



Church Events

- Sundays—9:30 a Worship
10:30 a Fellowship
- Tuesdays & Fridays at 9:30 a—
Coffee with the Staff
- Wednesdays (during Lent)
5:45 p Meal
6:30 p Worship
6:45 p Wednesday School
No Confirmation during Lent
7:15 p Handbell Practice
- Thursdays at 7:00 a—Men's
Breakfast at the Fry' Pan
- March 5—Family Ski Trip
- March 9/April 13
1 p—Abigail Circle
7 p—Rebekah Circle
- March 15/April 19—9a Quilting
- March 16/April 20—6:30p LYO
- March 18—Synod Get Together
- March 20/April 17
7 p—Book Club
- March 21/April 18—6 p Evening
Quilting
- March 26/April 2—10:30 a
1st Communion Classes
- April 6—Maundy Thursday
5:45 p—Meal
6:30 p—Worship Service
- April 7—Good Friday
6 p—Meal
7 p—Worship Service
- April 15—Ethiopian Night
- April 16—New Member Sunday

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9:00-3:00 Mon-Thur

Pastor's Message—Pastor Ale Tulu

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be like wool. Isaiah 1:18

Dear friends in Christ,

How is your walk with God so far? Are you where you ought to be? Are you heading in the right direction? Lent is a time when we examine our lives and see where we stand in our relationship with God. It helps us to strengthen our relationship or rededicate our lives to him. So, we invite you to come and join us every Wednesday during this Lent season. This year, we are having Round Robin with a number of churches in our synod. This means we will have the opportunity to meet and hear our area pastors who come and share the word of God with us. Their sermon topic is based on Jesus' parables. So come and listen to those stories and enjoy fellowship with us. Psalm 84:3 says, "Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be praising you." What a joy it is to worship the Lord and live in fellowship with him and with his people.

Our Lenten journey begins this year on February 22nd with observance of Ash Wednesday. We will again use the much loved Holden Evening Prayer service for our worship time. Supper begins at 5:45 and worship at 6:30. May the Lord bless us as we journey together through this season of Lent and discover what he want to teach us. See you in church.

Pastor Ale



From the Vice President—Orrin Ausen

Are We Guilty of Just Sitting Still While Others Do the Work?

How often do some people within the church seem to work while others just sit idly by? Here we will take a look at some people who want to reap the benefits of the whole group but don't put forth much effort into obtaining the rewards.

“Why should you be allowed to sit and take it easy while a few do most of the work? Because just like your relatives actions, who also sat idly rather than achieve the work of the church, were denied the fulfillment of feeling good about yourselves laboring beside one another to accomplish the tasks necessary for the church to function properly.

The pressures of today make it simple for us to disregard or forget the lessons of the past. However, the apostle Paul advised us to keep in mind the lessons the Israelites learned about God in order to avoid making the same mistakes.

How Can Some Christians Just Sit While Others Do the Work?

Do we sit when we should be laboring? Do we sit enjoying the comforts from the efforts of those who toiled and worked in the past or those who are now laboring, enabling us to take pleasure from the blessings of Christian fellowship and worship?

What are we doing if we are not actively participating in some aspect of the Lord's work? I will tell you what we are doing. We are sitting on the stool of “do nothing.”

How Does Just Sitting Affect Things?

We can advise against and discourage our church family, or we can encourage and persuade them to use their God given talents to serve/volunteer to complete the work. Who frequently must bear the burden on their own? Who is prone to becoming “burned out” trying to do everything? Any lack of being involved is just as harmful as actively opposing to use their God-given talents to serve! The lazy are related to the enemy.

One who is slack in his work is brother to one who destroys (Proverbs 18:9).

There is no middle ground! If we are guilty of sitting on the stool of “do nothing,” then it is like sitting in a wagon without pulling or pushing! What is the motive behind sitting idly when there is much work to do within the church? Either we exercise our time and talents Gods given us to serve in the church's work and God, or totally ignore serving God and your church family of believers.

Christ is impacted by what we do or don't do for the church body. When Paul persecuted the church, he learned from the Lord as he was put to his knees (Acts 9:1-5).

When we sin against each other, we sin against Christ (1 Corinthians 8:12). We can be certain that our sin will expose us. It will be seen in the congregation's numbers serving to fulfill the work by so few. Proper growth of volunteerism is only possible if everyone does their part.

Growth may occur with inactive members, but it will be stunted, slowed down, and impaired. On Judgment Day, it will be revealed when we answer for our laziness. Do you recall the parable of the Talents? (Matthew 25:24–30).

We should certainly have the patience and willingness to assist our church to serve on boards, committees, as Sunday school teachers, ushers, greeters, handbells, choir, money counters and on goes the list that need volunteers to fulfill the church's work. All of us should resolve not to rest until the work is finished. We should be more focused on our willingness to take steps toward volunteering. What good are your time and talents if you don't use them? A waste! Come out of hibernation and volunteer your skills to solve our lack of servants to shoulder our church's work.

