

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AT BLESSED REDEEMER

Saturday Dec. 12- 5:30pm Worship
Sunday Dec. 13- 9:00am Worship w/Communion
 10:15am Adult Bible Study
Wed. Dec. 16- 6:30am Men of Brandon (MOB)
 6pm Advent Service
 7pm Midweek Classes
Saturday Dec 19- 5:30pm Worship
Sunday Dec 20- 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: \$7,765.01

Church Attendance for Week of 12/6: 57

Weekly General Offering Needs: \$5341.00

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

ALTAR GUILD

December 13th: Karen Stimpson

December 19th: Trish Hall

December 20th: Beth Uken

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



In Our Prayers



Celebrating Birthdays this week: Stephanie Podhradsky, Lydia Melius, Kory Stueven, Asher Brevik, Bryn Kruse, Elizabeth Valdez

Celebrating Anniversaries this week: Joseph and Julie Johnson

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

Those with Covid: Keith Aanenson (friend of the Klatts), Tim Deardoff (brother of Pastor Deardoff), Teacher-Cody Linnweber

Adult Bible Study "Gets it Right"

One of the hardest parts of the Bible to read is the part about Israel's forty years in the desert. We grimace when we read how they failed test after test. That's why Sunday morning's Adult Bible Study will be refreshing, when we read in Matthew about how Jesus "gets it right" when he is tempted. We will also discuss the resources God's word gives us to resist the devil when tempted, so please join us as we learn more "Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School."

MOB Learns of Samson's Vengeance

Our study of the willful and strange Judge of Israel, Samson, continues as we study the many amazing acts of vengeance he wreaked on the Philistines as recorded in Judges 15. This study will also let us discuss why we believe these stories and other Bible accounts that would otherwise be beyond belief. Men, please join us this Wednesday morning for a study about what it means to really be "strong in the Lord."

FAST Christmas Party

BRLC HS students, please join us this evening at the Ternus home (26640 487th Valley Springs) for our annual Christmas party! Please bring a \$10 gift and snack to share. We will enjoy games, food, fellowship and be ready to spread that Christmas joy!

Welcome New Members!

During our Sunday morning worship service we will be receiving new members Kaci Grussing and the family of Joe and Julie Johnson.

Kaci is the wife of member Matt Grussing, and she earned a Physician's Assistant degree from USD.

Her main hobby is caring for her horses.

Joe and Julie have three children, Preston, Peyton, and Paisley. Joe works for the SD Air National Guard, and Julie is a data analyst for the VA Hospital. Joe enjoys hunting, fishing, archery and bowling, and Julie was a scholarship softball player at USD and enjoys fishing and golfing.

We thank God for these new members and the blessing they are to our church family!

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).

HELP WANTED



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 Return"

Last Wednesday we learned how the greatest Christmas present we receive is the presence of Jesus, and for our final midweek Advent we will learn about the Christmas present yet to come, the return of Jesus in glory. Round out your Advent worship by coming not only for the message, but for our hymn sing before the service so we can maximize the joy of the season!

Preschool Corner-A Christmas Jingle

(Sing to Jingle Bells)

Christmas time, Christmas time;
Remember Christ is born.

Ornaments, singing songs, And Christmas tree adorn.
Christmas Carols, giving gifts, stringing popcorn,
Preschool children are ready for this Christmas morn!

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.

LWML Christmas Party

Thank you to those who were able to join us for the annual LWML/BRLC Women of the church Christmas party. We thank God for our time of fellowship and delicious food. A good time was had by all!

BRAG White Elephant Dec 19th

What is hard to predict, is different every year, and always brings laughs or words of congratulations? It's the annual White Elephant gift exchange! This year's party will be in the Blessed Redeemer fellowship hall on Saturday, December 19th and will begin at 6:30pm. Participants are asked to please bring a snack to share. The real fun begins as we open our white elephant gifts and congratulate each other on our "treasurers" or steal them if we like them. What is a white elephant? It is only limited by your imagination. But the tackier, the more glitz and glitter the better!

Sioux Falls Lutheran School

Christmas Cookie Pick Up takes place between **12:00-2:00 p.m.** on Sunday, **Dec. 20**, at Sioux Falls Lutheran School. *Cookies will be packaged while wearing masks and gloves.



Opportunities for Prayer and Service

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December 13th,**



**"COMFORT,
O COMFORT
MY PEOPLE,"
SAYS YOUR GOD.
ISAIAH 40:1, NASB**

Third Sunday in Advent

John the Baptizer Prepares the Way for the Lord

The voice of the Baptizer cried out in the wilderness: "*Prepare the way of the Lord . . .*" (Isa. 40:1). John called the people to be made ready for the Messiah's coming through repentance, for "*all flesh is grass*" (Isa. 40:6). Now He asks from prison, "*Are you the one who is to come . . .?*" (Matt. 11:2). Jesus' works bear witness that He is. The sick are made well; the dead are raised, and the poor have the Gospel preached to them. Their iniquity is pardoned; they have received from the Lord's hand double forgiveness for all their sins. The "*stewards of the mysteries of God*" (1 Cor. 4:1) still deliver Christ's overflowing forgiveness to the poor in spirit, comforting God's people with the word of the Gospel which stands forever. This Gospel produces rejoicing among all those who believe.

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.