



Church Events

- Sundays—9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship
- Tuesdays & Fridays at 9:30 am—Coffee with the Staff
- Wednesdays
5:30 pm Meal
6:15 pm Worship
6:30 pm Wednesday School
6:45 pm Confirmation
7:00 pm Handbell Practice
- Thursdays at 7:00 am—Men's Breakfast at the Fry' Pan
- February 4 at 12:00—Feed my Starving Children Pack
- February 9:
1:30 pm—Abigail Circle
7:00 pm—Rebekah Circle
- February 14:
1:00 pm—Prayer Shawl
7:00 pm—Council Meeting
- February 15 at 9:00 am—Quilting
- February 16 at 6:30 pm—LYO
- February 20 at 7:00 pm—Book Club
- February 21 at 6:00 pm—Evening Quilting
- February 23 at 2 pm—BLW Meeting

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9:00-3:00 Mon-Thur

Pastor's Message—Pastor Ale Tulu

My first experience with snow.

"He sends the snow in all its lovely whiteness and scatters the frost upon the ground." Psalm 147:6

I still remember like it was yesterday the first time I ever saw snow. I ran out to the school parking lot and began gazing up toward the sky. As I was looking up, I felt some floury, white, powder-like substance raining down gently over my face.

That was the first snowfall, at the end of autumn. I stood there and watched with wonder as the snow was painting the trees and houses with its white color. I felt as if I was in some kind of wonderland witnessing a miracle happening. At that moment I began wondering how I could write and explain to my family and friends back home what I was witnessing at that moment.

That day, along with some of my friends, we made a snowman and took some pictures. We slid down hills and made ourselves a mess. We made snowballs and threw them at each other. It was fun! At that moment I thought of those people who had told me how they were sick and tired of snow, and I wondered why anyone would ever feel that way. But, as the winter progressed and I began to add more and more layers of clothing to keep myself warm, I too began to feel the stress of winter. It felt like the cold winter and the piles of snow were here to stay, and I began to long for spring. That was thirty nine years ago. Since then I have lived through many winters and have come to adjust myself to its excitement and challenges.

You know, the anxiety and stress that many of us are feeling during the winter season can be a good reminder of the challenges we go through as we get older. That is the time when we don't get around like we used to and are often confined to our homes. That is the time we lose stability and walk through life with caution. That is the time when our hair turns gray and white like the snow.

There is a wonderful promise in the Bible for this season of our life. The Lord said, "I will be your God through all your life times. Yes, even when your hair is white with age. I made you and I will care for you." Isaiah 46:4

Like cold and snowy wintery days, getting gray and old is not something any of us look forward to, but, no matter how hard we try to resist, old age will come in its own season. One thing we can do is, enjoy it and make the best of it as we look forward to the next season of our life. So, enjoy your winter season as you look forward to spring.

Pastor Ale



Breckenridge Lutheran Women

The BLW has initiated a service project in partnership with Family Footprints—a mission of CHI St. Francis. We are collecting and creating Hygiene Kits for students in the Richland/Wilkin County schools who lack these basic hygiene products. Sandy Hanson, who is the coordinator of this project, says she could use as many as 25 of these kits each month.



Checklist for Hygiene Gift Bags

Toiletries:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Deodorant
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Washcloth
- Band-Aids

Men's Kit, include:

- Shaving Cream
- Disposable Razor

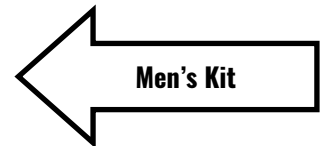
Women's Kit, include:

- Feminine Products (e.g., sanitary pads, tampons)

Put items in a 2-gallon zip lock bag

Completed kits can be left in the office.
(Family Footprints uses apx. 25 bags per month.)

This is a service project for Family Footprints—a mission at CHI St. Francis. Sandy Hanson provides these bags to teens in both Richland and Wilkin counties who "couch surf" and lack basic hygiene products. It costs about \$13.50 per bag filled with the essentials (items purchased at Dollar Tree). We will also accept single donations of any of the items and we will assemble the bags.



