

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: 19th - Worship w/ Communion – 9 AM
- Monday: 20th - Quilting – 9 AM
Pastor in Office – 10 AM
- Wednesday: 22nd - Pastor in office, afternoon
- Thursday: 23rd - Brenda in Office – 9 AM
Pastor in Office – 10 AM
- Sunday: 26th - Worship – 9 AM
Kayaking at George Wyth State Park – 1 PM

About today: It's an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day when all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's Table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy. (Sundays & Seasons)

School Supply Drive for Lutheran World Relief. Needed for the backpacks: black and blue ink pens (not gel), unsharpened #2 pencils, pencil sharpeners, 2.5" erasers, blunt scissors, rulers with centimeters, packs of 16 or 24 crayons, and 70 page spiral notebooks. We'll be packing 40 back packs this fall.

Thanks to everyone who donated candy for the Dunkerton Days parade yesterday and to all who helped make Dunkerton Days happen!

We extend our sympathy to the family, friends and colleagues of the Rev. Dr. Steven Ullestad. The former bishop of our synod died on July 12, at the age of 73. His first and only congregational call was to St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Hudson, where he served until 1988 before joining synod staff as an Assistant to the Bishop of the newly formed Northeastern Iowa Synod. Later, he was elected as Bishop and held that role for 28 years until his retirement in 2020. Memorials may be made to Lutheran Services in Iowa.

Dunkerton Historical and Tourism Assoc. invite you to the Pheasant Ridge Golf Course in Cedar Falls for a fund raiser this Saturday, starting at 8 AM. See full details on the bulletin board or talk to Teresa Stafford.

Prayer of the Day Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 7/19/26
Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen

Ministers of Worship

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------|
| TODAY: | NEXT WEEK: |
| Accompanist: Summer Lim | Accompanist: Ahan Tandon |
| Lector: Bob Hansen | Lector: Deanne Salisbury |
| Zoom Operator: Denise Pierce | Zoom Operator: TBA |
| Acolyte: Deacons | Acolyte: Deacons |
| Ushers: Dan and Deanne Salisbury | Ushers: Larry and Dawn Best |
| Communion Servers: Jeff Seamans
Jerry Mixdorf | |
| July Communion Bread Maker: Deanne Salisbury | |

Fellowship

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| TODAY: | NEXT WEEK: |
| Ava Fuelling
Family | Allie Happel
Family |

Attendance

- Last Sunday's Attendance: 33 plus 2 Zoom
Last Month Attendance Average: 43

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!

Vacation Bible School LINK: <https://forms.gle/T9evAY4UX1ai6u9P8>. Please use this link to register for the August 9 VBS afternoon/evening, starting at 2:30. We will prepare to move into "Galaxy: Launching on a Mission of God's Love." Pizza supper at church and then it's off to the Tripoli pool from 6-8 PM for the pool party. Helpers can sign up via the link or the clipboard which will be passed starting today.

St. John's Kayaks event is next Sunday, at 1 PM, at George Wyth State Park. Led by Dan and Deanne Salisbury. They have kayaks to use or bring your own. Life jackets required. Bring your own treats and drinks.

Teach me your way, O LORD,
and I will walk in your truth.
–Psalm 86:11

Order of Service

- Prelude
- GATHER
- Welcome and Announcements
- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| #Gathering Song | ELW # 786 |
| #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 44:6-8
- Second Lesson: Romans 8:12-25
- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------|
| #Gospel Acclamation | p. 205 |
| #Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 | |
- Sermon
- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Hymn of the Day | ELW # 679 |
| #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 | |
| #Post Communion Prayer | |

SEND

- | | |
|---------------|-----------|
| #Blessing | p. 209 |
| #Sending Song | ELW # 689 |
- Kids meet pastor in back during last verse of song to help; congregation response is "And have fun doing it!"
- | | |
|------------|--------|
| #Dismissal | p. 209 |
| #Postlude | |