

# Parish News

August 2026

Britton Lutheran Parish

RALLY SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER  
13TH

PAUL OMAN  
PAINTING OF  
THE WORD

Join us for this  
fun event!



## Schedule for the Day

9:00am

### Worship

Experience a Drawn to the Word worship and artistic experience where Artist and Pastor Paul Oman will paint a larger-than-life sized mural of Jesus blessing the children before your eyes during worship. This story will unfold artistically, musically, narratively and Scripturally during the service. Come and see!

10:00am

### Brunch & Sunday School

Join us in the fellowship hall following worship for brunch. Sunday School youth will have music, a time to paint and learn!

1:00pm

### Your own Painting of the Word

You'll paint your own 9x12 canvas to take home of John the Baptist baptizing Jesus. Paul Oman will teach the class in the fellowship Hall. Please register at the QR code or sign up in the fellowship hall.



## Sunday School Teacher Meeting

Sunday, August 16th

We are getting ready for the Sunday school year! Please join us for this informational meeting following worship in the Sunday School area.



Harvest Days Community Worship  
Sunday, Aug 9 at 10:00 @ Pool Park  
Free-will lunch to follow by  
Friends of the Library

## BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH  
FIRST LUTHERAN @ 9:00AM  
PLEASANT VALLEY @ 9:00AM  
LAKE CITY @ 11:00AM

## Britton Lutheran Parish Fall Worship Schedule

(Begins September 13th)

### First Lutheran

9:00am Worship

10:30am Sunday School  
& Fellowship

4:30pm Worship

### Pleasant Valley

9:45am Sunday School &  
Fellowship

10:30am Worship

JOIN US  
for  
worship



The High School Bible Study group enjoyed an evening in Tammy Fagerland's beautiful gardens. The girls each picked flowers and made lovely arrangements. Tammy Fagerland is also responsible for all the flowers gardens at the church. Thanks for all you do Tammy!

## Incoming Apostles' Creed Content

Having taught confirmation for 10 years, I've wrestled around trying to teach the Apostles' Creed quite a few times now. I have never been fully satisfied when we've covered it in class, though. It's been a struggle to find a curriculum or a program that fits my teaching style. Most curriculums give the Apostles' Creed three sessions which is blitzing through it extremely fast. Some curriculums separate it out a little more, but most that attempt breaking it up into 5 or 6 sessions have sections/partitions/selections that are still clunky. At one point, each disciple (apostle) got credit for a section of the Apostles' Creed (hence its name). But, most modern confirmation curriculums find that to be too many.

With my time studying and teaching the Apostles' Creed, I've started leaning less and less on curriculums/helps and more on the Bible's treatment of the concepts that make up the Creed. I believe I'm ready to start getting the information that I've come across and suffered through out there. It's not neatly put together in some kind of a Bible study or a curriculum. It's a lot of loose (not to be mistaken as unfounded) points and themes found in the Apostles' Creed. I'm not sure that it's a Bible Study. Maybe it's sermons. It's not really devotions. It's not really a curriculum for a class. It's not yet developed enough to be any of those things. Let's call it *content*.

*From my vantage point, there seems to be a general lack of content on the Apostles' Creed. More specifically, there's an extreme lack of in-depth Evangelical Lutheran content on the Apostles' Creed. Most curriculums, devotions, or Bible Studies that are up our alley are tepid to go any further than the primary three separations that Luther set out. So we've become used to short and sweet, usually 3-session, presentations of the Apostles' Creed. Even Martin Luther was well-aware that there is much more to be taught in the Apostles' Creed than those three sections he put into the Small Catechism. In addressing this issue, he wrote, "...if all points which are written in the Scriptures and which belong to the Creed were to be distinctly set forth, there would be far more articles..."*

*Maybe that's the goal of this project - to produce at least some of the "far more articles" of the Apostles' Creed that Luther mentions. More specifically, the goal is to produce articles that are Evangelical (Gospel-oriented), Law and Gospel distinguishing articles. In my experience, this type of content on the Apostles' Creed is hard to find and mostly comes in very small doses. I'm not brash enough to think that I'm going to fill in the entire hole that's been left with my own work. I actually wish other people would do it, and I would teach their content. But those "other people" haven't given me anything that fits my way of doing things just yet, and confirmation classes start again in just a few months! They're running out of time to produce. So I'll venture down this road for a while of creating the content I want to use.*

So far there are 28 topics on the Apostles' Creed which will each be getting their own day in the sun, and the list seems to grow every once in a while, too. I've witnessed not enough content on the Apostles' Creed, so perhaps I'm getting up on the horse and falling off the other side. When I personally study a concept, I appreciate having too much information in front of me as opposed to not enough. So I'm erring on that side.

There is a need for content that synthesizes these narrow concepts of the Apostles' Creed with the whole Creed, with Lutheran Theology, and with the Bible, itself. I've been noticing the connections between these interlocking pieces over my tenure studying and teaching the Creed, and this stuff is too good to keep secret. Together, these pieces teach and witness to who God is and what he's doing in our lives. They put forth to us the good news of Jesus Christ.