Stewardship—Orrin Ausen

What are your priorities in life? Have you ever spent much time thinking about what you should spend your time on? Most people have not. They just go from day to day doing whatever they want and whatever they feel like doing, without ever really asking themselves what they should be doing. There are two things that are difficult for most people to do: To think, and to do things in the order of their importance. What a tragedy it would be to have gone through your whole life and at the end of it, look back, and realize that you spent all your time, money and energy on things that were pointless and had no value or worth. How depressing it would be to realize that you had wasted your entire life on vain pursuits.



From the Office—Lois Fenske

Vanco/Simply Giving is a third-party vendor who has made it easy to set up recurring payments/offerings to the church. However, did you know the church pays fees for every transaction made through Vanco/Simply Giving? Here's the breakdown:

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| Each Transaction | 20¢ |
| New/Change Transaction Fee | 25¢ |
| eCheck Fee | .3% of total |
| Failed Transaction Fee | 35¢ |

That means, if you are giving \$100 a month through Simply Giving, the church receives \$99.50.

How can you make sure the church receives 100% of your offering? Set up online bill pay through your personal bank. Most (if not all) banks have online banking available to their customers. Here's an example of how to set up a recurring payment through First Community Credit Union:

1. After you log into your online banking account, find a button/link that says “Bill Pay” and click on it.

2. A new screen should appear with your current payees or a place for you to add new payees. Type in “Breckenridge Lutheran Church” in the place to add a new payee and then click the button to Add that payee:



My Bills & People I Pay 0 hidden Need to pay someone new? Breckenridge Lutheran Church | Add

Sort by: Name (Nickname) Find: Search my payee list

3. If it asks for an account number, type in your Envelope Number. Fill out the address, city, state, zip and phone number and then click the button to “Add Payee”.

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| Payee Account | Account number | 12345 |
| | Confirm account number: | 12345 |
| | Nickname (optional) | Breckenridge Lutheran Church |
| Breckenridge Lutheran Church | Address 1 | 301 6th St N ✓ |
| | Address 2 (optional) | |
| | City | Breckenridge ✓ |
| | State | Minnesota ✓ |
| | ZIP code | 56520 - ✓ |
| | Phone (optional) | 218 - 643 - 4892 ✓ |

4. After the payee is added, you can either make a one time payment, or set up recurring payments. In FCCU online banking, there is an “Options” link below the payee's name. Once clicked, there is a place to set up Automatic Payments. Set the amount, frequency, start and end dates and then save the changes.

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| Next due reminder | Automatic payments | Currently Off |
| Automatic payment | Pay from | KASASA CASH wSAVER CHECKING |
| Account Information | Amount | \$100.00 |
| | Memo (optional) | Envelope #12345 |
| Not paying this anymore? | Frequency | Once a month |
| Delete it Hide it | Start on | 02/01/23 |
| | End on | No end date |
| | | mm/dd/yy |
| | Questions? Don't make changes | Save |

Setting up online bill pay therefore cuts out the middle man (3rd party vendor), and Breckenridge Lutheran Church gets 100% of your donation.

Another example: In November, Breckenridge Lutheran received \$8,596 from members using Simply Giving/Vanco. The church was then billed \$70.74 by Vanco/Simply Giving to use their services.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or need assistance.

