



Church Events

- Sundays—9:30 a Worship
10:30 a Fellowship
- Tuesdays & Fridays at 9:30 a—
Coffee with the Staff
- Thursdays at 7:00 a—Men's
Breakfast at the Fry' Pan
- July 4—Office Closed to observe
the holiday.
- July 9—10:45 a Council Meeting
- July 17—7:00 p Book Club
- August 1—5:15 p Staff Mtg
- August 13— 10:45 a Council
Meeting
- August 19—Stack/Matz
Wedding
- August 20—Church BBQ

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9:00-3:00 Mon-Thur

Pastor's Message—Pastor Ale Tulu

"He said to me, my grace is all you need, for my power is greatest when you are weak." 2 Corinthians 12:9

Dear friends in Christ,

One of the challenges in my work is writing an article for our newsletter. Our office administrator will tell you how I often struggle to meet the due date. I have to spend hours and hours of writing and rewriting to come up with the article I need. So, writing doesn't come easily for me. It is not my cup of tea. Unfortunately, it is a very important part of my job.

Do you have challenges at work? If you do, remember that you are not alone. There are many people who have all kinds of challenges and difficulties. Even the apostle Paul had some kind of weakness in his ministry. The scripture doesn't tell us what kind of weakness he had. But, when Paul prayed to God to help him get rid of it, the answer he got from God was "My grace is all you need, for my power is greatest when you are weak."

Wouldn't that be nice if we all were perfect in what we do or if we excelled in all aspects of our duties? Maybe not! I don't want to glorify our human weakness but, perhaps it is an asset. Our imperfection and weakness can make us humble and need the help of God and the support of people around us. This means, since we all have weaknesses as well as strengths, we all need each other and that will often lead us to appreciate each other's gifts and to treasure one another.

It sure is good to try to do our best in all the things we are called to do. It is also good to know our limitations. Because, it makes us appreciate the grace of God and his loving kindness. May the grace of our lord Jesus, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

Pastor Ale



**MY GRACE
IS ALL YOU
NEED**
2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

From the Vice President—Orrin Ausen

Relying on God's Resources (Ephesians 1:1-14)

DO YOU EVER FEEL DEFEATED IN YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE? The problem may be that you're depending on your own assets and abilities instead of God's inexhaustible riches, which He has deposited on your account.

With God, we don't have to worry about running out of time, energy, money, or resources. He has promised to equip us with everything needed for the purpose to which we've been called. In fact, we are heirs of His great and glorious riches.

Consider a few of God's generous blessings:

YOU ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP (Eph. 2:10). *God saved you by His GRACE and He's sanctifying you the same way.* The work for transforming and empowering you is the Lord's; your role is simply to cooperate and depend on Him.

YOU HAVE IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO GOD (Heb. 4:16). *Divine help is only a prayer away.*

YOU HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT DWELLING WITHIN YOU (Eph. 1:13-14). He not only brings guidance and understanding of God's Word; He also enables you to obey Jesus.

As human beings we're used to having finite resources, but there's no such thing with God. When we remember His unlimited provisions and depend on them, we'll discover rest, peace, and confidence in Christ.

Dearest Jesus, Draw Thou Near Me

Dearest Jesus, draw Thou near me,
Let Thy Spirit dwell with mine;
Open now my ear to hear Thee,
Take my heart and seal it Thine;
Keep me, lead me on my way
Thee to follow and obey;
E'er to do Thy will and fear Thee,
And rejoice to know and hear Thee.

Thou, earth's greatest joy and gladness,
And salvation, full and free,
Let Thy presence cheer my sadness,
And prepare my soul for Thee!
In the hour when I depart,
Touch my spirit, lips and heart,
With Thy word assure, uphold me
Till the heavenly gates enfold me.

May God bless the rest of your summer activities. We look forward to your safe return for worship services this fall.

