

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AT BLESSED REDEEMER**

**Saturday Dec. 5-** 5:30pm Worship  
**Sunday Dec. 6-** 9:00am Worship w/Communion  
 10:15am Adult Bible Study  
**Wed. Dec. 9-** 6:30am Men of Brandon (MOB)  
 6pm Advent Service  
 7pm Midweek Classes  
**Saturday Dec 12-** 5:30pm Worship  
**Sunday Dec 3-** 9:00am Worship w/Communion  
 10:15am Adult Bible Study



*Preparing for the  
Christmas Season*

**OUR RESPONSE LAST WEEK:**

**General Offering for Week of 11/29:** \$5,887.06

**Church Attendance for Week of 11/29:** 64

*Weekly General Offering Needs:* \$5341.00

*General Fund Checking Balance as of **October:*** \$9,734.97

**ALTAR GUILD**

**December 5th:** Trish Hall

**December 6th & 13th:** Karen Stimpson

**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:** Hudson Hanten, Rebecca Dykstra, Norma Miller, Caleb Stueven, Evelyn Berg, Vern Pinz

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

**Those with Covid:** Tim Deardoff (brother of Pastor Deardoff), Teacher-Cody Linnweber

**For those mourning the loss of loved ones:** The family of Josie Lorang who lost her Grandmother Doris Wallin and Grandfather Glenn Sebesta to COVID-19 recently.



**Adult Bible Study Hears  
“Visitors from the East”**

Last week in Adult Bible Study we met Herod the Great, the “beast of the Christmas story” and this week we will meet the men that sent him into a tizzy, the Magi. Our study of Matthew continues with a look at the speculation of who these mysterious “Visitors from the East” were and how they knew about the promised Messiah. Please join us after Sunday worship for the next segment of “Stuff They Didn’t Teach Me in Sunday School” or join us via live-stream.

**MOB Invited to “Wedding of Samson”**

How could a man whose birth was announced by the Angel of the Lord make the poor life choice of marrying an enemy of God’s people? This Wednesday morning the Men of Brandon Bible study will explore the strange story of the failed marriage of Samson and how God began to work mightily through him anyway. This will let us discuss how God does his work among us sometimes despite us, and the topic of marriage outside the faith. Men, be stronger than Samson by joining us and being mighty in God’s Word.

**Altar Guild**

BRLC is looking for additional volunteers for our Altar Guild. If you can serve please call or text Beth Uken at 351-2930. We would like to add at least 8 new members to the existing team so that we can have 2

members assigned each month. Basic duties include setting up and taking down the communion service, changing banners, refilling the oil candles, and laundering altar/communion linen as needed (training provided).

**Welcome, New Member Eli Gary!**

During our Sunday morning worship service Eli Gary will be received into communicant membership by profession of faith. Eli has an engineering degree from the University of MN and is a big Vikings and Gopher fan. He owns GEM-L with his father, a manufacturing business that finishes ag trailers. Eli has been worshipping faithfully at Blessed Redeemer with his wife Alyssa and his daughter Everly and we are happy to have him as a part of our church family. Welcome, Eli!

**Please Take an Ornament Home!**

We have beautiful Christmas ornaments who are looking for a good home and who want to be a part of your Christmas tree. Just pluck one of these free ornaments off the tree as a reminder of the true meaning of Christmas and the blessing of being part of the BRLC family. Our thanks to all who helped make these lovely decorations, including the Stimpsons, Jessica Walton, Mindy and Emmet Hansen, and the FAST group for assembling them.

### 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 **\$8.50** and you may give the poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one. Please make checks out to **BRLC LWML** and place in large mite box in LWML corner.

### Sign Up for Christmas Eve Candlelight Today

Despite Covid, the joy of Christmas goes on, even if we have to take special measures to avoid sharing this unwanted visitor. To make worshippers more comfortable, and so we can still experience the joy and wonder of a candlelight service, we have added a 4pm service in addition to our regular 6:30 Christmas Eve service. Please sign up today on the list outside the church office or call Cathi, our new Administrative Assistant, and she will sign you up so we know how many to expect for each service.

