



GOOD NEWS

September/October 2023



Church Events

- Sundays—9:30 a Worship
10:30 a Fellowship
(Choir practices at 8 a on the 1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays)
- Tuesdays & Fridays at 9:30 a—
Coffee with the Staff
- Wednesdays (starting 9/13/23)
5:30 p Meal
6:15 p Worship
6:30 p Wed. School & Music
6:45 p Confirmation
7:00 p Bells Practice
- Thursdays at 7:00 a—Men’s
Breakfast at the Fry’ Pan
- Sept 4—Office Closed to
observe the holiday.
- Sept 9—WELCA Convention
- Sept 10—10:45 a Council Mtg
- Sept 13—Rally Wednesday
- Sept 14 & Oct 12
1:00 p Abigail Circle
7:00 p Rebekah Circle
- Sept 18 & Oct 16—7 p Book
Club
- Sept 19 & Oct 17—6 p Evening
Quilters
- Sept 20 & Oct 18—9 a Quilting,
7:15 p National Youth
Gathering
- Sept 28—2 p BLW Mtg w/
Moline Sisters

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Office Hours:
9:00-3:00 Mon-Thur

Pastor’s Message—Pastor Ale Tulu

Dear Friends in Christ,

Summer is on its way out and the fall season is fast approaching. This means we have a whole bunch of activities about to get under way at our church. September 13th is going to be a very busy day. It is the day we start Wednesday school for our children, confirmation class for our youth and Wednesday evening worship service for everyone who wishes to come and worship with us.

If you know of any child or confirmation age student who needs to attend church, please talk to their parent and invite them to come and join us. In doing so, you will give them a strong foundation for their life and faith.

There are lots of opportunities for you to serve your church, so we invite you to come participate and help us to make our church an amazing place to worship.

See you at church!

Pastor Ale



BUILD A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR YOUR FAMILY

YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!



Celebrating 15 years of Building Wells and Changing Lives!

July 26, 2023

Breckenridge Lutheran Church
Attn: Pastor Ale Tulu
301 North 6th Street
Breckenridge, MN 56520

Dear Pastor Tulu and Friends at Breckenridge Lutheran Church,

Thank you for all your wonderful donation of two wells to Water to Thrive! We are thrilled and so thankful for your generosity.

Your kindness is heartwarming and will transform the lives of those living without a most basic need – *clean, safe water*. We appreciate your trust in our mission to provide water and hope in Africa.

Our supporters have supplied a steady increase in the number of lives we have been able to affect, allowing us to provide sustainable water to almost 825,000 rural Africans.

We are thankful for your continued support, and the positive change will be immeasurable. Building wells profoundly changes lives! Blessings always.

With Gratitude,

Susanne M. Wilson
Executive Director
susanne@watertothrive.org

Water to Thrive ♦ P.O. Box 26747, Austin, TX 78755 ♦ (512) 206-4495 ♦ www.watertothrive.org



Do you have an interest in understanding the Bible a bit better? Or knowing who God really is? Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) is a worldwide women's non-denominational Christian study of scripture with the goal to know God better and to make Him more fully known. Each week, there is a lesson in which a passage is studied within the context of learning what came before and after it, and understanding for whom the original audience the scripture was written, and why. Then, there is small group discussion and a brief lecture to fully round out that week's lesson. There are no expectations of participants already being biblical scholars, just a warm welcome to come learn what God is all about.

This year, the Book of John will be our study focus. Check out the link below for more information or call Melissa Lynnes at 701-361-8739 or Connie Jensen at 701.640.2382.

<https://www.bsfindernational.org/>

Worship Committee—

We are looking for musicians to play with the choir—especially flute, violin or trumpet. If you are interested, please contact the office.



Youth Ministry

We are looking forward to kicking off the LYO year with a Game Night on September 17th at 6:30 pm at the church and a trip to the Haunted Farm September 30th. We will meet at the church at 7 p.m.

We teamed up with Foxhome Lutheran and sold 120 tacos in a bag at the Headwaters Music Festival in July. Thank you to everyone who helped and everyone who supported our food booth.

