

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

- Sunday: 23rd - Worship – 9 AM
- Monday: 24th - Pastor in Office – 10 AM
- Wednesday: 26th - Pastor in Office – 1:30 PM
- Thursday: 27th - Brenda in Office – 9 AM
Pastor in Office – 10 AM
- Sunday: 30th - Worship – 9 AM

About today: *In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter’s bold confession of faith. God’s word of reconciliation and God’s mercy are keys to the church’s mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed. (Sundays and Seasons)*

St. John’s Education Scholarship recipients are being honored today. Congratulations to Bethany Anderson, Kayla Rathe and Joey Snyder! They will each receive a check from the education fund St. John’s administered by the Northeast Iowa Community Foundation to support their continued studies. Thank you for supporting education, St. John’s!

With school starting, be extra aware of students walking, riding or driving to school, and stay alert for school buses.

Upcoming Dates to get on the calendar:

- Confirmation** starts September 2, at 7 PM.
- Last Sunday of 9 AM church** is Sept. 6; **10 AM church starts Sept. 13.**
- Welcome Sunday** is September 13, at 10 AM worship followed by a potluck and packing of the back packs.
- LYO** starts up at church on Sept. 13. Stay for the potluck! Help plan the year!
- Sunday School** starts back up on September 20, at 9 AM. This year, we will welcome our 3 year old preschool students to Sunday School with a Frolic Preschool Bible.
- NOTE: Grade levels** will be PreK-K; 1-3; 4-6.

Prayer of the Day **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost** **8/23/26**
O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

Ministers of Worship
TODAY:

- Accompanist: Kevin Du
- Lector: Jerry Mixdorf
- Zoom Operator: TBA
- Acolyte: Deacons
- Ushers: Randy and Pam Wright;
Kim Rigdon

Fellowship
TODAY:

- Gracie Kienast
Family

Attendance

- Last Sunday’s Attendance: 52
- Last Month Attendance Average: 37

A potluck clipboard will be coming around the next few Sundays for our Sept. 13 welcome Sunday. Please note the categories and sign up for something that works for you and your family. We look forward to sharing a meal together as we return to 10 am church!

Celebrating Women Event is next 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, please**, by signing up on the clipboard in the narthex or letting Pam Wright know paw6834@aol.com.

Camp EWALU 65th Anniversary Weekend is this coming weekend, August 28-30. It includes a free concert on Friday night by Peter Mayer. Check out the website for further details www.ewalu.org.

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!

O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever. –Psalm 138:8

Order of Service
Blue Book

- Prelude
- GATHER**
- Welcome and Announcements
- Gathering Song** **ELW # 786**
- #Greeting p. 46
- #Scripture Song p. 47
- #Prayer of the Day (see left)
- Children’s Message
- WORD**
- Scripture Readings
- First Lesson: Isaiah 51:1-6
- Second Lesson: Romans 12:1-8
- #Gospel acclamation p. 48
- #The Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20
- Sermon
- Hymn of the Day** **ELW # 597**
- SJB Scholarship Recognition
- #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 # 576**
- 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**