

St John's Lutheran Church – Bennington
Church 291-6225
Website: www.stjohnsbennington.com
Pastor Beth A. Olson 319-483-8135
THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S

- Sunday: 16th - Worship w/ Communion – 9 AM
Council Meeting
- Monday: 17th - Quilting – 9 AM
Pastor in Office – 10 AM
- Wednesday: 19th - Pastor in Office – 1:30 PM
- Thursday: 20th - Brenda in Office – 9 AM
Pastor in Office – 10 AM
- Sunday: 23rd - Worship – 9 AM

About today: *In Isaiah we hear that God’s house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today’s gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need. (Sundays and Seasons)*

Today we welcome into the family of God through Sacrament of Holy Baptism Blakely Kaye Anderson born on December 2, 2025, in Waterloo, Iowa to Benjamin and Brittany (Lenth) Anderson. Sponsors are Brayden Lenth and Nick Anderson. Today, we start presenting those newly baptized with a Frolic First Bible.

St. John’s Education Scholarship recipients this year are Bethany Anderson, Kayla Rathe and Joey Snyder. We will honor them and present them their checks on Sunday, August 23, during worship.

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

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

Prayer of the Day Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost 8/16/26
God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Ministers of Worship

TODAY:	NEXT WEEK:
Accompanist: Kevin Du	Accompanist: Kevin Du
Lector: Deanne Salisbury	Lector: Jerry Mixdorf
Zoom Operator: TBA	Zoom Operator: TBA
Acolyte: Deacons	Acolyte: Deacons
Ushers: Joe and Teresa Stafford	Ushers: Randy and Pam Wright
Communion Servers: Larry and Dawn Best	Kim Rigdon
August Communion Bread Maker: Deanne Salisbury	

Fellowship

TODAY:	NEXT WEEK:
Kai Snyder	Gracie Kienast
Family	Family

Attendance

Last Sunday’s Attendance: 38 plus 4 Zoom
Last Month Attendance Average: 37

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!

A Huge Thank You to everyone who was involved with making this year’s GALAXY VBS a success. You were a stellar crew who helped launch us all on a mission of sharing God’s love!

Calendar notes: Confirmation starts Sept. 2, 7 p.m. Welcome Sunday is Sept. 13, 10 AM worship followed by a potluck and packing of the backpacks. On Sunday, Sept. 20, Sunday School starts at 9 AM. This year, we will welcome our 3 year old preschool students to Sunday School with a Frolic Preschool Bible.

School Supply Drive for Lutheran World Relief continues. We still need: black and blue ink pens (not gel) and 70 page spiral notebooks. Thank you!

Let all the peoples praise you,
O God. –Psalm 67:3

Order of Service

Prelude

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

#Gathering Song ELW # 886

#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: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Second Lesson: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

#Gospel Acclamation p. 205

#Holy Gospel: Matthew 15: [10-20] 21-28

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ELW # 612

Sacrament of Holy Baptism p. 227

#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

#Post Communion Prayer

SEND

#Blessing p. 209

#Sending Song ELW # 759

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