

Brandon-Split Rock Lutheran
Newsletter
August 2019

Split Rock Lutheran Church

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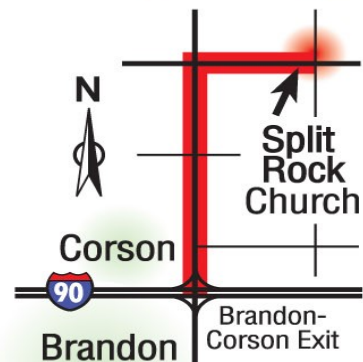
**Sunday, August 4th
4-7 pm**

Enjoy pork loin sandwiches,
baked beans, potato salad
and, of course, pie and
ICE CREAM!



Everyone Welcome!

at Split Rock Lutheran Church
(Located 2 mi. North & 1 mi. East of Corson)



Pastor's Post

I suspect that many of us are feeling the pressure of getting things in before the end of summer. Soon we will be back at the rigors of school for our children. Teachers and administrators are counting down the days until school busses are deployed. And our churches will kick-off children's ministry and Sunday School soon. It's just a little more than a month away.

In the meantime, I want to encourage you to be mindful about how you want to live this fall and the coming school year. What I'm suggesting is what many call "margin". Like the white space around the outside of a written page, the margins, we all need some space in our lives that isn't filled up with activity. In the church, it is what we call Sabbath. Time to let go of the business and activity of life and to rest our bodies and minds. It is a healthy thing to purposely plan for. It might mean sitting down with your loved ones and carving out some regular space that is free for unprogrammed existence. It is a time that might have a spiritual theme that helps you all think differently about the purpose of the time set apart: Thankfulness Time, Together Time, God Time. Make it what works for you.

I pray you have a great August and that you will be ready both for the activity that is coming and for the Sabbath time you will need.

And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. Genesis 2:2-3

Pastor Scott

Coffee & The Bible

Join us for coffee and a little bit of Bible talk on Wednesday mornings at 8:30 am. The regular Bible Study group is on vacation until September but a number of us are bored and want to meet and chat anyway.

Pastor Dennis

BLC Day Trip

The next BLC Day Trip will be **Friday, August 2nd**. We will be leaving at 9:45am.

We will first be going to Hartley, IA to view the Traveling Vietnam Memorial. Then we will do lunch and then to Sanborn, IA. There we will visit Yesterday's Memories and Vander Haag's Truck Museum. This museum has a lot of history besides trucks.

Admission to the museum is \$10.00. We will meet at 9:45 am in the upper parking lot at church to car pool.

Any questions, please call LaMont Kucker at 507-360-7824. This trip is for everyone, any age.

A sign up sheet is on the welcome center.



It's Almost Lefse Time!

Plan to join us for some or all of the days.

Monday, August 19th

Wednesday, August 21st

Saturday, August 24th

Tuesday, August 27th

Thursday, August 29th

We will have sign up sheets in the Narthex the first two Sundays of August. The men start peeling spuds at 7:30 am! It takes many hands to complete this project so join us for some lefse fun, potluck and fellowship.

Cash donations are always welcome.

Questions?? Contact Ron & Lynn Anderson at 582-3520 or Marian Horr at 332-7280.

Pillow Cleaning - August 20th (Tuesday) 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Brandon Lutheran WELCA will once again host the Kraft Pillow Service as they provide a pillow cleaning, same day service for our community. They can clean all types of bed pillows (feather, foam, down, fiber fill etc.) Your pillows will be completely renovated and receive new "ticking".

Share this information with your family and friends. We will also need several volunteers throughout the day to help with the process.



WELCA Fall Leadership Workshop for Crossroads Conference

The conference will be held on September 17 from 5:00 - 8:00 pm at Peace Lutheran Church. All officers of the Executive Board and any others interested in the latest updates from ChurchWide and Synodical WELCA are encouraged to attend. A light supper will be served from 5:00 - 6:00 with the meeting/workshop held from 6:00 - 8:00 PM.

