

# HERITAGE LUTHERAN CHURCH



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>3</b> 9:00am Sunday School ... 9:15am Adult Bible Stu... 10:00am Worship - Dell... 10:15am Worship - Bra...	<b>4</b> Visit the HLC website and Facebook page for additional calendar information.	<b>5</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Stu... 6:00pm Worship Planni...	<b>6</b> 6:00pm Confirmation 6:45pm HS Bible Study	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
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<b>17</b> 9:00am Sunday School ... 9:15am Adult Bible Stu... 10:00am Worship - Dell... 10:15am Worship - Bra... 11:30am Youth Lefse ...	<b>18</b> 6:00pm Council Meeting	<b>19</b> 6:30am Men's Bible Stu... 6:00pm Worship Planni...  Every Third Tuesday 9:30 AM – Women's Bible Study, Bethany Meadows	<b>20</b> 6:00pm Confirmation 6:45pm HS Bible Study	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9:30 AM Mugs 'N Muffins 
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All activities are located at Heritage Lutheran Church in Brandon unless otherwise stated.

**HERITAGE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN BRANDON**  
 117 Sandstone Avenue, Brandon, SD 57005

**HERITAGE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN DELL RAPIDS**  
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## SHARE YOUR TIME & TALENTS!

We would like to ask everyone to fill out a new time and talent form. Please prayerfully consider how you would like to share your talents by volunteering at church. If you would like to learn more about serving communion, ushering, teaching Sunday School, church cleaning, coffee/treats, etc., please let someone on church council know. We are glad to help!



## MUGS 'N MUFFINS

All Women of Heritage (*Dell Rapids and Brandon*) are welcomed to join together for Mugs 'N Muffins on Saturday, November 23<sup>th</sup> at Heritage Lutheran in Brandon. A short Bible study and refreshments will be provided. No preparation is needed, and feel free to bring a friend!



Pictured to the left is the Mugs 'N Muffins gathering on Oct 26<sup>th</sup>. As you can see, women of all ages are welcome!

## UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

The youth will gather on November 17 after worship for PIZZA and LEFSA MAKING!

**ALL HERITAGE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.**

The youth will then sell Lefse and decorate the church for Christmas on Nov 24.

On Wednesday, Nov 27, the HLC & SOT youth groups will be doing a joint Thanksgiving Eve Service at Bethany Meadows! Busy month for the youth!!!



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR – 2019-2020

December 1	No SS/Serve Breakfast for Mission Project
December 8	Program Practice during Sunday School
December 15	Program Practice during Sunday School
December 15	Christmas Program during Church
December 22	No Sunday School
December 29	No Sunday School
February 16	First Communion Class starts for 5th grade
March 22	First Communion
April 5	Palm Sunday/ Sing in Church
April 12	No Sunday School
May 10	Last day of Sunday School



# HLC DELL RAPIDS OPEN HOUSE AND CHRISTMAS AT THE DELLS PARADE OF LIGHTS!

Heritage Lutheran Church in Dell Rapids will be hosting an **OPEN HOUSE** for their new location on Saturday, December 7, 5:30 PM. The Open House is scheduled prior to the **Christmas at the Dells Parade of Lights**, which starts at 6:30. HLC plans to serve treats for the open house, and hot cocoa and cookies after the parade (weather permitting). Start the Christmas Season by celebrating the Lord Jesus Christ at the new location in Dell Rapids, and joining in the fun for the Parade of Lights.

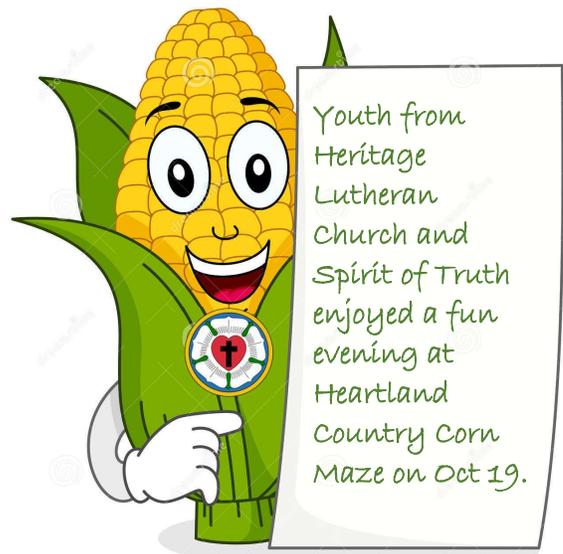
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## COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

The Community Christmas Tree is a way for the Brandon Valley Optimist Club to assist families in need during the holiday season. Nominated families request gifts that they would like (parents too!). Our volunteers make tags representing those gifts and place them on designated trees in businesses in Brandon. Brandon residents pick the tags they would like, purchase the gifts, and return them under the tree. Our volunteers then collect, organize, wrap, and distribute the gifts to the families. On average, we are able to help 10-15 families per year. Please contact us by November if your family or a family you know could benefit or if you are interested in "adopting" a family!