We should be more involved in whatever area of service we are most qualified for. Let your fellow Christian family know that you want to help and not just sit, and watch others work. Are you actively serving Christ's kingdom and a member of His infantry?



Easter is coming — no FOOLIN'!

Practical jokes are never in short supply on the first day of April. Throughout the years, many have gone to great lengths to pull off elaborate hoaxes. Even the media has gotten in on the action. Radio stations report on fabricated stories. Newspaper and magazine editors run fictitious articles. Back in 1985 Sports Illustrated tricked many of its readers when it ran a made-up article about a rookie pitcher named Sidd Finch who could throw a fastball over 168 miles per hour.

Yet while silliness and trickery are never in short supply on April Fools' Day, this year in April, Christians will celebrate the wonderful TRUTH of the resurrection of our Savior Jesus.

“No FOOLIN'” ... Jesus really was relegated for execution on a cross by His own people.

“No FOOLIN'” ... Jesus was nailed to the accursed tree, died, and was placed in a borrowed tomb.

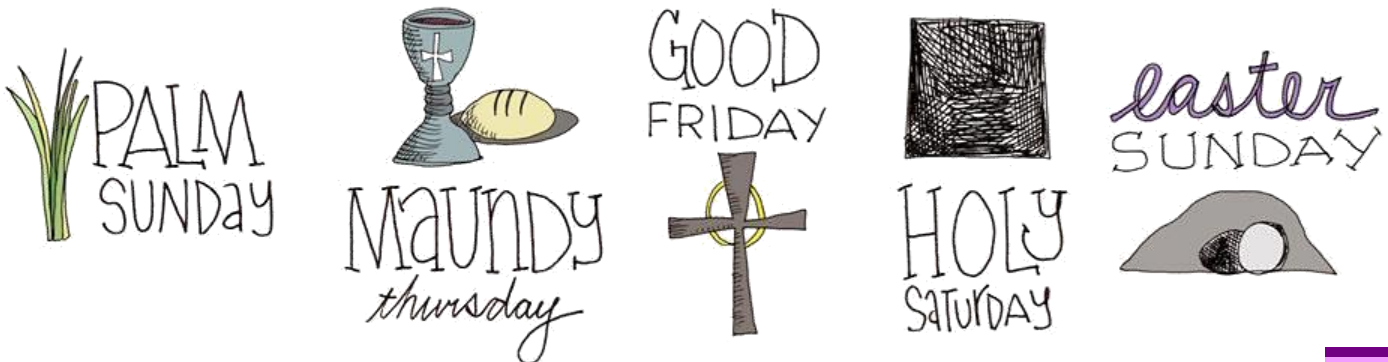
“No FOOLIN'” ... He descended into hell with victory already in hand for you.

“No FOOLIN'” ... Jesus knew what He was in for — the shedding of His innocent blood for the sins of the world.

Jesus is no April fool, and with His blessed resurrection, we can be confident that there is no teasing or trickery when it comes to the Savior's loving work.

There's “No FOOLIN'” us. Though the Gospel we preach may be “a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles” (1 Cor. 1:23), God's beloved children are no fools. We know what happened to our Savior. We know what needed to happen for the sake of the world. The world and its documentary filmmakers may keep trying to pass off the resurrection as a hoax — the most elaborate April Fool's Day prank of all time — but we know better.

Our days may feel like the gladness of Palm Sunday or the sadness of Good Friday. Our daily setbacks may make it seem like Satan is winning. But his are only temporary victories. Easter shows us the ultimate and lasting victory of the Resurrection of Jesus the Savior — both His victory and, in Him, YOUR victory. And that's “No FOOLIN'.”





Memorials and Gifts

In memory of:	Given by:
Choir	
Curt Funkhouser	Dell Krueger
Elevator	
Curt Funkhouser	Jan Michels
Carol Stratton (Jan Michels & Virginia Lankow's niece)	Janel & Jason Butts, Ken & Cleo Reitan
Earlette Johnson (Brian & Missy Johnson's Mother)	Jan Michels
Gary Michels (Jan Michels' brother-in-law)	Jan Michels
Jerelyn Dybdahl (Clark & JoAn Dybdahl's Sister-in-law)	Carol Helgeson Marilyn Johnson
General	
Jo Aarfer	Joel & Melanie Herder
Curt Funkhouser	Ron Ekren
Diane Halstenson	Joel & Melanie Herder
Dale Hanneman	Ron Ekren
Dick Conzemius	Barb & Jerry Fick
Jim DeVries (Barb Couillard's brother)	Ale & Sunny Tulu
Quilting	
Gary Michels	Marilyn Johnson
Sunday School/Wednesday School	
Jim DeVries	Barb Couillard
Dale Hanneman	Mike & Diane Belseth

Youth Ministry

A group of youth and adults representing BLC participated in a meal-packing event for Feed My Starving Children, held last Saturday at the Fargo Scheels Arena. Several assembly stations were set up with equipment and ingredients necessary to assemble nutrition-packed meals to be sent to countries around the world. There was music and camaraderie to make the two hour event fly by! Whether you prefer to stand or sit, all ages (8th grade and up) and abilities are welcome to participate. Mark next January in your calendar for the next FMSC event at the Fargodome and come join the fun! God's Work, Our Hands in action!



