

# Brandon-Split Rock Lutheran Newsletter July 2024

## CHRISTMAS IN JULY FOOD TRUCK & CRAFT EVENT!



Food Trucks: Big Poppa's  
Hangover Hut, Willys,  
Southern Perfection BBQ,  
Curbside Delights, SoDak Soda  
Sheepflockers, SDSU Ice Cream,  
Mary's Mountain Cookies,  
Craig's Shaved Ice

- Silent Auction
- Craft Items
- Plants
- Cards
- & More



**BRANDON LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**WEDNESDAY JULY 10**  
**5-7:30PM**



**600 E. HOLLY BLVD., BRANDON**  
**CHRISTMAS WORSHIP AT 6:15PM**



We are starting a new “column” in the newsletter called Ask Your Pastors! Each month, Pastor Elizabeth and Pastor Aimee will each answer a couple questions. Please email Pastor Elizabeth at [seniorpastor@brandonlutheran.org](mailto:seniorpastor@brandonlutheran.org) to submit an Ask Your Pastors question.

### **Why did you become a pastor?**

**Pastor A:** I blame the Holy Spirit. I grew up in the church and spent a lot of time serving as an acolyte, singing or playing music, and hanging out with the youth group. I grew up Lutheran, but in a denomination that does not ordain women. When I was 12, I started reading the Bible on my own for personal devotions. I got to Acts 2:17-18 where it says, "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy." The spirit started stirring in my life to wonder if God could call me, a woman, to be a pastor. In adulthood, I used the musical gifts given to serve God and the church by touring with several bands, leading worship, and writing music. I also worked as a Director of Youth Ministry at three different congregations. The Spirit kept calling me to be a pastor. I couldn't shake it, I couldn't get the idea out of my head. And people around me affirmed that calling by telling me that I should think about becoming a pastor. In 2016, I finally applied to go to seminary and that led my husband and I to study at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. My time there and during internship affirmed that calling. I love being a pastor. It's a gift and a joy to teach the faith, to walk with people on their life journeys, and to witness first hand the work of the Spirit in the lives of congregation members.

## What extracurriculars did you do growing up?

**Pastor A:** I started to sing in the kids choir at church when I was 5. That was the same year that I was tall enough to reach the keys on the piano, so my parents also started me on piano lessons. I've continued to sing, play piano, and several other instruments to this day. In middle school and high school, I played basketball, softball, and soccer. I have retired from those sports, but still love to exercise and move my body. I also got into cycling in high school and have been on 11 bicycle tours.





## ♪BLC Music Ministries Update♪

We had a great month of music in June! It's hard to believe it's already over. We started off the month with the annual VBS week. What great fun was had by all, and the kiddos shared some of their songs with us in Worship on Wednesday, June 5. These kids are the present and future of the Church, and what a joy it was to see them all learn about Jesus and sing songs about God and His wonderful friendship!

Special thanks to those who have shared their talents with Special Music, Cantors, and Praise Band! We have a full deck of talented people here at BLC. If you or someone you know would be willing to provide Special Music, Cantor, or sing in the Praise Band, please let me know at [music@brandonlutheran.org](mailto:music@brandonlutheran.org). We always love to include new faces!

Coming up in July, we continue with our one Sunday service at 9:45 AM. On July 10, the church ladies are doing "Christmas in July" and we will do a special "Christmas" service at 6:15pm. Watch the bulletin for more details forthcoming.

I always find it funny how we call it "summer vacation", when really it ought to be called "summer craziness"! I think the word vacation tricks our minds into packing as many things into our schedule as we possibly can. It's funny how our minds work! In thinking on this, I can't help but note Jesus' words in the Gospel of St. Matthew, *"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-burdened, and I will give you rest."*



One of the best ways for Christians to find this promised rest is to take time in prayer and worship. Despite the busyness of summer, I encourage you to deliberately schedule yourself time for prayer and attending worship in-person. No Christian has ever said that they wished they had gone to church or prayed less! The reason why is that it's in these times where we are disconnected from the world and reconnected with Him. Only then do we truly find the rest for our weary souls that Christ Jesus promises us.

