

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AT BLESSED REDEEMER

**Saturday Jan 9-** 5:30pm Worship  
**Sunday Jan 10-** 9:00am Worship w/Communion  
10:15am Adult Bible Study/Sunday School  
**Wed. Jan 13-** 6:30am Men of Brandon (MOB)  
**Saturday Jan 16 -** 5:30pm Worship w/ communion  
**Sunday Jan 17-** 9:00am Worship w/Communion



### OUR RESPONSE LAST WEEK:

**General Offering for Week of 1/3/2021:** \$3,002.60

**Church Attendance for Week of 1/3:** 91

*Weekly General Offering Needs:* \$5341.00

*General Fund Checking Balance as of **December:*** \$24,028.06

### ALTAR GUILD

#### **January**

Renee Fick & Karla Podhradsky

**Altar Flowers:** You may provide flowers to beautify our sanctuary.

Please speak with the Altar Guild.

### PRAYING FOR THOSE CURRENTLY SERVING/DEPLOYED IN OUR MILITARY:

Nate Holm, Jackie Berg, Jessica Berg, Matt Eigenberg, Sarah Callies,  
Jarod Ruud, Kyleigh Sorensen, Noah Holm, and Joe Johnson.

### ATTENDANCE RECORD

We ask that visitors please sign the guest book and that both members and visitors fill out the attendance record in the pew rack and pass it to the person next to you so that we may be aware of your presence with us today. If your attendance record is empty, please use one from a nearby pew and alert the Elders after the service. May the Lord, your God, bless your time of worship!



## **In Our Prayers**

**Celebrating Birthdays this week:** Kevin Buehner, Lynette Wedeking, Lisa Derksen, Susan Dykstra, Ron Stimpson

**For those ill, hospitalized or recovering at home:** Glen Baden, Kevin Smith

**Those with Covid:** Glen and Beth Uken, Sharyn Klatt

**Gift of New Life -** Kinsley Rachel Wagner (daughter of Dustin and Michal)



### **New Officer Installation Sunday Morning**

We will install our newly elected and appointed board members during our Sunday morning service, as well as those re-elected or appointed to serve another term. We offer our thanks to those who are volunteering their time and talents to keep our church family functioning smoothly. We also give our warmest thanks to those completing their time of service, and we also thank God for their willingness to help build up the body of Christ by their service.

### **Adult Bible Study Sees Jesus Seal His Fate, Church's**

In Sunday morning's Adult Bible Study class, we will ask the intriguing question, "How Could Jesus Have Avoided the Cross?" Our look at Matthew's perspective of the passion on "Stuff They Didn't Teach Me In Sunday School" will help us better understand the issues that led to the arrest and crucifixion of Jesus. If you know the answer to "How could Jesus have avoided the cross?" please come and share your answer with the class! The new year is a good time to resolve to do more Bible study, so please join us!

### **MOB Studies Shocking Behavior in Israel**

Last week in the Men of Brandon Bible study, we learned about a "priest for hire" and a tribe that went rogue, and it would have been easy to think this was the low point of Israel's history. This week our study of Judges chapter eighteen will prove that thought incorrect as we look at a sorry incident in Israel's history that rivals the evil of Sodom and Gomorrah. As always, we will also look for a way to apply this story to the salvation story and the hope Jesus brings. Men, please join us on Wednesday morning as we build each other up in God's holy Word.

### **Help Needed with Christmas Decorations Today**

The joy of Christmas truly lasts all year, but there does come a time during Epiphany when it is traditionally time to take down the Christmas decorations. Today is that day, and if you can help at 11:15am, it will be greatly appreciated! Our thanks to everyone who helped set them up and those helping to store them for next year.

### **Thank You, Special Music Providers!**

Our thanks to Ben Christoffer for the splendid job he did with his saxophone solo that enriched our Christmas Day worship service, and we hope to hear more from him in the future. We also thank Karissa Ternus for her fine trombone playing during this Sunday's service, which is also to the glory of God. Thanks Karissa for sharing your musical skills, and may God bless you as you return to your studies at Concordia Seward this week.

### **Sunday School is Back**

We are excited to announce the return of Sunday School! We will begin this Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, at 10:15! Kids can report to their classrooms as per the start of the year. 3-4 year olds through Kindergarten are in the Preschool room; Grades 1-4 are upstairs; Grades 5-8 are in the Conference room. We are looking forward to seeing all of the kids again and helping them grow in their Christian Education!

### **Live Stream**

We are looking for volunteers to help live stream Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings during Advent. Please sign up on the sheet or contact Cathi in the office for details.

