he follows Bishop Eaton, the ELCA's first presiding bishop who is a woman. Thanks be for the power of the Holy Spirit moving in the church!

St. John's Vacation Bible School is quickly approaching us at St. John's on Sunday, August 17. The theme is *"Zoom in on God"* through creation, friendship and other themes. We will begin here at the church at 3 PM and include a pizza supper after the activities.
After supper, we will go to the Fairbank Aquatic Center for a St. John's Pool Party. All ages are welcome to go to 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!
Come for one or both parts of the schedule!

Prayer of the Day **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost** **8/3/25**
Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Ministers of Worship

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| TODAY: | NEXT WEEK: |
| Accompanist: Britain Atkins | Accompanist: Britain Atkins |
| Lector: Dawn Best | Lector: Denise Pierce |
| Zoom Operator: Chris Hesse | Zoom Operator: Denise Pierce |
| Acolyte: Deacons | Acolyte: Deacons |
| Ushers: Greg and Denise Pierce;
Justin Pierce | Ushers: Dan Kuhlmann;
Willy Wolff |
| Communion Servers: Kim Rigdon and Jessica Huntley | |
| August Communion Bread Maker - Kim Rigdon | |

Fellowship

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| TODAY: | NEXT WEEK |
| Aidan Hesse
Family | Allie Happel
Family |

Attendance

Last Sunday's Attendance: 36 plus 2 Zoom
Last Month Attendance Average: 40

All are welcomed at God's table at St. John's, Bennington today! We will commune using little cups and gluten-free bread. White grape juice is available in the center of each tray. Those not communing are invited forward for a blessing, and all are welcome at God's table at St. John's!

August Special Mission Collection: We have had a great response to the school kit collection. We have reached our goal for the pencils, erasers, rulers and scissors. **Our need is yet for the 70 page notebooks** and black or blue pens. Thanks for your generosity!

Please note that next Sunday, before he heads off to college, we as a congregation will thank Britain for his service among us.

St. John's Educational Scholarship Recipients Bethany Anderson and Brooke Best will be honored on Sunday, August 17 during worship.

Cleaning of the steeple and the stucco started Thursday. The process will take a couple of days, weather permitting.

My mouth shall speak of wisdom. —Psalm 49:3

Order of Service

- Prelude
- GATHER**
- Welcome and Announcements
#Gathering Song **ELW # 449**
#Greeting p. 203
#Glory be to God p. 204
#Prayer of the Day (see left) p. 205
Children's Message

WORD

- Scripture Readings: p. 205
First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23
Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-11
#Gospel Acclamation p. 205
#Holy Gospel: Luke 12:13-21
Sermon
Hymn of the Day **ELW # 768**
#Apostles' Creed p. 105
#Prayers of Intercession
Offering
#Offertory Song **ELW # 182**
#Offertory Prayer

MEAL

- #The Great Thanksgiving p. 206
and following pages.
The Lord's Prayer p. 208
Lamb of God p. 208
Distribution
Hymn During Distribution **ELW # 515**
#Post Communion Prayer

SEND

- #Blessing p. 209
#Sending Song **ELW # 650**

Kids meet pastor in back during last verse of song to help; congregation response is "And have fun doing it!"
#Dismissal p. 209
#Postlude

- Please stand as you are able
ELW - Cranberry Book