We had 120 people come to the pool party in August. Our thanks to the Education Department for sponsoring this event and to everyone who came. Rally Wednesday information was handed out to promote our youth programs.

Our next fundraiser will be a food booth at the Headwater's Day celebration at Welles Park on Saturday, September 9th. Come and enjoy a taco in a bag after the parade. We will be serving from 10 am to 2 pm.

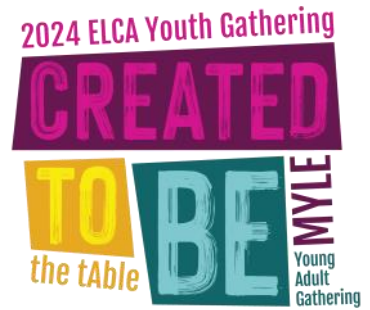
Other dates to remember: October 30th— Backpack Program service project 6-7 pm for confirmation students.



National Youth Gathering 2024

The path to New Orleans! We will be keeping the BLC tradition and sending youth to the National Youth Gathering again in 2024. We are very excited to share this faith formation event with senior high youth July 16-20, 2024. The theme is "CREATED TO BE", and will explore the following passages:

- We are created to be brave, to show up with an open mind and heart, willing to be challenged. (Psalm 27)
- We are created to be authentic, to bring our whole selves and know that we are loved by our Creator. (Matthew 5:14-16)
- We are created to be free, to be transformed by the gospel. (Romans 12:2)
- We are created to be disruptive, to work for justice for all our siblings. (Matthew 21:12)
- We are created to be disciples, to be sent out into the world to love our neighbor just as we are loved by God. (Matthew 22:36-40).

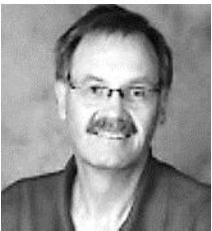


Please pray for this year-long journey as we start our planning and fundraising. If you have questions, please reach out to Lexi Hought at 701-430-1821. Youth and Parent meeting will be September 20th at 7:15pm (after confirmation) in the church basement. Registration is due November 1st.



The Breckenridge Lutheran Women will meet on Thursday, September 28th at 2:00 pm and will feature songs performed by the Moline Sisters. All are welcome to come and enjoy the program.

From the Vice President—Orrin Ausen



In September, we transition from summer to fall. Labor Day always feels like the conclusion to summer as the State Fair ends, and students embrace a new school year. Most people welcome the cooler temperatures, but let's savor the just-right fall weather to enjoy our harvest season and football games. Many of our regular activities resume in our lives. Summer breaks are over, and we dive back into rhythms & routines we've known before, and some we're adding for the first time. This is true in the church too. Much of our activities will start up soon (or already have), but it's good to remind ourselves why we do what we do. We don't do things simply because we've always done them but because we want to live & grow in our lives of faith. Paul wrote to his friends in the Philippian church: "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." - Philippians 1:3-5 Paul was joyous as he thought about his friends & prayed for them because of their partnership in the gospel. "Partnership" is an important word - it's not simply "membership" in a passive sense. The Philippian church was active in living out the Christian life and was committed to each other in exploring what that life looked like. This fall, we'll do many things we've done before here at Breckenridge Lutheran Church.

Wednesday, September 13th commences our Rally Startup Day. Please join us on Wednesday school worship for a meal (5:30-6:15p.m.), church directory photos, sermonette (6:15-6:45p.m.), and to learn about the many volunteer opportunities available, including ways to support worship, help with church activities, Bible studies, committees, confirmation classes, other special events, and serve our twin-town communities. Perhaps we'll do some new things too. But we don't do these things to keep busy, or to keep people entertained, or simply because doing them must be what it means to be a part of the church. We do them because they are means of discovery. Even as we serve & lead in these activities, we learn and grow. And that's exciting! Consider leaning into something at the church this year, and like Paul, remember to pray and thank God for all those who are partnering in the gospel here at Breckenridge Lutheran Church.

