

Brandon—Split Rock Lutheran Parish

P.O. Box 320; 600 Holly Blvd.

Brandon, SD 57005

Newsletter 2025



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

Featuring 605 Camaro Cars



BLC Fun Fest & BBQ
Wed. June 4th 4:30-7:30

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)



Welcome to our new members of Brandon Lutheran! Make sure when you see them around, to say hello and welcome! If you have been visiting and would like to join our church, please email the church office at blc@brandonlutheran.org to find our more information. Welcome!

Welcome to the Christensen Family!!

- ◆ Elisabeth Christensen
- ◆ Corey Christensen
- ◆ Cadence Christensen
- ◆ Chandler Christensen
- ◆ Camden Christensen

These past few weeks have been emotional. We have remembered, been thankful, and said goodbye to some amazing kids who were part of the Youth group during high school.

This month, we had the opportunity to prepare a meal for them and present them with gifts such as a devotional book and a Bible. Some will attend SDSU, USD, School of Mines, or Dakota State University. Regardless of distance, a supportive community will always be here for them when they visit.

It's fascinating to see how these kids have matured over the last few years, some more than others but all of them have grown since the first time we met.

My hope is that someday they will come back to the church and help in a way, maybe music, ushering or simply helping the youth director of the time on a Wednesday night.

Thank you for all the ways you guys support the ministry.





High Schoolers:

On Friday, **June 13** we are having a **LOCK IN** in the church from 8 pm to 8 am, we just have 14 spots available,

On **July 2** we are going to **Catfish bay** for the 4 of July fireworks show, the price is \$17 per person, it will be from **6:30 pm to 9 pm**

Middle Schoolers :

On **June 15** we are going to the **Brandon Valley Swimming Pool**, it will be from **1 pm to 5 pm**,

On **July 2** we are going to **Catfish bay** for the 4 of July fireworks show, the price is \$17 per person, i it will be from **6:30 pm to 9 pm**

MAY Baptisms



Congratulations and God's blessings to Aubrey Renee & Ruby Faye Marshall who was baptized at Brandon Lutheran Church on Wednesday, May 20, 2025. Aubrey & Ruby's parents are Nicholas Dreyer and Ashley Marshall.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Tate William Ockenga who was baptized at Brandon Lutheran Church on Sunday, May 4, 2025. Tate's parents are Coby & Peyton Ockenga.



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 :

Habitat for Humanity June 11th

May Council Meeting

The June Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, June 10th at 7:00pm.

June Serving Schedule

Sunday, June 1: Sunday Indoor/ Outdoor Clean-up Day

Greet & Usher	Brad & Monica Nussbaum
Lector	Steph Nelson
Communion Server	Duane Bly
Communion Bread	Bonnie Bly
Acolyte	Whitney Sorenson
Tech	
Coffee Fellowship Group	Loaves & Fishes



Sunday, June 8:

Greet & Usher	Jody Liffbrig & Jolene Kujawa
Lector	Sharla Janssen
Tech	
Coffee Fellowship Group	Sheep Herders

May Serving Schedule

Sunday, June 15: Father's Day

Greet & Usher	Gerrit & Becky Brands
Lector	Alon Sorenson
Communion Server	Linda Bly
Communion Bread	Bonnie Bly
Acolyte	Grady Karssen
Tech	
Coffee Fellowship Group	Milk & Honey

Sunday, June 22:

Greet & Usher	Joanne Heggen & Brianna Tolbert
Lector	Sid Willaimson
Tech	
Coffee Fellowship Group	Temple Pillars



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!!

Habitat for Humanity:

June 11: 9am-12pm or 1pm-4pm



Freezer Ministry

**Monday, June 9th
at 1:00pm**

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



ALL ARE WELCOME!

JUNE SERVING GROUP

Name

Renae Ammann
Wayne & Sara Andrews
Ryan & Tammy Bailey
Dan & Karen Berdahl
Nancy & Howard Brown
James & Sheena Christensen
Chris Cromwell
Marlene Eitreim
AC & Sheena Fischer
Dave & Melanie Friedrichsen
Jim & Terri Grothe
Herb & Kathleen Hamer
Pamela Hanneman
Jo Hausman
Katie Henning
Kevin & Jeanine Horner
Blaine & Anna Inglis
Bruce & Laurie Johnson
Max & Jenna Kaiser
Jason & Jessica Kjenstad
Eric & Chelsey Koob
LaMont & Sheryl Kucker
Wilma Lenards
David & Ashley Matzke
Pastor Elizabeth & Nick Pagnotta
Dick & Grace Pickering
Rod & Kia Reuland
Julia Rosa
Joel & Stef Sage
Stan & Donna Schoeneman
Doug & Sam Severson
Gary Stensaas
John & Beth Swenson
Michael & Christina Thury
Joel & Brienne Torgrude
Dominic & Hannah Walkes
Jerry & Lisa Winter
Russ & Beth Zomer

