



# Parish News

**MAY 2026** **Britton Lutheran Parish**



## BRITTON LUTHERAN PARISH SENIORS

AUSTIN BECK	BRYCE HEITKAMP
MADDIE BIEL	TARYN KRAFT
CORINNE BOSSE	ABIGAIL LEE
PAISLEY BRAY	DUSTIN STABNOW
CARTER DAWSON	WYATT STRONG
LANDYN FREDRICK	AVA TEVELDAL
ADDYSEN GRUPE	JAXON ZUEHLKE
BRYCE HAWKINSON	KARLIE ZUEHLKE

Join us for Senior Sunday on May 10th.  
Worship is at 9:00am at First Lutheran and 10:30am at Pleasant Valley.

## Summer Worship Schedule

(Beginning May 17th)

**First Lutheran**  
9:00am Worship  
4:30pm Worship

**Pleasant Valley**  
9:00am Worship

**Lake City Lutheran**  
11:00am Worship

*JOIN US FOR worship*




## BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

May 13 at 6:00 (Presbyterian Church)  
Supper will follow at the  
First Lutheran Fellowship Hall



Britton Lutheran Parish Directories are available at the church! Grab a copy for your family. Free will offering will help cover the cost of the new directory.

## Vacation Bible School

# RAINFOREST FALLS

Exploring the Nature of God

**July 6-9**



## FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

# SUMMER

## FAMILY & YOUTH HOUR

Mondays in June & July | 10:30-11:30  
Excluding July 6<sup>th</sup> for VBS

Families, grade school youth, daycares, come and join for an hour of relaxed play, Bible stories, activities and connecting this summer!

## From the Pastor...

In the late 1520's Martin Luther made a troubling discovery in the churches in his home territory of Saxony. The Peasant Revolts had just finished, and Saxony was regrouping and healing in many aspects of life. The new Lutheran church, as a whole, was figuring out how to operate without the control of the papacy. To ensure that the churches were heading in the right direction, the Lutherans commissioned pastoral visitations from Martin Luther, Philip Melancthon, and other spiritual leaders. Their goal was to assess where the churches in the area stood in the areas of preaching, teaching, and administration. Luther set out to assess how capable the pastors were and how much of a religious understanding the laity had. He described his findings with the words "miserable" and "desolate," as even pastors struggled to come up with the words to the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer.

This situation changed theology forever. Luther's assessment of the Saxon churches prompted him to write the Small Catechism (to be taught to children) and the Large Catechism (to be used by pastors). In these small teaching books, Luther laid out the very basics of faith: The Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Baptism, and the Lord's Supper. These books have become perhaps the most influential spiritual pieces of literature outside of the Bible, itself.

In the Apostles' Creed, Luther laid out what God is up to, how God works, and what God does for us. Split into three articles, the Creed laid out "the doctrine of God" - the teaching of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

While writing on God, the Father, Luther called him a "giver." It's written that he gives us our body and soul, eyes, ears, and all members, reason & senses, clothing & shoes, food & drink, house & home, spouse & children, land, animals, all we have, and all that we need to support this body and life (from Luther's "*what is this?*" observation of the First Article of the Creed). *It's hard to find much outside of that list!*

Outside of these things that we sometimes call "daily bread," God provides us one really big gift - his Son. This gift is so special and so much greater than all the gifts previously mentioned. It's so far set-apart that the Son gets his own article of the Apostles' Creed starting with the words "I believe in Jesus Christ...".

Jesus is quickly identified as *God's only Son*. *I've been thinking a lot lately about what this actually means for Jesus to be God's only Son. It certainly establishes that God gave everything he had to give. We mentioned all the necessities for life, but now God has gone the extra mile and given his very own Son. That Jesus is the only son says something, too. There's not a cupboard full of God's sons, and this One who was given is indispensable.*

But mostly, I've been reflecting on the trouble that Jesus got into for carrying the title of God's only Son. In most religions, this title would mark significance or power. But in the Christian religion, it's actually the thing that got Jesus killed. When it is established on earth that Jesus is God's Only Son, they accuse him of blasphemy and crucify him. Ironically, that's what it means to be God's only son - to be given over unto death, to pay the ultimate price. And this was all done so that the gift of life would be ours. By his death, we live.

Pastor Jesse



# Drawn to the Word

Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> - Rally Sunday

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 at First Lutheran during 9:00am worship. This story will unfold artistically, musically, narratively and Scripturally during the event. All are welcome. Come and see!

The Men's Group served a delicious pancake brunch to a large crowd on Palm Sunday.



The Painting of the Word on April 15 was a great event. The artists painted "A Miraculous Catch" with Paul Oman's instructions and stories.

Plan to experience the in-person Paul Oman painting happening September 13.



# BRITTON LUTHERAN PARISH APP



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EVENTS  
GIVING  
WORSHIP  
FORMS  
AND MORE!