### Midweek Advent Theme is "Promised Presence"

Our Midweek Advent worship continues this week as we look at the second of the three "Promises, Promises, Promises", the promise of God to be with us always, a very important promise in a challenging year. Both in person and live-streamed worship begins at 6 pm, but if you like you may come or tune in a few minutes earlier, and we will begin worship with our traditional hymn-sig of favorite Christmas carols.

### SCRIP Information

Anyone looking for some SCRIP gift cards? We have some extras we would love to sell. Prices and quantity available are as follows: Ace (1 @ \$25), Arby's (4@\$10 each), BP Gas (1 @ \$50), Cenex (2 @\$25 each, 6 @ \$100 each), Papa Murphy's (4 @\$10 each), Snclair (2 @ \$25), and Walmart (2@ \$25 each). Get yours while you can.

### 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.

### 2020 Angel Tree

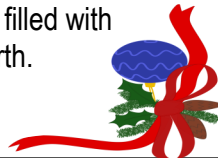
This year we would like to help The Banquet serve the guests with their "**Show Our Guests With Care**" for their 2020 Christmas Project. The Banquet has made it so simple to help! They are teaming up with Lewis Drug stores and have put together packets with soap, shampoo, a toothbrush and toilet paper for \$9.99. Personal hygiene items like these go a long way toward helping people feel good about themselves. For families living paycheck to paycheck, these are necessities that they sometimes do without. How can you help? Go to any Lewis Drug and purchase a personal hygiene kit for \$9.99. You can leave the packet right there in the collection bin at Lewis or bring it to church and we will deliver the packets to The Banquet. In addition to these packets they are also accepting family-size laundry detergent and softener, dishwashing liquid and 4-packs of toilet paper. These items will be handed out to families along with the hygiene packets. These can be bought anywhere and just bring them to church and we will deliver. If you would like to give a cash donation, you are welcome to do that as well. Please have the donations to the church by December 9th. Should you have any questions, please contact Lisa Erck (605) 201-3605. Thank you for participating in Project: "Shower Our Guests With Care".

### LWML Christmas Party

Join us Sunday, Dec 6th from 630-8 at the church or join via zoom. If joining in person please bring a snack and a gift for The Banquet.

### Preschool Corner: Christmas Joy

What a joyous celebration we enjoyed as the preschoolers shared "Happy Birthday Jesus!". We thank God for the families who were able to attend. If you would like to enjoy the program, please go to our Facebook page and be ready to be filled with joy, as we celebrate our Savior's birth.



# Opportunities for Prayer and Service

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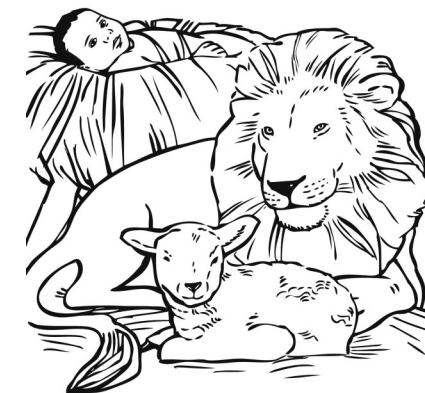
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## December 6th, 2020

HE shall be  
the one of  
**PEACE.**

Micah 5:5, NRSV



## Second Sunday in Advent

### *The Lord Comes on the Last Day*

The day on which our Lord returns will be a "great and awesome day" (Mal. 4:5). For He will come in a cloud with great power and glory. To the wicked and the proud, it will be a Day of judgment that will "set them ablaze" (Mal. 4:1). The signs preceding this Day will bring them fear and fainting. But to those who believe, who fear the name of the Lord, this Day is one to look forward to and rejoice in: ". . . straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near" (Luke 21:28). Christ our Redeemer is coming; the Sun of Righteousness will bring healing in His wings. Let us, then, give attention to the words of the Lord, which do not pass away. Let us "through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures" (Rom. 15:4) be strengthened in our hope by the Holy Spirit and watch diligently for Jesus' coming. Then, by God's grace, we shall escape all these things that will come to pass and stand before the Son of Man.

**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.*