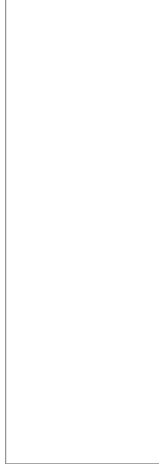


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*My beloved said to me, rise up my love, my fair one, and come away. For the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers are springing up and the time of the singing birds has come.
Song of Solomon 2:10-12.*

GOOD NEWS

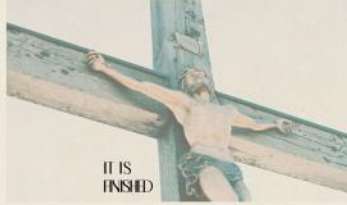
Yes! Thank God spring is finally here. Soon all the piles of snow will disappear and it will be time to see the green grass, the budding leaves, the blooming flowers, the bubbling brooks, and enjoy pleasant warm weather under the bright blue sky. Spring is indeed a life-giving lovely season. Even though I love the change of seasons, there is no other season I anticipate with greater joy than spring. I love everything about it.

The interesting thing about living in this part of the world is that we always live with anticipation. When one season comes and we get tired of it, we look forward to the next season. Living in faith is very much like that. It is about making the best of what we have as we live with anticipation of what is to come and our greatest anticipation is the second coming of our lord Jesus Christ who promised us to make all things new again. We are not the only ones who are longing for his coming. In Romans 8:18-25, we learn how the whole creation is waiting with eagerness, longing for redemption. So, as nature that is ravaged and stripped of its beauty by the cold winter, waits for the spring season in order to be covered with beauty again, we too live in the hope of resurrection in the midst of death and decay. Thanks be to God for the promise of a new beginning.

As you cherish and make the best of this life, may you live in wonder of the one that is to come. Have a nice spring season.

Pastor Ale





Join us at Breckenridge Lutheran Church
this easter season

| | | |
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| Palm Sunday | April 10, 2022 | 9:30 am |
| Maundy Thursday | April 14, 2022 | 6:30 pm |
| Good Friday* | April 15, 2022 | 7:00 pm |
| *service will be held at Breckenridge United Methodist | | |
| Easter Sunday | April 17, 2022 | 7:30 & 9:30 am |



We will be receiving New Members on Sunday, May 1st. If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming a member, please contact Pastor Ale or the office.

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Our Mission

Learning to be disciples and to make disciples,

Reaching out to witness and support our community,

Welcoming all to worship and serve Jesus Christ!

President's Message—Jill Blaufuss

Greetings to my Breck Lutheran Family,

Even though there are still a few vacancies on council, our monthly meetings have a lot of fun energy and we're always pulling in more chairs than we thought we'd need. Our council now consists of myself, Deb Berndt (treasurer), Orrin Ausen (finance), Teresa Pearson (property), Joel Herder (LYO), Connie Jensen (missions), Ashley Johnson (youth ed.), Kennedy Niska and Heidi Genereux (both worship for now) and Pastor Ale. Our new office admin, Lois Fenske, joins us too. Deb Berndt moved from secretary to treasurer this year. It's been so helpful to have someone with in-depth accounting knowledge give it to us straight when it comes to the state of our finances. Ashley Johnson, Kennedy Niska and Joel Herder are our most recent additions and are going to be great. We have such a nice group of people working together. Please do not be shy to ask to join. We still very much need someone to lead evangelism, a secretary and a vice-president.

Our new temporary office admin, Lois Fenske, has been a blessing in Laurie's continued absence. She has church office experience, and an extensive resume working with computers. She's excellent at her job and is friendly too. She plans on helping us out as long as we need her. We're lucky to have her.

Laurie Allen is now at home, doing therapy, and we received her and her family's blessing to do a benefit. It's been slated for Saturday, April 23 from 5-8 p.m. with an Italian pasta supper in our church basement. There are many hands working together to plan for this event. If you'd like to help out, please contact me and I'll help you find a spot on the volunteer list. Take-out orders can be placed on our website under "Give Online."

