

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

- Sunday: 6th - Worship w/ Communion – 9 AM
- Monday: 7th - Labor Day! Office closed
- Wednesday: 9th - Pastor in Office – 4 PM
Confirmation – 7 PM
- Thursday: 10th - Brenda in Office – 9 AM
Pastor in Office – 10 AM
- Saturday: 12th - Jordan Project Meeting – 9:30 AM
- Sunday: 13th - **Welcome Sunday – 10 AM**
Potluck after Worship
Indoor and Outdoor Service Projects
LYO Meeting

About today: *Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus’ words in today’s gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation. (Sundays and Seasons)*

Important Dates to Remember:

--Welcome Sunday is next **Sunday, at 10 AM** with worship followed by a potluck and service projects. We have a few openings left on the potluck clipboard, especially for side dishes. Indoor projects will include packing the backpacks and working on our mats. This year, we will pack 50 backpacks!! A 25% increase over our previous total! Well done, SJB!!

--LYO starts back up next Sunday after worship. Stay for the potluck, work on the service projects and help plan for the year!

--Sunday School will start back up on September 20, at 9 AM. This year, we begin the tradition of welcoming our 3 year old preschool students to Sunday School with a Frolic Preschool Bible. Grade levels will be PreK-K; 1-3; 4-6.

Camp EWALU Live Quilt Auction is Sept. 19. The online quilt auction runs Sept. 14-20 and features a variety of items. Check out www.EWALU.com for more details.

Prayer of the Day **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost** **9/6/26**
O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fall; remove from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Ministers of Worship

TODAY:
Accompanist: Pastor Beth
Lector: Denise Pierce
Zoom Operator: Denise Pierce
Acolyte: Deacons
Ushers: Greg, Denise, Justin
Pierce
Communion Server: Jim Mixdorf

NEXT WEEK:
Accompanist: Pastor Beth
Lector: Deanne Salisbury
Zoom Operator: Kirby Marquart
Acolyte: Hannah Zuck
Ushers: Speer Family
Kim Rigdon

Fellowship

TODAY: Self-Serve
NEXT WEEK: Ava Fuelling
Family

Attendance

Last Sunday’s Attendance: 22 plus 2 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!

Thank you to everyone that came to my 89th birthday celebration. Plus your prayers and cards. I appreciate everyone! God Blessings to all! *-Delores Joens*

Travel Fun Fall Field Trip with NE IA Women of the ELCA is Saturday, October 17. Come join them on an adventure exploring Waterloo/Cedar Falls sites. RSVP by October 1. See bulletin board for further details.

Christ in Our Home next quarter books are available on the table inside the door in narthex.

NOTE: WORSHIP NEXT WEEK IS AT 10 AM!

I desire the path of your commandments.
–Psalm 119:35

Order of Service

- Prelude
- GATHER**
- Welcome and Announcements
- #**Gathering Song** **ELW # 522**
- #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: Ezekiel 33:7-11
- Second Lesson: Romans 13:8-14
- #Gospel Acclamation p. 205
- #Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20
- Sermon
- Hymn of the Day** **ELW # 731 vs. 1-3**
- #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 # 731 vs. 4-5**
- 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**