BLP Newsletter

November 2026

Britton Lutheran Parish



The following 9th Graders were confirmed on Sunday, October 25, 2026 by Pastor Jesse Carson:
Lillian Boyko, Lily Mundt, Kloe Furman, Avery Leonard, Ady Schmieg
Kylan Sasker, Jackson Medhaug, Jarrik Jones, Corbin Dawson, Liam Peters
Levi Mills, Blayden Downs, Maverick Strong, BradyHeitkamp, Easton Zuehlke



Upcoming Events

Nov 1 Advent Begins
Nov 15 Soup and Sandwich Lunch
Nov 16 Quilting
Nov 18 Council
Nov 19 Staff Supper
Nov 22 Fill a Bowl supper
Nov 25 JH Girls Bible Study
Nov 26 Thanksgiving
Nov 29 Family Bingo
Nov 30 Advent Wreath Class

Fill a Bowl



Soup Supper

Nov 22 @ 5:30
$25/Ticket
To purchase a ticket contact Kari or a JAWS memberContact a Jaws member by Nov 13.

FAMILY BINGO

Join us for family Bingo and ellowship! Feel free to bring some items or baked goods for prizes!

Sunday, November 29th 10:00am

There's no Sunday School so bring the whole family for this fun event!



From the Pastor...

When we lived in Oldham, my best fishing partner was the pastor who directs the Lutheran prison ministry at the state penitentiary in Sioux Falls. His name is Jeff. Around 2017 (give or take a year) we started ice fishing together. Our first outing was in February. I had already put my gear away for the year. But as fate would have it, Jeff and I sat by each other at a fundraiser. We discovered that we shared the interest of ice fishing. I left that fundraiser with a scheduled fishing-day for the next week. Winter lingered on that year, and Jeff and I fished until mid-April.

One of our favorite lakes to fish was Lake Whitewood. Rumor had it that there was a 12-foot hole somewhere by the old, partway sunken railroad tracks that ran through the middle of the lake. That hole eluded me for the four years that I fished Whitewood. I got used to fishing areas that were 5 or 6 feet deep, which was what the majority of the lake had to offer. The cold Kingsbury County winters would freeze the top 18" (or more) by February. Quality walleye and perch still found a way to swim around in the 3 or 4 feet that were still available to them. That's what Jeff and I were after, often drilling holes in the dark before the sun came up and calling it a day when "the witching hour" (Jeff's term for the around-sunset bite) came to a close.

We got tuned in to what the fish in Whitewood wanted. Color, shape, size, bait, & depth of our presentations were dialed in to the point that we were pretty confident of our prospects to catch fish. A fisherman can never have too much information, though. One day Jeff stopped at the bait shop in Sioux Falls and inquisitively asked the staff what was working on Whitewood. They showed him a few jigs and spoons. He got some information that aligned with our own findings and experimentations. But he also got some information that countered our home-cooked "research."

They suggested aggressive jigging presentations and routine "hole-hopping" until fish are located. These recommendations were polar opposites to our experience. We found that the fish didn't want their food moving at all. We had all but abandoned jigging. The stiller the better! Also, staying put and letting the fish come to us produced more. Jeff wryly told the staff at the bait shop that they were wrong about their approach. They smiled, now knowing that they had been tested and came up with a wrong answer. The funny thing, though, is that they knew. They knew that fishermen that used our approach were better off on Whitewood. BUT, our approach wasn't helping them sell the lures they wanted to move. After Jeff exposed them, they came clean!

Psalm 46 has a great tip. It's a great tip for perch fishermen on Lake Whitewood. But it's also helpful in just about every other area of life. The Psalmist says, "Be still." The perch repeatedly taught this to Jeff and me that winter on Whitewood: "Be still." Life is full of detractors and usurpers saying things like, "Be aggressive, and don't stop moving." Yet, in the midst of all this collateral noise stands the God that continues to speak a word that defies the world's advice: "Be still and know that I am God." Rarely are we taught that such passivity will be productive for us. Yet God insists that this approach will actually work. He assures us that he is active and hard at work. As we're entering November and then December, the temptation to "be aggressive and don't stop moving," will continue to bear down. But our cradle-lain savior grew up and spoke these words to the Sea of Galilee: "Peace, be still." I reckon that if his words can alter the flow of the sea, they can also go to work on you. And while you're still, watch God go to work. "Be still and know that I am God." Amen.

