

HERITAGE LUTHERAN CHURCH



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:15am Adult Bible Stu... 10:00am Worship - Dell... 10:15am Worship - Bra...	2	3 6:30am Men's Bible St... 6:00pm Worship Plann...	4 6:00pm Confirmation 6:45pm HS Bible Study	<p><i>For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Isaiah 9:6</i></p>		
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Wed, Dec 18, 10:30 AM
Dell Rapids Heritage Lutheran Church
Non-Denominational Church Prayer for
anyone who wants to attend.
Expected to last about a half-hour.

**Visit the HLC website
and Facebook page for
additional calendar
information.**

All activities are located at Heritage Lutheran Church in Brandon unless otherwise stated.

HERITAGE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN BRANDON
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HERITAGE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN DELL RAPIDS
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SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

Dec 8 Program Practice during Sunday School
Dec 15 Program Practice during Sunday School
Dec 15 Christmas Program during Worship
Dec 22 No Sunday School
Dec 29 No Sunday School
Feb 16 First Communion Class starts – 5th grade
Mar 22 First Communion
Apr 5 Palm Sunday/ Sing in Church
Apr 12 No Sunday School
May 10 Last day of Sunday School



December 15



HERE WE COME A-CAROLING
Wednesday, Dec 18, 6:00 PM
Meet at HLC in Brandon

This is for all from Brandon and Dell Rapid HLC (and friends!).
Meet at Brandon and we will carpool to various locations in Brandon.



Thank you, Kris Wickett, for sharing a Thanksgiving devotion and the beautiful centerpiece at our November **Mugs 'n Muffins**. Our next Mugs 'n Muffins is **Saturday, December 14 at 9:30 AM**. Please join us and bring a few Christmas treats to exchange and share.



Thank you to John and Sue Hertz for dropping off a total of 14 boxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. Six came from Brandon; eight from Dell Rapids. Thank you to all who contributed this year. For more information, visit:

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Congratulations

To our new confirmand
Katelyn Van Dyke, pictured left with
her family, Pastor Jamison, and Council
Members.



Mitchell Selken was presented a
Quilt of Valor from the Women of
Heritage on Sunday, December 1.
Mitchell and Kjersti (Nitz) Selken
are moving to San Antonio,
Randolph Air Force base this week
where Mitchell will be training to
be a drone pilot.

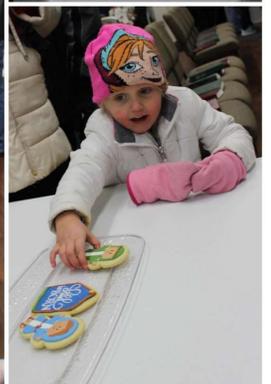


Thank you to everyone who helped
with lefse making and lefse
purchasing! We appreciated the
donated supplies,
equipment, and rolling
muscles! Uff da! Money
raised will be used to help
with our youth
activities and
summer trip to
Idaho. Thank
you!

That's
how I
roll



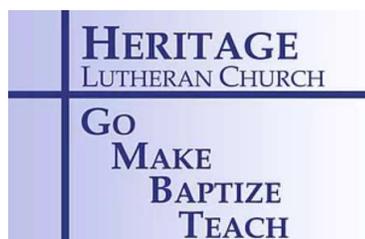
Scenes from HLC Dell Rapids Open House and Christmas at the Dells Parade of Lights!





Thank You

to Kari Beckendorf for making the beautiful advent banners and to the youth group for decorating the church in Brandon. Don't miss the Children's Christmas Program in Brandon, December 15 during the 10:15 AM worship service.



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!

PRAYER PARTNERS

Prayer Partners is the prayer chain for Heritage Lutheran Church. Submit your prayer requests to 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.



A MESSAGE FROM BRANDON HLC COUNCIL PRESIDENT

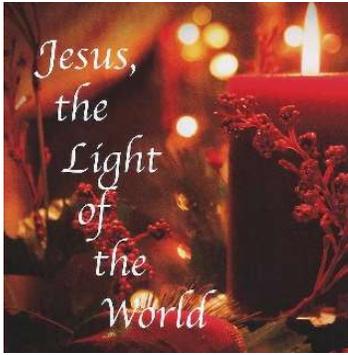
We are in need of 4 new council members and a council president for next year. At this time no one has stepped up to serve or expressed interest. If interested let a council person know.

The annual report and budget will be out Dec 22nd for review and the annual meeting will be January 26th after church.

Will have an opening for a part time (15-20 hours per week) office assistant starting in February. If interested talk with the new council president about the position.

Ronald Schwint

PASTOR'S PEN



Christmas. The miracle of the incarnation. The eternal Son of God becoming a real flesh and blood human being like us, except he was sinless. Christmas is the start of the greatest act of selfless love there has ever been. Think of it this way. The Son of God gave up the power, majesty, and glory of heaven to come down to our level and put himself through the things we go through - joys and sorrows, the sufferings and pains of everyday life, including death. He didn't have to do that. Out of love, he chose to do that.

To give up all the splendor for sinners who on their own reject God is truly selfless. It was also selfless to give up his life for the cause of helping people who couldn't help themselves. If they could Christ wouldn't have needed to be born. The powers of darkness, sin, death, and evil, were too much for humanity to overcome by themselves. Christ was born because that was God's best way to get through to us and set us free. It was no accident that the ancient church fixed the date of Christmas as December 25. In the northern hemisphere that is the darkest time of the year. And Christ, the Scriptures tell us, is the light of the world that no darkness can overcome.