Blessings,

Ben Jacobsma





## Nursery Aide

### Brandon Lutheran Church

### Job Description

- ♦ At least 16 years of age.
- ♦ Responsible for unlocking the nursery at the beginning of each session of nursery services. (Sunday morning 8:30-11:45, Wednesday 5:00-8:00 in the evening and other times)
- ♦ Get out the sign in sheet and be sure each parent signs children in with phone number for texting if there is an emergency.
- ♦ Completed Red Cross First Aid and CPR for infants and children. (Brandon Lutheran will pay for this once a year. You will not be paid for taking the class.)
- ♦ Keeping Nursery toys clean and disinfected.
- ♦ Change diapers as necessary.
- ♦ Taking out one Bible story basket each session including wooden figures, books, toys and a craft for preschoolers.
- ♦ Maintain a one-hour schedule as per discussion during training.
- ♦ Take children who are potty training to the bathroom once an hour and be sure they wash hands.
- ♦ Rock fussy babies. You may give bottles brought by parents with permission by text.
- ♦ Give food that parents bring for their children as per parental rules.
- ♦ Keep children's bags (1 per hook) neat and organized.
- ♦ Help children pick up at the end of each hour session as per training.
- ♦ Be sure used toys go into basket for cleaning. Wash with soap in sink at the end of each session.
- ♦ Be sure the room is clean at the end of each session. Put away sign in sheet and lock both doors.

The *Tots in Faith* ministry team will hold a training for 2 hours once a year. You will be required to attend.

Payment for this job is \$25.00 per session. It is a stipend, not an hourly payment. A Sunday or Wednesday from opening door to locking door is \$30.00. Payment once a month. There will be times with no kids in the nursery. You may do homework if no kids are present. There will always be two attendants in the nursery. 10 children under five are allowed in the nursery. If it goes to 11, a parent needs to stay.

# JUNE Baptisms



Congratulations and God's blessings to Sophia Genevieve Howard & Olivia Charlotte Hoard who were baptized on June 9, 2024. Sophie & Olivia's parents are Jennifer & Kevin Howard.





## New Members!

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 [bhc@brandonlutheran.org](mailto:bhc@brandonlutheran.org)  
to find our more information.

Welcome!

Jason & Renae Melcher

Wyatt, 18

Jersie, 15

Coe, 10







A very special thank you to all of you that helped to make our Family Fest & BBQ a successful fundraising event for WELCA! So many people participated to make this event happen!

On **Wednesday, July 10**, it will be Food Truck Night! Along with the delicious eats, WELCA will hold our Fundraiser with a Silent Auction, Craft Sale, Raffles for quilts and an Adventure Pack of Gift Cards to local attractions! That night will be the last day for the silent auction, raffles, and craft sale. The silent auction and raffles will be available at Sunday Services. Be sure to bring your friends and family to this special event! **BLC will host a Christmas service that evening at 6:15!**

#### Upcoming Events:

July 1; 10:30 AM WELCA Executive Board Meeting

June 10; Food Truck Night, Church Christmas Service, & WELCA Craft Sale, Raffles, and Silent Auction

July 15; 9:30 AM Kitchen Clean Up

July 17 & 18; Circles Meet

July 29, 31, August 5, & 7; Lefse Making

Watch for further information on times. Everyone is welcome to learn how to make lefse from some of our very best makers!



Beginning in **May**, our WELCA group will be collecting items for our School Kits for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). In the fall, we will have some of our youth put our kits together, and these kits will be sent to Minneapolis for LWR.

These summer months are the best times to purchase many of these items on sale! Please see the lists posted to know what items we can use. We have bags, but need unsharpened pencils, 16 or 24 pack of crayons, pens, rulers, pencil sharpeners, 2 ½ inch eraser, 70 sheet notebooks, and blunt tip scissors. Bring your items to the drop off table in the Narthex of BLC.

Together, we can make life a little easier for many children and their families who are in need. Let's see how many kits we can create this year!

If anyone has a Thrivent Grant that we could use for this project, please let Pastor Elizabeth know.

Thank you!