In closing, I would like to thank the membership for the support and for all the time, talent, and treasures people have been giving to keep our facility operational! Your Council appreciates your support too! If you might be interested in helping, please talk to Vice President, Orrin Ausen, or Pastor Ale this month as soon as possible. We need someone to head the Nomination Committee this year. We are always looking for new members for various committees and boards. We especially could use some men to step up. There are other committees that exist that could always use new faces and on which you can get experience and help your ministries here at BLC. Pray for our members by joining our prayer list, our fellow Christians on earth, our ELCA Synod, our ministries, our church here at BLC and enjoy and rejoice being a Christian! Praise the Lord and feel good about being saved! I'll close this month by simply using Paul's words of farewell in 2 Cor.; The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.



Memorials and Gifts

In memory of:	Given by:
Choir	
Glenn Rakow	Virginia Lankow
Debt Reduction	
Glenn Rakow	Peter & Connie Jensen, Dorothy Rakow
Marlys Lund (Harvey Andel's Sister)	Dennis & Rene Hasbargen
Stanley Kent (Steve Kent's Father)	Dennis & Rene Hasbargen
Elevator	
Arlen Steffens	Alice Ellsworth
Glen Hull (Cleo Reitan's Brother)	Mike & Diane Belseth, David & Carol Wood, Ale Tulu
Glenn Rakow	David & Carol Wood, Russ & Carol Graves
Judi Mikkelson	Sandra Olson
Kevin Melkert	Ken & Cleo Reitan
Stanley Kent	Peter & Connie Jensen
Furnace	
Glenn Rakow	Sandra Olson, Alice Ellsworth
Kevin Melkert	Steve & Kay Klein, Mike & Diane Belseth
General	
Glen Hull	Mary Ann Conrad, Ken & Cleo Reitan, Gary & Evie Fox
Glenn Rakow	Mary Ann Conrad, Clark & JoAn Dybdahl, Carol Helgeson, Gary & Evie Fox, Mark & Colleen Engebretson, Dennis & Rene Hasbargen, Michael & Vernae Hasbargen, Ronald & Debra Knudtson, Ronald & Cindy Krier, Jan Michels, Ken & Cleo Reitan, Krystal Schaible, Don & Geri Young
Judi Mikkelson	Gary & Evie Fox, Ken & Cleo Reitan
Kevin Melkert	Gary & Evie Fox
Mark Lorenz	Gary & Evie Fox
Stanley Kent	Jerry & Jane Fick, Marv & Joyce Aarons
Handbell Choir	
Glenn Rakow	Paul & Debra Sannes
Prayer Shawl	
Kevin Melkert	Marv & Joyce Aarons
Property/Sewer Repair	
Glen Hull	Dennis & Rene Hasbargen
Glenn Rakow	Joel & Melanie Herder, Marilyn Johnson, Jane & Gary Fick, Marilyn Johnson
Karleen Krause (Tom Willemsen's Sister)	Dennis & Rene Hasbargen
Keith Kutter	Joel & Melanie Herder
Kevin Melkert	Dell Krueger
Quilting	
Geneva Miranowski	Jeff & Cathy Affield, Mike & Diane Belseth
Glen Hull	Marilyn Johnson, Dell Krueger, Virginia Lankow, Jan Michels, Krystal Schaible
Glenn Rakow	Mike & Diane Belseth, Dell Krueger
Judi Mikkelson	Jan Michels
Kevin Melkert	Don & Geri Young
In Honor of Betty Brummond's Birthday	Marilyn Johnson, Jan Michels, Dell Krueger
Sunday/Wednesday School	
Stanley Kent	Mike & Diane Belseth
TV & Radio Ministries	
Arlen Steffens	Don & Geri Young
Glenn Rakow	Marv & Joyce Aarons

Mission Report—Connie Jensen

There is much going on in Missions the next few months so here is an update on activities: July and August Missions were about Luther Crest and their ministry to children and families. As a congregation, we were able to donate \$375. Thank you to those who supported Luther Crest and their work through prayers and donations.

