


YOU MUST CONTACT THE OFFICE TO REQUEST ENVELOPES FOR 2023.



The image shows a purple-bordered offering envelope form. In the top left corner is the Breck Lutheran Church (BLC) logo with the text "BLC Breck Lutheran Church 303 W. 12th St. Breck, SD 57520". In the top right corner is the text "My Offering". The form contains the following fields: "Name: _____", "Envelope #: _____ Date: _____", and "Amount: _____". Below these fields are two checkboxes: " General" and " Other". At the bottom of the form, it reads "2 Cor 9:7 ... for God loves a cheerful giver." and "Give online at brecklutheran.org | Text to give: 844-771-1333".

2023 Offering Envelopes

In an effort to reduce waste & cost, we will not be ordering pre-printed offering envelopes for 2023. Options for next year: 1) Use the generic envelopes available in church, 2) request the office to print envelopes with your personalized information, 3) checks may be put in the offering plate, 4) use any of the electronic options available: bill pay from your bank, give online, text-to-give, or set up automatic debit (Simply Giving) with the office. (Please note: Your envelope number will remain the same.)

Stewardship—Orrin Ausen

2022 is almost over and within a few weeks we celebrate Jesus' birthday. What a joyous event to proclaim the birth of Christ and close out the year.

On Thanksgiving we showed our gratitude and thanks to God for His graciousness and providing for our daily needs. As Christians we have abundant blessings to be grateful for.

As we reminisce this past year how has Covid-19 changed your personal relationship with Jesus? Has your family returned to worship in person? If not, what has superseded your worship attendance?

Covid-19 has changed our normal social habits for all of us. Worship services were modified to incorporate technology to reach out to our church membership as we were mandated to stay home and use other forms of worship through Facebook, TV, Radio Broadcast (1 week delay) or our church's website to worship.

How did Covid 19 changed your offering/giving to support the annual budget? Covid-19 has disrupted our relationships, church attendance, giving, and social outings. We have complied to new post Covid-19 habits or some of us continue to adhere to covid health restrictions. Covid-19 has forever changed our lives!

What can the church do to help you return to worship services? What can you do to rebound back to your worship attendance habits before the Covid-19 health restrictions?

If you haven't returned to worship to meet our newest pastor, Ale Tulu, your absence has missed some remarkable sermons as well as his personality. Pastor Ale, as we refer to him, is kind, caring, gentle, humorous, (he thinks he is Norwegian) gregarious, and zealous for preaching the True Word of God. All his qualities are appealing which you want to emulate.

As we enter the Christmas season it is my sincere prayer that if your worship has been sparse during the covid years to return to regular worship. I pray the Holy Spirit will draw you back into the fold of practicing churchgoers.

Make your New Year's resolution to affirm your commitment to worship services.

May God bless your Christmas as you celebrate His birth. Remember Jesus is the Reason for the Season.

Orrin Ausen



President's Message—Jill Ockhardt Blaufuss

November 2022 Church Update:

Because of conflicts with schedules this month, our council decided to post-pone any items for discussion until December's meeting. Connie Jensen and Evie Fox provided updates for their respective committees below. At December's meeting, we will discuss the following:

Determining "active" versus "inactive" membership numbers:

The NW Minnesota ELCA Synod has guidelines we can follow for this. Determining our active membership helps us know how much we as a congregation should give back to our synod and Luther Crest. This giving is called "benevolence." And we are at that time of year when we need to decide how much our congregation will give toward benevolence.

Annual Report:

We will be asking the various committees to provide a summary of events and yearly financials to include in our annual report. This information will be available at our annual meeting on Sunday, January 29 after worship.

Filling Council Positions:

We are also in search of volunteers to serve on our various committees, and also be council officers. President, Vice President and Secretary will all be vacant. I'm proof you do not need any prior church leadership experience to be an officer of the council. If you think you could help, please do not feel shy about inquiring. There is no better qualification than simply desiring to be of service.



If you have had a recent change to your address, phone number or email address, please be sure to let the church office know!



Mission Report

In December, we will be collecting gift cards (\$25+ value) to local stores such as Econofoods, Wal-Mart, Simonson's, Blazer Express, Thrifty White Pharmacy, Farm City Supply, etc. to help local families in Wilkin County who are in need of additional financial support to make the holidays special. Gift Cards can be dropped off at the office or put them in the Offering Plate. For every \$25 Gift Card we receive, a snowflake will be placed on the office door - let's snow Lois in!

Let the Spirit of God's love continue to flow through Breckenridge Lutheran Church!

Connie Jensen



Memorials and Gifts

In memory of:	Given by:
Elevator	
Ardell Grawe	Gary & Evie Fox
Diane Cordes	Marv & Joyce Aarons
Ken Olson	Jeff & Cathy Affield
Pastor Floistad	Marvin & Joyce Aarons
Tyler Stone	Jeff & Cathy Affield
General	
Clint Conzemius	Mike & Diane Belseth
John Weigel/Tanya Kelsen's Father	Mark & Colleen Engebretson
Mel Klindt	Glenn & Dorothy Rakow, Rose Ella Matejcek
Pastor Floistad	Jan Michels, Mike & Diane Belseth
Richland Wilkin Food Pantry	
Ray Trower	Janis Pearson

Youth Ministry

The 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation Students helped shop and pack the shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child! We had a total of 50 boxes filled this year!