The content on the Apostles' Creed will be available on the Britton Lutheran Parish App! Please download it. We'll explore other ways to pump it out to you as well. It will for sure be on the App, though.

God Bless You, Pastor Jesse



## From Our Parish Records



**Allan Gene Johnson** passed away July 21, 2026 at Fargo, ND at the age of 85. His funeral, officiated by Sarah Siebold of Hope Lutheran in Fargo, was July 27, 2026



**Dallas Clayton Goedert, Jr**, son of Dallas Goedert and Aria Meyer, was baptized at First Lutheran July 12, 2026. He was born January 6, 2026 at Mullica Hills, New Jersey. His sponsors are Avonte Maddox and Jatelyn Paulson.



**Sutton Dean Dinger**, son of Cason and Georgia Dinger, was Baptized July 26, 2026 at First. He was Born November 5, 2025 at Aberdeen, SD. His sponsors are Cambry Dinger, Max Duerre and Jack Baker.

**Pastor Carl Hansen** passed away May 9, 2026 in Seguin TX at the age of 82. He and his wife, Mary, were pastors at Britton Lutheran from 1995-2002. A memorial service was held July 11 at St. Pauli Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls, MN.

## SERVICE ROSTER

### Lay Readers

|        |                          |                |               |
|--------|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Aug 2  | Gerry Person             | Wyatt Hannasch | Sara Raabe    |
| Aug 9  | <b>Community Worship</b> |                | Jean Phillips |
| Aug 16 | Hailey S                 | Kari Feldhaus  | Rosemary H    |
| Aug 23 | Jan Foster               | MaryAnn Eye    | Rosemary H    |
| Aug 30 | Gretchen                 | Julie Hagen    | Jean Phillips |

### Ushers

|        |                          |               |
|--------|--------------------------|---------------|
| Aug 2  | Brett Myklegard          | Ceroll family |
| Aug 9  | <b>Community Worship</b> |               |
| Aug 16 | Stiegelmeier family      | Rosemary H    |
| Aug 23 | Foster family            | Ceroll family |
| Aug 30 |                          | Ceroll family |

### Communion Assistants

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|--------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Aug 2  | Tyler Melroe | Julie Hagen     | Ceroll family |
| Aug 16 |              | JoAnn Hawkinson | Rosemary H    |

**JigSaw Puzzle Competition**  
**Date: August 7, 2026**  
**Time: 6:30pm Registration**  
**7:00pm Start**  
**Must finish in 2 Hours**  
**Location: First Lutheran Church**  
**Britton, SD**

Teams of 3 or 4 puzzlers  
 500 piece puzzle  
 \$40.00 Entry fee per Team  
 Capped at 10 Teams

**Please text Mary Carlson 605-354-3152 to sign up your Team**

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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH**  
**1:00pm**  
 Cost is \$15

You'll paint your own 9x12 canvas to take home of John the Baptist baptizing Jesus. Paul Oman will be leading us IN PERSON in the Fellowship Hall at First Lutheran.

You can sign up in the fellowship hall or on the Britton Lutheran Parish app.



Thanks to Pastor Lexy and Pastor Jesse for the awesome Monday activities for the kids. Each week they heard bible stories, sang songs, played games, did crafts & ate snacks.

The first week the kids learned about God's creation. The second week they learned about young Samuel. God called Samuel in his sleep and God speaks to us too. The third week they learned about Father Abraham and made Father's Day crafts. The fourth week they made towers of Mac and Cheese as tall as Goliath and decorated rocks to remind us how God used a young boy and a rock to take down Goliath. No giant is too great for our living God! On a stormy Monday morning they heard how Jesus calms the storms! No matter what storm we may face, Christ will be there with a word to calm the storm. Following a week of VBS, they studied the Lord's Prayer and made bracelets to remind us of God's promises and work in our lives. Last week the kids learned how we don't need to worry because God takes care of us. He provides for the flowers and the birds and they don't worry so we don't need to either. **God cares for you!**





**Special thanks to all the planners, teachers and helpers that made  
Vacation Bible School so much fun this year.  
We had over 100 kids enjoy the week's activities.**

**VBS Coordinator  
Music Coordinator  
Snack Coordinators**

Kaitlyn Saker  
Holli Medhaug  
Kelly Mills and Jeanne Bosse

**Teachers and Helpers:**

Kelley Beck  
Tinley Beck  
Kelsey Brooks  
Mary Carlson  
Jiana Davidson  
Kathy Hagen  
Gabby Hawkinson  
Sabrina Henley  
Emily Hrabik  
Sara Holland  
Whitney Jensen

Henry Kilker  
Mia Kilker  
Alayah Krutsinger  
Michelle Krutsinger  
Avery Leonard  
Ailyn Lee  
Levi Mills  
Ann OBrien  
Benny OBrien  
Joseph OBrien  
Carly Peters

Jenna Peters  
Sage Phillips  
Tanya Pierson  
Sara Raabe  
Andrea Rabenberg  
Claire Rabenberg  
Ayla Saker  
Kylan Saker  
Ann Stiegelmeier  
Hailey Stiegelmeier  
Daynika Zuehlke  
Karlie Zuehlke