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| February Holidays | February 2 Groundhog Day | February 14 Valentine's Day | February 20 President's Day | February 22 Ash Wednesday |
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Memorials and Gifts

| In memory of: | Given by: |
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| Building | |
| Russell Jacobs | Gerry & Jane Fick |
| Elevator | |
| Cliff Strege | Clark & JoAn Dybdahl, Dennis & Rene Hasbargen, Gary & Evie Fox, Jan Michels, Kitty Hansen, Marilyn Johnson, Mary Ann Conrad, Michael & Diane Belseth |
| Jan Engen | Cleo Reitan, Gary & Evie Fox |
| Jim DeVries (Barb Couillard's brother) | Clark & JoAn Dybdahl, Darlene Bontjes, David & Carol Wood, Dennis & Rene Hasbargen, Gary & Evie Fox, Marilyn Johnson |
| Jerelyn Dybdahl (Clark & JoAn Dybdahl's Sister-in-law) | Jan Michels |
| Jim Goebel (Carol Helgeson's Brother) | Clark & JoAn Dybdahl, Darlene Bontjes, Dennis & Rene Hasbargen, Jan Michels |
| John Rightmire (Leslee & Orrin Ausen's Brother) | Jan Michels |
| Paula Brenden (Mike & Julie Ross' sister in law) | Clark & JoAn Dybdahl, Dennis & Rene Hasbargen, Kevin & Kathy Smith |
| Russell Jacobs | Darlene Bontjes, Marilyn Johnson, David & Carol Wood, Dennis & Rene Hasbargen, Jan Michels, Marv & Joyce Aarons |
| Sam Bakken | Jeff & Cathy Affield |
| Scott Simdorn | Jan Michels |
| General | |
| Bob Meindl | Gary & Evie Fox, Joel & Melanie Herder, Marv & Joyce Aarons |
| Cliff Strege | Glenn & Dorothy Rakow, Kevin & Linda Melkert |
| Jim DeVries (Barb Couillard's brother) | Jan Michels, Mary Ann Conrad |
| Mary Meyer | Joel & Melanie Herder |
| Russell Jacobs | Glenn & Dorothy Rakow, Joel & Melanie Herder |
| Ruth Lorshbough (Jim & Becky Baumgartner's Sister) | Cleo Reitan, Kevin & Linda Melkert |
| Quilting | |
| Cliff Strege | Dell Krueger |
| Jim DeVries (Barb Couillard's brother) | Dell Krueger, Marv & Joyce Aarons, Michael & Diane Belseth |
| Sound System | |
| Russell & Darlene Kastle | Gregg, Eric & Celeste Greenquist |

Smelt Feed—1/21/23

Many thanks to all who volunteered and attended the Smelt Feed on January 21st. And a special thank you to Harvey Andel for initiating and planning this event.



Financial Summary (as of December 31, 2022)

| October Financial Summary | |
|---|-------------|
| General Account Income in December 2022 | \$32,977.32 |
| General Account Expenditures in December 2022 | \$25,012.79 |
| Cash Income for the month | \$7,964.53 |

| Weekly Giving—December 2022 | |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| December 4 | \$6,030 |
| December 11 | \$2,810 |
| December 18 | \$4,809 |
| December 25 | \$16,821 |
| Total | \$30,470 |

| Year to Date Income | Year to Date Expenses | Year to Date Net Loss | Monthly Budget | Weekly Budget |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| \$243,337 | \$247,322 | (\$3,985.37) | \$24,680 | \$5,696 |

Upcoming Events

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) MobilePack™ event

Group name - Breckenridge Lutheran
 Group size - 20 spots reserved
 Location
 Fargo MobilePack
 Scheels Arena
 5225 31st Avenue South
 Fargo, ND 58104



Date - Saturday, February 04, 2023
 Time - 12:00 p.m. to 02:00 p.m.
 Contact Lexi Hought at lexihought@gmail.com or 701.430.1821 to register.
 School age children are welcome to volunteer with their families. 6th grade and above can come without an adult.



SCOUT'S Pancake FEED
 FREE WILL OFFERING

Scouts Sunday February 5th, 2023
 Serving from 8am - 1pm
 Bethel Lutheran Church
 607 6th St N, Wahpeton, ND 58075



ANDES TOWER HILLS
 4505 Andes Rd SW, Kensington, MN 56543
 A family friendly location

FAMILY SKI TRIP


❄️ **March 5, 2023** ❄️

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| Lift Ticket | Ski Rental | Snowboard Rental |
| \$25 | \$10 | \$20 |

Checks can be made out to Breckenridge Lutheran Church and must be received by 3/1/23 or you will not receive the group rate. This is non-refundable after 3/1/23.