Youth Ministry

On June 9th, 22 youth and 6 adults took a bus day trip to Valleyfair. Everyone had a lot of fun in the sun!



From the Office—Lois Fenske

IconCMO is a database that keeps the records for our church. It allows staff and church members to utilize our church's database for communication, membership information, print contribution statements, and so much more. If you would like Member access to IconCMO, please email or call the office at: officebrecklutheran@gmail.com—218-643-4892. You must provide an email address for us to provide you with log in credentials.

Breckenridge Lutheran Members Can:

- ⇒ edit and view your own information (you will not be able to edit anyone else's information),
- ⇒ view and communicate with other church members — an online church directory
- ⇒ view or print out donation statements at any time
- ⇒ see what groups you are in

Breckenridge Lutheran Staff Can:

- ⇒ edit or view any record based on their security level
- ⇒ add donations, pledges, members, groups, and attendance
- ⇒ review church accounting books or payroll
- ⇒ communicate via mass email or text messaging to the entire church or certain groups
- ⇒ add family/individual photos to populate our online directory (Please contact the office to have your photo(s) uploaded.)



Once you have requested member access from the office, church members can have access to the church directory at their fingertips to communicate to other church members. Just download the app “IconCMO” from either Google Play or the Apple App Store. Once you have access to IconCMO, you can see your donations or print them right from the member portal. No more waiting for donation statements to arrive via pony express mail for tax time. You can verify all your donations are recorded by the church office instead of waiting until the end of the year.

The IconCMO Church Directory can ONLY be viewed by Breckenridge Lutheran Members/Staff and is password protected.

Have more questions? Call the office at 218-643-4892 and we will do our best to get an answer for you.



We will be creating both an online and print version of the Church Directory—but we need photographs of all Breckenridge Lutheran Church's members. If you have a current family/individual photo we can use, please submit it either electronically (officebrecklutheran@gmail.com) or drop a hard copy off in the office. We will also be offering photo shoots here in the church beginning in September. *(More details to follow.)*



Memorials and Gifts

In memory of:	Given by:
Elevator	
Angeline Nordick (Cindie Van Tassel's Mother)	Dennis & Rene Hasbargen, Pete & Connie Jensen
Harriet Bakken	David & Carol Wood
JoAnn Anderson (Nancy Kent's Mother)	Pete & Connie Jensen
General	
Angeline Nordick	Mary Ann Conrad
Harriet Bakken	Barb Couillard, Clark & JoAn Dybdahl, Dennis & Rene Hasbargen, Gary & Evie Fox, Glenn & Dorothy Rakow, Jan Michels, Krystal Schaible, Mary Ann Conrad, Ronald & Debra Knudtson
Marlys Lund (Harvey Andel's Sister)	Gary & Evie Fox
Stella Ziegler	Gary & Jane Fick, Glenn & Dorothy Rakow, Michael & Vernae Hasbargen, Ron & Deb Knudtson
Virginia Klein	Ken & Cleo Reitan
Handbell Choir	
Donald Leinen	Jeff & Cathy Affield
Prayer Shawl	
Harriet Bakken	Marv & Joyce Aarons
Quilting	
Angeline Nordick	Dell Krueger, Jan Michels, Jeff & Cathy Affield, Ken & Cleo Reitan, Marilyn Johnson, Ron & Deb Knudtson
Harriet Bakken	Alice Ellsworth, Anne Pazdernik, Dell Krueger, Ken & Cleo Reitan, Marilyn Johnson, Marv & Joyce Aarons
Joyce Tischer	Steve & Kay Klein
Richadeen Martinson (Jan Michel's Sister-in-Law)	Jan Michels
Shalie Lipp	Virginia Lankow'
Stella Ziegler	Jan Michels, Ken & Cleo Reitan, Krystal Schaible, Marilyn Johnson, Marv & Joyce Aarons, Ron & Cindy Krier

Correction: A memorial in the May/June edition of "Good News" was given in memory of Luella Olson (not Larson).