Voices of Passion

Join us on Facebook by going to the group called "Voices of Passion" and add yourself as a member. Our Brandon Women of the ELCA like to stay in touch on Facebook this way—keep on top of all our activities and concerns by sharing within this closed group of our church women. If you are a member, feel free to make a post or share a relevant article that you think we would like to know about. See ya there!

WELCA AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 5: Executive Board Meeting—7:00 pm—Martin Luther Room

August 12: Freezer Ministry—1:00 pm—Upstairs Kitchen

August 15, 21:—Circles Meet

August 1, 8, 15: Quilting—9:00 am—Downstairs Fellowship Hall

August 6, 13, 30:—Tuesday Stitchers—1:00 pm—Downstairs Fellowship Hall

August 19, 21, 24, 27, 29: Lefsa Making—8:00 am—Downstairs

August 20: Pillow Cleaning—9:00 am—3:00 pm



WELCA Quilting / Prayer Shawl Report - May/June 2019

The **Prayer Shawl ladies** usually meet the first Tuesday morning of the month in the nursery, however during the summer they have not been meeting. They have distributed 5 prayer shawls / blankets in May and June to bring comfort to folks in our church and community that have special prayer concerns.

The **Tuesday Stitchers** meet Tuesday afternoons in the church basement to work on various projects.

Some of the tied fleece blankets have been made to use in lieu of a prayer blanket for those who might need that type of comfort. One tied fleece blanket along with machine quilted quilt were donated for the WELCA Ice Cream Social raffle.

The Tuesday Stitchers have been busy making bags, baby blankets, baby hats, and lap blankets. During May and June, the following agencies benefited from these efforts:

- Teddy Bear Den, 20 Baby Blankets
- Avera NICU, 28 baby hats, 5 Baby Afghans, 18 Baby Blankets
- Alpha Center, 14 Baby Blankets
- Ronald McDonald House, 6 Bags, 9 Baby Blankets
- Palisade Manor in Garretson, 13 Tied Blankets, 20 Lap Blankets

The **Quilters** continue to meet on Thursday mornings in the church basement to prepare quilts for Lutheran World Relief and various local charities. Many of the quilts are on display in the Martin Luther Room.



Two quilts were selected and submitted to be sold at the Shetek Quilt Auction on June 22. Some of the quilters attended the auction and watched the quilts sell bringing \$170 for the Shetek Ministries.

Many of the quilters have enjoyed outings to visit quilt shops as a group. In late April we went to Hawarden IA, in May we went to Worthington, and in June we went to Dell Rapids where we also visited the Dell Rapids Lutheran WELCA and enjoyed a wonderful quilt display/discussion and luncheon. We have invited the Dell Rapids ladies to join us on September 5 for quilting and lunch.

Making quilts, prayer shawls, lap blankets and baby blankets will continue to be ongoing missions of WELCA. The following are some ways in which you can help support these missions:

- Attend a work session; coffee and treats are typically provided and the fellowship is uplifting
- Donate used sheets
- Donate fabric or sewing thread
- Donate yarn for prayer shawls
- If you are a Thrivent member, request a Thrivent gift card for purchasing supplies for a special project

We thank you for your continued support of the WELCA work missions. "God's work, Our hands" continues to bless many lives, including our own.

Ice Cream Social a Huge Success!!

Thank You to Everyone from the Ice Cream Social Committee. The event was enjoyed by over 225 people - It was a wonderful time of eating great food, great pie, and visiting with friends and neighbors.

Thank you all for inviting people, making our neighbors feel welcome and especially for everyone who worked, donated food items and Silent Auction items.

Winners of the quilt raffle were:

Green Meadows Quilt - Betty Sandburg

All A Flutter Fleece Blanket - Barb & Bob Vanderlinde

Proceeds from Free Will Offering for the meal - \$1,742

Proceeds from Cake Walk - \$51.00

Proceeds from Raffle & Silent Auction - \$362 (plus a few more to come in)

And a big thank you to Thrivent for the Action Team Gift of \$250 which purchased most of the remaining food items.

