

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AT BLESSED REDEEMER

Saturday	May 1	5:30pm	Worship w/ Communion
Sunday	May 2	9:00am	Worship w/ Communion
		10:15am	Adult Bible Study/Sunday School (Final SS)
		1:00pm	Loyalty Day Parade (Line up at 11am)
		7:00pm	DOK
	All Week		Senior Card Shower May 2nd-9th
Tues	May 4	7:00pm	Elders Meeting
Wed.	May 5	6:30am	Men of Brandon (MOB)
		6:30pm	Stage Set Up for Preschool Graduation
Thurs	May 6	6:00pm	BRPL Graduation (MTTH-AM, TTH-AM)
Friday	May 7	6:00 pm	BRPL Graduation (MWF-AM/PM, WF-AM)
Saturday	May 8	5:30pm	Worship
Sunday	May 9	9:00am	Worship w/ Communion
		10:15am	New Member Reception
		7:00pm	DOK
	All Week		Senior Card Shower May 2nd-9th

OUR RESPONSE LAST WEEK:

General Offering for Week of 4/25/2021: \$ 5,854.16

Church Attendance for Week of 4/25/2021: 105

Weekly General Offering Needs: \$5,341.00

*General Fund Checking Balance as of **March:*** \$79,733.24

ALTAR GUILD

May– 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!

In Our Prayers



Celebrating Birthdays this week: Mindy Hansen, Lonna Smith, Alyssa Gary, Tucker Small

Anniversaries this week: Bill & Lisa Erck, Cody & Kristen Reiffenberger, Jeff & Lisa Derksen

For those ill, hospitalized or recovering at home: Melanie Johnson (mother of Joe Johnson)

Graduation Open Houses

I would like to invite the congregation to a Graduation Open House. I will be graduating from Brandon Valley High School. The Open House will be May 8 from 3:00 - 5:00 at 317 Switch Grass Trail, Brandon. A big THANK YOU to the entire congregation for helping me grow in my Faith and for all the support I have been given the past 18 years. ~Emmet Hansen

Travis and Niki Christoffer invite you in honor of Jace Christoffer– to join them May 13th from 6-9 pm at 900 S Scarlet Oak Trail, Sioux Falls, SD

Dale and Sandy Kreutner invite you in honor of Julia Kreutner- Please join them May 15th from 9am-12pm at McHardy Park Shelter #1, Brandon, SD.

Senior Card Shower

In lieu of doing an in-person for the Senior, Jace Christoffer, Julia Kreutner, and Emmet Hansen, we will be doing a card shower for them the week of May2– May 9. Please feel free to drop them a card of encouragement on their future endeavors after graduation from Brandon Valley. They will have baskets set up in the Narthex for the entire week.

“KNOW Your Identity”

You are invited to the “Know Your Identity” workshop hosted by Trinity Hartford in Hartford, SD on June 27th at 3pm. This workshop is to equip the saints with the truth of Scripture presented by Pastor Nabil Nour. Plan on the workshop going until approximately 430pm. For any questions please reach out to Pastor Deardoff or Patsi at 605-941-5836. Additional registration information on bulletin board

New Member Reception

Please help us welcome new members who have transferred in from other congregations or completed adult information classes since Aug 2019. We will have a reception honoring them following the Sunday morning worship. Come meet the new members of our BRLC family.

Sound System Project

The Council is excited to announce that the Voter's have voted and approved to move forward with updating our Sound/Streaming/Video. We will be moving forward with Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the 3 Phases in the next few months. We will be adding new speakers, cameras and streaming options as well as video presentation through 2 flat screen TV's located at the front of the church. We are excited that we have the funds to get Phase 1 and Phase 2 started. We will also be starting a Capital Campaign with a goal of \$95,000.00 to raise money to cover all 3 Phases of the project, including replenishing our funds to continue to work on our Priorities List. Please prayerfully consider including an additional offering to our capital campaign so we can improve our worship experience for those attending service in person as well as those attending via live stream.

Oh Those Pesky Weeds

As usual, dandelions and other obnoxious non-blue grass plants are sprouting up in the BRLC lawn. The Trustees are wondering if any members have the necessary equipment and are interested in weed spraying and/or fertilizing the church lawn? We would be happy to provide whatever products are necessary for the job! Please contact Tom Jass 605-366-8031

Loyalty Day Parade

Thank you for your generous donations for this year's Loyalty Day Parade, today, Sunday May 2nd!! We have over 900 fruit snacks and BRLC frisbees to toss from our float!! Please join us as we ride in the parade or cheer us on as we pass you by.