Financial Summary (as of May 31, 2023)

May 2023 Financial Summary	
General Account Income in May 2023	\$18,440.24
General Account Expenditures in May 2023	\$21,817.55
Cash Loss for the month	(\$ 3,377.31)

Year to Date Income	Year to Date Expenses	Year to Date Net Loss	Monthly Budget	Weekly Budget
\$98,374.74	\$101,978.30	(\$ 3,603.56)	\$24,016	\$5,542

Upcoming Events

If you would like to be our Delegate for this convention, please contact Rene Hasbargen.

Women of the ELCA
 Northwestern Minnesota Synodical Women's Organization
35th Annual Convention
Saturday, September 9, 2023
 Registration & Coffee 9:00-9:30 am
 Day includes worship, business meeting, speakers, fellowship and lunch.
 Concludes by 4 pm.
 Contact your local WELCA leader for registration details.

Zion Lutheran Church
 505 Main Ave N
 Thief River Falls, MN 56701

**Love your Neighbor
 as Yourself**

Mark 12:31

Hosted by Conferences 1, 2, & 3



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—Connie Jensen

Remember being a kid and it was summer and you thought the fun and laughter would never end? Have you ever sat around a campfire and ate s'mores and shared stories with friends? Was there a time when you felt really connected with the outdoors and God and you felt filled with the Holy Spirit and you felt free enough to share it with others? Luther Crest in Alexandria offers those experiences and so many others through their programs located on beautiful Lake Carlos. Camp experiences are offered for kids K-12 as well as family camps, retreats and other events meant to bring people closer to God and one another through community. Since 1946, it has been the vision of Luther Crest that all people experience the love of Christ. Over the years, many youth from BLC have grown spiritually from living out that vision and have treasured memories of their time at camp learning of Christ's love with their peers. Luther Crest is our July/August Mission. Let's support this valuable resource through Sunday offerings, online or stopping at the office.



Planning Council Minutes

Minutes can be found in the back of the church.



The prayer chain is a group who engage in confidential, directed prayer for individuals in need of special prayers - whatever the reason. One person in the chain is contacted and then contacts another, so the person in need is surrounded by the love and caring prayers of people they may or may not know. (Both an email/text-only and telephone prayer chain will be offered.) If you are interested in becoming a "Pray-er", please contact Connie Jensen at 701-640-2382, Jill Blaufuss at 218-779-9021 or the Office at 218-643-4892.

Pray without Ceasing - 1 Thessalonians 5:17



Breckenridge Lutheran Church has been invited to attend VBS August 7-9, 2023 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Wahpeton. To register, please visit bethelwahpeton.com/event/vacation-bible-school/2023-08-07/

Let the Breckenridge Lutheran Church office know the names of registered children so we can pay registration fees.

If you would like to volunteer as a help station leader, guide or help with serving snacks & supper each evening at VBS, please contact Lisa Bassingthwaite at wschool@bethelwahpeton.com or 701-642-4472.



Rhubarb Dessert Submitted by: Heidi Arnhalt

Pie like crust:

2 c flour

1/2 tsp salt

1 c butter (frozen)

Mix flour and salt together. Use box grater to shred butter – combine with flour & salt until crumbly. Press into a greased 9x13 pan. Bake at 350 for 15 minutes.



Custard:

2 1/2 c sugar

4 T flour

2/3 c milk

5 egg yolks

1 tsp vanilla

8 c rhubarb

Mix the first 5 ingredients until well incorporated – stir in rhubarb. Pour over crust and bake for 1 hour at 350.

Meringue topping:

5 egg whites

1/2 tsp cream of tartar

3/4 c sugar

1 tsp vanilla

Beat egg whites with cream of tartar on medium speed until soft peaks form. Add sugar one tablespoon at a time and beat until stiff peaks form. Beat in vanilla. Bake 12-15 minutes at 350.



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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!



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