Pastor Jesse

Together

WE SUPPORT OUR CHURCH



MINISTRY THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

The ministry of First Lutheran Church makes a difference in our church, throughout our community, and beyond.
Your giving directly supports the ministry happening here — from worship and faith formation to fellowship, community outreach, and caring for one another.

TODAY'S UPDATE

We're sharing a brief update on the many ways you can support the ministry of First Lutheran Church.

3 Ways to Give

1 Sunday Offering

2 Net Giver App

Download the app and create a login.

NETGIVER

Download on the App Store

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3 Britton Lutheran Parish App



Follow the 'Giving' button found at the bottom.

Questions?

If you have any specific questions, please reach out to a council member.

Our current treasurer is Lorene Bender.



JAWS BYTES

JAWS, led by Kari Feldhaus, have been busy. They have participated in ARK (Acts of Random Kindness); raking leaves, assembling care packages for college students and enjoyed some great food. What a wonderful group of kids!











Junior High Girls Bible Study

They painted pumpkins, delivered some to people around town, dove into scripture passages about gratitude and shared what they're thankful for.

Next Bible Study will be Wednesday, Nov 25 @ 10:00.





A beautiful evening for the JAWS hayride at Pleasant Valley!



REECE BECK

WOF Quilting Fund

Betty Beck

WAYNE BUHL

Undesignated

Jim and MaryAnn Eye

Lynn and Carmin Wade

BARBARA WADE

Endowment Fund

Walt and Patty Roehr

Library Fund

Al and Marlene Sime

Sunday School

Herman and Laurie Wegleitner

Undesignated

Jim and MaryAnn Eye





Looking for musicians to play offertory or prelude music during Advent.

Call Pr. Lexy to schedule.





Kari Feldhaus, Pastor Jesse and Pastor Lexy visited with some former JAWS youth at LATI and SDSU. They each got a care package assembled by current JAWS students. It's great to hear all the ways God has been guiding, leading and calling them.



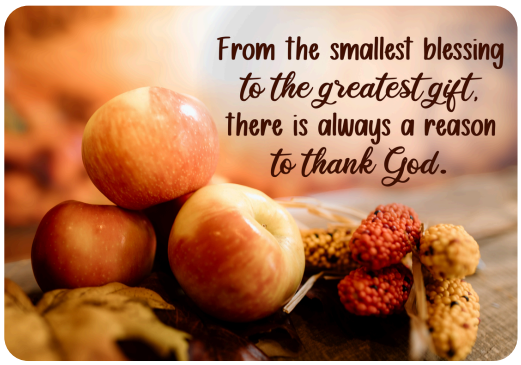








Each year on Veterans Day, we pause to give thanks for the men and women who have served our country with courage, sacrifice and devotion. Their willingness to defend freedom reminds us that service often comes with great cost.
As Christians, we are called to honor those who serve and to pray for veterans, active-duty military members and their families. We also remember that true peace comes from God, who is our refuge and strength.
May this day lead us to gratitude, prayer and renewed commitment to serve others with humility, courage and love.



A Reason to Give Thanks

After Eddie Rickenbacker and his companions were rescued after more than three weeks adrift in life rafts in the Pacific, he was asked what lesson he had learned from the ordeal. He answered that anyone with plenty of fresh water to drink and enough food to eat should never complain. His words still speak clearly today. Many blessings can become so familiar that we barely notice them. This Thanksgiving, pause to give thanks for clean water, nourishing food, a safe place to rest and the people God has placed in your life. Let gratitude continue long after the holiday table is cleared.