

Brandon—Split Rock Lutheran Parish

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Brandon, SD 57005

Newsletter 2025



**Brandon-Split Rock Lutheran
Newsletter May 2025**

Out of Office

Pastor Elizabeth (Vacation) May 12th – 29th.



Rebroadcast Edited Version

2025 LINEUP

TONY DUNGY

NFL Hall of Fame Coach and NFL TV Commentator

JARED ALLEN

former defensive end for the Minnesota Vikings, new Pro Football Hall of Famer, and 2025 Uncommon Award Recipient

PAUL ALLEN

well-known KFAN host and voice of the Minnesota Vikings

*Arise with the Guys is an Annual event for Men
bringing together professional & local athletes & coaches
sharing inspirational stories, faith & godly values.*

Preparing men of all ages to be...

UNCOMMON MEN



DATE: MONDAY MAY 12

TIME: 6:00–6:30PM– PIZZA

6:30–8:00PM– PROGRAM

LOCATION: BRANDON LUTHERAN CHURCH



Holy Week Recap 2025



Congratulations on your 1st Holy Communion!



Grace Tille



Annastyn Erickson



Zoe Peterson



Cora Peterson



Sydney Fischer



Courtney Lembcke



Tinley Christensen



Crosby Christensen



Coe Melcher



Jaylee VanRiper



Jameson Parker



Kasen Ertelt



Maddex Jensen



Ethan Bell



Chloe Heikes



Isla DeNet



Owen Hatlestad



Ellanor Seaver



Briggs Walkes



Kinsley Becker



Jason Volzke



Greetings from Children's Ministries & Bible Basics!

Thank you, students, for helping us celebrate Palm Sunday! You did an amazing job singing in church. 😊

MAY UPDATES!

Sunday School: Our last morning together in class is Mother's Day, May 11.

Wednesday School: Our last night of class for the school year is May 7.

Parents, please find a way to thank your child's Children's Ministry or Bible Basics teachers! They have done an amazing job all school year and we are so thankful for them!

Thank you to Angel and Wilma for leading games & music during our 1st – 4th grade gather time each Sunday morning! What a fun way for the kids to start their day!

Summer is almost here, remember to get your child signed up for VBS!

Monday, June 2 – Thursday, June 5, 9 - NOON

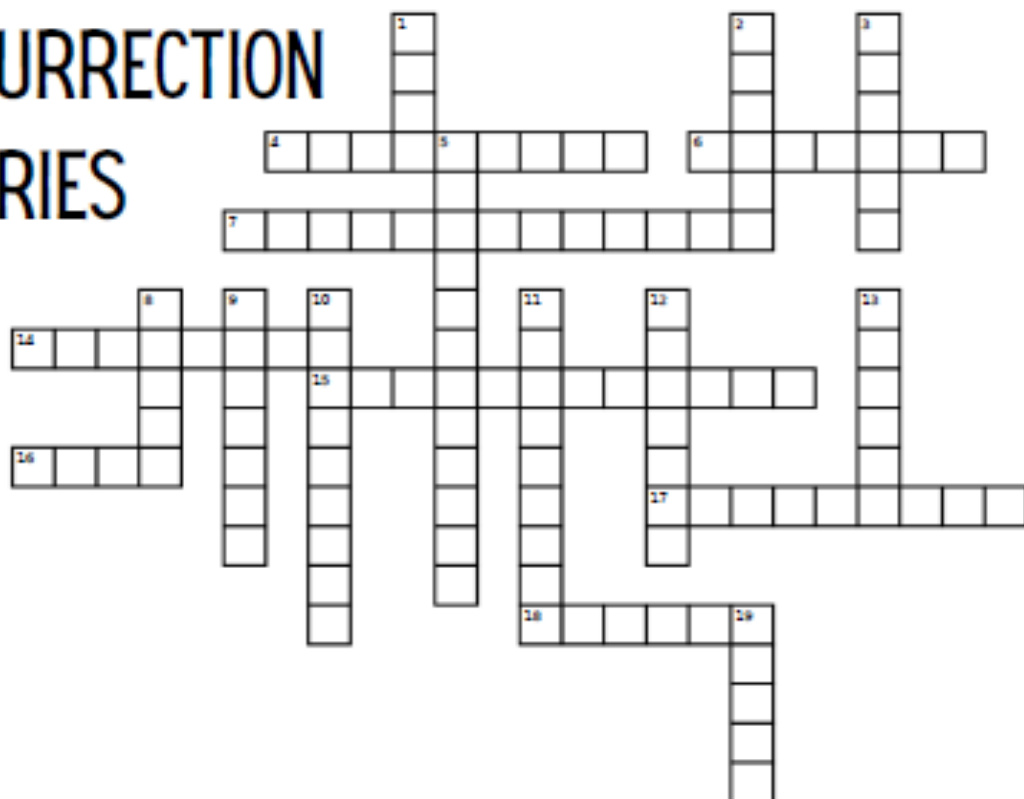
Registration links can be found by scrolling to the bottom on the BrandonLutheran.org homepage.

