

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AT BLESSED REDEEMER

Saturday	Dec 4	5:30pm	Worship
		6:45pm	BRAG- White Elephant Christmas Potluck
Sunday	Dec 5	9:00am	Worship w/ Communion
		10:15am	Sunday School   Adult Bible Study
		1-4 pm	Children's Christmas Prog. Practice
		3:30-5:30pm	Sr BRY Christmas @ Ternus home
Wednesday	Dec 8	7:00pm	DOK
		5th-7th	SD District LCMS Convention
		6:30am	Men of Brandon (MOB)
		5:00pm	Advent Meal- Lasagna
		6:00pm	Advent Service
Saturday	Dec 11	7:00pm	Midweek
		5:30pm	Worship w/ Communion
Sunday	Dec 12	1-4 pm	Children's Christmas Prog. Practice
		9:00am	Worship w/ Communion
		10:15am	Sunday School   Adult Bible Study
		6:30pm	Ladies of BRLC Gathering at El Tapatio

### OUR RESPONSE LAST WEEK:

**General Offering for Week of 11/28/2021:** \$6,770.20

**Church Attendance for Week of 11/28/2021:** 87

*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.

## **In Our Prayers**

**Celebrating Birthdays this week:** Hudson Hanten, Norma Miller, Caleb Stueven, Rebecca Thorson, Evelyn Berg

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



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

The second Advent candle to be lit during our worship services this week is the candle that reminds us that the Messiah was prophesied to be born in “Royal David’s City,” Bethlehem. Our thanks to Austin and Caitlyn Eigenberg for reading and lighting the candle at the Saturday evening service, and to Larry and Myrna Bone for assisting at the Sunday morning service.

### **Adult Bible Study Goes “To Samaria and the Ends of the Earth”**

What happened in the book of Acts can only be described as an “evangelism explosion.” This week’s Adult Bible Study will look at Acts chapter 8, and the unlikely first mission work of the Christian church. We will also learn the origin of the word “Simony”, the practice of selling church offices, as well as the story of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch with its strange connection to the story of the Queen of Sheba visiting Solomon. Increase your Biblical literacy and take in some interesting Bible stories when we meet after Sunday worship for more “Stuff They Didn’t Teach Me in Sunday School.”

### **MOB Asks, “What does a Man Do?”**

What does a man do? The answer is found in the words, “Ora, ama, da, and certa.” This week we learn the meaning of the first word, ora, or how to “pray like a man.” A real Christian man does his best fighting on his knees, praying for his family. We will also discuss the different types of prayers that make up “masculine prayers.” Men, join in the conversation as we continue our Bible study and reading how to “Man Up!”

### **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 (Sun. Dec 16th @ 6:30pm) as we take time to celebrate this Advent Season. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

### Advent Is Here...

Blessed Redeemer has different Groups assigned to serve each week during the Lent & Advent season consisting of our BRLC families. Each Group will serve the food for that date. Check out the Bulletin Board - all groups and families are listed. Can't find your family name? Contact Cathi Grape. Please remember that meals begin at 5pm. Everyone is welcome!!

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

\*Dec. 8th Group 4: Lasagna, hotdogs, dessert  
Worship and Children's Sermon Theme:

"Why did the Shepherds Quake?"

\*Dec. 19th Group 5: Pizza Ranch, dessert drink  
Worship and Children's Sermon Theme:

"Face to Face with Jesus"

#### Advent Devotional

Advent Devotionals are available at the back table, provided by Lutheran Hour Ministries.; Please take one for this Advent Season.

#### Preschool Corner—(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!

#### SR BRY Christmas Party Today

The SR BRY Christmas Party will be hosted at the Ternus home TODAY, Sunday, Dec. 5th from 3:30-5:30pm. Please bring a treat to share and your \$10 white elephant gift,. Please sign up on

the sheet in the hallway or text Mindy.

#### High School Bible Study starts today!

Come join your friends for a cup of cocoa and Biblical discussions you can relate to. We start meeting today, 10:15-11:15 in the upstairs couch room. See you there!

#### 5th/6th Grade Confirmation Christmas

Lunch, games, and gift exchange

**When:** Sunday, Dec 19 from 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.

#### 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.

# Opportunities for Prayer and Service

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## December 5th, 2021



MALACHI 3:3

## Second Sunday in Advent

### *The Preaching of Repentance Prepares Us for the Coming of the Lord*

The preaching and Baptism “*of repentance for the forgiveness of sins*” (Luke 3:3) prepare us for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. The historic work of John the Baptist was completed with the first advent of our Lord Jesus in the flesh, but the ministry of the forerunner continues in the preaching of Law and Gospel and in Holy Baptism. Through His messengers, the Lord calls people of all nations to “*see the salvation of God*” (Luke 3:6). Our haughtiness is removed and our mountains of pride are brought low, but the Lord humbles us in order to exalt us in His mercy. As the Lord has begun this good work of repentance in us, so also does He perfect it by His Word and Holy Spirit, and He “*will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ*” (Phil. 1:6). He purifies us to be His priestly people, precious in His sight and abounding in faith and love, so that we offer our very lives in righteousness to the Lord (Mal. 3:3–4).

**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.*