



# Parish News

JUNE 2026

BRITTON LUTHERAN PARISH



Get ready for a vine time! Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School will be held Monday through Thursday from 9 AM - 1 PM at First Lutheran Church. Children ages 3 (must use bathroom independently) through 12 are invited to explore the nature of God through games, experiments, crafts, and music! Please register your child online by June 28<sup>th</sup> at <https://vbspro.events/p/firstlutheranvbs>.

Volunteers are needed for *Rainforest Falls* Vacation Bible School! We are looking for 5-10 group leaders (all week or as you are available) to help supervise and transition children throughout their morning activities and provide snack donations. Please see the sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall if you are willing to help in any way!

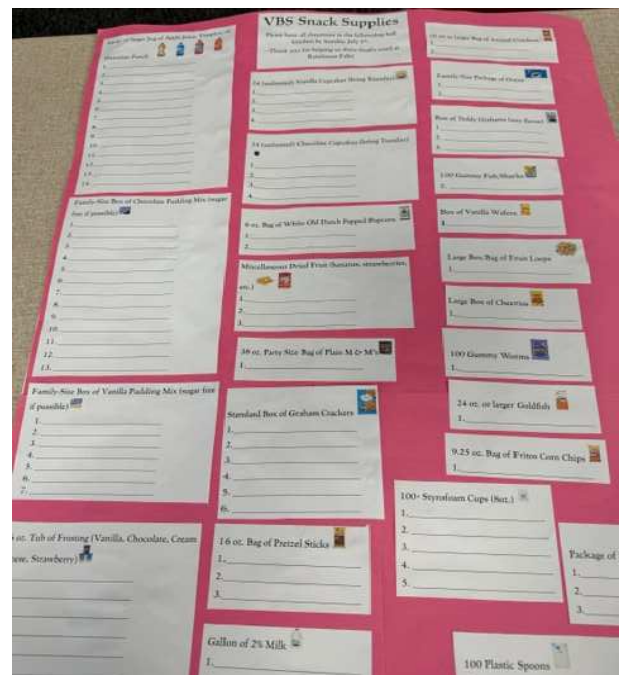


## DAVID SERMON SERIES



- SHEPHERD
- MUSICIAN
- YOUNGEST BROTHER
- GIANT SLAYER
- KING
- SINNER
- ONE AFTER GODS OWN HEART

Join us this June & July as we hear about God's calling, claiming and forgiving work in David!



VBS Snack / Supplies Sign-up Board is in the First Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

## 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



**Howard D. Lenius** passed away April 27, 2026 at Avera St. Lukes in Aberdeen at the age of 92. His funeral was May 9, 2026 at First Lutheran Church.



**Norma Jean Baker** passed away May 9, 2026 at Wheatcrest Hills in Britton at the age of 87. Her memorial service was May 23, 2026 at First Lutheran.



**Edward M. Jerde** passed away May 17, 2026 at Marshall County Medical Center at the age of 71. His memorial service was June 1, 2026 at First.



**Turner Smith and Kassidy Larson** were married at Pleasant Valley Lutheran Church May 23, 2026.



# PVW

PVW Quilters will meet Wednesdays from 1:30-3:30 this summer starting June 10th. The plan is to get the quilt tops made for our next few graduates.

PVW Meeting Wednesday, August 12th at 2:00pm

Thanks to all who provided casseroles, salads and desserts for the Memorial Day Dinner on May 25, 2026.

## Gratitude to Faithful Praise

Gratitude is the beginning of faith; faith leads us to the ultimate gratitude.

Gratitude is often the first quiet step of faith. Before answers come, before circumstances change, gratitude teaches the heart to notice God's presence and provision. Scripture reminds us, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thesalonians 5:18, KJV). Giving thanks, even in uncertain moments, opens our eyes to God's faithfulness already at work.

As gratitude grows, it naturally leads us into deeper trust. When we remember what God has done, faith finds solid ground. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1, KJV). Gratitude strengthens that hope by anchoring it in God's past mercies. Each thankful prayer becomes a reminder that the same God who carried us before will carry us again.

Faith, in turn, leads us to ultimate gratitude, not just for blessings received, but for God himself. "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15, KJV). This gratitude reaches beyond circumstances and rests in Christ, the greatest gift of all. When gratitude begins our journey and faith guides our steps, our hearts learn lasting praise, thankful not only for what God gives, but for who he is.