# SCHOOL KIT

## ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

Include the following items in each School Kit:



**x1**

One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17", with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)



**x4**

Four 78-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10½"; no loose-leaf paper



**x1**

One box of 16 or 24 crayons



**x1**

One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other



**x1**

One pencil sharpener



**x1**

One pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embossed steel blades work well)



**x5**

Five unsharpened No. 2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band



**x5**

Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band



**x1**

One 2½" eraser



Lutheran World Relief  
SUSTAINING PARTNER: LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF





# 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.

## July Serving Schedule

- Sunday, July 7:**      **Ushers/Greeters:** Tony Thoreson & Deb Weir  
                             **Lector:** Sid Williamson  
                             **Communion Server:** Sharla Janssen  
                             **Communion Bread:** Sharla Janssen  
                             **Tech:** Jolene Kujawa  
                             **Coffee Fellowship:** Jars of Clay
- Sunday, July 14:**      **Ushers/Greeters:** Brett & Stephanie Tighe  
                             **Lector:** Stephanie Tighe  
                             **Coffee Fellowship:** Loaves and Fishes
- Sunday, July 21:**      **Ushers/Greeters:** Rod & Kim Hanson  
                             **Lector:** Alex Rogen  
                             **Communion Server:** Courtney Rogen  
                             **Communion Bread:** Sharla Janssen  
                             **Tech:** Lessman Family  
                             **Coffee Fellowship:** Sheep Herders
- Sunday, July 28:**      **Ushers/Greeters:** Becky Heggen & Sharla Janssen  
                             **Lector:** Sharla Janssen  
                             **Coffee Fellowship:** Milk and Honey

## JULY SERVING GROUP

### Name

Ben & Beth Aaker  
 Bob & Laurie Adams  
 Greg & Becky Archer  
 Lance & Lynn Bauske  
 Rolyn & Nancy Beaird  
 Gordon & Eleanor Beck  
 Jeff & Sandy Breitzman  
 Kiley & Denyce Buettner  
 John & Julie Christensen  
 Theea Daniels  
 Jeff & Pam Eitreim  
 Jerry & Mary Entinger  
 Dave & Brenda Fischer  
 Stacy Fries  
 DeLoris Gulson  
 Aaron & Tiffany Hansen  
 Todd & Lacey Hewitt  
 Lance & Leah Hulzebos  
 Kyle & Nicole Jellema  
 Jerry Kerkhove  
 Kasey & Ashley Klosterman  
 Kris & Jess Kriech  
 Mike & Diane Laycock  
 David & Sharon Madsen  
 Troy & Kim Mentzer  
 Todd & Cheryl Neuberger  
 Arda Oliver  
 Stuart & April Peschel  
 Tom & Cindy Pickering  
 Bryan & Nicole Read  
 Ardell Rist  
 Greg & Janice Rubin  
 Taylor & Jennifer Schoenfelder  
 Pam Schweigert  
 Joshua & Melissa Stroschein  
 Katie Thompson  
 Brittany Tofteland  
 Josh & Ashley VanRiper  
 Todd & Sarah Wannarka

### Name

Don & Sheila Aaker  
 Collin Ammann  
 Ryan & Brooke Angerhofer  
 David & Andrea Baillie  
 Ryan & Kelly Bergan  
 Joshua & Kayla Bolstad  
 Harry & Barb Buck  
 TJ & Katelyn Cameron  
 Wayne & Debi Crosby  
 Leona Doppenberg  
 Amy Ellsworth  
 Andy & Kim Ertelt  
 Brent & Lynsay Granberg  
 Nick & Jessica Gundermann  
 Brad & Erica Hazelton  
 Paul & Kim Horner  
 Tracy Isakson  
 Diane Johnson  
 Orison & Angela Jones  
 Deb Klein  
 Josh & Kaylee Koob  
 Jack Lauer  
 Jesse Lewis  
 Ken & Kim McCuen  
 Aaron & Rachael Neiman  
 David Ochsner  
 Brent & Luanna Olthoff  
 Mark & Anastasia Quanbeck  
 Sara Sanders  
 Kelly & Stacy Scholten  
 Sheri Severtson & Wes Grieme  
 Chris & Heather Stettinichs  
 LaRae Swenson  
 Eric Tidemann  
 Gino & Janna Trevino  
 Pete & Deb Vigants  
 Andrew & Amanda Wixon



## Worship Schedule for Brandon Lutheran & Split Rock

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

9:45 am on Sundays—Summer

6:15 Wednesdays—All Year

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

7:00 am—3:00 pm, Monday-Thursday, 7:00 am-11:00 am—Friday—Summer

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