Reach out to Kristin with any questions!

childrensministries@brandonlutheran.org



RESURRECTION STORIES



Down:

1. Jesus is seen cooking fish over this along the lakeshore (John 21:9)
2. She was among the women who brought spices to the tomb (Mark 16:1)
3. Two men in dazzling clothes ask the women why they look for the ____ among the dead (Luke 24:5)
5. Two believers were walking out of Jerusalem along this road when they encounter Jesus without knowing it (Luke 24:13-35)
8. This is what Jesus speaks upon entering the locked room (Luke 24:36)
9. "After this, when the first day of the week was dawning..." (Matthew 28:1)
10. Jesus taught that it was ____ that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into glory (Luke 24:26)
11. Jesus commissions the disciples to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, ____ them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28: 19)
12. The name of one of the people who walks on the road mentioned in 5 Down (Luke 24:13-35) This disciple was not present
13. when Jesus appeared in the Upper Room (sometimes called "doubting") (John 20:24-29)
19. This is the number of weeks in the season of Easter, sometimes referred to as a week of weeks.

Across:

4. The place where disciples were often found hiding (John 20:24-29)
6. This is what the Gospel of Mark says was told about the resurrection (Mark 16:8)
7. The woman who mistook Jesus for a gardener (John 20:11-18)
14. The apostles accuse the women who report news of the resurrection of telling this... (Luke 24:11)
15. The men who were warned of Jesus' resurrection and who plotted to pay soldiers to lie and claim the disciples had taken Jesus' body (Matthew 28:11-13)
16. Jesus asks Simon Peter if he ____s him three times, mirroring the three times Peter denied knowing Jesus in the crucifixion (John 21:15-19)
17. This is the fancy church word that is used to describe Jesus' rising into the heavens (Luke 24:51)
18. The men who were terrified at the sight of the angel rolling back the stone in Luke's Gospel (Matthew 28:4)

Scripture hints are taken from the NRSVUE translation of the Bible.

Are you enjoying these crosswords?
Let us know!

♪BLC Music Ministries Update♪

Alleluia! The Lord is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

April was a wonderful month of music at Brandon Lutheran! We extend a huge “thank you” to all the dedicated musicians and volunteers who helped make our Lent, Holy Week, and Easter so special! To the members of the Bell Choir, Brass, BLC Choir, Praise Band, and other soloists who shared with us: you are all fantastic! What a great way to use your God-given talents to serve both Him and His people! We also thank our office staff, bulletin-folding volunteers, altar guild, and members of our media team for helping make Lent and Easter so special.

Looking ahead to May, the Choir will continue to sing until May 18th! Wednesday Worship will continue until May 21st and then take a summer hiatus. On May 25, we go down to one Sunday Service at 9:45 AM with Coffee Fellowship prior.

“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heav’nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.”

-ELW 884

Blessings,

Ben Jacobsma



Congratulations and God's blessings to Coe Thomas Gengler who was baptized at Brandon Lutheran Church on Sunday, April 20, 2025. Coe's parents are Brian & Caitlin Gengler.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Sophia LiYue Sewell who was baptized at Brandon Lutheran Church on Sunday, May 27, 2025.

Sophia's parents are Mathew & Angie Sewell.



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.