Second Quarter Financial Report

Quarter Ending June 30, 2019

	<u>June</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Total Contributions/Other Income	\$59,525	\$415,561
Total Expenditures and Loan Principal	\$58,618	\$389,172

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our second quarter financial picture is shown above. Thank you for your joyful giving to God!!



One of my the most powerful stories for me in the Old Testament is the story of the prophet Elijah waiting for guidance and instruction from God in a cave (1 Kings 19:11-18). As Elijah waits on the mountain a great wind passes by, an earthquake shakes the ground, and a fire rages; but God was not present in any of those things.

Then it was silent. God showed up and spoke.

We are in a moment of silence as a church, a pause before the next season, and it is in these moments that I believe God is speaking to us and shaping us.

As we move closer to the fall, I invite you to take stock of the way God is speaking to you and calling you to act as a people of God and look for opportunities to do so!

My role here this year will be very different, I will be more focused on preaching, teaching and adult engagement. While I will still teach confirmation, special children and family classes, and absolutely still go bother the youth group. I am not the contact person for any fundraising, logistic questions, offers to volunteer for youth group: that honor belongs to Wyatt.

I hope you have enjoyed the pause in action this summer but it is over, it is time to go where God sends us and to be the Church with renewed vigor and energy.

God's peace and get ready.

Pastor Dan



Split Rock Lutheran

The Mission of Split Rock Lutheran is welcoming and serving with joyful hearts and glorifying God in all things. We are a growing family of Christ's disciples seeking to proclaim the Gospel to all those in need of God's grace, mercy and love.

Split Rock August Serving Schedule

Sunday, August 4

Greeter:

Darlene Thoreson

Ushers:

Larry & Carol Gullickson

Lector: Deb Weir

Communion Server: Tony Thoreson

Communion Bread: Sharla Janssen

Organ/Piano: Nancy Gross

Sunday, August 11

Usher/Greeter:

Sid & Judy Williamson

Lector: Sid Williamson

Organ/Piano: Nancy Gross

Sunday, August 18

Greeters:

Helen Mae Eleeson

Ushers: Brian Heikes & Justin Wieneke

Lector: Tena Heikes

Communion Server/Bread: Sharla Janssen

Organ/Piano: Nancy Gross

Sunday, August 25

Usher/Greeter:

Rod & Kim Hanson

Lector: Kyle Sorenson

Organ/Piano: Jan Schroeder



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Split Rock Happenings

Sunday, August 4th—Ice Cream Social—4:00 pm

Sunday, August 11th—Coffee Fellowship—Milk & Honey

Tuesday, August 13th—Council Meeting—7:00 pm

Sunday, August 18th—Coffee Fellowship—Temple Pillars

Sunday, August 25th—Coffee Fellowship—Jars of Clay

WELCA Executive Board Meeting following worship

Meet the Noah's Ark Preschool Staff

Nicole Jellema will be joining the Noah's Ark Preschool team! Miss Nicole will be teaching the Preschool Class. Miss Nicole has taught previously at Brandon Elementary, grades 2-5 over the years. Nicole lives in Brandon with her family, Husband Kyle and 3 kiddos - Hanna, Drake and Marlee. Miss Nicole and her family enjoy watching sporting events, listening to music, reading books and being outdoors when possible. :)

Miss Nicole's favorite things about awesome preschoolers: Joy and Excitement! Watching them learn something new! Zest for life and exploring!

Miss Sarah is the assistant to both the teachers at Noah's Ark Preschool, she joined the staff in 2018. Sarah, her husband and three children live in Brandon and they enjoy being outside, kayaking, swimming, riding bikes, playing board games and watching movies. Sarah personally enjoys all things photography especially capturing things in the moment!

Miss Sarah's favorite things about preschoolers:

Watching their enthusiasm for learning both things big and small! Exploring their own creativity! How they develop friendships and spread kindness!