Speaking of the website, it's looking a little different these days, as I took some time to update our design. Please take a look (brecklutheran.org). I used a template, so I'm not going to try to fool anyone into thinking I am any sort of web programmer. I need to update the imagery on each page with pictures from our church and area, but that will come. Getting the website project done was one of my two big goals for this year.

My second goal I have not achieved yet, or attempted. I'd like to try to get as many people signed up for monthly auto-giving as possible. No matter what income level you're at, my hope is that there is something you'd be willing to commit to giving monthly. Maybe it's \$10. Maybe it's \$50. Either way, the point is, if we have a better idea of how much we can count on to work with every month and year, it would be much easier to plan our budget and decide what we can feasibly accomplish each year. I plan on doing a member drive, similar to what public radio and tv does. If you sign up for monthly withdrawals, you get a little gift, like a BLC mug, or t-shirt.

Hopefully it's fun, and hopefully we get some folks to sign up for monthly giving. You can sign up now on the website, "Online Giving." There is a separate button for monthly giving once you are on that giving page. Or stop by the office and fill out a bank withdrawal form. Be sure to bring a check so you know your account number.

At our last council meeting, Pastor Ale asked if we could start working on a member directory, something that hasn't been updated for years. Council decided that the photos in this directory would not be professionally taken. The logistics of getting everyone in the same place at the same time these days is not practical. We will therefore be asking our congregation to submit recent photos of themselves or their families that they may already have. If they do not have a photo they want to use, we'll be setting up a simple "photobooth" of sorts at different services on Sundays and Wednesdays. We'll let you know when this will be happening.

I hope you are all enjoying the little signs of spring everywhere. Please contact me if you have any concerns or questions about anything at all concerning BLC. I enjoy being your president and want to be helpful to you. It's easier to make progress if you're aware of what people want you to be working on, so please don't be shy.

Sincerely,
Jill Blaufuss
heringji@yahoo.com
218-779-9021

A decorative background featuring various colorful shapes and icons related to baking. There are stylized clouds in shades of blue and green, a pink and blue rolling pin, a green heart, a pink chef's hat, a pink bowl, a blue bowl, and a green bowl. The text "Calling All Bakers" is written in a large, black, cursive font across the middle of the page.

Calling All Bakers

April 23rd a benefit will be held for Laurie Allen. As part of the benefit, we will be having a bake sale. We are asking you to donate baked goods. Some of the items that sell well are pies, bars (3in. x 3in.), quick breads, cookies, caramel rolls, cinnamon rolls, and coffee cake. We ask that you put your baked items on a plate and place it in a zip lock bag. If you make a cake, please have it in a disposable pan with a cover.

Items may be brought to the church on Friday evening (22nd) from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. or Saturday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Thank you in advance for helping support Laurie and Dave!
If you have any questions, please call Cindie Van Tassel at 643-4374.

Planning Council Minutes

March 8, 2022
7:00 pm in the Luther Room

Present: Pastor Ale Tulu, Jill Ockhardt Blaufuss, Teresa Pearson, Heidi Genereux, Ashley Johnson, Joel Herder, Orrin Ausen, Kennedy Niska, Connie Jensen, Lois Fenske, and Deb Berndt
Absent: None