Financial Summary (as of October 31, 2022)

October Financial Summary	
General Account Income in October 2022	\$21,528.50
General Account Expenditures in October 2022	\$19,252.57
Cash Income for the month	\$2,275.93

Weekly Giving—October 2022	
October 2	\$6,193
October 9	\$3,127
October 16	\$5,949.50
October 23	\$1,484
October 30	\$4,959
Total	\$21,712.50

Year to Date Income	Year to Date Expenses	Year to Date Net Loss	Monthly Budget	Weekly Budget
\$194,878.09	\$203,405.06	(\$8,526.97)	\$24,680	\$5,696

Final 2022 Donations are due by 10 am on Thursday, December 29, 2022.

Upcoming Events

Breckenridge Lutheran Church

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

- Dec 3 7:00 pm LYO Christmas Party
- Dec 17 10:00 am Christmas Program Practice
- Dec 18 9:30 am Children's Christmas Program
- Dec 24 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Service
- Dec 24 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Service
- Dec 25 9:30 am Christmas Day Service

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LYO Christmas Party

Dec 3rd from 7-9 at the church
Activity: 2 escape rooms
Snacks, Sweets, and Goodies will be provided
Grades 7 through 12

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BLW Christmas DINNER

Thursday, December 15th
6 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Please sign up in the overflow lobby by December 11th

Breckenridge Lutheran Women

We would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's Election Night Meatball Dinner. Whether you sold tickets, purchased tickets, set up tables, served tables, delivered meals, or offered up a prayer for a successful event - ALL is appreciated! And biggest thank you (like every other year) is to our mom who instilled in us the importance of giving back and serving your church. Thanks again! Julie Aigner and Janel Butts



Planning Council Minutes—November

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Missions Update: Connie Jensen

The Circle of Nations was the focus of Missions in October and our congregation graciously raised \$410 for students in need of basic school and athletic materials.

For the month of November, Missions and LYO have partnered in Operation Christmas Child. An early donation allowed for the purchase of 24 durable gift boxes. Youth will fill those boxes with donated goods and items they purchase by spending monetary donations.

In December, we will hold a Gift Card Blizzard for families in need in Wilkin County. Please consider purchasing a gift card, minimum \$25 value, for a local grocery store, gas station or Wal-Mart. Let the Spirit of God's love continue to flow through Breckenridge Lutheran Church!

There has been discussion about changing the structure of our Missions outreach. Historically speaking, giving was strongest when we focused on global and local issues. Also considered is reducing efforts from 12 monthly drives to expanding the amount of time devoted to a resource from one to two months. More discussion to follow, and Congregational input is welcome so please feel free to call Connie with your thoughts.

Property Update: Evie Fox

Midco has replaced the outdated piece of transmission equipment and Tricorne has ordered the rest of what is needed, to get our TV transmission up to snuff.

Planning Council Minutes—continued

The elevator people (Schindler) are working on our elevator these next couple weeks – hopefully we will have a working elevator for a Christmas present!!

We are also thinking of next spring and what to do to make the exterior of our church look cleaner.

LYO Update: Lexi Hought

Operation Christmas Child:

Took in about \$750 and about a table full of items donated (\$500 was from Thrivent). Confirmation kids went shopping at Walmart and filled 50 boxes back at church.

Christmas Light Hanging - Chahinkapa Park:

Went well. Plenty of volunteers, check received for \$1,000.00. Would definitely do again given the opportunity.

Ideas for Future Service Projects and Fundraisers:

Feed My Starving Children- Feb 2023

Teacher appreciation- Lexi will look at Breck School Calendar

Headwaters booth next year, headwaters music festival: Sell water and pop.

Lent dinners: 7th, 8th, 9th grades each do separate nights.

At Oct. meeting there was discussion and plan for how to proceed with funds in youth accounts for students that have graduated.

Discussed costs associated with National Youth Gathering: historically \$1700 (\$350 registration, the rest is travel and lodging).

Finance: Nothing to report

Youth Ed: Nothing to report

Worship: Nothing to report

Newsletter articles for the January 2023

Issue of “Good News” are due

DECEMBER 21, 2022.





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Breckenridge Lutheran Church

Located at 301 6th St N | Breckenridge, MN

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!

Worship Schedule

Worship Service—Sundays at 9:30 am | Fellowship at 10:30 am
Wednesday Meal at 5:30 pm | Worship Service at 6:15 pm | Education at 6:30 pm | Confirmation at 6:45 pm
Holy Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sunday



December 2022

December 2022							January 2023						
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30	31				

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov 27	28	29	30	Dec 1 7:00am Men's Breakfast-Fryn' Pan	2 9:30am Coffee with Staff	3 7:00pm LYO Christmas Party
4 8:30am Choir Practice 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Fellowship	5	6 9:30am Coffee with Staff 5:30pm Staff Meeting	7 5:30pm Meal 6:15pm Worship 6:30pm Wed. School 6:45pm Confirmation 7:00pm Handbell Practice	8 7:00am Men's Breakfast-Fryn' Pan 9:00am Conference Meeting 1:30pm Abigail Circle 6:00pm Rebekah Circle	9 9:30am Coffee with Staff	10
11 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Fellowship	12	13 9:30am Coffee with Staff 12:00pm Ministerial Meeting 1:00pm Prayer Shawl 7:00pm Council Meeting	14 5:30pm Meal 6:15pm Worship 6:30pm Wed. School 6:45pm Confirmation 7:00pm Handbell Practice	15 7:00am Men's Breakfast-Fryn' Pan 2:00pm Apple Tree Court Service 3:00pm York Manor Service 6:00pm BLW Christmas	16 9:30am Coffee with Staff	17 10:00am Christmas Program Practice
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25 8:30am Choir Practice 9:30am Worship Service	26	27 9:30am Coffee with Staff	28 7:00pm Handbell Practice	29 7:00am Men's Breakfast-Fryn' Pan	30 9:30am Coffee with Staff	31