Carol Archer
Halley Basche & Devin Hudelson
Jason & Jessica Bodin
Gary & Holly Brown
Chris & Kim Calhoun
Will & Lynette Coolidge
Cameron & Juliann Ditlevson
Shawn & Stacia Ericsson
Brett & Alicia Fischer
Becca Gilbert
Cecilia Gulson
DeLores Hausman
Greg & ReNae Hays
Austin & Amy Hoiland
Bill & Sandi Huggett
Betty Johnson
Dave & Stacy Jones
Jeremy & Stephanie Keizer
Scott & Jean Knutson
Chad & Jacquelyn Kriech
Andrew & Brooke Laycock
Shannon Mack
Jeaneen McLaren & Rick Stockwell
Susie McMartin
Adam & Serina Nuese
Timothy & Christine Olson
Suwa Otten
Marge Perry
Grant & Jessie Rasmussen
Mike & Carrie Rise
Brian & Amanda Rubin
Darwood & Betty Sandberg
Daryle & Esther Schuetts
Gary & Becky Sonju
Roger & Sherry Stroh
Glenn & Alica Thiele
Jeff & Kayla Tommeraasen
Justin & Lindsey Tommeraasen
Dian Versteeg
Norma Wetrosky
Jan Woerman

Faith Formation Summer Reading List

Birth through Five-year-olds

Find these at:

<https://www.beamingbooks.com>

Each Day is a Gift

For the Beauty of the Earth

Finding Calm in Nature

When Things are hard to Remember

One Small Thing

This is the Church

Dear Small Star

Looking for Happy

Milkweek for Monarchs

If God were a Great Big Bear

Huggle Wuggle Bedtimes Snuggle

Yoga Baby

On Your Way

Have a great summer of faith and books!



A big thank you to all that applied to be apart of our nursery team.
After many amazing interviews 6 attendants have been selected

Congratulations to our new nursery staff:

**Courtney Reidel
Wyatt Pearson
Camilla Christensen
Kenzie Burns
Lauren Gerken
Ali Ims**

Summer Young family playdates at the Brandon Lutheran playground.



- Saturday June 7 - 9:30-10:30 a.m. - host Jennifer Schoenfeld
 - Thursday June 26 6:30-7:30 p.m. - host Serina Nuese
- Saturday July 19 - 9:30-10:30 a.m. - host Jennifer Schoenfelder
 - Thursday July 31 - 6:30-7:30 p.m. - host - Jessie Rasmussen
- Thursday August 7 - 6:30-7:30 p.m. - lots of team members

Hope to see you all there!

Scholarship Recipients for 2025 **from Women of the ELCA**

For the past 10 years the Brandon Lutheran Women of the ELCA have awarded scholarships to graduating Brandon high school students to show our support for their hard work both within the community and our church. We had a number of applicants for the award this year and we are proud to announce the winners who will each receive a \$500 award for use as they need - for tuition, meals, books, etc.

The winners are:

Drake Jellema (Parents are Kyle and Nicole). Drake will be attending Northern State University in Aberdeen.

Taryn Heffele (Parents are Reid and Ashley Heffele). Taryn is planning to attend the University of South Dakota at Vermillion.

Karlee Jones (Parents are Dave & Stacy Jones). Karlee will also attend the University of South Dakota at Vermillion.

These recipients will be honored and acknowledged at our June 8 Sunday Worship Service. They will also be recognized at our next Women of the ELCA Gathering meeting on June 14th.

Congratulations to our recipients and to all the Brandon Lutheran graduates.



Mark Your Calendars!

June 14, 2025

9:30am

An invitation to ALL interested people!

Get ready for a little history of our very own Brandon
Lutheran Cemetery !!

Our plans are a short video/ talk with Glenn Thiele at the
church, followed by a walking tour of the cemetery for
those interested!!

Sponsored By:



Community Garden

It is time to reserve your spots for our community garden! We have expanded the garden and our plots are bigger! This year, we have 24 ground level plots and 5 raised beds waiting to be planted. You can stop by the community garden table after services or come during office hours to sign the garden covenant and reserve plots. The cost to reserve a plot is \$20 and may be paid with either cash or a check made out to Brandon Lutheran with "Community Garden" in the memo. This is to help cover the cost of water. If you have questions,

please email Pastor Aimee -

associatepastor@brandonlutheran.org, or call our church office - 605-582-3401.



Worship Schedule for Brandon Lutheran & Split Rock

BLC: 9:45 am on Sundays—Summer

Split Rock: 8:30 am on Sundays—Summer

Office Hours:

Monday & Tuesday 8am-4pm

Friday 8am-1pm

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

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

Church Website: www.brandonlutheran.org

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