

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AT BLESSED REDEEMER

Saturday	Dec 18	5:30pm	Worship w/ Communion
Sunday	Dec 19	9:00am	Worship w/ Communion
		10:15am	Sunday School Adult Bible Study
		12-2pm	5th/6th grade Christmas at BRLC
		3:00pm	Caroling at Bethany Meadows
		4:20 pm	7th/8th grade Christmas at West Mall 7
Tuesday	Dec 21	2-8pm	Serve at The Banquet
Wednesday	Dec 22	6:30am	Men of Brandon (MOB)
Friday	Dec 24	5:30pm	Christmas Eve Worship
Saturday	Dec 25	9:00am	Christmas Day Worship
Sunday	Dec 26	9:00am	Worship w/ Communion

OUR RESPONSE LAST WEEK:

General Offering for Week of 12/12/2021: \$4,507.11

Church Attendance for Week of 12/12/2021: 102

Weekly General Offering Needs: \$5,341.00

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

ALTAR GUILD

December– Volunteers Needed

January– Renee Fick

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 Alberts, Jessica Esterberg, Matt Eigenberg, Sarah Callies, Jarod Ruud,
Kyleigh Sorensen, Noah Holm, Joe Johnson, Jake Haan and
Joshua Martin (Son of Nan Martin).

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: Asher Brevik, Bryn Kruse, Elizabeth Valdez, Lindsey Holmes, Rick Nelson, Korinne Reiffenberger, Marie Rogers, Lyle Hall, Sharon Heldenbrand, Niki Christoffer, Peyton Johnson, Katie Melius

Celebrating Anniversaries this week: Vern & Norma Pinz, and Linda Pinz-Valdez & Martin Valdez

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



Christmas Eve Service

We will have our traditional Candlelight service at 5:30pm this year. Please note this is earlier than previous years to help accommodate families and their gatherings. We hope everyone participate in our traditional Candlelight Service.

Adult Bible Study Tackles

“Time for a Change” and “Ask The Pastor”
Yes, there will be Adult Bible Study after the children’s program on Sunday, and we will cover both the next episode of “Stuff They Didn’t Teach Me in Sunday School” and the first batch of “Ask the Pastor” questions. We will meet in the sanctuary as soon as possible after the children’s program, and learn about the seismic change the early church had to undergo to start welcoming the Gentiles when we view, “Time for a Change.” We also have a small batch of good questions that have been submitted to the “Ask the Pastor” box so please join us for the fun of addressing these questions also!

MOB Learns how to “Love/Give Like a Man

There are many types and levels of love, both in the Greek words used to describe love in the Bible, and in our daily experiences. This week’s Men of Brandon Bible Study on Wednesday, Dec. 22nd will explore them all, as well as discussing the many sacrifices men are regularly called on to make. Men, please note that we will take our annual one week Christmas break and will not meet the week after Christmas on December 29th. We will resume our study of “Man Up!” on January 5th, when we learn how to “Fight Like a Man.”

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 today, 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.

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

To the tune, "Do You Hear What I Hear?"
Said the preschool child to the Mighty King,
Do you know what I know?
Celebrating Jesus everywhere
Do you like what we do?
A song, a book, a craft for mom and dad
Let us share His birth everywhere
Let us share His birth everywhere

Preschool Registration

Mark your calendars! We will be having registration for the 2022-2023 Blessed Redeemer Pre-school's school year on February 6th. Watch for more information in the upcoming announcements!

Calling all High School & Adults:

We need a sub list for streaming/sound in case the Youth are ill or unable to attend. We are holding a training session on January 12, 2022 at 6:15. Please RSVP to the BRLC office at 605-582-2396 or Mindy Hansen at 605-351-

6401. Thank you so much for your willingness to help out and back up our 8th graders that have been doing a fantastic job!

Calling all 7-8th graders!

This year's Christmas party will be at West mall 7 theaters. Lindsey and Justin Holmes will host the party today 12/19 at 4:20pm and the movie will be Ghost Busters. Tickets, small popcorn, and pop will be purchased by the church. Please bring money if you want candy for it as well. We will have a sign up sheet on the hallway so we can get a head count for the party.

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.

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.

Sioux Falls Lutheran School

Christmas Cookie pick up:

Today, Sunday, Dec. 19, from 2:00-4:00 pm at SFLS (6715 S Boe Lane). Thank you for supporting the SFLS Booster Club and celebrating the Christmas season with us!

Opportunities for Prayer and Service

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Fourth Sunday in Advent

The Lord Comes to Visit Us in Peace

The Fourth Sunday in Advent turns our attention toward the nativity of our Lord. With Mary, we await the coming of the Christ, her Son, conceived in her womb by the Spirit of God. As the Lord dealt graciously with her and did great things for her (Luke 1:48–49), so also He manifests Himself and His glory to us in mercy and gentleness. He comes to rule His people in peace, to “*shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD.*” He comes forth not from the great capital city of Rome or Jerusalem, but from lowly little Bethlehem (Micah 5:2, 4). He comes to sacrifice Himself, in fulfillment of His Father’s will, for the salvation and sanctification of His people (Heb. 10:10). He who once visited Elizabeth while hidden in the womb of Mary (Luke 1:39–45) now comes to visit us today, hidden in the lowliness of simple water, bread and wine.

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.