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Newsletter 2025



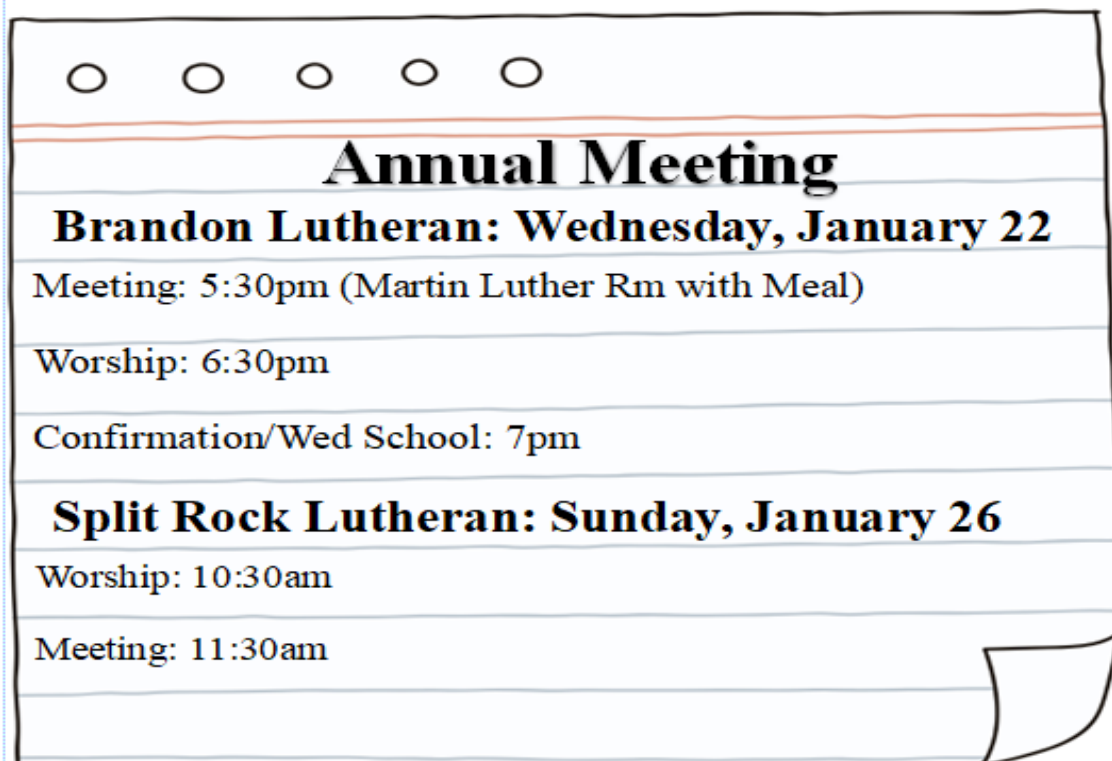
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Service Changes for Annual Meetings

Brandon Lutheran will be held on Wednesday, January 22nd & Split Rock Lutheran will be held January 26th. Please see below or service schedule changes for these days



Staff Out Of Office

Staff will be out of office on the following dates:

Pastor Aimee & Pastor Elizabeth: January 27-31 (Continuing Education)

Office Closed

The office will be closed and all of the staff will be out of the office on **Monday, January 20th**. We will reopen for regular business hours on Tuesday, January 21st.



Happy Ordination Anniversary, Pastor Aimee!

Pastor Aimee was ordained as an ELCA pastor called to Brandon and Split Rock Lutheran 4 years ago, January 16!

We are thankful for Pastor Aimee's ministry!

ASK YOUR PASTORS

One of the pastors always leaves in the middle of the 8:30am worship service on Sunday morning. Why?

Brandon Lutheran and Split Rock Lutheran have been sister congregations for more than a hundred years! Each congregation has its own unique gifts and ministry but have shared pastoral ministry in their partnership.

Pastor Elizabeth and Pastor Aimee have a schedule where the preaching pastor preaches at the 8:30am service at BLC. After the hymn of the day, she heads to Split Rock for the 9:30am worship service and leads that while the other pastor stays at BLC and has coffee or leads a Parent/Student class or leads a small group study.