Miss Chelsea is the preschool director and teaches the Kinder Prep Class, she joined the Noah's Ark Preschool staff in 2018. This is her twelfth year working with students as a tutor and as a classroom teacher. Chelsea and her family live in Brandon and love spending time exploring outside, gardening, and reading in the hammock. Miss Chelsea's favorite things about working with preschoolers: being a part of their daily conversations, their curiosity of life, and watching them grow socially and academically.

Preschool Registration 2019/2020

There are limited spots left for registration. If you would like a tour or have any questions about Noah's Ark Preschool please contact us! Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/fPP64C4wpeFZB5VK8>

Open House

Noah's Ark Preschool's Open House will be held on Sunday, August 18th from 11:45-1:00! Come check out the classrooms and meet the teachers!

Playground Improvements

One of our goals is to improve our playground area. If you have a large wooden playset that is in like new condition or would like to make a donation towards the playground fund please contact us!

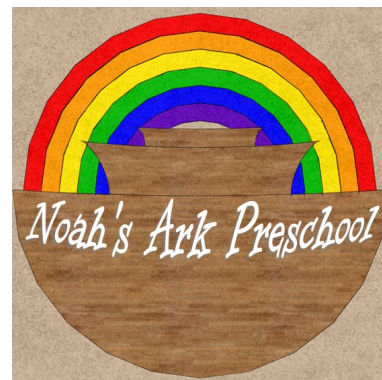
We are so blessed to have a congregation that is supportive of their preschool. Together we are preparing students for educational success while learning the way of Christ. Thank you for everything you do for Noah's Ark Preschool!

Contact Information

Chelsea Stills – Director/teacher

Phone: 582-3401

Email: nap@brandonlutheran.org



Hello from Children's Ministries and Bible Basics!

Starting to think of your fall schedules already? Don't forget to sign up for these amazing youth programs here at Brandon Lutheran Church!

Children's Ministries is offered every week. Children's Ministry lessons are lined up with the corresponding week's worship message in order to enhance your child's learning experience. Offered time slots are listed below.

- Sunday School 9:45-10:40 (ages 3 years old-4th grade) or
- Wednesday School 7-8PM (ages 3 years old- 4th grade) or
- Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:10 (new option for children ages 3 to Kindergarten only)

Bible Basics also meets one time per week on either Sunday mornings or Wednesday nights. Bible Basics is a pre-confirmation curriculum designed for 5th & 6th graders. During this time, they will dig deeper into the Bible and focus on what it means to be a disciple of Christ.

Fall registration can be completed online at BrandonLutheran.org. You can also find it on the BLC Facebook page. (Reminder that a new registration is due each school year for every child participating in these programs.) **Please have registrations completed by August 25!**

Use this link to register:https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeTfh_4TRwNX-5eXg6p9MvucJandqynYAe5lDoefi631H3Tig/viewform?usp=sf_link

Contact Kristin McInerney with any questions regarding Children's Ministries or Bible Basics.

Email childrensministries@brandonlutheran.org or call/text 605-376-3550.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need YOU to make our youth programs happen. We have many areas in which you can volunteer...

- Classroom teacher or helper
- Music leader
- Gather time leader
- Behind the scenes
- Special events (Rally Sunday, VBS, etc.)

We are needing a new Wednesday night music leader. This person would sing songs with the Preschool-4th graders in 15-minute increments from 7-8 on Wednesday evenings.



September 11, 2019

Food Truck Wednesday!

Community Event! Everyone Welcome!

Once again, we've invited local food trucks to grace our parking lot with delectable food truck specialties! BBQ, Pizza, Burritos, Mediterranean, farm fresh, homemade goodies and ice cream. Delicious way to spend a Wednesday evening with family and friends. 5:00-7:30





Volunteers Needed!

Are you looking for a fun, easy way to make a direct impact on the community? Do Something is partnering with **Food to You Mobile Food Pantry** for their August 8th distribution! Approximately 20 volunteers are needed to assist with unpacking and distributing food to those in need. For more information or to sign up to volunteer, please see the signup sheet at the Welcome Center. Please sign up by August 4th.

