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Prepared Especially For:

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Schedule

Sunday Worship/Sunday School: 9:00 am
Fellowship: 10:15 am Following Worship
(Sunday School during academic school year)

We have many members devoted to the prayer chain. This group responds to prayer needs and is activated by Pastor Scott Meier at any time or any day of the week. If you need prayer, please contact Pastor Scott during office hours at 515-545-3350 or after hours on his cell at 989-590-8146.

Praying for others is a discipline of the heart.

Prayer Suggestions for this week:

Delbert Dencklau's Family, Kathy Johanson, Rich Pederson & family,

Leslye Yates & Family, Ron Pederson & Family, Julia Hatcher, Jeff & Family

Deb (Bohn) Harris, Ellen Jane Lemberg, Norm Larson

Police Officer's, Veteran's, Teacher's, Firefighter's, Doctor's, Paramedic's



November 2nd: Revelation 7:(2-8)9-17, Psalm 149, 1 John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12

November 9th: Exodus 3:1-15, Psalm 148, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8,13-17, Luke 20:27-40

November 16th: Malachi 4:1-6, Psalm 98, 2 Thessalonians 3:(1-5), 6-13, Luke 21:5-28(29-36)

November 23rd: Malachi 3:13-18, Psalm 95:1-7 or 46, Colossians 1:13-20, Luke 23:27-43

November 30th: Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122, Romans 13:(8-10), 11-14, Matthew 24:36-44

November 2025

The Lamp Lighter

Badger Lutheran Church

NALC/LCMC



Greetings to all who receive and read this Newsletter from your Pastor, Scott Meier.

This month: a Mission report from one of our International Mission Partners: Blessman Ministries in South Africa.

Every month, Dustin Blessman and his team at Sterkriver in Limpopo Province, South Africa send me an email with updates on their mission work that comes in many forms. Dustin is the son of Dr. Jim Blessman and his wife, Beth. For more details on the Faith Story of Jim and the radical grace he experienced from Jesus and the way the Lord called him into to full-time Mission work after many years in the medical field in Iowa, you can look at the website: www.blessmaninternational.org

They share this mission statement: We exist to bring South African children and their families the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ through faith formation and locally sustainable programs.

I will bring to you some of the recent updates from their October 2025 email newsletter that I have received. Just a reminder that every Annual Meeting of Badger Lutheran Church is our opportunity to vote for mission either local or international that we would like to support with our giving.

We take a percentage of our regular offerings and then each quarter of the year we send a check to our mission partners for that quarter of the year.

And now, Blessman Ministries in South Africa.

South Africa is one of the most water-scarce nations in the world. For many families, finding clean water is a daily struggle. Some walk long distances to fill a few containers from a shared or seasonal source, only to discover the water isn't safe to drink. The need can feel never-ending. It seems like every time we meet one community's need, another is waiting.

Even so, we continue to see God's faithfulness. Each well we drill brings relief and renewed hope. Children can stay in school instead of spending hours collecting water. Families experience better health and fewer water-borne illnesses. Communities begin to thrive again.

We're doing our best to meet this ongoing challenge. But our greater prayer is that every well we drill will also open hearts to the Living Water that only Christ can provide. But our greater prayer is that every well we drill will also open hearts to the Living Water that only Christ can provide.

Water Wells – update - last heard they had dug over 90 wells and were on their way to finish 100 by the end of year. On October 10, we celebrated the incredible impact of the humble egg. Across Southern Africa, eggs are providing life-changing nutrition to children through Blessman International's feeding programs. Packed with protein and essential nutrients, eggs help children grow stronger, stay focused in school, and build brighter futures. What may seem like a simple meal becomes a daily reminder of God's provision and the power of community working together to meet real needs.

We are deeply grateful to our partners who make this possible: Hy-Line, Versova, One Egg Big Dutchman, Pizza Ranch, International Egg Foundation Because of their partnership and the faithful support of friends like you, we are able to put eggs on plates, smiles on faces, and strength in the hearts of children who need it most.

Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) the association that Badger Lutheran belongs to encourages each congregation to pick mission partners and personally connect with them.

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COUNCIL MINUTES

Highlights

Badger Lutheran Council Minutes • UNAPPROVED • October 2025

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:01pm by Allison McBride.

Secretary Report: The Minutes from September were reviewed and approved by Brent Larson and Mike Bruen.