BRLP: Graduation Time!

The stage is set, oh wait, it's not and we could use your help! With helpers on Wednesday, May 5th @ 6:30 - 7pm we will be setting up the stage for BRLP Graduations. Please join us this week as we celebrate spending this past school year at BRLP! We will be holding our annual graduation program on Thursday May 6th (MTTh AM, TTh AM) and Friday May 7th (MWF AM/PM, WF AM) at 6pm. Rather than our usual grill out, we will be simplifying with cookies and fellowship following. Mid week students, if you are in need of a service project these are great opportunities to help serve.

Would You like to Help with Fellowship time?

As members return to worship, it is important that we re-establish ties with them during fellowship times after the Sunday morning worship services. We are temporarily suspending ordering store-bought donuts and are calling for volunteers to bring refreshments. Do you have any favorite cookies, muffins, bars, or other breakfast treats that you would like to share? Please sign up for future weeks and your fellow church members will thank you for spicing up fellowship time!

MOB Considers "Churches for Girls"

Why are more and more men feeling uncomfortable and unwelcome in church? This week's Men of Brandon Bible study of "Man Up!" explores how men are being written out of the liturgy and even modern praise music. Please join us as we continue to explore our vocation as Godly men who lead the family in worship of our Savior.

Last Adult Bible Study is "On Being Sheep"

It's been a fun year, going through the New Testament together, but this is the last Sunday this spring for our "Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School" class. Please join us after Sunday worship for "On Being Sheep" and get a deeper insight into John chapter 10, the "Good Shepherd" chapter.

Rosebud Mission Trip 2021

We will be going to Parnellee, SD from June 13th-17th. During that time we will be helping with VBS, chopping firewood, fixing stuff, painting, and mostly, we will be surrounded by kids that LOVE when we show up!! College and High School students may participate in this year's trip. A non refundable \$50 deposit is due by **May 2nd**. If you would like to sponsor a youth the amount is \$290. For those Youth planning on attending Rosebud Mission Trip the Board of Youth has \$100 Scholarships available to help offset costs. Contact Cathi in the office for applications.

Camp Minneboji-Calling all 4th-9th graders: Registration is open for Minneboji 2021!

Minneboji is a summer camp program sponsored by South Dakota District LCMS, to encourage young people to grow in Lutheran faith and friendship. Going strong since 1949, Minneboji is held at Camp Okoboji in Milford, Ia. This year's camp will be June 20-26, exploring the theme "Washed!" which is a study of God saving his people in the book of Judges. Cost for 4th-8th graders is \$390. Cost for 9th graders (Honors) is \$420. You can find more information at www.minneboji.com or by emailing the camp at Minneboji@gmail.com. For those Youth planning on attending Camp Minneboji, **the Board of Youth has \$100 Scholarships available** to help offset costs. Contact Cathi in the office for applications.

Attendance Needed!

Thank you congregational members for signing our attendance books. We use these logs to report our attendance numbers to the district and national office during our year end reports. We appreciate your cooperation and please know how grateful we are for your participation!

Talent/No Talent Show Coming Soon

It's been a long wait, but it is finally coming to a church near you! Our famous "Talent/No Talent Show" is back at BRLC on Wednesday, May 26th, at 5:30, but we need your help to make it succeed. Be bold, take the talent plunge, and sign up today on the board by the church office. Proceeds will help your favorite youth group make it to the National Youth Gathering in Houston TX in 2022.

Opportunities for Prayer and Service

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May 2nd, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Jesus Promises to Send His Holy Spirit, the Helper

Though Jesus has departed from us visibly to the right hand of the Father who sent Him, yet this is our advantage. For Jesus—who is Lord over all creation, who intercedes for us before the Father, who is preparing a place for us in heaven—has sent the Helper, the Spirit of Truth (John 16:5–15). *“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights”* through Jesus Christ (James 1:17). The Holy Spirit helps us by taking what is Christ's and declaring it to us. In the Word of truth, the Spirit works repentance and delivers to us the forgiveness of sins, the righteousness of Christ, and victory over the devil. For the ruler of this world is judged and defeated by the cross. Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, we have been brought forth to new life in Him who is the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. Confident of our resurrection with Christ we confess, *“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid”* (Is. 12:2).

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.