

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

Sunday: 22nd - Worship - 9 AM
Monday: 23rd - Pastor in Office - 10 AM
Wednesday: 25th - Pastor in Office - 1:30 PM
Thursday: 26th - Brenda in Office - 9 AM
Pastor in Office - 10 AM
Sunday: 29th - Worship - 9 AM

About today: *This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you." (Sundays and Seasons)*

Christ in Our Home 3rd quarter books are available on the table in the narthex by the entrance door for you to take.

Semi-Annual Meeting Notice: the semi-annual meeting is planned for Sunday, July 20, after worship.

We're overwhelmed! You have been wonderful about bringing in plastic bags for the mat project, but now we ask you to please stop bringing plastic bags in so that we can reset and get back on top of this mission. We'll give a refresher course on how to loop the bags together to avoid having to undo and redo the weaving.

Dunkerton Days parade is July 19. Be thinking about design ideas if we want to have a float! This year's theme is "Barefoot Blue Jean Nights."

Hymn 798, *The Summons*, was likely written "for the sending out of one of the youth volunteers from the Iona Community. Volunteers gave a year or two to live in impoverished parts of Scotland, on the dole, and work out their discipleship in hard places." When their service was finished, a song was written for the farewell ceremony, always held in the house where the volunteer had been working. Hymn author John Bell said, "If I kept a record of people who have spoken about how a particular line affected their life, I could have published a book of very moving testimonies."
(ELW Hymnal Companion, p. 670)

To consider: how might hymn nurture your discipleship?

Prayer of the Day **Second Sunday after Pentecost** **6/22/25**
O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Ministers of Worship

TODAY:	NEXT WEEK:
Accompanist: Britain Atkins	Accompanist: Cedric Liu
Lector: Drew Speer	Lector: Bob Hansen
Zoom Operator: TBD	Zoom Operator: Denise Pierce
Acolyte: Deacons	Acolyte: Deacons
Ushers: Dan and Deanne Salisbury	Ushers: Larry and Dawn Best

Fellowship

TODAY:	NEXT WEEK
Clayton and Hannah Zuck Family	Ava Fuelling and Family

Attendance

Last Sunday's Attendance: 36
Last Month Attendance Average: 44

Dunkerton Community Hall Board is hosting a Pork Loin Sandwich Meal next Sunday, June 29, 5-7 p.m. Enjoy a pork loin sandwich (pork loin donated by Tyson Foods), cheesy potatoes, baked beans, dessert, and a drink. This a free will donation fundraiser; proceeds go towards the general maintenance and upkeep of the hall. New this year will be silent auction baskets. Please stop and check out the selection and place your bid. Meal is Dine-In or To-Go!

RAGBRAI Supplies update: We need one more pie! Pies should be FRUIT ONLY. The clipboard is now on the table in the narthex.
Water and cash have graciously been donated for the cause.
Be watching for how you can help with set up/clean up and other RAGBRAI related things. And mark your calendars: RAGBRAI rolls through Dunkerton bright and early on July 25!
In conjunction with RAGBRAI, the three ELCA Bishops in Iowa are climbing back on their bikes for a one-day reprise in support of anti-hunger ministries. Join them on Thursday, July 24, for the RAGBRAI ride from Iowa Falls to Cedar Falls, or support their cause with a donation. Watch for them on the route and give then give a shout-out to the "Bishops on Bikes for a Cause!"

**In the midst of the assembly
I will praise you.
—Psalm 22:22**

Order of Service
Blue Book

Prelude

GATHER

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song **ELW # 843**

#Greeting p. 46

#Scripture Song p. 47

#Prayer of the Day (see left)

Children's Message

WORD

Scripture Readings

First Lesson: Isaiah 65:1-9

Second Lesson: Galatians 3:23-29

#Gospel acclamation p. 48

#The Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Sermon

Hymn of the Day **ELW # 611**

#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 # 798**

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