Completed Forms are due **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, NOV 22**, so please help us connect with these families ASAP. For more information and online registration, visit [www.bvoptimists.org/community-xmas-tree](http://www.bvoptimists.org/community-xmas-tree).





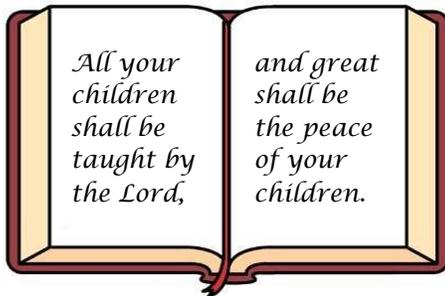
Youth from HLC and SOT worked hard with a Rake N Run Event! They raked and bagged 5 very full yards and then recovered with a little pizza and fellowship. A big thank you to the one and only Becca Risty, Dan Hindbjorgen, JoAnn & Craig Presler and Caleb Flier who helped out the youth! It was a beautiful and fun day!

Thank You  
Sunday  
School Kids  
for sharing  
your music.



# Presentation of Bibles

Pictured is the presentation of Bibles to our children of Heritage Lutheran Church in Brandon.



# Welcome To The Family

Pictured is the baptism of Gracie Kris Boyle, daughter of Zach and Ricki Boyle.



*With Jesus Christ, the Word of God, as our Cornerstone, we honor our heritage and pass on our faith through this congregation of disciples being built one upon another as living stones.*

# PASTOR'S PEN

One of the essential features of being human beings is our dependency on other people and things. Of course, as people grow up we encourage and train them to be independent of their parents and to find their own paths in life. But even fully functioning adults can't escape their dependence.

First of all, we are dependent on God and parents to be conceived and born. We don't create ourselves or give ourselves life. Infants don't survive without the care and protection of parents or parent figures. Children don't learn enough to become successful adults without depending on school systems, teachers, and administrators to keep the educational machine running.

It's almost impossible for adults to be totally self-sufficient. Someone built a house for them. Banks provide financing to own that home or landlords provide rental units. Most of us can't do our jobs without depending on coworkers to help us and companies to be true to their word about paying us for our labor.

We are not our own doctors and nurses, police, firefighters and first responders. We can't control how good other people are at their jobs, but we depend on their competence. Romans 13:1 tells us that God provides government to restrain and punish evil and protect us from harm through the legal system and military. We are constantly reliant on these institutions. It's downright scary how dependent we are on the internet and digital technology for our power grid and to protect us from cyber-crime.

We don't control the sun and the stars and the forces of nature. We are dependent on the goodness of God for these things. Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel that God is good to all creatures in regard to his providing the right conditions to preserve life. He sends the sun and the rain on the just and the unjust alike.

Sinners are in denial of how dependent human life is. Or perhaps many just put it out of their minds. But November and the season of thanksgiving is a powerful reminder of how things really are. What can make us thankful? Acknowledging our dependency and seeing that God comes through for us all the time. His daily gifts never stop coming.

In light of the cross that should not be surprising. Through Christ's death and resurrection, God overcomes the most difficult enemies of the human race: sin, death, and the power of evil. How much more will he provide for all our needs?

It's okay to be dependent as long as we have God who constantly gives us reasons to be thankful and showers us with his daily mercies. Faith sees the goodness in all of these realities and creates thankful hearts. May you and your families be given the opportunity to celebrate on our national day of Thanksgiving, November 28.

See you in worship,

Pastor Mark Jamison

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**For pastoral needs, please call Pastor Jamison at 507-476-3012.**

Pastor Jamison's office hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:00 – 5:00 PM. Emails to Heritage Lutheran are an option, but may not be addressed immediately, and calling will ensure prompt response.



# CALL COMMITTEE REPORT

The Call Committee recently conducted a second interview with a pastoral candidate, including dinner and tours of the communities of Brandon and Dell Rapids. We were pleased to have her present a sermon and lead us in a hymn. She is a pastor who is currently in a call (pastor of a church), and has also interviewed with another church in the state. The Call Committee made a unanimous decision to recommend that we call her to Heritage Lutheran. We brought a draft letter of call to the Council which was approved and forwarded on to her for consideration, to see if she was open to a congregational meet and greet and vote. She did pay a visit to the church after the letter was sent, to pray in our space, and also had coffee with some members of the call committee to discuss the draft letter.