Can't volunteer for the event? No problem - we are still collecting pasta and toiletry items to be distributed during this event. Please consider donating in the designated collection bin.

Questions? Please contact Stacy McManus at 605-261-5073 or Amy Hennen at 605-321-7562. Thanks!

"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

Matthew 5:15

Musicians and singers – we want you to ***let your light shine!***

The Contemporary Band at Brandon Lutheran Church

The Power of Praise Band

is looking for musicians and singers.

Are you a fan of **America Has Talent** or **The Voice**? Do you believe that **you have a musical talent** you'd like to share? Then come **talk to us at BLC!**

If you have a talent for **playing a musical instrument or for singing** and would like to share your gift with your friends here at BLC, please visit with one of the contemporary band members, sound team, pastors or staff. We'll set up a time to visit with you at BLC about our contemporary band line up and how you can **let your light shine** with our praise and worship team.

Please don't worry about your level of proficiency on your instrument or in singing. **We have room for many levels of talent.** If you have the talent and the desire to help in contemporary worship we'll get you up to speed on the songs we play.

You don't have to be available every Sunday, either – **we'll work with your schedule.**

If you have an interest in musically helping our congregation members participate in our contemporary worship services, then we want to visit with you!

So, come on and visit with one of us at BLC about joining The Power of Praise Band today and ***let your light shine!***

Thanks.

Will Prines, Director, Power of Praise Band

Daily Prayer and Scripture for August 2019

Line 1 ~ Morning Psalms Line 2 ~ Daily Lesson Line 3 ~ Evening Lesson

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Psalm 49:1-12 Proverbs 23:1-11 Romans 11:33-36	2 Psalm 49:1-12 Proverbs 24:1-12 Ephesians 4:17-24	3 Psalm 49:1-12 Ecclesiastes 1:1-11 Mark 10:17-22
4 Psalm 49:1-12 Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14;2:18-23 Colossians 3:1-11	5 Psalm 127 Ecclesiastes 2:1-17 Colossians 3:18—4:1	6 Psalm 127 Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:8 Colossians 4:2-6	7 Psalm 127 Ecclesiastes 12:1-8,13-14 Luke 12:22-31	8 Psalm 33:12-22 Job 21:1-16 Romans 9:1-9	9 Psalm 33:12-22 Ecclesiastes 6:1-6 Acts 7:1-8	10 Psalm 33:12-22 Genesis 11:27-32 Matthew 6:19-24
11 Psalm 33:12-22 Genesis 15:1-6 Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16	12 Psalm 89:1-18 2 Chronicles 33:1-17 Hebrews 11:1-7	13 Psalm 89:1-18 2 Chronicles 34:22-33 Hebrews 11:17-28	14 Psalm 89:1-18 Jeremiah 33:14-26 Luke 12:41-48	15 Psalm 82 Joshua 7:1,10-26 Hebrews 10:26-31	16 Psalm 82 1 Samuel 5:1-12 Hebrews 10:32-39	17 Psalm 82 1 Samuel 6:1-16 Matthew 24:15-27
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25 Psalm 103:1-8 Isaiah 58:9b-14 Hebrews 12:18-29	26 Psalm 109:21-31 Ezekiel 20:1-17 Hebrews 3:7—4:11	27 Psalm 109:21-31 Ezekiel 20:18-32 Revelation 3:7-13	28 Psalm 109:21-31 Ezekiel 20:33-44 Luke 6:6-11	29 Psalm 112 Proverbs 15:13-17 1 Peter 3:8-12	30 Psalm 112 Proverbs 18:6-12 1 Peter 4:7-11	31 Psalm 112 Proverbs 21:1-4,24-26 Matthew 20:20-28



Worship Schedule for Brandon Lutheran & Split Rock

BLC: 8:15 am & 10:45 am on Sundays

6:15 Wednesdays

Split Rock: 9:30 am

Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Fridays: 9:00 a.m.— Noon

Contact us at 605-582-3401 or blc@brandonlutheran.org

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