The basic problem for human beings is their unbelief, and their insistence on being independent of God and being their own God. That has resulted in the human race, by its own powers and efforts, being unable to tear such things as selfishness, hate, cruelty, greed, and abuse out of the human heart. Those things must be removed by God. The birth of Christ was the start of that as a rescue and redemption operation.

The selfless giving of Christ creates the generous giving spirit that is famous at Christmas time. It is his doing in us, not our own doing. Here is an illustration of that. A 5th grade teacher found herself put off by a boy named Teddy. He didn't play well with other kids. His clothes were messy and he didn't smell good. Plus, Teddy could be unpleasant.

This all changed, though, when Mrs. Thompson read the required notes about each student from their previous teachers. In first grade Teddy was considered a bright child, who laughed easily and had good manners. The 2nd grade teacher said he was an excellent student but was troubled because his mother had a terminal illness. In 3rd grade, his mother died and the teacher wrote that Teddy's father didn't show much interest in him.

Each year things got tougher for Teddy. Feeling ashamed of herself, Mrs. Thompson felt even worse when her students brought her Christmas presents wrapped in ribbons and bright paper. Teddy's present was wrapped in heavy, brown paper. Some classmates laughed because he gave the teacher a rhinestone bracelet with some stones missing and a perfume bottle only one quarter full. But she stopped the laughter when she put on the bracelet and put perfume on her wrist. Teddy said, "Today Mrs. Thompson you smelled just like my Mom used to." That brought her to tears.

Teddy gave her all he had. And that changed her as a person. She began to teach children, not just school subjects. She paid particular attention to him and encouraged him as a student. His mind came alive. By the end of the year, he was one of the smartest students in the class. A year later, she found a note under her door telling her she was still the best teacher he had ever had.

Teddy went on to have tremendous academic success at every level - high school, college, and medical school. Each time he graduated from those schools he repeated to Mrs. Thompson what he first told her at the end of 6th grade. She was still the best teacher he ever had.

Dr. Teddy Stoddard invited his 5th grade teacher to his wedding and had her seated at the place usually reserved for the groom's mother. He thanked her again for believing in him so long ago. Mrs. Thompson replied, "Teddy, you have it all wrong. You were the one who taught me I could make a difference... I didn't know how to teach until I met you."

No human analogy can fully capture the immeasurable love of God at Christmas. But this story points to Christ being born to give his all for sinners. We can never out give him. And he alone is the source and cause of the real Christmas spirit.

Merry Christmas to you all,

Pastor Mark and Cindy Jamison

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

Pastor Jamison's office hours are Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 1-5 PM.

Emails to Heritage Lutheran are an option, but may not be addressed immediately, and calling will ensure prompt response.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Schedule for Worship Assistants:	Dec 15, 2019	Dec 22, 2019	Dec 29, 2019
Greeters:	Chuck Brown Carol Brown	Michael Nitz Jody Nitz	Open Open
Reader:	Don Oberlander	Open	Open
Ushers:	Open Open	Michael Nitz Jody Nitz	Open Open
Communion Assistants:	Don Oberlander Carolyn Doescher Stu Doescher Open	Open Open Open Open	Open Open Open Open
Communion Assistants-Baskets:	Open Open	Open Open	Open Open
Communion Assistant-Sacristan:	Open	Open	Open
Coffee Service-Set Up:	Oberlander	Rovang	Ernie Swier
Coffee Service-Clean Up:	Oberlander	Rovang	Jo Swier
Treats:	Carol Brown Marge Clemetson VandeVoort's Judy Limmer	Joyce Rovang Eberspacher Open Open	Open Open Open Open
Altar Flowers:	Mikeworth Family	Open	Open
Church Cleaning (prior to Sunday):	Terry Wixon T Nave	Dybdahl Dybdahl	Open Open

Email HeritageLutheran@gmail.com if you are willing to serve or have questions.

ATTENDANCE & GIVING:

Sunday 11/10/2019

Bible Study 28
Worship Attendance 83
Plate Offering \$3,241.70

Sunday 11/17/2019

Bible Study 29
Worship Attendance 91
Plate Offering \$1,974.50

Sunday 11/24/2019

Bible Study 28
Worship Attendance 85
Plate Offering \$1,088.75

Sunday 12/01/2019

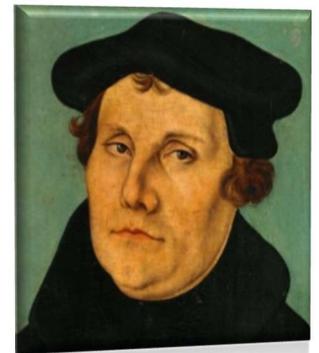
Worship Attendance 89
Plate Offering \$4,603.00

Sunday 12/08/2019

Worship Attendance 111
Plate Offering \$2,906.50

Simply Giving for November 2019
\$ 5,090.00

From heaven above to earth I come;
To bear good news to every home;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring;
Whereof I now will say and sing.
To you this night is born a child;
Of Mary, chosen virgin mild;
This little child, of lowly birth;
Shall be the joy of all the earth.



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