

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AT BLESSED REDEEMER

Saturday	Jan 30-	5:30pm	Worship
Sunday	Jan 31-	9:00am	Worship
		10:15am	Voters Meeting/ Sunday School
Tues.	Feb 2-	7:00pm	Elders Meeting
Wed.	Feb 3-	6:30am	Men of Brandon (MOB)
Saturday	Feb 6-	5:30pm	Worship w/Communion
		6:30pm	Sweetheart Dinner
Sunday	Feb 7-	9:00am	Worship w/Communion
		10:15am	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School



OUR RESPONSE LAST WEEK:

General Offering for Week of 1/24/2021: \$ 2,261.56

Church Attendance for Week of 1/24: 90

Weekly General Offering Needs: \$5341.00

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

ALTAR GUILD

February- Joyce Callies

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: Kara Van Ruler, Bea Heismeyer, Holly Bickley, Logan Mortensen

Anniversaries this week: Nate and Kaitlyn Holm

For those ill, hospitalized or recovering at home: Melanie Johnson (mother of Joe Johnson), Glen Baden,

Those with Covid: Bill and Laura Deardoff (brother and sister in-law of Pastor Deardoff)



Voter's Meeting Today Sunday, Jan. 31st

Our quarterly Voter's Meeting will be immediately after the worship service today 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!

MOB- 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 this 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

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!

Parents of Confirmation Students

We are in need of 3-4 volunteers for the Youth Board for 2021. This position would help with ideas and putting together events for our youth. Contact Mindy Hansen for details 605-351-6401.

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.

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 this coming 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!

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!

Musical Talent Needed

Do you have a hidden musical talent? We are always looking for people who can play the piano and/or organ for our worship services, or who are interested in learning. We also appreciate people who share their instrumental or vocal talents. If you would like to play an instrument pre-service or during the offertory, or sing a solo or duet, please talk to Pastor Deardoff. He will help you find appropriate music and put you on the schedule!

FAST Winter Fun Day!

Calling all High School students! We are sledding on Saturday Feb 27th @ McHardy Park. Join us there at 6pm. Bring a friend and a sled. Following our fun, we will head back to church to enjoy pizza.

Serve at The Banquet

Here is a chance to put your Christian faith into action!! Blessed Redeemer will serve at The Banquet on Friday, February 26th. You may serve at one or two different times. If you come at 2pm you can help prepare the meal, and those who work 5-8 will help serve the meal. Midweek students, this is an excellent opportunity to complete a service project. The need is great, so please sign up today!

College & Military Care Packages

¡Gracias! Merci. Danke. Grazie. Mahalo. Thank you! Your generous food donations allowed us to fill the twelve boxes for deployed military personnel and college students. The shoe size boxes were filled to the max with your delicious snacks as well as a Lutheran Prayer Book and cards. "May the Lord now show you kindness and faithfulness, and I too will show you the same favor because you have done this." (2 Samuel 2:6, [NIV](#))

FAST Service Project

Join us Wednesday February 10th for our monthly service project. This month we will be fixing our hymnals with new ribbons. We would love to include you! We will begin with a devotion at 6:30pm and conclude around 7:30pm.

Preschool Sings

Our thanks for the preschool students for singing their praises to the Lord at our 9am worship service in honor of National Lutheran School week. Their joy and enthusiasm reminds us of Psalm 8:2a, "From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise." Our thanks to their parents for bringing them and to the members of Blessed Redeemer for continuing to support the ongoing mission of our preschool. We also thank our wonderful preschool staff who keeps Christ the center of all that is done in our school!

Opportunities for Prayer and Service

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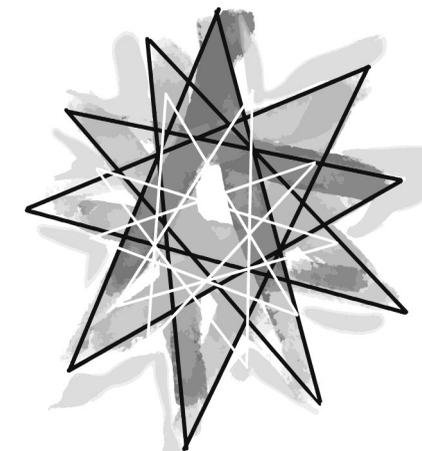
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January 31th, 2021



The Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

Jesus Is Lord of All Creation

In Jonah we see ourselves. For Jonah fled from the presence of the Lord (Jonah 1:1–17) even as we sinners turn our backs on God and go our own way. This brings the storm of God's judgment. But in Jonah we also see Christ. For even as he was in the great fish for three days and three nights, so also Christ Jesus was buried in the depths of death for us and raised on the third day. The Lord of creation, who rules over the wind and the wave (Matt. 8:23–27), saved us from the fury of divine wrath by taking the judgment in His own body. His love is the fulfillment of the Law (Rom. 13:8–10). Though our faith be weak in the face of peril, yet we are kept in safety on the ship of the Church; for the Son of God is with us. Though the whole creation groans with us under the curse, yet by Jesus' speaking, there is a great calm. For we know that our present sufferings are not worthy to be compared with the glory to be revealed in us (Rom. 8:18–23).

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.