**Bible Camps:** The Endowment fund will pay 25% of the camp costs up to \$150.00. Check out the Lutheran Outdoors website for great opportunities this summer. ([www.losd.org](http://www.losd.org))

# SERVICE ROSTER

## Lay Readers

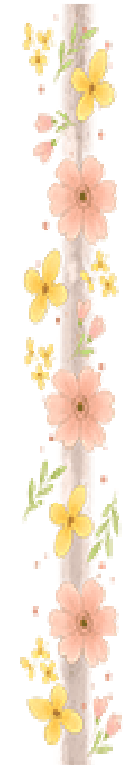
June 7	Mary Carlson	Wyatt Hannasch	Sara Raabe
June 14	Paisley Bray	Corrine Zorn	Sara Raabe
June 21	Hailey Stiegelmeier	Steve Hawkinson	Jean Phillips
June 28	Jenna Peters	Jim Eye	
July 5	Mary Carlson	Wyatt Hannasch	Sara Raabe

## Ushers

June 7	Kelley, Tinley & Gage Beck	Kent & Jane Duerre
June 14	Hrabik Family	
June 21	Julie Zuehlke Family	
June 28	Kim Beck & Jenna Peters	
July 5	Brian and Lori Rabenberg	Sara Raabe & Maxine Vrchota

## Communion Assistants

June 7	Jen Boyko	Bethany Oland	Kent & Jane Duerre
June 14	Kelley Beck	Kari Feldhaus	Kent & Jane Duerre
July 5	Gretchen Christenson	MaryAnn Eye	Sara Raabe & Maxine Vrchota



Pastor Jesse shard some of his fishing expertise with the 8th Grade Confirmation boys at Roy Lake in May.

Pictured are Easton Zuehlke with his catch and Liam Peters, Jackson Medhaug and Corbin Dawson with theirs.





The confirmation kids enjoyed a water balloon toss game for their final class.



The Pleasant Valley Women presented Wyatt Strong with a quilt for graduation.



The First Lutheran Quilters presented quilts to all the FL graduating seniors. The WOF honored the seniors at a special coffee hour May 10, 2026.



**NORMA BAKER**

**Endowment Fund**

Walt and Patty Roehr

**BETH HAAVIG**

**Undesignated**

† Herman and Laurie Wegleitner

**NORMAN CARLSON**

† **Building Fund**

† Sandy Hastings

**CLAYTON GERKEN**

**Building Fund**

† Sandy Hastings

**Choir Fund**

† Kris Christenson

**Quilting**

† Larry and Lori Buntrock

**Undesignated**

† Herman and Laurie Wegleitner

† Family and Friends

**REESE BECK**

**JAWS**

† Leslie, Steven and Ang Noisy Hawk  
Cody, Paul, Noka, James and Kyle Beck

**HOWARD LENIUS**

**Building Fund**

† Sandy Dinger

**Endowment**

† Walt and Patty Roehr

† Al and Marlene Sime

**Quilting**

† Anna Ander4son

**Undesignated**

† Family and Friends



### DANA MUNDT

#### Endowment Fund

† Brian and Lori Rabenberg

### RON PATTERSON

#### Men of First

† Kris Christenson

### RON ROEHR

#### Building

† Sandy Hastings

#### Endowment

† Family and Friends

† Walt and Patty Roehr

† Al and Marlene Sime

#### Music Fund

† Family and Friends

#### Quilting

† Larry and Lori Buntrock

#### Sunday School

† Marty and Val Jensen

#### Tuckpointing

† Family and Friends



The final day of Sunday School the kids sang and the teachers were given gifts in appreciation of their work with the kids this year.

# Seasons of Life

A time and place for women in all kinds of stages of life to come together and rest in God's Word. Whether you're newly married, a young mom, empty nester, caretaker for aging parents whatever your story may be this is the place for you. Come hear of God's faithfulness in the changing seasons.

**FAITH THROUGH THE GENERATIONS**

**WOMENS RETREAT**  
BRITTON LUTHERAN PARISH

SEPTEMBER 19, 2026  
8:30AM-3:00PM

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
504 9<sup>TH</sup> AVE.  
BRITTON, SD 57430

KEYNOTE SPEAKER PASTOR JANINE REU-WERLING



join us for a **SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE and save lives**

**LifeServe BLOOD CENTER**

**PAISLEY BRAY BLOOD DRIVE**

*Britton Events Center*  
**Tuesday, June 9**  
**12:30 pm - 5:30 pm**

Your donation with LifeServe will help save your neighbor, a friend, family member or a stranger in your own community! Only blood collected by LifeServe Blood Center is provided to YOUR LOCAL hospitals. After all, shouldn't your blood go to your hospital to save your neighbors?

APPOINTMENTS ARE ENCOURAGED

Text: LIFESERVE to 999-777 | Call: 800.287.4903 | Visit: lifeservebloodcenter.org

**LifeServe BLOOD CENTER** YOUR BLOOD. YOUR HOSPITAL. YOUR NEIGHBORS.

## Happy Hearts Running

For girls 5th-8th grade


**Starting June 1, 2026**  
**9:00am**

WHEN: Mondays and Wednesdays at 9 AM  
WHERE: We will gather at First Lutheran Church to begin our sessions. Here we will start with a daily devotion, learn ways to help our bodies and minds relax and become balanced, and end our sessions with a group run/walk. The objective is to strengthen our hearts emotionally and physically and to build confidence along the way!

For more info contact Katrina Knecht  
1.605.824.8424

**MARSHALL COUNTY FOOD PANTRY**

JUNE ITEM OF THE MONTH IS **MAC AND CHEESE**



Drop off spots in the narthex and fellowship hall