Serve Together Joint Parish :

Serve lunch at St. Francis Saturday May 3rd, and Dinner on May 10th

May Council Meeting

The May Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 13th at 7:00 pm

May 1st—Sunday School Fall Planning Meeting

May 30– 31st- SD Synod Assembly at Our Savior Lutheran

May Serving Schedule

Sunday, May 4: Sunday School Recitation & Last Day of Sunday School

Greet & Usher	Justin & Salisha Wieneke
Lector	Matt Quammen
Communion Server	Becky Heggen
Communion Bread	Joanne Heggen
Acolyte	Wesley Karssen

Sunday, May 11: Mother's Day

Greet & Usher	Alon Sorenson & Braiden Smith
Lector	Deb Weir

May Serving Schedule

Sunday, May 18: Fifth Sunday after Easter

Greet & Usher	Sid & Judy Williamson
Lector	Robin Farley
Communion Server	Steve Farley
Communion Bread	Joanne Heggen
Acolyte	Jonathan Swenson

Sunday, May 25: Split Rock Summer Worship Time Changes to 8:30am

Greet & Usher	Dick & Becky Neu
Lector	Tony Thoreson
Tech	
Coffee Fellowship Group	Jars of Clay



WELCA Spring Mission Outreach - April 27th through May 18th

Church on the Street Hygiene Items

Church on the Street and Journey of Hope in Sioux Falls partner to help provide hygiene items to those who need them. The Hygiene Distribution for Church on the Street takes place, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at the Multicultural Center in Sioux Falls. These are essential hygiene items that serve over 50 households each day.

A basket for the items is available in the narthex.

Serving Together With One Goal In Mind

Brandon & Split Rock Lutheran will be working together to serve the community over the next few months. It will be a great time to fellowship and have a positive impact to our community. Hope to see you there!!

St. Francis House

Lunch(11:15am-12:30pm) May 3

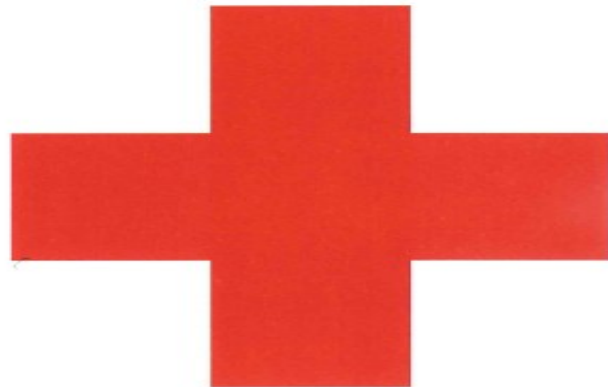
Dinner(5:45pm-7:00pm) May 10



Give blood.

Every 2 seconds someone
in the U.S. needs blood.

American Red Cross



Blood Drive **Brandon Lutheran Church**

Martin Luther Room
600 E. Holly Blvd.
Brandon, SD

Tuesday, May 6, 2025
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: BrandonSD to schedule an appointment.



Come to give blood May 1 to 18 for a \$20 e gift card to a merchant of your choice!



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Wednesday Night Meals

4:45 - 6:00 pm

Donations of bars and cookies for desserts are welcome! We need volunteers to help serve the meals, bus the tables, carry the trays & clean up. Please go to our website to sign up to volunteer to help!

Recommended donation for the meal is \$6.00 per person.

All are Welcome!

Menu

May 7- Broasted Chicken & Mac & Cheese

May 7th will be our final meal of the year.

Join us for our year end meal celebration!!

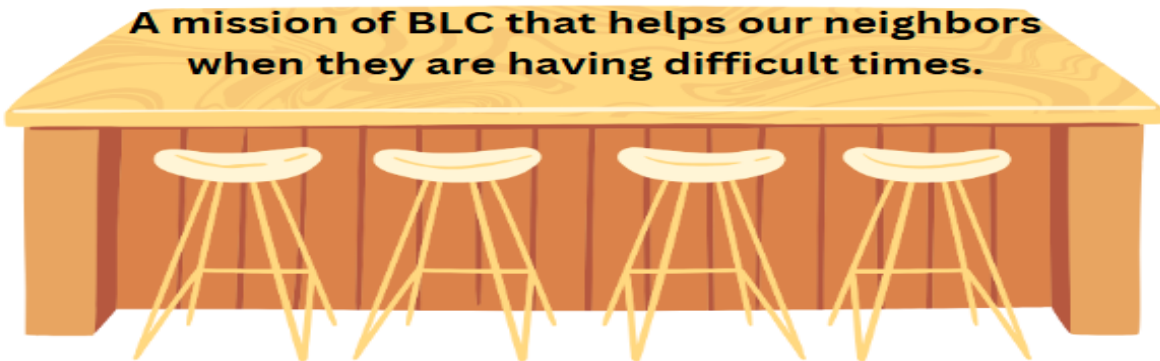
Have a great summer.