The non-preaching pastor (we call that the Presiding pastor) will then begin leading the 10:45am worship service at BLC and depending on what's happening at Split Rock that day, the preaching pastor will be there at 10:45am or might arrive just in time for the sermon!



December Baptisms



Congratulations and God's blessings to **Skylar Jay Voss** who was baptized at Brandon Lutheran Church on Sunday, December 1st, 2024. Skylar's parents are Mitchell & Megan Voss



Congratulations and God's blessings to **Benson Daniel Nelson & Addison Sandra Nelson** who were baptized at Split Rock Lutheran Church on Sunday, December 1st, 2024. Benson's & A parents are Blake & Anna Nelson



Congratulations and God's blessings to **Paige Emery Rasmussen** who was baptized at Brandon Lutheran Church on Sunday, December 8th, 2024. Paige's parents are Grant & Jessica Rasmussen



~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
blc@brandonlutheran.org to find our more information.
Welcome!



Matthew & Kailey Miller

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Ho, Ho, Ho, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope you all have had a great time with your families. I would like to start by saying thank you for all the ways you all have supported the ministry we do here at Brandon Lutheran, especially with the youth.

In December, we had the opportunity to go and watch a movie at the State theater with the middle schoolers, and a secret Santa exchange with the high school group. Let me tell you something. We loved the state theater, but the movie was one of the worst movies we have seen in our lives. I bet if you ask any of the kids who went there, they are still wondering what the point of the movie even was. Regardless of this, the state theater was amazing, the kids enjoyed being there and it was a great opportunity for the kids to spend some time with friends and to get to know each other.

With the secret Santa, my fear is always that everyone will draw names and when the time comes, one is going to bring a gift and the other people will forget about it, I can remind them everyday during the two weeks prior to the activity and when the time comes, they will be like , oh I forgot. But this time, I was surprised about the commitment of the kids, they all were intentional about bringing gifts for the person they had. I

think it is always important when someone takes the time to think and to get something for us, it makes it more special. I think the kids enjoyed that and it was a good way to start this Christmas season.

Next month is one of my least favorite times of the year. I think it is because December is full of lights, joy and magic and January is not the same. That is why, next month we are going to try to keep this atmosphere alive, with the middle schoolers we are going to try to go Tubing, thanks to one of the parents who has tickets for f Great Bear, and with the high schoolers, we are going to try to go to Great Shots, last year they had a great time and I know this time will be the same or even better.

So, thank you again for all the ways you support the group. The kids feel your support and thanks to you, we are able to do the activities we do. Blessings to you and your families this holiday season!

Juan Angel Ferro

Youth Director – Brandon Lutheran Church



**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**

♪BLC Music Ministries Update♪

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to our Music Ministries in December! Advent, the Cantata, and Christmas Eve were all fantastic, and it's thanks to the wonderful people of BLC! What a blessing to be surrounded by so many talented people who freely give of their time and talents. I hope that you all felt the joy that the Christ child brings to us at Christmas!

Heading into 2025, we have lots of opportunities for you to get more involved with our Bell Choir, Brass Ensemble, Choir, and Praise Band! Joining one of these ensembles is a great way to build new relationships, have fun, and grow in your faith and worship of our Lord! Do you sing or play an instrument? Do you know someone who does? If you'd like to have more information or if you know of someone who might be interested, let me know by sending me an email at music@brandonlutheran.org, or by calling the church at 605-582-3401. We'd love to get to know you better!

Here are some photos from the Christmas Cantata. May God Bless each one of you richly in 2025!

Blessings,

Ben Jacobsma



Happy New Year from Noah's Ark Preschool!



We started back up this week and are SO excited for the 2nd half of our year!

*****Registration for the 2025/26 Preschool Year opens on: February 1st at 8:00 AM*****

Registration can be completed via our website and by filling out the Google form.

