

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AT BLESSED REDEEMER

Saturday	July 10	5:30pm	Worship
Sunday	July 11	9:00am	Worship w/ Communion
		7:00pm	DOK
Wednesday	July 15	6:30am	Men of Brandon (MOB)
Thursday	July 16	7:00pm	Canaries Game
Saturday	July 17	5:30pm	Worship w/ Communion
Sunday	July 18	9:00am	Worship w/ Communion
		7:00pm	DOK
Sunday-Thurs	July 18-22nd	5:00pm	VBS with meal start time



OUR RESPONSE LAST WEEK:

General Offering for Week of 6/27/2021: \$6524.00

Church Attendance for Week of 7/4/2021: 78

Weekly General Offering Needs: \$5,341.00

*General Fund Checking Balance as of **June**: \$67,343.39*

ALTAR GUILD

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 Esterberg, 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: Robert Dykstra, Doug Edwards, Maria Coughlin, Sharyn Klatt, Guinevere Olson, Linda Pinz-Valdez, Jeffrey Rath, Travis Christoffer, Benjamin Lorang.

Celebrating Anniversaries this week: Jeremy and Lisa Brevik, Dean and Lisa Fick, Kyle and Jennifer Pantekoeck.

For those ill, hospitalized or recovering at home: Dorothy Warne, Michael and Naomi Erslund ((Nephew of Pastor and Kris Deardoff), Dorothy Trolinder (mother of Chris McKeown)

Thank you Pastor Grams

Our thanks to Pastor Craig Grams for leading our worship this Saturday and Sunday while Pastor Deardoff is helping officiate at the Berg/Esterberg wedding in Minnesota. Pastor Grams will also assist with several services in August, and we appreciate his willingness to help. May God bless Pastor Gram's preaching of the Word and our reception of it!

Thank you Kevin Callies

After many years of service to Blessed Redeemer Lutheran Church, Kevin Callies has decided to step away from Church leadership for now. He currently holds the role of Church Treasurer. Over the many years, Kevin has served in many roles including Congregational Chairman, Congregational Vice-Chairman, Financial Secretary, Usher/lead, District Representative, Accountant, Treasurer, and has volunteered for various other committees involving finance, insurance and business office needs. Please be sure to thank Kevin for the many years of service.

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". Join us tonight as we begin diving 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 Learns Curious Side of Jesus

You would think that Jesus would have reserved his greatest compliments for the fishermen, the tax collectors, and others who left everything to follow Him, but He didn't. This week in our Men of Brandon Bible study of the book "Man Up!" we will continue to examine a curious side of the personality of Jesus, and learn why he called those nearest and dearest to him "little faiths." Looking at challenging Bible verses like these stories will help us to get the complete picture of Jesus so that as John 21: 31 says, "you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name."

Elders Announce New Covid Guidelines

Our first week of relaxing the Covid restrictions went well. All the members of Blessed Redeemer are to be commended for working together in Christian love, which defeats the work of the devil who would divide us. Please remember to respect those who continue to wear masks and/or prefer to wave a greeting before the service instead of sharing a handshake. The elders also request those who prefer communion in the pew to let them know prior to the start of the service. Thanks again for pulling together!

VBS HELPERS

It's time! With only **11 days** until the "Rainforest Explorers" arrive, we are needing more helpers. Please prayerfully consider how you can help serve our VBS ministry and BV community. A shout out to those who have already committed! We appreciate all of you!

Confirmation Retreat Coming August 20-21

Our regular yearly confirmation retreat at Camp Okoboji is scheduled for Friday evening Aug. 20th through Sat. Aug. 21st. It is open to all incoming 7th and 8th graders, and we will meet up again with Pastor Letsche and his confirmation class, our friends from First Lutheran in Kingsley IA. There is no cost to the student other than a fast food meal on the way there and on the way back. Parents please respond to the letter you were sent this last week as soon as possible.

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!

Preschool Corner: HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Sing to "Happy Birthday to you."

Happy 25th Birthday to us, Happy 25th Birthday to us, Happy 25th Birthday to Blessed Redeemer Lutheran Preschool, Happy 25th Birthday to us!

God has surely blessed us as we celebrate 25 years at BRLP. What a better way to celebrate than a birthday party. Join us Sunday, August 8th, 1-4 p.m. (Open House Style). We will enjoy cake, musician Phil Baker, balloon artist Mr. Twister, inflatables and more! Bring family, friends, former preschoolers, neighbors and help us enjoy and celebrate God's blessings here at BRLP!

Service Opportunity: Blood Drive

Do you have your July calendars handy? Be sure to mark the July 29th from 12-6 as a perfect time to come and give blood! BRLC is hosting this Red Cross event and are looking for a few assistants as well. If you are able to help out the RC staff, please let Cathi know. We will share with you the link to sign up for your personal time slot to donate blood as soon as we receive it. Let us know if you have any questions! Your donation is able to help cancer, trauma, sickle cell, burn and chronic illness patients. Thank you for your generous gift!

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.

Canaries Game | Friday, July 16th

You don't have to like baseball to come enjoy an evening out with your BRLC family especially when fireworks are involved. We are seeking out interest in attending a Canaries game on July 16th. Add your name to the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board next to the office if you are interested. Tickets will be \$10 and we have been promised lower level seating near 1st base. This is a family friendly event, beginning at 7:00pm. Fireworks after the game! We will meet at the ticket booth at 6:30pm. Free kids jerseys to the first 250 kids.

Sound System Installation

Lights, camera, action! You will notice the sound system installation has started. Watch for the upcoming tvs, microphones and quality livestreaming to update our services. Thanks again to the committee for their time and commitment, and to our congregational members for their donations! "I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30.

Opportunities for Prayer and Service

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Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Our Only Hope Is in Christ's Righteousness

"Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matt 5:20). God demands nothing less than perfection and holiness from you in regard to His commandments (Ex. 20:1-17). Your only hope, then, is not in your own goodness but in the goodness of Christ, who did not come to destroy the Law and the Prophets, but to fulfill them for you. In Christ, your righteousness does indeed exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees. For you have been baptized into Christ's death and your sinful nature crucified. Therefore, he who has died has been freed from sin (Rom. 6:1-11). You are now raised with Christ to walk in newness of life and to share in His resurrection on the Last Day. Christ has brought you through the baptismal sea *"out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery"* (Ex. 20:2). Therefore, *"consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus"* (Rom. 6:11).

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.