

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AT BLESSED REDEEMER

Saturday	July 3	5:30pm	Worship w/ Communion
Sunday	July 4	9:00am	Worship w/ Communion
Tuesday	July 6	7:00pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday	July 7	6:30am	Men of Brandon (MOB)
		6:30pm	NYG Parent/Youth Meeting
		7:00pm	VBS Kick Off Meeting
Saturday	July 10	5:30pm	Worship w/ Communion
Sunday	July 11	9:00am	Worship w/ Communion
		7:00pm	DOK



OUR RESPONSE LAST WEEK:

General Offering for Week of 6/27/2021: \$7,226.83

Church Attendance for Week of 6/27/2021: 82

Weekly General Offering Needs: \$5,341.00

General Fund Checking Balance as of May: \$70,686.76

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 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: Devin Coughlin, Cody Reiffenberger

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

Those mourning the loss of loved ones: The family of Ted Jorns (brother of Kris Deardoff), The family of Donna Whoolery (mother of Denise Gray)

Have a Happy and Safe 4th

Saint Paul wrote to the Galatians “it is for freedom Christ has set you free.” He goes on to explain how Christians should never abuse their freedom. As you celebrate the freedoms we have as Americans this 4th of July weekend, please remember to be a good Christian witness by celebrating safely and responsibly. Remember you are free to show consideration in love to your neighbors.



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 today. 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

NYG Parent and Youth meeting will be held this 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". Join us Sunday July 11th as we will be 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 Digs Deeper

All your life you've been taught to be nice to others but sometimes Jesus was blunt almost to the point of rudeness. Why did He do this? This week the Men of Brandon Bible study will dig deeper into stories explaining why Jesus was better than "nice" to the people He came to save.

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!

Preschool Corner:

Go and Tell there's just ONE left

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 ONE opening and we are thankful God has placed His ministry here for us to preach His word!

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

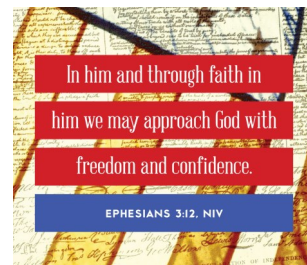
Midweek students, do you need an easy service project? We need someone to post flyers at the businesses around town for our Blood Drive on July 29th. The flyers may be put up this week and are available in the church office.

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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Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Jesus Makes Fishers of Men

The Lord called fishermen to be fishers of men (Luke 5:1–11). The net they would use is the message of the cross, which is foolishness and a stumbling block to the world (1 Cor. 1:18–25). The power of God to save is not in spectacular signs like wind and fire and earthquakes (1 Kings 19:11–21), nor is it to be found in human intelligence and wisdom. The power of God to save comes in the still, small voice of the preaching of Christ crucified. In worldly darkness the disciples could catch nothing. But in the light of Christ, whose Word was attached to the water, the boats were filled with fish. So it is that in Baptism you have been drawn in to the ship of the Church. Though the nets are breaking and some who hear the Word do not believe, pastors continue to cast the net of the Gospel and the Sacraments, that Christians may abide in the boat of the Church and that we may be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks a reason for the hope that is in us (1 Peter 3:8–15).

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.