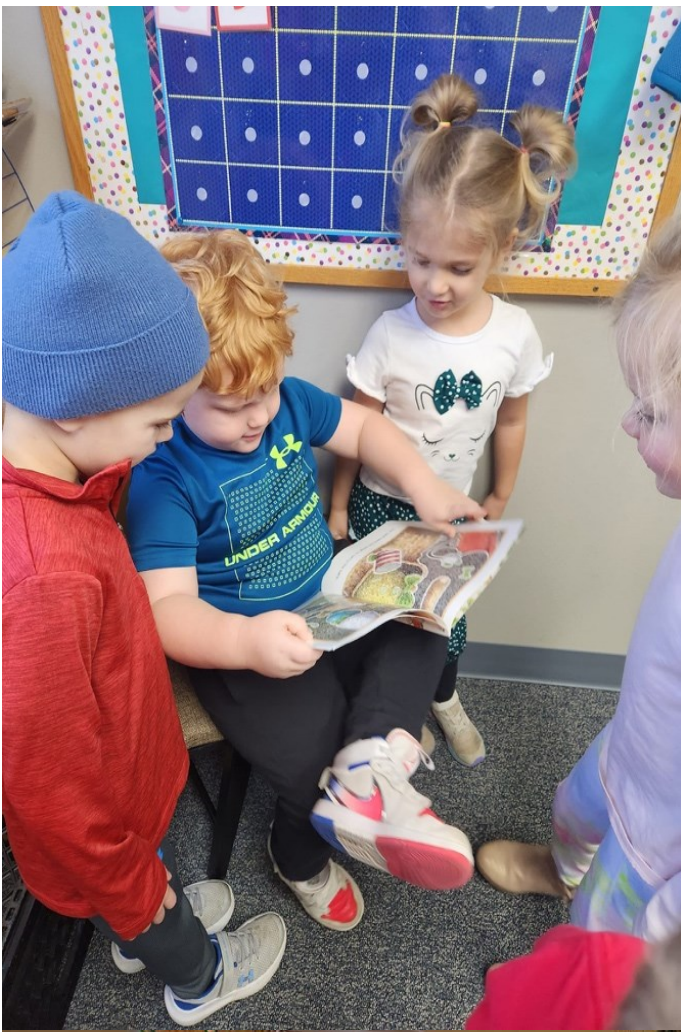
We have classes for 3,4 and 5 year olds.

If there are any questions please contact

Ms. Nicole at: 605-201-5995 J

Here are some pictures of our latest Adventures!









Young Family Parent Study Date:

January 12 - 9:30-10:30 Pastor Elizabeth and Christy Olson hosting
Come and tell us what you want to share with one another. This is your group.

Sunday February 9th between services

Baptism Birthday Party - Party Planner Stacey Adams
All little ones Baptized in the past year.

Tuesday February 11 at 6:15 pm

Tots in Faith Team Meeting

Young Family Parent Study Date:

Sunday February 23 - 9:30-10:30

Young Family Parent Study Date:

Sunday March 23 9:30- 10:30

Dates for future Tots in Faith Team Meetings

Tuesday January 14 at 6:15 in corner Sunday School room
Tuesday Feb. 11 At 6:15 in corner Sunday School room
Tuesday March 11 at 6:15 in corner Sunday School room
Tuesday April 8 at 6:15
Tuesday May 13 Potluck at Christy's house

Happy New Year from Children's Ministries & Bible Basics!

THANK YOU to all the BLC kids that took part in our three Christmas programs in December!

They did a fantastic job sharing the story of Christmas.

A special thank you to our music leaders, Wilma Kirkeby and Logan Torgrude, who helped the students learn new songs and prepare for their performances & to our media booth and parent volunteers for helping our programs run so smoothly. We hope you all had a Merry Christmas!

We have some opportunities coming up for families to take part in our programs.



We are looking forward to 2025!

- 1. A little TLC for BLC!** We are working towards bringing our classrooms and youth spaces back to life with a little paint and a lot of love. If your family or a group of friends would like to work together to sponsor a classroom, please email childrens-ministries@brandonlutheran.org.
- 2. Wednesday night music leader(s)!** Unfortunately, our wonderful kids' music leader has a scheduling conflict in 2025. She will no longer be available Wednesday nights to lead music time. You do not need to be a musical expert! This is a fun time and a great way to connect with our youth and other families of our church. If you, your high schooler, or someone you know may be interested in volunteering as a music leader from 7 – 8 on Wednesday evenings, please let us know.

Christmas trees! We will be setting the stage and putting up artificial Christmas trees for our summer VBS event. We will have time in May when families can come to church and set up their own Christmas tree. We'll also be taking decent, artificial tree donations if you are looking to get rid of a retired Christmas tree.

