

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AT BLESSED REDEEMER

Sunday	Dec 26	9:00am	Worship w/ Communion
Saturday	Jan 1	5:30pm	Worship w/ Communion
Sunday	Jan 2	9:00am	Worship w/ Communion
		10:15am	Sunday School Adult Bible Study

OUR RESPONSE LAST WEEK:

General Offering for Week of 12/19/2021: \$8,645.60

Church Attendance for Week of 12/19/2021: 110

Weekly General Offering Needs: \$5,341.00

General Fund Checking Balance as of **November:** \$85,690.71

ALTAR GUILD

December– Volunteers Needed

January– Renee Fick and Karla Podhradsky

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!

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).

In Our Prayers

Celebrating Birthdays this week: Trish Hall, Andrew Sorensen, Blake Bone, Michael Uken

Celebrating Anniversaries this week: Robert & Leah May

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



Adult Bible Study Resumes Next Week

There will be no Adult Bible Study following the Sunday morning worship service, but next Sunday, January 2nd, we will resume our “Ask the Pastor” session that proved to be popular. The questions to be covered include, “Why are there so many different Bibles?” “Cremation vs. burial?” and “What does the Bible say about worship style?” Thanks to those who have submitted the interesting questions we have received so far, which have sparked lively discussion.

MOB Continues Jan. 5th

This week the Men of Brandon Bible study group will take our usual one week break during Christmas vacation and we will resume meeting on January 5th. Pastor Klatt will lead this study while Pastor Deardoff is in KY serving with the SD District disaster relief team cleaning up after the recent tornadoes. We will learn how to “Fight Like a Man” so join us in the new year as we complete our study of “Man Up!”

High School Bible Study Schedule

We'll take a 2-week hiatus (Dec. 26 and Jan. 2), then we'll start up again Jan. 9 at 10:15 in the couch room. We'll continue with our series looking at the differences between our Lutheran teachings and those of other Christian denominations, and why it matters. Don't worry if you've missed the first few studies – jump in and join us for a cup of cocoa and fun!

Thank You, Advent and Christmas Helpers!

So many people in our congregation help out around the church during this busy season that we want to give them our thanks and gratitude for blessing us with their time and talents. We want to thank those members who helped with the Advent meals or in any other way with decorations, lighting of the candles, special music, cleaning, etc. We thank Lisa Erck for organizing our Angel Tree again this year. We want to thank all those who sacrificed their time by delivering backpacks for the Feeding South Dakota Program. Special thanks to Sarah Peterson for organizing the Children's Program, and all who helped with it. Thanks to Molly Leopold and

Stefanie Schmidt for hosting the 5th and 6th grade Midweek class party and to Justin and Lindsey Holmes for organizing the 7th and 8th grade Midweek class party. May God's blessings be with you now and throughout the New Year!

Take Home Your Poinsettia Today!

Our thanks to everyone who donated a poinsettia during the Christmas season to brighten our sanctuary. Your gift and the name of the person whose memory it honored was noted in an insert during our Christmas Eve Candlelight service. You are invited to take your poinsettia home today so it may continue to remind you of your loved one and how they were and are a blessing from God.

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!

Adult Information Class to Begin in January

Are you new to the Lutheran faith, or interested in learning what we teach? Pastor Deardoff will be starting a new Adult Information Class in January using the popular study guide titled, "I Have Good News for You!" This nine-week course covers the basics of the Christian faith, such as the six chief parts of the catechism, and more, including questions about how to have an active devotional life and end of life questions. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Deardoff and he will give you a study guide and information about when the class will begin.

Installation of New Officers Coming Sunday, Jan. 16th

On Sunday Jan. 16th we will be installing those newly elected to offices in the church and those appointed to board positions during the regular Sunday morning service. Please note that this is a time change from the previously planned date of Jan. 9th, due to Pastor Deardoff returning on the 9th from his service on the LCMS LERT Team for Disaster Response in Kentucky.

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.

Opportunities for Prayer and Service

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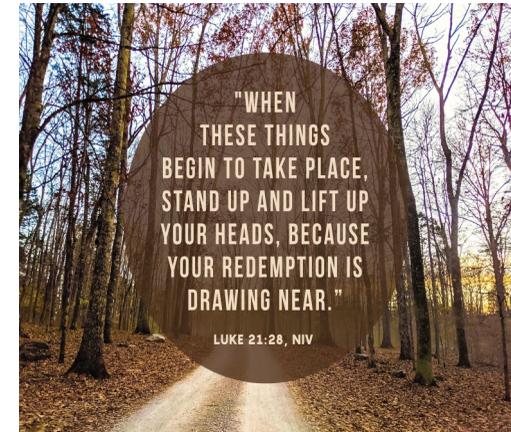
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December 26th, 2021



First Sunday after Christmas

The Firstborn Son of God Is Our Redemption from Sin and Death

When the Lord destroyed the firstborn sons of Egypt, He spared the sons of Israel by providing a lamb in their stead. Hence, all the firstborn sons belong to Him. Every firstborn male animal was sacrificed, and every firstborn son of man was redeemed (Ex. 13:12–13). Therefore, the parents of Jesus “*brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord*” (Luke 2:22). However, He is not redeemed from priestly service but is consecrated for “*the redemption of Jerusalem*” and “*the consolation of Israel*” (Luke 2:25, 38). For God the Father did not spare His only begotten Son, but offered Him up as the true Passover Lamb, in order to redeem His people from bondage. His cross has caused many to stumble and fall, but His blood atoned for the sins of the world and delivers us from death. We now depart in the peace of Christ because we are also raised with Him. As we receive His body and blood, we join Simeon and Anna in “*giving thanks to God the Father through him,*” “*singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,*” including the Nunc Dimittis, with thankfulness in our hearts (Luke 2:28–32, 38; Col. 3:15–17).

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.