Last week we received a letter of withdrawal that we would like to share:

*Thank you so much for considering me for the position of pastor of Heritage Lutheran Church. I greatly appreciated the hospitality and fellowship extended to me and my husband as I came to interview several weeks ago, and again as I met with Beth, Mike and Jim a few days ago. Thank you, too, for the draft letter of call you afforded me opportunity to consider. As (my husband) and I have prayed during the past week about the possibility of my serving as your pastor, we have at last come to the disappointing conviction that I should withdraw my name from further consideration for this position. I see so many profound strengths and exciting possibilities for your congregation, and I am confident the Lord will lead you into growing impact in your wonderful community. I sense, however that my informal style and more charismatic theological worldview would hinder our ability to minister together effectively.*

*I will continue to pray for you as your pastoral search resumes. May God bring you a pastoral candidate well-suited to your congregational culture and well-equipped to join you in serving the mission of Jesus Christ in Brandon and beyond.*  
*In Christ, (candidate)*

While disappointed, we are encouraged that leadership in the NALC and LCMC are working to find more names for us. Pastor Randy Freund, LCMC Augustana District Service Coordinator has reminded us to remember God knows who needs to come....you don't. He was at a church that had three turn-downs before the right person said yes.

So, we continue on the journey to find out who God wants for Heritage Lutheran. We encourage you to continue to pray for our congregation, the call committee, the church council, and our future pastor.

Call Committee members are Nancy Boyle, Jim Dunlap, Beth Hindbjorgen, Rachel Keffeler, Brian Kirlin, Anna Risty, Mike Nitz, Don Oberlander, and Bob Risty.

## PRAYER PARTNERS

Prayer Partners is the prayer chain for Heritage Lutheran Church. Submit your prayer requests to [Heritagelutheran@gmail.com](mailto:Heritagelutheran@gmail.com), or call 605-582-7777. Call or email to receive the prayers and request your name be added to the Prayer Partner List.



# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Schedule for Worship Assistants:	Nov 10, 2019	Nov 17, 2019	Nov 24, 2019
<b>Reader:</b>	John Chisham	Open	Jim Dunlap
<b>Ushers:</b>	Risty Risty	Morell Morell	Open Open
<b>Communion Assistants:</b>	John Chisham Cindy Aamdal Don Oberlander Izzy Kirlin	Keffeler Keffeler Open Open	Art Ehde Open Open Open
<b>Communion Assistants-Baskets:</b>	Norah Plautz Jameson Plautz	Open Open	Open Open
<b>Communion Assistant-Sacristan:</b>	Lisa VandeVoort	Open	Open
<b>Coffee Service-Set Up:</b>	Swier	Open	Rovang
<b>Coffee Service-Clean Up:</b>	Open	Open	Rovang
<b>Treats:</b>	S Duncan Eberspacher Judy Limmer Tofteland	Lisa Lunning Jean Tusdal Carol Brown Carolyn Doescher	Threadgold Rovang Ehde Open
<b>Altar Flowers:</b>	Schwints	Threadgold	Wickett
<b>Church Cleaning (prior to Sunday):</b>	Terry Wixon T Nave	Open Open	Open Open

Email [HeritageLutheran@gmail.com](mailto:HeritageLutheran@gmail.com) if you are willing to serve or have questions.

## ATTENDANCE & GIVING:

### Sunday 10/6/2019

Plate Offering \$2,131.00  
Building Fund \$100.00

### Sunday 10/13/2019

Bible Study 34  
Worship Attendance 92  
Plate Offering \$3,939.26

### Sunday 10/20/2019

Bible Study 32  
Worship Attendance 105  
Plate Offering \$3,069.36

### Sunday 10/27/2019

Bible Study 35  
Worship Attendance 92  
Plate Offering \$1,200.00

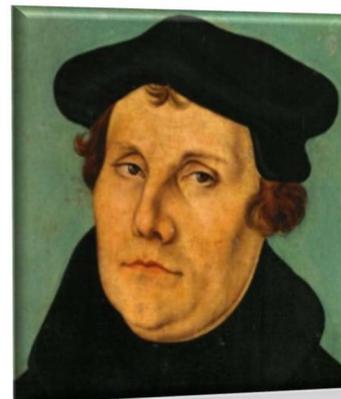
### Sunday 11/3/2019

Bible Study 37  
Worship Attendance 127  
Plate Offering \$1,422.40  
Building Fund \$1,763.49

### Simply Giving for October 2019

\$ 6,395.00

If you live in repentance, you walk in Baptism, which not only signifies such a new life, but also produces, begins, and exercises it. For in it grace, the Spirit, and power to suppress the old man are given, so that the new man may come forth and become strong.



#### **HLC Brandon Council Members:**

Ron Schwint – President  
Judy Fox – Treasurer  
Matt Wickett – Secretary  
John Chisham – Benevolence  
Ordell Rovang – Facilities  
Lisa VandeVoort – Stewardship  
Dale Beckendorf – Children’s ministries  
Becca Risty – Youth ministries  
Beth Hindbjorgen – Adult ministries

#### **HLC Dell Rapids Council Members:**

Robert Risty – President  
Karen Skatvold – Treasurer  
Patricia Haynes – Secretary  
Sue Hertz – Lay Minister

#### **Pastoral Support:**

Pastor Mark Jamison