Looking ahead!

Sunday School: NO CLASS January 19. Kindergarten Prayer Pillow parents and student time on Sunday, January 26 at 10AM. Pillow blessing that same morning at 10:45.

Wednesday School: Class resumes on January 8. Kindergarten Prayer Pillow class on Wednesday, January 22 at 7PM. Pillow blessing the following Wednesday, January 29th at 6PM.

Bible Basics: Class resumes January 8 at 7pm.



**CHILDREN'S
MINISTRIES
& BIBLE BASICS**

Serving Together Opportunities

Lunch (11:15am arrival-12:30pm:) March 23, April 5, May 3

Dinner (5:45pm arrival-7pm:) February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10



Lutherans Outdoors Summer Camp Registration is Open! Although it seems far off to be thinking of warm summer days, it is time to start planning for 2025 Summer Camp! A week at Outlaw Ranch, Klein Ranch or NeSoDak is a meaningful and rewarding experience for all ages! Registration is now open for both Youth and Family Camp. Check the [losd.org](https://www.losd.org) web site for more information. Better yet, talk to Angel regarding Youth Camp or one of the pastors about Family Camp. Pastor Aimee and husband Joel (also known as the band Tangled Blue) are scheduled as the musicians for the week of June 29 -July 4 and they would love to have you and your family join them! Camperships are available from LO as well as the Women of the ELCA here at Brandon to help with fees.

Thank you to the congregation for helping make Christmas more merry for the residents at Helping Hands in Brandon!

Jen Rothenbuehler

Nurture chair



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Thank you!

Brandon Lutheran Church

Sponsor Group

December 16th

Date of Drive

24

Total Number of Donors

1

First Time Donors

66

Potential Lives Saved

22

Units Collected

**One single blood donation can help save more than one life.
Thank you for supporting our lifesaving mission!**

Wednesday Night Meal Menu for January & February

January 8– Broasted Chicken, Mac & Cheese

January 15– Spaghetti –Chicken Alfredo– Salad– Bread Sticks

January 22– Turkey– Mashed potatoes & Gravy

January 29- Beef Tips, Mashed potatoes & Gravy

February 5- Broasted Chicken- Mac & Cheese

February 12– Hamburgers -Hotdogs -Green Bean Casserole

February 19– Lasagna-Salad-Bread Sticks

February 26-Meatloaf, Baby Reds



Serve Together

Brandon Lutheran will be serving again at the St. Francis . Sign up using the QR code or on our website under the Volunteer Opportunities

Lunch(11:15am-12:30pm) March 23, April 5 & May 3

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January
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



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.

January Serving Schedule

Sunday, January 5: Ushers/Greeters: Rod & Kim Hansen

Lector: Sharla Janssen

Communion Server: Sharla Janssen

Communion Bread: Linda Bly

Sunday, January 12: Ushers/Greeters: Sid & Judy Williamson

Lector: Sid Williamson

Thursday , January 9: Split Rock Church Council

Sunday, January 19th: Ushers/Greeters: David Sorenson & Corbin Sorenson

Lector: Stephanie Tighe

Communion Server: Tony Thoreson

Communion Bread: Stephnie Tighe

Sunday, January 26th : Congregational Annual Meeting

Ushers/Greeters: Brianna Tolbert & Suzie Weir

Lector: Brianna Tolbert

January Schedule

Sunday, January 5:	9:30 am—Worship 10:45 am—Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School
Tuesday, January 9:	7:00 pm—Council Meeting
Sunday, January 12:	9:30 am—Worship 10:45 am—Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School
Sunday, January 19:	9:30 am—Worship 10:45 am—Coffee Fellowship & Sunday Schools
Monday, January 20:	No Garretson or BV School Church Offices Closed
Sunday, January 26:	10:30 am—Worship 11:30 am—Annual Meeting & Potluck

Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be **Sunday, January 26th at 11:30** with potluck. Worship will be at 10:30am that day.





Worship Schedule for Brandon Lutheran & Split Rock

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

9:45 am on Sundays—Summer

6:00pm Wednesdays—School Year

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

8:30 am on Sundays—Summer

Office Hours:

Monday through Friday: 8:00 am—5:00 pm—School Year

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

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