Last Wednesday Worship will be May 21st.

Freezer Ministry
Meets Every Second Monday
Of The Month
at 1:00pm

**A mission of BLC that helps our neighbors
when they are having difficult times.**



ALL ARE WELCOME!

MAY
SERVING GROUP

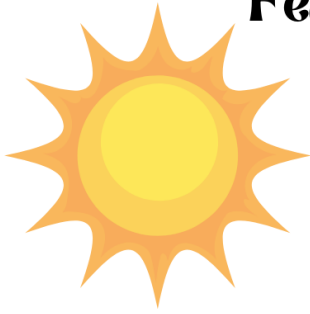
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Brian & Amy Baier
Steve & Barb Bentele
Randi Bosch & Mike Hatten
Mark & Brandy Burau
Bill & Lindsey DeNet
Eric & Megan Dieren
Elizabeth & Jordan Edwards
Marcus & Jennifer Frey
Ryan & Amy Gienapp
Leif Hage
Travis & Andrea Hatlestad
Chad & Amy Hennen
Marian Horr
Cory & Rhonda Ims
Danielle Jones
Kevin & Debra Karli
Mike & Wendy Kirkeby
Ron & Ingrid Konrad
Steven & Courtney Kremer
Mitch & Heather Lynch
Tanner & Cassie McClure
Steve & Ardis Moeller
Annette Neitzel
Gregg & Jane Ode
Betty Ofstad
Marlys Pearson
Micheal Peterson
Ron & Nancy Risty
LeAnn Rovang
Peggy Schroeder
Brett & Jayme Smid
Brad & Karen Story
Holly Swenson
Warren & Nikki Terveer
Denise Timmerman
Deb Versteeg
Ramona Watson
Adam & Sara Zishka

Name

Fordyce Ankrum Jr.
Elizabeth Barr
Lora Black
Jeff & Amy Bray
Bob & Jo Conrad
Clinton & Melissa DeVries
Bruce & Leslee Duncan
Neil & Shannon Erickson
Nathan & Andrea Gerritsen
Jerry & Melanie Gillespie
Broc & Trecia Gulseth
Jeanette Harms
Kari & Ron Heller
Paul & Stephanie Honken
Justin & Shanna Howe
Ashley Jansen
Mike & Beth Josephsen
Marlene Kirkeby
Kevin & Laura Knutson
Troy & Margaret Larson
Kurt & Val Lemkau
Joe & Kelly Matzen
Cody & Stacy McManus
Jon & Anna Nadenicek
Bob & Kellee Nelsen
Jay & Janelle Olson
Don & Kathy Pottebaum
Steph Rinne
Eric & Jen Rothenbuehler
Brandon & Gretchen Schilling
Jason & Becky Schoenefeld
Ryan & Heidi Sernett
Monte & Lisa Stengel
Lorna Stratman
Shelly TeBeest
Donna Thurow
Joseph & Jamie Vanderham
Nick & Staci Voss
Todd & Robin Williamson

Featuring 605 Camero Vintage Cars



BLC Fun Fest & BBQ
Wed. June 4th 4:30-6:30

Brandon Lutheran Church
600 E Holly Blvd.

Smoked BBQ Pulled Pork Meal \$10

Walking Taco Meal \$8

Hot Dog Meal \$6

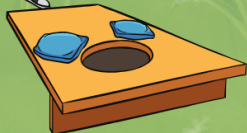
(Preorder BBQ Pulled Pork by the pound)

Family Treats Ice Cream Truck on site!(5-8pm)

TRUE NORTH VBS & CHURCH

SERVICE AT 6:00

Fundraiser for Women of BLC



Women of the **ELCA** 

All are Welcome!

(Raffle, Bingo, Bean Bag, & Bouncy Houses)



Worship Schedule for Brandon Lutheran & Split Rock

BLC: 8:30 am & 10:45 am on Sundays—School Year

9:45 am on Sundays—Summer

Split Rock: 9:30 am on Sundays—School Year

8:30 am on Sundays—Summer

Office Hours:

Monday through Friday: 7:30 am—4:00 pm—School Year

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

BLC Facebook Page is: www.facebook.com/BrandonLutheranChurch

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Youth Ministries

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Wedding Coordinator

Nicole Jellema
Director of
Noah's Ark Preschool

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NAPS Teachers

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Jenni Brendsel
Jodi Myers
Jo Conrad
NAPS Assistants