- A. The meeting was called to order by President Jill.
- B. Pastor Ale opened the meeting with devotions reading Psalm 100:46 and Isaiah 46:4
- C. Consent Agenda:
 1. Minutes:
 - a. February Council Meeting minutes were handed out at the meeting.
 2. Financial Reports: Financial reports for February 2022 were handed out. They included a Profit and Loss Statement for January and February and a Balance Sheet dated February 28, 2022.
 - a. Motion: A motion was made by Orrin to approve the minutes and the financials as presented.
 - b. Second: The motion was seconded by Connie
 - c. Action: The motion was passed with no opposition.
- D. Additions to the agenda: None
- E. Old Business: Monthly giving Drive for parents at Wednesday night services. We have tabled for now but will add to the agenda next month.
- F. New Business:
 1. Pastor's Report –
 - a. Pastor Ale reported that we will be using the videos of the messages while painting given by Paul Aman will be used during the Lenten services for the next five weeks of Lent. A screen and projector have been located and have been set up in the sanctuary by Scott Wendorff. Pastor Ale stated that he will pay Paul's fee right now and we will figure it out when the general fund is in better shape. Heidi also offered to donate \$100.00 towards the cost.
 - b. Good Friday service will be held at the Methodist Church with Pastor Ale providing the sermon. Both churches will contribute to the supper and the singing.
 - c. National Day of Prayer will take place on May 5th, 2022 at the Seventh Day Adventist Church.
 - d. First Communion instruction will start on April 3 and continue on April 10th with the students taking Communion for the first time on Maundy Thursday. This will be for any 5th grader or any older students who have not had the instruction yet.
 2. Directory Discussion – We talked about having Lois pull together membership lists. Possibly we will have people submit their own picture or maybe have someone take some pictures at the Church, setting up days to schedule picture taking. We discussed the idea of just having the directory be all on line. Some people stated that might not be convenient for people who do not have computers. We will need to have a committee to gather and organize emails and cell phone numbers. Lois will formulate the communications and Connie volunteered to help.

- a. Motion: A motion was made by Heidi to create a new Church Directory, setting October 2022 as a deadline.
 - b. Second: Connie seconded the motion.
 - c. Action: Seeing no further discussion, the motion passed with no opposition.
3. Personnel Committee Meeting Decisions/Proposals –
- a. The committee made the recommendation to the Council that the 60 days of disability the church has been paying to Laurie Allen was up the end of February. A letter was written by Kara Gruenberg stating this and letting her know the job will still be hers when she is ready to come back. It was discussed by the Council that someone should reach out to Laurie and Dave and ask if the Church might hold a benefit for them.
 - i. Motion: A motion was made by Orrin to not continue paying any more disability after the February paycheck.
 - ii. Second: The motion was seconded by Joel.
 - iii. Action: The motion carried with no opposition.
 - b. A recommendation was made to hire a music director. Someone who will do the scheduling, pick out the songs and lead any choirs that we might have. We would pay a yearly stipend of \$5,000.00 per year. Heidi and Kennedy and the personnel committee will work out the description of duties.
 - i. Motion: A motion was made by Jill to hire a music director paying them a yearly stipend of \$5,000,00.
 - ii. Second: Orrin seconded the motion.
 - iii. Action: The motion passed with no further discussion at this time. The particulars of the job will be sorted out at the next meeting.
 - c. The committee hopes to meet monthly and determine job descriptions for all positions.
4. Council Lent Supper – March 16, 2022 – Jill will get the food and asked for volunteers for helping set up, prepare the food and cleanup.
5. Palm and/or Easter Sunday Breakfast, how many services will we have on Easter morning? We decided to have two services on Easter morning, one at 7:30 and the second at 9:30 with an Easter breakfast of caramel rolls, coffee and juice in between.
6. New Website – Jill set up a new website with Bios, everyone needs to check it out.
7. Open position and committees with openings – Vice President, Secretary, Evangelism, and Finance. Joel and Lexi Hought will head up the LYO committee. Everyone keep looking for possible candidates.
- G. Church Pulse: We discussed the importance of reaching out to Laurie and Dave to find a date that will work for the fund raiser. It was suggested to wait until after Easter. April 22, 2022 was a possible suggestion. Teresa will be gone on vacation March 22, - 29th, we need to remember to take out the garbage.
- H. Pastor Ale led us in the Lord's Prayer to close out the meeting.
- I. Adjournment –
- a. Motion – A motion was made by Orrin to adjourn the meeting.
 - b. Second – Motion was seconded by Jill.
 - c. Action – Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,
Debra Berndt