The September Mission will support the work of the Rebekah Circle by encouraging donations of health and school supplies. Please see below for a list of recommended items.

With the end of summer and the beginning of fall (yes, it is inevitable) we need to ramp up for Christmas Mission events. Please be watchful for updates about Operation Christmas Child and gift cards for needy families in our communities. Thank you!

SCHOOL KIT SUPPLIES (NEW ONLY)	PERSONAL CARE KIT SUPPLIES (NEW ONLY)
 DRAWSTRING BACKPACK (CLOTH, APX 14X17, WITH SHOULDER STRAPS—NO STANDARD BACKPACKS)	TOOTHBRUSH (ADULT SIZE IN ORIGINAL PACKAGING) 
PENCILS (NO. 2 WITH ERASER) 	BARS OF SOAP (4 TO 5 OZ SIZE) 
 PENCIL SHARPENER	TOWEL (LIGHT-WEIGHT 20X40TO 52X27) 
RULER (30-CENTIMETERS ON ONE SIDE AND INCHES ON THE OTHER) 	COMB (STURDY) 
 SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS (70-SHEET WIDE OR COLLEGE-RULED, NO LOOSE-LEAF) SCISSORS (SAFETY SCISSORS WITH BLUNT END)	NAIL CLIPPERS (METAL) 
ERASER (2 1/2") 	
 CRAYONS (16 OR 24 COUNT)	
PENS (BLACK OR BLUE—NO GEL INK) 	

COMING SOON
NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

WE NEED YOUR PICTURE!

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 off a hard copy in the office. We will also be offering photo shoots here in the church beginning September 13th. *(More details to follow.)*

Financial Summary (as of July 31, 2023)

July 2023 Financial Summary	
General Account Income in July 2023	\$14,971.50
General Account Expenditures in July 2023	\$18,493.23
Cash Loss for the month	(-\$3,521.73)

Year to Date Income	Year to Date Expenses	Year to Date Net Loss	Monthly Budget	Weekly Budget
\$129,021.45	\$138,275.69	(-\$9,254.24)	\$24,016	\$5,542

Upcoming Events



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

RALLY WEDNESDAY

Kick Off

SEPTEMBER 13TH

ages 3 and up

MEAL - 5:30-6:15
WORSHIP - 6:15-6:45
WEDNESDAY SCHOOL/MUSIC - 6:30-7:15
CONFIRMATION - 6:45-7:15

EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE

Register in Person on Rally Wednesday or online at:
WWW.BRECKLUTHERAN.ORG/wednesday-school-registration



Join the
**PRAYER
CHAIN
MINISTRY**

BLC
Breckenridge
Lutheran 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

You are invited to...

Congregational Vitality Day

Saturday, September 16th

@ Grace Lutheran Church
Detroit Lakes, 9:00-3:00

From the Kitchen of the NW MN Synod

Congregational Vitality

- one cup of faith
- a dash of hope
- two sprinkles of curiosity
- a heap of willingness
- three pinches of the Holy Spirit
- a big handful of devotion to neighbor

Come ready to create a recipe that feeds your community!

Northwestern Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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



Breckenridge Lutheran Church

Wednesday Night Meal

October 25th

Anyone is
welcome to
participate.
Free will
offering.



SOUP COMPETITION and/ BAKE SALE LYO FUNDRAISER

Win a \$40 gift card
\$10 to Enter a
Crockpot of Soup

5:30 - Meal
6:15 - Worship
6:30 - Wednesday School
6:45 - Confirmation

For Sale

HP Deskjet
3510 e-A10
\$25/obo



Wall Jewelry Box
w/mirror 10x15
\$20/obo



Floor
Vase
26" High
\$20/obo



Evenflo
Highchair
\$20/obo

Table &
2 Chairs
\$50/obo



Oval Coffee Table-19x46
2 End Tables-26x25
Adjustable Height Legs
\$100/obo



All items can be viewed in the room
next to the office.



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