

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AT BLESSED REDEEMER

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Nov 27</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Nov 28</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Worship w/ Communion</b>
		<b>10:15am</b>	<b>Adult Bible Study—No Sunday School</b>
		<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Christmas Decorating</b>
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>DOK</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec 1</b>	<b>6:30am</b>	<b>Men of Brandon (MOB)</b>
		<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Advent Meal– Soup</b>
		<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Advent Service</b>
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Midweek</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec 2</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>BRLP Christmas Program</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec 3</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>BRLP Christmas Program</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec 4</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Worship</b>
		<b>6:45pm</b>	<b>BRAG- White Elephant Christmas Potluck</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec 5</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Worship w/ Communion</b>
		<b>10:15am</b>	<b>Sunday School   Adult Bible Study</b>
		<b>1-4 pm</b>	<b>Children’s Christmas Prog. Practice</b>
		<b>3:30-5:30pm</b>	<b>Sr BRY Christmas @ Ternus home</b>
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>DOK</b>
		<b>5th-7th</b>	<b>SD District LCMS Convention</b>

### OUR RESPONSE LAST WEEK:

**General Offering for Week of 11/21/2021:** \$7,332.10

**Church Attendance for Week of 11/21/2021:** 87

*Weekly General Offering Needs:* \$5,341.00

*General Fund Checking Balance as of **September:*** \$80,689.31

### ALTAR GUILD

**December**– Volunteers Needed

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

Please speak with the Altar Guild.

## **In Our Prayers**

**Celebrating Birthdays this week:** Keith Schenkel, Macyn Flanigan, Laurie Rath, Caleb Ruud, Payton Hendricks, Jenifer McKeown, Ellyse Pantekoek, Ken Bodewitz, Casey Callies, Brandi Balster

**For those ill, hospitalized or recovering at home:** Dorothy Warne, Doug Edwards, Dale & Sharon Ternus (father and mother of Brian Ternus), Sarah Peterson, Loren Podoll



### **Organists Needed for December**

The month of November - December organist sign-up sheet is still in need of coverage for sharing your talents on Sundays. If you are an organist or pianist, please consider which Saturdays and Sundays you can help and sign up today to lead God’s people in joyful worship!

### **Adult Bible Study Goes “To Samaria and the Ends of the Earth”**

What happened in the book of Acts can only be described as an “evangelism explosion.” This week’s Adult Bible Study will look at Acts chapter 8, and the unlikely first mission work of the Christian church. We will also learn the origin of the word “Simony”, the practice of selling church offices, as well as the story of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch with its strange connection to the story of the Queen of Sheba visiting Solomon. Increase your Biblical literacy and take in some interesting Bible stories when we meet after Sunday worship for more “Stuff They Didn’t Teach Me in Sunday School.”

### **Children’s Christmas Practice Dec 5th!**

JrK thru 1st grade 1-2pm

2nd thru 4th grade 2-4pm

### **MOB Explores “The Power of Paradoxes”**

What is a paradox? The Bible doesn’t contain any contradictions, but it is full of “seeming” contradictions that every Christian has to learn to live with. Nowhere is this truer than when it comes to unraveling what it means to be a godly man. This week’s Men of Brandon Bible Study will go over what it means to live a life of courage and sacrifice, giving and receiving. Men, please join us as we continue our quest to “be all that you can be” as a good soldier of Christ!

### **BRLC—Christmas Decorating Today**

Today we will be having our annual Christmas decorating get-together. Anyone willing to help beautify our church for the Christmas season is welcome to join us. Decorating begins at 5:00 p.m. Pizza and fellowship to follow!

### **Advent Candle Lighters Needed**

Last year, due to Covid-19, we had to temporarily abandon a long standing BRLC tradition. We hope to revive the tradition of explaining the meaning of the Advent candle being lit on the Advent wreath each week, but for this to happen we need volunteers. We need families and/or individuals who are willing to

help read the name and meaning of each candle and lead a prayer before each service. The Advent Season is right around the corner, so please speak with Pastor Deardoff to sign up.

### Advent Is Just Around the Corner...

Blessed Redeemer has different Groups assigned to serve each week during the Lent & Advent season consisting of our BRLC families. Each Group will serve the food for that date. Did you forget which Group your family is in? Check out the Bulletin Board - all groups and families are listed. Can't find your family name? Contact Cathi Grape. Please remember that meals begin at 5pm.

### Here's our schedule this year!

- \*Dec. 1st Group 3: Soups, hotdogs, dessert and drink
- \*Dec. 8th Group 4: Lasagna, hotdogs, dessert and drink
- \*Dec. 19th Group 5: Pizza Ranch, dessert and drink

### Advent Devotional

Advent Devotionals are available at the back table, provided by Lutheran Hour Ministries.; Please take one for this Advent Season.

### Hey, High Schoolers!

We're starting-up the High School Bible Study! Come join your friends for a cup of cocoa and Biblical discussions you can relate to. We'll start meeting Sunday, December 5 at 10:15-11:15 in the upstairs couch room. Watch your mailbox for more info.

See you there!



### Preschool Corner

Mark your calendars! BRLP is performing their annual Christmas program on Thursday Dec 2nd at 10:30 am (MTTh/TTh) and Friday, Dec 3rd, our MWF am/pm and WF will all perform at 10:30am. As our bells ring and voices sing, "Celebrate his birth in Bethlehem. Celebrate his birth with joy!"

### BRAG White Elephant

It's that time of year when the Blessed Redeemer Adult Group gathers together for some seasonal merriment making, a potluck meal and a gift exchange. The date has been set for December 4th at 6:45pm after services. **Please sign up on the bulletin board with your name and dish to share.** This fun filled evening of fellowship is open to all adult members of BRLC.

### SR BRY Christmas Party

Mark your calendars! The SR BRY Christmas Party will be held on December 5th from 3:30-5:30pm at the Ternus home (26640 487th Ave, Valley Springs). Please bring a gift valued between \$5-10 to swap in a White Elephant style gift exchange! Each year it is a blast seeing what you might come home with, and what you might be re-gifting next year! Even better is the fun we have together in fellowship during this holiday tradition. Please also bring a snack or drink to share!

### Poinsettias

If you would like to donate a poinsettia to beautify our sanctuary during the Christmas season, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Cost is **\$10.00** and you may give the poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one. Please make checks to **BRLC LWML** and place in large mite box in LWML corner.

# Opportunities for Prayer and Service

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## November 28th, 2021

## First Sunday in Advent



### *The Lord Jesus Comes in Humility to Redeem Us*

The season of Advent focuses on the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and this first Sunday establishes this theme for the rest of the season. The Son of God came long ago to be our Savior, "a righteous Branch" descended from David (Jer. 33:15). As He then came into Jerusalem, riding on a lowly donkey to sacrifice Himself for the sins of the world (Luke 19:28-40), so does He come to His Church today in the humility of Word and Sacrament to deliver the fruits of His Passion: the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. He absolves us and establishes our hearts "blameless in holiness before our God and Father" (1 Thess. 3:13). The same Lord Jesus, who came to Jerusalem then and who comes to us now in peace, will come again with power and great glory on the Last Day. Then there will be "distress of nations in perplexity," with "people fainting with fear." Yet, as we anticipate that great and terrible day, He bids us to rest securely in Him: "Raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near" (Luke 21:25, 26, 28).

**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.*