Financial Summary

| January and February Financial Summary | |
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| General Account Income in January 2022 | \$20,739 |
| General Account Expenditures in January 2022 | \$21,265 |
| Cash deficit for the month | (\$526) |
| General Account Cash Balance January 2022 | \$52,336 |
| General Account Income in February 2022 | \$18,704 |
| General Account Expenditures in February 2022 | \$23,108 |
| Cash deficit for the month | (\$4,404) |
| General Account Cash Balance February 2022 | \$47,406 |
| General Account Income in March 2022 | \$18,339 |

| Weekly Giving | | | |
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| January 2022 | | February 2022 | |
| January 2 | \$6,614 | February 6 | \$7,245 |
| January 9 | \$1,289 | February 13 | \$3,621 |
| January 16 | \$3,916 | February 20 | \$5,124 |
| January 23 | \$5,596 | February 27 | \$2,299 |
| January 30 | \$3,249 | | |

| Weekly Giving | |
|---------------|---------|
| March 2022 | |
| March 7 | \$6,554 |
| March 13 | \$4,412 |
| March 20 | \$5,495 |
| March 27 | \$1,874 |

Our website has a "Give Now" button on the upper righthand side of our website: <https://www.brecklutheran.org/>. There is a 2.75% fee tacked on to each transaction. The church is ready and willing to pay that; however, if you want to cover those transaction fees yourself, here is what you can expect:

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| \$15 per month | = | 41¢ |
| \$25 per month | = | 69¢ |
| \$50 per month | = | \$1.38 |



Memorials and Gifts

| In memory of: | Given by: |
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| Elevator Fund | |
| Robert Bellmore | Cleo Reitan; Gary & Evie Fox |
| Lawrence Hasbargen | Dell Krueger; Don & Geri Young; Carol Helgeson; Gary & Evie Fox; Jan Michels; Keith & Patty Robertsdahl; Kenny & Cleo Reitan; Peter & Connie Jensen; Lisa & Ed Jacob (Rene Hasbargen's sister); Shirley & Mike Funk (Rene Hasbargen's sister); Gary & Teresa Link (Rene Hasbargen's brother) |
| Furnace/HVAC | |
| Robert Bellmore | Jan Michels; Mike & Diane Belseth |
| Lawrence Hasbargen | Kitty Hansen; Mike & Diane Belseth |
| General Fund | |
| Lawrence Hasbargen | Clark & JoAn Dybdahl |
| Quilting | |
| Lawrence Hasbargen | Darlene Bontjes; Mike & Diane Belseth |
| Bob Bellmore | Mike & Diane Belseth |

Prayer Concerns

- Battling Cancer: Lisa Layton, Linda Melkert, Phil Koppelman, Sandy Albertson, Wendy Campbell, Rebekah Amdahl, Mel Klindt, Kenzie Christensen, Clint Conzemius, Linda Dietz
- Recovering at home: John Turner, Susie Fritsche, Jerry Czichotzki, Janet Czichotzki, Amelia Rossow, Ray Trower, Deb Steffens, Harriet Bakken, Dennis Nordahl, Diane Belseth, Stan Carlsrud, Laurie Allen, Lavonne Viken
- For Good Health; Del Fredricks, Haedyn Douglas, Jill Beltz, Royce Cormack, Braedon Guy, Debbie Mark, Austin Erickson, Joan Vertin, Cliff Strege, Anna Hodges
- For those who have had, or are currently struggling with COVID-19
- For Betty LeNoue-Bethany Retirement Living Fargo
- For Pat Sharstrom—Nancy Kent's sister who is battling cancer



JOIN US FOR

Good Friday Day camp! A Walk with Jesus

April 15, 2022

9:00 am to 1:30 pm
Bible lesson, crafts, games, snacks,
Easter egg hunt, and Lunch
\$15.00 per child with a \$45.00 family
max. Pre-registration is required.
Registration sheets are available in
the office!
Contact Lisa with questions

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The Wednesday School Children will sing during Service on April 10, May 4 and May 8.

