

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AT BLESSED REDEEMER

Saturday Jan 23- 5:30pm Worship
Sunday Jan 24- 9:00am Worship w/Communion
 10:15am Adult Bible Study/Sunday School
Monday Jan 25- 7:00pm Being Lutheran Book Club
Wed. Jan 27- 6:30am Men of Brandon (MOB)
 6:30pm FAST- College/Military Packages
Saturday Jan 30- 5:30pm Worship
Sunday Jan 31- 9:00am Worship (BRLP Sings)
 10:15am Voters Mtg/Sunday School



OUR RESPONSE LAST WEEK:

General Offering for Week of 1/10/2021: \$4,722.30

Church Attendance for Week of 1/10: 66

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: Jeremy Brevik, Lisa Brevik, June Buehner, Roxy Sorensen, Michal Wagner, Jordan Balster, Mayson Mortensen, Micky Podhradsky, Loren Podoll Julie Van Gerpen, Jay Dede, Cathi Grape

Anniversaries this week: Pastor Gary and Sharon Klatt

For those ill, hospitalized or recovering at home: Melaine Johnson(mother of Joe Johnson), Jessica Walton, Kinsley Wagner (Daughter of Dustin and Michal Wagner), Glen Baden, Kevin Smith

Those with Covid: Denise Gray



Preschool Corner: Spread the Word!

Please help us advertise to friends, families, neighbors and coworkers that our community registration will be today Sunday, January 24th @ 1:30. "Teach me knowledge and good judgment, for I trust your commands." Psalm 119:66

Letters, beginning sounds, rhyming,
 Numbers, shapes, counting,
 galloping, skipping, throwing
 sequence, patterns, cutting

These are just a few of the skills we are assessing this month so we may give parents an accurate description of their preschooler at the upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences.

**Adult Bible Study
 Hears "Final Preparations"**

The Christmas story doesn't end with the visit of the Magi and the flight into Egypt, as we will see in this week's Adult Bible Study class when we hear about the "final preparations" of Jesus for his public ministry recorded in Luke 2. We will also share "lost children stories" when we study the story of the 12-year-old Jesus at the temple, so bring your best one about you or your lost children. Please join us after worship on Sunday for more "Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School" as we wrap up the details of the beautiful Christmas story.

MOB Turns the Page on Judges

There is one final unbelievable story from the book of Judges that we need to study to wrap up our study of Judges, and it is one even stranger than the fictional movie "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers." We will learn of the wild plan adopted by Israel to prevent one of its tribes from going out of existence. Men, please join us this Wednesday as we find Gospel hope and clarity even in the oddest of places, the hopeless world of the Judges.

Voter's Meeting Coming Sunday, Jan. 31st

Our next quarterly Voter's Meeting will be immediately after the worship service on Sunday, Jan. 31st, and besides reports, which will be kept brief, we have important business to discuss. One of our main items includes setting priorities for our next capital improvements projects. We will also get an update on the reason we need to vote on postponing the SD District and national LCMS conventions due to the pandemic, and vote on these items and dissolving the former Lutheran High of Sioux Falls officially. Sunday school will be held during the Voters Meeting to allow parents to attend. New Voters are always welcome!

BRLP Brings Joyful Noises

Please be sure to join us Sunday, January 31st as the BRL Preschoolers will be adding their adorable voices to our service. We will be singing three songs: "God is so good", "Love in a Box" and "If You're Happy and You Know It". We are blessed to have a supporting church and thank you BRLC for your continuous support of this mission. "Shout out praises to the LORD, all the earth! Worship the LORD with joy. Enter his presence with joyful singing.

It's Time to "Man UP!"

What does it mean to be a man, and even more importantly, what does it mean to be a Christian man? In a day and age where people claim there is no difference between men and women, what does the Bible have to say about gender identity? And is there really an ongoing war in our society against letting boys behave like normal boys, and if so what can we do about it? These are just a few of the interesting questions that will be raised and answered in our new Men of Brandon (MOB) Bible Study that begins on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd. Men, if you haven't joined the MOB yet, this is a good time to jump in and learn the Christian way to "Man Up!" Just let Pastor Deardoff know you plan to attend and he will order a study guide for you!

Position Filled, Positions Needing Filled

Our thanks to Jacob Edwards, who has graciously assumed the office of Secretary for the Church Council meetings. We are also hopefully adding another new elder this week. However, for our congregation to function smoothly, we still need volunteers to fill the positions of Vice Chairman (the easiest job on the Council!), Treasurer, and several spots on both Board of Youth and Board of Education. A man once paid an expert to design a garden for him, and requested that there be no need for him to do any work in the garden. He was told, "No gardener, no garden!"

Will our congregation continue to be God's mission field and garden? The answer depends on if anyone steps up to be a gardener and fills these positions!

Sweetheart Meal Coming Feb. 6th

February is the month we celebrate love, and in the church we celebrate God's gift of married love. You can be a part of the fun and fellowship by signing up for the annual Sweetheart meal, which will be held at Tailgators on Saturday, Feb. 6th at 6:30, or immediately after the Saturday evening service. Please sign up today so we know how many to expect and how many printouts we need for our fun games for couples!

FAST: 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.

Food: Thanks for those who brought and you can still bring in until Wed. (1/27)

Aid: FAST will be filling packages on Wed @ 6:30 so please join us!

Snacks: Will be enjoyed and appreciated by our members

Thanks: For your donations!

****Ideas include:** microwave popcorn, granola bars, Ramen noodles, cheese and crackers, hard candies, flavored drink packets, pop tarts, gum and other small food/drink items. Please bring 30 of each item.

Sunday School is Back

We are excited to announce the return of Sunday School! 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! kids again and helping them grow in their Christian Education!

Opportunities for Prayer and Service

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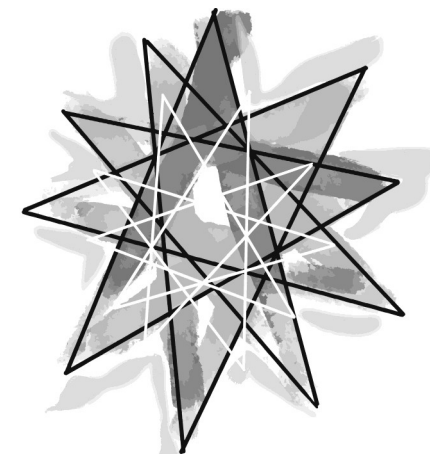
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The Third Sunday After the Epiphany

Jesus Came for Gentiles, Too

The Gospel of Christ is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Gentile (Rom. 1:8–17). Even in the Old Testament, the Gentiles were beneficiaries of God's saving power. Though unimpressed at first with the Word of God, a Syrian commander is persuaded to receive that Word, and in the water he is cleansed and brought to faith in the God of Israel (2 Kings 5:1–15a). Evil is overcome by good (Rom 12:16–21). So also in the New Testament, a Roman centurion demonstrates great and humble faith in the Lord (Matt. 8:1–13). All he needs is the Word of Christ, for he trusts that Jesus' Word of healing has authority to accomplish what it says. And indeed it does. The centurion's faith is praised by our Lord above that of any Israelite. For the last shall be first, and the first last. Apart from faith in Christ, there is no salvation—not even for a Jew—but only weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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.