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## Commencing a Lifetime of Learning

What would you tell a young man or woman about to graduate? One of the most common messages commencement speakers share is that graduates are indeed commencing. They are only just beginning to learn.

While they may rightly feel proud of finishing school, a few months in the working world often reveal how much they still do not know. Christians who love God with their minds understand that truth frees us from ignorance and superstition. They also know that the joy of learning brings deep satisfaction and, in time, wisdom. That wisdom helps us evaluate what we have learned and use it well, so that knowledge becomes a tool for growth and faithful living.

## MEMORIAL DAY

May 25, 2026

**Memorial Day Dinner at Pleasant Valley  
Military Rites at 11:00am  
Program at 11:30 Dinner at Noon**

Come and join us in remembering and honoring those who have served in our country's military. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy dinner.

## MARSHALL COUNTY FOOD PANTRY

MAY ITEM OF THE MONTH IS  
**PASTA SAUCE**



Drop off spots in the narthex and fellowship hall

## Service Roster

### USHERS

May 3 Brett Myklegard  
May 10 Kim Beck and Family  
May 17  
May 24 Mike and Emily VanLith  
May 31

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

May 3 Paisley Bray JoAnn Hawkinson  
Toni Mattson  
May 17 Jenna Peters Julie Hagen

### LAY READERS

May 3 Austin Saker Wyatt Hannassch  
May 10 Jennifer Boyko Julie Hagen  
May 17 Jenna Peters Bethany Oland  
May 24 Sara Holland Kari Feldhaus  
May 31 Hailey Stiegelmeier MaryAnn Eye

### COFFEE SERVERS

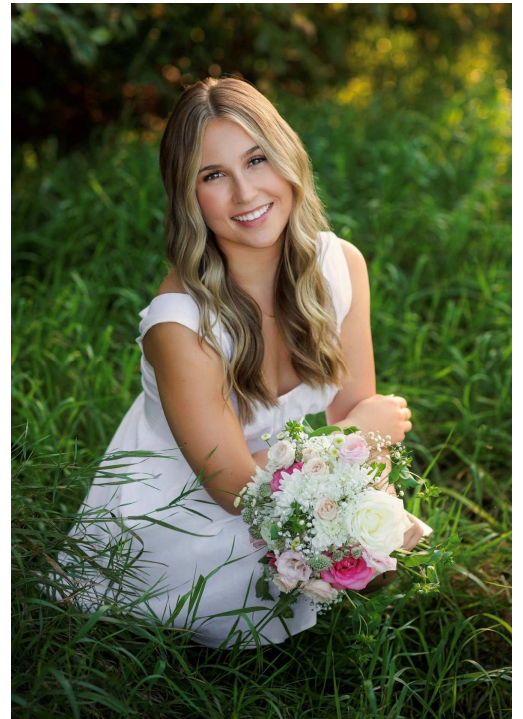
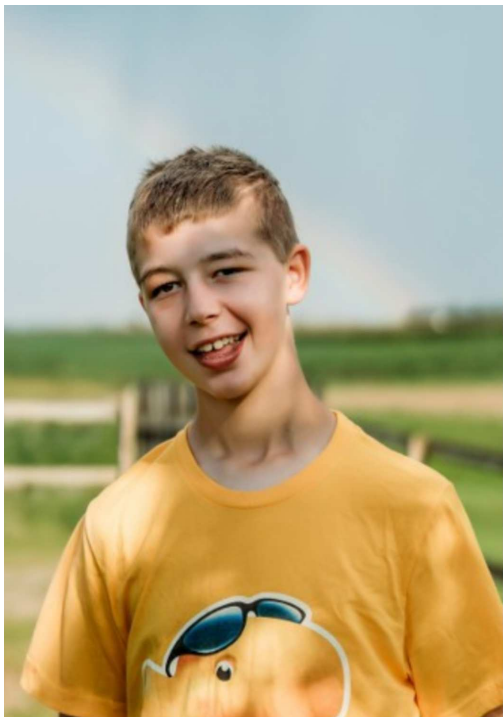
May 3 Sara Raabe  
May 10 Women of First Senior Sunday  
May 17 Mary Carlson and Emily Hrabik  
May 24 Kent and Sara Holland  
May 31



## Volunteers Needed for our Sunday Services

To sign up, use the QR code and type your name into the spreadsheet on the day(s) you wish to contribute. Sign-Up Sheets will be available in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays.





## **2026 Seniors**

Austin Beck

Maddie Biel

Corinne Bosse

Paisley Bray

Carter Dawson

Landyn Fredrick

Addysen Grupe

Bryce Hawkinson

Bryce Heitkamp

Taryn Kraft

Abigail Lee

Dustin Stabnow

Wyatt Strong (PV)

Ava Teveldal

Jaxon Zuehlke

Karlie Zuehlke



