

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AT BLESSED REDEEMER

Saturday June 26 5:30pm Worship
Sunday June 27 9:00am Worship w/ Communion
7:00pm DOK
Wed. June 30 6:30am Men of Brandon (MOB)
7:00pm Fire Pit and Yard Games
Saturday July 3 5:30pm Worship w/ Communion
Sunday July 4 9:00am Worship w/ Communion



OUR RESPONSE LAST WEEK:

General Offering for Week of 6/20/2021: \$7,230.66

Church Attendance for Week of 6/20/2021: 78

Weekly General Offering Needs: \$5,341.00

General Fund Checking Balance as of April: \$68,186.17

ALTAR GUILD

June– Sue Dykstra

July– Katie Melius

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 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 worship!

In Our Prayers



Celebrating Birthdays this week: Abraham Rath, David Berg, Julia Kreutner, Madison Kopp

Anniversaries this week: Allan & Trish Hall, Larry & Myrna Bone, Jay & Deb Dede, Dale & Sandy Kreutner

For those ill, hospitalized or recovering at home: Dorothy Warne, Doug Edwards, Ryan Schuttloffel (Nephew of Darla Schuttloffel), Michael and Naomi Ersland (Nephew of Pastor Deardoff), Dorothy Trolinder (mother of Chris McKeown)

Gift of New Life: Jackson Richard Alberts (son of Austin and Jackie Alberts)

Congratulations to the Alberts

We rejoice with Jackie and Austin Alberts, who were blessed with the gift of a son. Jackson Richard was born on Father's Day, June 20th, weighing 7lbs and 8 oz. measuring 20 inches long. We share their joy and wish God's blessings on Jackson and eagerly look forward with them to his upcoming baptism day.

"KNOW Your Identity" - TODAY

You are invited to the "Know Your Identity" workshop hosted by Trinity Hartford in Hartford, SD this afternoon 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 4:30pm. For any questions please reach out to Pastor Deardoff or Patsi at 605-941-5836. Additional registration information on bulletin board.

Confirmation Retreat Coming August 20-21

Good news! Camp Okoboji in Iowa is open once again, and our regular yearly confirmation retreat there is scheduled for Friday evening Aug. 20th through Sat. Aug. 21st. It will include all incoming 7th and 8th graders, and we hope to meet up again with Pastor Letsche and his confirmation class, our friends from First Lutheran in Kingsley IA. Please put this on your calendar now, and consider being a driver or



sponsor for this fun outing. This retreat is voluntary, but packed with exciting games, Bible study, and free time swimming in beautiful Lake Okoboji, so your student will want to be a part of it. There is no cost to the student other than a fast food meal on the way there and on the way back. Look for an information letter in early July, and please call the office and let us know if your student is able to participate.

Elders Announce New Covid Guidelines

As society slowly gets back to normal under new relaxed Covid guidelines, we thank God for the chance to regain our sense of community as a church. The BRLC Board of Elders voted at their June meeting to ease restrictions at worship services beginning Sunday, July 4th. This includes bringing back the use of the common cup for those who prefer it, adding the center rail for communion, allowing the sharing of the peace at the beginning of the service, returning to passing the offering plates and handing out bulletins at the beginning of the service. Members who are still more comfortable wearing masks are encouraged to do so, and if anyone is not comfortable with greeting others before the service they should remain seated and are asked to wave a cheery greeting rather than shake hands. We will continue to offer the Lord's Supper in the pew for those who prefer it, and ask that you please let the elders know before the service if this is your preference. Most importantly of all, we ask that

everyone continues to respect differences of opinion and treat each other with Christian love and charity as a church family.

NYG Parent/Youth Meeting Rescheduled

NYG Parent and Youth meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, July 7th at 6:30pm. If deposit has not been paid, please bring it that night. Fundraising ideas will be bounced around in hopes of increasing the youth's accounts for the Gathering. Anyone not committed, but interested in going, is still able to get signed up.

DOK: We're off and running!

Join us Sunday evenings at 7pm as we dig into "Twelve Women of the Bible: Life-changing Stories for Women Today". This week, our first lesson we will be digging into Eve and learning about all the firsts she experienced and applying it to contentment in our own lives. Join us as we focus on all the blessings we have, rather than being disillusioned with what we don't have.

MOB Meets "Jesus the Family Man"

Last week the Men of Brandon Bible study wrestled with the difficult concept of how Jesus was kind, but not always "nice" in the modern, inoffensive sense of the word. This Wednesday we will learn more about how Jesus acted in unexpected ways concerning his family and community and the reason he shocked people to teach them about the realities of the kingdom of heaven. Men, please join us for a faith expanding study!

Sign up and Mark your calendars for VBS July 18-22nd+

<https://vbsmate.com/events/5E074A91/20248>

VBS is just around the corner and we need your help! Volunteer to be a teacher, helper, etc by signing up today! Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. We are looking forward to a great return to VBS this summer! Confirmation students can also volunteer to help and get a jump on next year's service projects!



Take Your Family Altar Along on Vacation

It doesn't take much to pack a "family altar" on your vacation trip. Just grab a "Portals of Prayer" or if you have children, a copy of "My Devotions", and a Bible. You can enjoy truly worshipping God in the outdoors, as so many say they do but don't. You will also be teaching your children that it's important to remember and thank God for His blessings wherever you are!

Preschool Corner: Go and Tell

Mark 16:15 reminds us, "And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.'" As we have nearly reached 100% capacity for the 2021-22 school year, we pray that God will fill our preschool this upcoming year. So let's "Go Tell it on the Mountain that BRLP has just a few preschool openings and we are thankful God has placed His ministry here for us to preach His word!

Blood Drive— Service Project

Midweek students, do you need an easy service project? We need someone to post flyers at the businesses around town for our Blood Drive on July 29th. The flyers may be put up this week and are available in the church office.

Fire Pit and Yard Games this Wednesday

All BRY (HS/MS/IS) Join us this Wednesday, June 30th at 7 pm for Yard Games and S'mores provided by the Board of Youth!

Thanks for the "Luvs"!

Thanks for the "Luvs", the Pampers, and all the brands of diapers members of Blessed Redeemer brought, along with baby wipes and other supplies for our "Diaper Derby." With a grand total of 1,374 diapers donated to the Alpha Center, we finished in the top five congregations in our circuit! More importantly, your Christian love in action will give encouragement to women in crisis pregnancies who make a choice for life.



Opportunities for Prayer and Service

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Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Christ's Mercy Is Ours to Show Others

"Be merciful, even as your Father also is merciful" (Luke 6:36–42). The old Adam in us wants to condemn and seek vengeance. But the Lord says, *"Vengeance is Mine, I will repay"* (Rom. 12:14–21). To condemn, to avenge yourself, is to put yourself in the place of God. It is to fail to trust that He is just. Ultimately, it is to disbelieve that Jesus suffered the full vengeance for all wrongs. Only Christ is merciful as the Father is merciful. He is the one who overcame all evil with the good of His cross, forgiving even His executioners. Jesus is our Joseph, who comforts us with words of pardon and reconciliation (Gen. 50:15–21). He is the One who does not condemn but gives life that runs over. Only through faith in Christ are we sons of the Father—being merciful, forgiving, doing good to our enemies. For in Christ we know that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us (Rom. 8:8–13).

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.