

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AT BLESSED REDEEMER

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec 11</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Worship w/ Communion</b>
		<b>1-4 pm</b>	<b>Children's Christmas Prog. Practice</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec 12</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Worship w/ Communion</b>
		<b>10:15am</b>	<b>Sunday School   Adult Bible Study</b>
		<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Ladies of BRLC Gathering at El Tapatio</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec 13</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Breakfast Bible Study</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec 14</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Council Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec 15</b>	<b>6:30am</b>	<b>Men of Brandon (MOB)</b>
		<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Advent Meal– Pizza Ranch Pizza</b>
		<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Advent Service</b>
		<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Midweek</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec 18</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	<b>Worship w/ Communion</b>
		<b>1-4 pm</b>	<b>Christmas Prog. Practice– Dress Rehearsal</b>
		<b>6:45pm</b>	<b>White Elephant / Local restaurant</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec 19</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Worship w/ Communion</b>
		<b>10:15am</b>	<b>Sunday School   Adult Bible Study</b>
		<b>3:00pm</b>	<b>Caroling at Bethany Meadows</b>

### OUR RESPONSE LAST WEEK:

**General Offering for Week of 12/5/2021:** \$4,584.60

**Church Attendance for Week of 12/5/2021:** 112

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

*General Fund Checking Balance as of **October:*** \$83,190.01

### ALTAR GUILD

**December**– Volunteers Needed

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

Please speak with the Altar Guild.

### 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:** Vern Pinz, Stephanie Podhradsky, Lydia Melius, Kory Stueven

**Celebrating Anniversaries this week:** Joe and Julie Johnson

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



### **“Shepherd” Candle Lit This Week**

As we light the third Advent candle, we remember the shepherds who were the first honored guests that worshipped Jesus in the stable, and pray we are inspired by their enthusiasm to share the good news. Our thanks to the Reifenberger family for helping at the Saturday evening service and the Melius family for reading and lighting the candles on Sunday.

### **Adult Bible Study Meets**

#### **“God’s Reclamation Project”**

God can use the most unlikely people to spread the Gospel, as we will learn in this week’s Adult Bible Study class when we study Acts 9 and the conversion of Saul/Paul. The conversion of Paul gives great encouragement to every Christian on so many levels, so join us after Sunday worship to explore why God chose a fanatic to be His premier missionary.

### **MOB Learns to “Sing Like a Man”**

Men, what is your favorite hymn? And which ones do you wish you could memorize? These will be our discussion questions when we meet on Wednesday and continue our study of “Man

Up!” Your fellow men can benefit from your discussion, so please join us!

### **Breakfast Bible Study Explores Advent/Lent Connection**

What does Advent have to do with Lent? That’s the topic the Breakfast Bible Study group will explore when we meet at 9am on Monday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> for our brunch and Bible study. There is a close connection between the loneliness many feel at Christmas and the last words of Christ on the cross, and the goal of this study is to help overcome those Christmas blues!

### **Ornaments**

The Board of Youth and FAST have made ornaments to adorn your Christmas tree. Members are invited to take an ornament home to be reminded of the love we share during the holiday season and throughout the year. Thank you to Mindy Hanson for helping the FAST group making these for us.

### **Ladies of BRLC Gathering**

Join us for an evening out with the ladies of Blessed Redeemer. Let’s enjoy fellowship and good food tonight (Sun. Dec 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm) as

we take time to celebrate this Advent Season. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

### Here's our final Advent meal and worship service this year!

\*Dec. 15th Group 5: Pizza Ranch Pizza, dessert  
Worship and Children's Sermon Theme:  
"Face to Face with Jesus"

### 5th/6th Grade Confirmation Christmas Lunch, games, and gift exchange

**When:** Today, Sunday, Dec 19, noon-2:00 p.m.

**Where:** BRLC gymnasium

Pizza and soda will be provided. Please bring a \$10 gift card to exchange. Please RSVP to 605-951-6610 if you are able to attend.

### Angel Tree

This year our Angel Tree items will be collected for The Banquet in Sioux Falls as well as the Children's Inn. The Banquet is teaming up with Lewis Drug Sharing Christmas Packs (Sioux Falls locations only) for \$9.99. You will also find scrolls decorating the trees with a list of Holiday needs for the Children's Inn. Let's be a blessing to those in need.

### Ask the Pastor Box

Is there a question you have always wondered about the Bible? Here is your chance to ask. There is a green box in the Narthex available for your questions. Where there are enough to address, Pastor will gather the questions and answer them during adult Bible Study.

### Caroling

Join us at Bethany Meadows on Dec. 19th at 3pm. Bethany Meadows will do a quick screen of everyone as part of their COVID precautions. We

will sing for about 20 mins. Come help bring the joy of Christmas to the Bethany Meadows residents.

### 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.

### The Banquet

Please sign up to help serve at The Banquet on Dec 21st. There are two available time slots 2-5pm and 5-8pm. It's the perfect time of year to show God's love through acts of service. Sign up on the bulletin board today!

### Preschool Corner

A HUGE THANKS to all who helped set up the stage (Gary Klatt, Austin Eigenberg, Matt & Kasi Grussing, Rick Melius, Malli Ternus). A shout out to Pastor Deardoff for leading our program, Gary Klatt for running the sound system, and to Katie Melius for serving cookies, handing out programs, and everything else. This year's program, Happy Birthday Jesus, was a success! Thank you for all that you do for BRLP!

### White Elephant

It's that time of year when the BRLC Adult group gathers for some merriment and gift exchange. The date was rescheduled for Dec 18th at Tailgators or a local restaurant after services. Please sign up on the bulletin board. This fun filled evening is open to all adults of BRLC.

# Opportunities for Prayer and Service

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## Third Sunday in Advent

### *The Coming of Jesus Enables Us to Rejoice*

The Third Sunday in Advent has traditionally been called by the Latin word *Gaudete*, meaning "Rejoice!" For as you are called to repentance, so also are you urged to rejoice in the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. By His own cross, He has accomplished salvation for you; "*he has cleared away your enemies,*" "*taken away the judgments against you*" and come to reign in your midst. Indeed, He rejoices over you with gladness and song (Zeph. 3:15-17)! Therefore, even from prison St. Paul encourages us to "*rejoice in the Lord always,*" knowing that the peace of God will guard and keep us in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:4, 7). We find an example and encouragement in the case of John the Baptist. As he languishes in prison, he calls upon Jesus and is strengthened by the Word of the Gospel that he receives. The same good news is preached to you, by which all things are made new and even "*the dead are raised up*" (Luke 7:22). Do not be offended by the cross, therefore, but let your life be one of prayer and thanksgiving (Luke 7:23; Phil. 4:6).

**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.*