### Poinsettias Pick Up

Were you one of the generous members who purchased a poinsettia to beautify our sanctuary during the Christmas season? We thank you and ask kindly that you please take your plant home to enjoy. We ask that you pick them up no later than Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> or they will be discarded. Thank you!

### BRLC: Bagger, Rack, Lanes, Chop

Are you familiar with these bowling terms? Spare us and bring on the turkeys! Come and join in the fun as BRLC family bowls together on Sunday January 15<sup>th</sup> 3-5pm. From professionals to novice, we accept everyone! Cost is \$10.99 per person and includes two hours of bowling plus shoe rental. Sign up on the bulletin board and let us know how many are in your party.

### Nerf Gun and Pizza Fun

FAST will be participating in our very own Nerf Gun War held at BRLC. Please bring your own guns, ammo (labeled so it may be returned) and drinks. Pizza will be provided. This fun and friendly event will take place on January 10<sup>th</sup> from 5-6:30. Bring a friend and sign up on the bulletin board.

### College & Military Care Packages

As we begin a new year, we are looking for the following items to send to our fellow college members busy with studies and to our military members who are actively serving. Items include: microwave popcorn, granola bars, Ramen noodles, cheese and crackers, hard candies, flavored drink packets, pop tarts, gum and other small food/drink items. Items should be brought to the church no later than Sunday Jan 24<sup>th</sup>. Please bring 30 of each item. FAST will be assembling the packages on Wed. Jan 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm. Thank you for your generosity!

### Confirmation Planning Meeting Coming January 20<sup>th</sup>

Confirmation is just around the corner, and we need to make plans for it now. If you are the parent of an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student, please be sure to attend the planning meeting after confirmation class on Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>. We will make decisions about flowers, pictures, and gowns, as well as let you know what information we need for the memory frames each student will receive. Please plan on attending this 7:45 pm brief meeting so that this year's confirmation day will go smoothly!

### Thank You- Angel Tree

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Angel Tree supporting the Banquet and their "Showering Our Guests with Care" project. We appreciate all who took time out of their busy schedule to shop for someone else's needs. Galatians 5:13-14 "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one commandment: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

### Preschool Corner: Spread the Word!

Please help us advertise to friends, families, neighbors and coworkers that our community registration will be Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30. BRLC congregational members, check your mail-boxes. Please turn the form and \$100 by Jan 22nd to reserve your spot. "Teach me knowledge and good judgment, for I trust your commands." Psalm 119:66

### Congratulations to Michal and Dustin Wagner

We share the joy of Michal and Dustin Wagner, who were blessed with the gift of a daughter. Kinsley Rachel Wagner was born on January 7<sup>th</sup> and weighed 5lbs 11oz. Mother and daughter are doing well and we pray they will be able to return home soon. May God bless and keep this child always under His loving care.



# Opportunities for Prayer and Service

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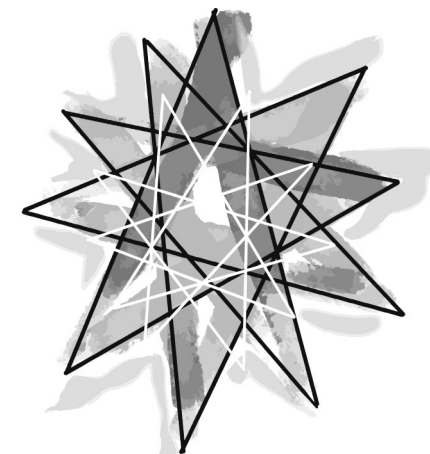
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## January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021



## The First Sunday After the Epiphany

### *The Glory of the Lord Returns to the Temple in the Boy Jesus*

In the days of Solomon, the Lord dwelt among His people in the temple. The glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord in the form of a cloud (1 Kings 8:6-13). Now Jesus, who is the glory of the Lord in the flesh, enters the temple to show that He Himself is the everlasting temple and dwelling place of God (Luke 2:41-52). Our young Lord, true man, subject to Mary and Joseph, reveals Himself also to be true God, whose father is not Joseph but the Almighty Father in heaven. Jesus does this at the time of the Passover. For He came to be the sacrificial Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Even as He was found by His parents after three days, so He would later rise from the dead on the third day that the favor of God might rest also upon us. It is by these mercies of God that we present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God through Christ (Rom. 12:1-5).

**Please take this folder with its inserts home today to remind you of opportunities for prayer and service in the upcoming weeks.**

*If you have information for this publication, please submit it to the office no later than the Wednesday prior to the Sunday edition.*