

St John's Lutheran Church – Bennington

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THIS WEEK AT ST JOHN'S

- Sunday: 26th - Worship – 10 AM
Last Day of Sunday School **11:30-1 PM**
11:15: Hayrack ride to Whitmore Farm
EWALU Update @ Bartels LRC – 3 PM
- Monday: 27th - Pastor in Office - 10 AM
- Wednesday: 29th - Pastor in Office – 4 PM
Confirmation – 7 PM
8th Graders get faith project assignments
- Thursday: 30th - Brenda in Office – 9 AM
Pastor in Office – 10 AM
- Sunday: 3rd - Worship w/ Communion – 10 AM
Graduates Recognized
Graduate Reception after Worship
Bedards use Fellowship Hall

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About today: *Today is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday,” Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep in today’s gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world’s violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God’s tender care to all creation. (Sundays and Seasons)*

Today is the last day of Sunday School – the kids will be going to the Whitmore Farm, 5604 Schenk Rd. Dan and Deanne have offered to take the kids via hayrack with bus seats on it to and from the church on the gravel road. They will leave the church at 11:15AM and return to the church around 1:15PM. Those going are invited to bring a snack/appetizer sack lunch. Drinks will be provided. If coming on your own you can meet at the Whitmore Farm.

Thank you to all of our wonderful Sunday school leaders, teachers and families for making this another successful year of learning. We appreciate you!

Confirmation wraps up this Wednesday. The 8th grade students will be given their faith project assignments. The projects will then be due no later than May 31. This is an opportunity for faith expression using some sort of creative means.

Hy-Vee PTO receipt collection has ended for this school year. New receipts can start being saved again beginning on June 1, for the 2026 school year.

Prayer of the Day **Fourth Sunday of Easter** **4/26/26**

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Ministers of Worship

TODAY:

Accompanist: Laurie Thome
Lector: Dawn Best
Zoom Operator: TBD
Acolyte: Gracie Kienast
Ushers: Speer Family;
Kim Rigdon

NEXT WEEK:

Accompanist: Sarah Best
Lector: Denise Pierce
Zoom Operator: Denise Pierce
Acolyte: Hannah Zuck
Ushers: Marshall and Julie
Mixdorf
Communion Servers: Joe and Teresa Stafford
May Communion Bread Maker: Nancy Goeller

Fellowship

TODAY:

Aidan Hesse
Family

NEXT WEEK:

Clayton and Hannah Zuck
Family

Attendance

Last Sunday’s Attendance: 88 plus 1 Zoom
Last Month Attendance Average: 49

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Next Sunday, May 3, we will celebrate our high school seniors during worship and have a reception for them afterward. Please stay for cake and plan to congratulate Aidan, Alex, Colin, Ella and Kristen!

Thank you to Kristen Best and Laurie Thome for today’s special music. Kristen will sing “I Love All Graceful Things.”

If the bulletin looks different today, it is. We will no longer be able to use Publisher, starting this fall, and so are getting a headstart on a new layout.

Battle for Betsy fundraiser is **this Tuesday** at Carlos O’Kelly’s on University Avenue in Cedar Falls. Order online using the coupon code Carloscares and 25% of your order will support the Alzheimer’s Association. What a worthy cause to donate to!

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. –Psalm 23:1

Order of Service
Blue Book

- Prelude
- GATHER**
- Welcome and Announcements
- Gathering Song** **ELW # 807**
- #Greeting p. 46
- #Scripture Song p. 47
- #Prayer of the Day (see left)
- Children’s Message
- WORD**
- Scripture Readings
- First Lesson: Acts 2:42-47
- Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:19-25
- #Gospel acclamation p. 48
- #The Gospel: John 10:1-10
- Sermon
- Hymn of the Day** **ELW # 778**
- Special Music Kristen Best
- #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 # 732**
- 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**