Sign-up and Permission Sheets are on the Bulletin Board.
 Youth 12 years and older may attend without an adult.
 Please mark on the sign-up sheet if a ride is needed.

For God
 SO LOVED THE WORLD
 THAT HE GAVE HIS
 ONLY
 BEGOTTEN
 SON SO
 THAT WHOEVER
 BELIEVES
 IN HIM SHALL
 HAVE EVERLASTING
 Life



John 3:16

Planning Council Minutes—December 2022

Copies of the December 2022 Planning Council Minutes can be found in the bookshelf near the overflow church entrance.



Mission Report—Connie Jensen



Effective March 2023

Starting in March, the newsletter (Good News) will be published every other month (January, March, May, July, September, November).

bimonthly

January/February 2022
MONTHLY MISSIONS

SOMEPLACE SAFE

In January and February, we will focus on Someplace Safe works to assist victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, sex trafficking, labor trafficking, and other crimes (including; stalking, elder abuse, identity theft, robbery, theft, etc.), as they navigate the social, emotional and economic impacts they face as victims on the path to becoming survivors.

Donations can be dropped in the offering plates or in the office.



Worship Committee—Kay Nelson

Calling all singers!! Youth and adults! All you need is the love of singing. Come join us! We would love to have more singers in our choir loft. Could you commit to a season? Also, I am looking for instrumentalists. Many of our choir anthems ask for a flute, violin, or oboe to play along. Or, perhaps you might like to play a solo for a church service. If any of these ideas have touched you come to the choir loft on Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. We rehearse and sing on the same day.



The 2023 Great Synod Get Together

Registration for the Great Synod Get-Together will be live on February 1st.
Registration is \$50 a person

What we will do:
Worship together, learn in workshops and from Dr. Andy Root our keynote speaker, have Annual Conference Gatherings, hear what is happening in the Synod, and have fellowship time.

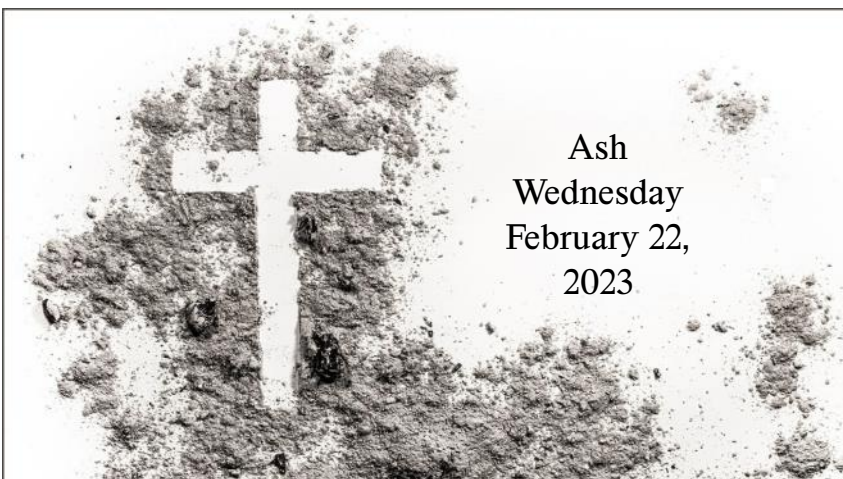
Intended Audience:
Rostered Ministers, SAMs, Council/Parish Presidents and other council members, those who are elected to attend Synod Assembly as Voting Members, and others who would enjoy a day of learning and worshipping together.
*There will be limited childcare available

Northwestern Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Telling the...
...old, old story
...for a strange new time.

Saturday, March 18th
9:00-3:00

First Lutheran Church,
Bemidji



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





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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