Confirmation Students and Mentors

will meet Sunday, April 24, 2022 after church (10:30) in the Casual Meeting Room downstairs.



EASTER BINGO

April 3, 2022
5:00 pm

Help support the youth of Bethel and Breckenridge Lutheran that are going on the summer mission trip.

Bingo cards will be sold in a packet for \$20.00. We will play 15 games. Easter baskets for children and adults. Taco in a bag will be served.

Bethel Lutheran Church 607 6th Street N. Wahpeton



**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**
Every Thursday
7:00 am
Fryn' Pan
(starting April 7, 2022)

If you would like to help with the Landscaping Project, the property committee will be meeting April 24th after church.



**BLW
Women's
Ministry**

Connecting for a Christ-like Purpose

Abigail Circle will meet at 1:30 pm in the Luther Room on Thursday, April 7th.

Rebekah Circle will meet at 7:00 pm on Thursday, April 7th at Jan Michels' home.

Our April Monthly Mission Emphasis will be focused on the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response for Ukraine. Please pray for those in Ukraine, Russia and neighboring countries that have been affected by the crisis in Ukraine. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please place them in the designated receptacles and we will send them in. Your gifts designated for "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region.

SPRING 2022 GATHERING

Conference 7 Women of the ELCA

First Lutheran Church

402 S Court St | Fergus Falls, MN

Saturday, April 30, 2022

Registration: 1:00 pm / Meeting: 1:30-2:30 pm

Registration of \$5 is due to Janel Butts, BLW Treasurer, on or before April 10th.

Easter Story

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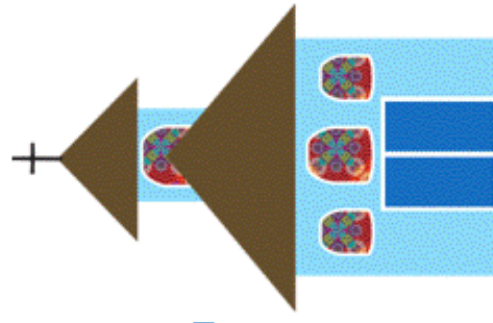


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| 3 8:30am Choir Practice 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am 1st Communion Class 10:30am Fellowship | 4 | 5 9:30am Coffee with Staff 5:30pm Staff Meeting | 6 5:15pm Choir Practice 5:45pm Lenten Supper 6:30pm Lenten Worship 6:30pm Wed School 7:00pm Bells Practice | 7 7:00am Men's Breakfast Meeting at Fryn' Pan 1:30pm Abigail Circle 7:00pm Rebekah Circle | 8 9:30am Coffee with Staff | 9 |
| 10 Palm Sunday 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am 1st Communion Class 10:30am Fellowship | 11 | 12 9:30am Coffee with Staff 12:00pm Ministerial Meeting 7:00pm Council Meeting | 13 Meals on Wheels 1:00pm Prayer Shawl | 14 Maundy Thursday 7:00am Men's Breakfast 9:00am Conference Meeting 5:45pm Lenten Meal 6:30pm Worship Service | 15 Good Friday 9:30am Coffee with Staff 6:00pm Meal at Breck Methodist 7:00pm Worship at Breck | 16 |
| 17 Easter Sunday 7:30am Sunrise Service 8:30am Fellowship 9:30am Worship Service | 18 6:30pm Book Club | 19 9:00am Quilting 9:30am Coffee with Staff | 20 5:45pm Meal 6:15pm Worship 6:45pm Wed School & Confirmation | 21 7:00am Men's Breakfast Meeting at Fryn' Pan | 22 9:30am Coffee with Staff | 23 |
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