Financial Summary (as of January 1, 2023)

October Financial Summary	
General Account Income in January 2023	\$21,125
General Account Expenditures in January 2023	\$21,519
Cash Loss for the month	(\$ 394)

Weekly Giving—January 2023	
January 8	\$8,781
January 15	\$3,897
January 22	\$6,272
January 29	\$2,175
Total	\$21,125

Year to Date Income	Year to Date Expenses	Year to Date Net Loss	Monthly Budget	Weekly Budget
\$21,125	\$21,519	(\$ 394)	\$24,016	\$5,542

Upcoming Events



FIRST COMMUNION
Classes

SUNDAY, MARCH 26 | 10:30 AM
SUNDAY, APRIL 2 | 10:30 AM
IN THE LUTHER ROOM
(FOR 5TH GRADE STUDENTS)

FIRST COMMUNION INSTRUCTION IS A FAMILY INSTRUCTION, AND WE ENCOURAGE THE STUDENT TO ATTEND WITH A PARENT, STEPPARENT, GRANDPARENT OR OTHER SUPPORTIVE ADULT. FIRST COMMUNION WILL BE MAUNDY THURSDAY APRIL 6TH AT 6:30 PM



New Member Sunday
April 16, 2023

**Interested?
Contact the office
at 218-643-4892**



ANDES TOWER HILLS

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

FAMILY SKI TRIP

❄️ **March 5, 2023** ❄️

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.

Daylight Saving Time

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour



13 March 2022

Mission Report—Connie Jensen

During the months of March and April, the focus of the Monthly Mission is the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign, which runs from February 27-April 9, 2023. The Richland Wilkin Food Pantry will receive a proportionate match for all food and monetary donations.

The Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches (GMCC's) Minnesota FoodShare began its work in 1982 as a campaign advanced by congregations to restock food shelves in the 7-county Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. The effort was so successful, and the need so evident, March Campaign became a statewide initiative just one year later and is now in its 42nd year.

Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign, the largest grassroots food and fund drive in the state, brings together organizations, businesses, faith communities, and individuals to help stock and support the capacity of nearly 300 food shelves.

To date, GMCC's Minnesota FoodShare has distributed over \$18.5 million dollars via the FoodFund. 100% of donations designated to Minnesota Foodshare during the March Campaign go into the FoodFund and are distributed to participating food shelves.



LENTEN SCHEDULE

BLC
Breckenridge Lutheran Church

Mar 1st	JERRY PETERSON AASTAD LUTHERAN CHURCHES ELBOW LAKE
Mar 8th	RANDY WHITEHEAD NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH ROTHSAY
Mar 15th	JULIE CARLSON VUKKU FOXHOME
Mar 22nd	PHILLIP TOBIN CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH PELICAN RAPIDS
Mar 29th	ALE TULU BRECKENRIDGE LUTHERAN CHURCH BRECKENRIDGE



Effective March 2023

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

bimonthly

Planning Council Minutes

The Planning Council did not meet in February.

The 2023 Great Synod Get Together

Saturday, March 18th 9:00-3:30

First Lutheran Church, Bemidji

Register by March 3rd @ nummsynod.org \$50 a person

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Andrew Root, Luther Seminary

All are invited: Council Members, Synod Assembly, Voting Members, pastors, deacons, SAMs, everyone!

Come for a day of worship, learning, fellowship, conference, meetings

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BLC Breckenridge Lutheran Church

HOLY WEEK 2023

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

APRIL 2	9:30 - PALM SUNDAY SERVICE 10:30 - FELLOWSHIP
APRIL 6	5:45 - MEAL 6:30 - MAUNDAY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE
APRIL 7	6:00 - MEAL 7:00 - GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
APRIL 9	9:30 - EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE 10:30 - FELLOWSHIP

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Richland Wilkin

SUGGESTED ITEM TO DONATE IN MARCH

FRUIT CUPS (4 OZ. EA)

BACK PACK Food Program

Richland Wilkin

SUGGESTED ITEM TO DONATE IN APRIL

SPAGHETTI W/MEATBALLS (15 OZ.)

BACK PACK Food Program

BLC Breckenridge Lutheran Church
301 6th St N | Breckenridge, MN 56520

DISCOVER the foods of ETHIOPIA

APRIL 15, 2023

\$15 per Person
Includes Meal & Entertainment

The Breckenridge Lutheran Altar Guild will be selling Easter Flowers to defray costs of Altar Guild supplies. The cost is \$18 per plant. 25 Mums have been ordered. We will not be able to order additional plants. Please place your order by filling out the order form and return it with payment to the church office.

Orders Due:
April 1st



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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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