Financial Secretary Report: Financial Secretaries Report reported by Jim Vinsand, the General Bank Account balance is \$1,535.91, Memorial Bank Account Balance is \$118,910.32, The Youth Bank Account Balance is \$22,253.73, the total income was \$10,618.68 and the total expenses were \$26,207.96.

Pastors Report: Month of September 2025 – As the new school year begins, the schedule at Badger Lutheran changes from the summer months. Confirmation class starts again, we have three 8th grade students, no 7th grade this year. And we have four 9th grade students preparing for Confirmation of the Faith on Sunday, October 26. Class day schedules for the year are established.

Had a Baptism for Archer Hiatt, parents Andrea and Conner Hiatt of Manson. Prepared for the Guest Speaker, Dr. Michael Herts, Chosen People Ministry and hosted him one night at the parsonage. Pastoral Care for several congregation members in grief and/or health crisis. Home visits for Holy Communion. Of course, all the regular assignments – Newsletter Article, Prep for Sunday Worship, and Sermons and PowerPoint slides.

Business Management: Reported by Jim Vinsand, please get in touch with Jim regarding any changes to the individual Commission budgets. October 7th is the 1-year anniversary for Michelle.

Education: Reported by Allison McBride, Confirmation Sunday is October 26th, Rachel will teach Sunday School on that date. It is different from when it was announced in the Newsletter and the Bulletin. We will have Pastor on Sunday make the announcement change. We will change it in the Bulletin. No Sunday School the Sunday after Thanksgiving. We will have the Children's Christmas Program on December 14th during church. There will be a practice on December 9th and the 13th. The Christmas Program will follow the True North Vacation Bible School theme. Sara will call all of the children who went to Vacation Bible School, who don't come to church regularly to ask if they would like to participate in the program. Renae asked if we will be serving Breakfast after the Christmas Program? She will ask Sara. Michael added if they needed help with that, Membership & Outreach would not mind helping out.

Membership/Outreach: Reported by Michael Hendren, nothing to report.

Missions: Reported by Renae Gebers, she shared the date on Facebook for Feed My Starving Children Mobile Food Pack which is December 6th. They are excepting new Mission request. The deadline for that is December 15th.

Worship, Music and Arts: Reported by Abee Kelleher, Abee asked when would be a good date to decorated the church for Christmas. We will make an announcement for volunteers for December 7th. Michelle will be in charge of ordering Poinsettias.

New Business: Michelle shared Stats for the social media, the Website, Facebook, YouTube ect.

Allison also had a call from someone who was in need of baby items and if the church could announce it. We will put it in the Bulletin/Newsletter to help. We would need this by May of 2026.

Michelle asked if whoever the weekly Usher is if they could make sure they do a count.

Youth: Reported by Brent Larson. We will have a Youth Craft/Game Day after the Christmas Program on Dec. 14th at 10:30am. Brent reminded Abee that the First Presbyterian Youth are welcome to participate in the monthly youth events at Badger Lutheran Church. We had a youth event on October 5th. We played games and did crafts. The next youth event is November 9th. We will have a can drive to benefit the local food bank. He is waiting for Winter Jam concert tickets to go on sale. The "Monster Jam" monster truck show is Saturday, April 11, at 1 pm at the Casey's Center in Des Moines. Tickets go on sale October 14th. Brent is looking for someone to volunteer to drive and chaperone for this trip to Des Moines since he is unable to participate.

Properties: Reported by Mike Bruen, the Tuck Point was finished. They charged us for twenty stones and fixed 47. They used all the stone that we owned, so we are out. Unfortunately, they found approximately 200 more stones that are damaged. The area in the Bell tower has some of the worse damage. The company will work with us on a progressive plan to fix the damage. Mike may look at a trip to Mankato for more stone. They also worked on the Cross on the east side. There is some Spalling which is breaking, chipping, peeling or flaking of concrete. We will try to get the parsonage painted also this fall. The Norwegian Supper is 75% sold out.

Old Business: We are waiting for the proposal from Larry Hall for the Sound System for the church. He will have something put together for the November Council Meeting. Allison asked if any of the commissioners have spoken with their commission about "End of Term."

Allison wanted approval for the date for the annual meeting. Allison suggested February 8th. We would have to put the information in the Bulletin/Newsletter and also post a couple of signs. Jim is also working on the budget.



4 - Gavin Heideman
4 - Michael McBride
5 - Brex Armstrong
6 - Isack Pontes
7 - Dale Thompson
10 - Gabrielle Armstrong
13 - Megan Anderson
15 - Isaac Larson

15 - Gloria Tjaden
17 - Leah Myer
17 - Jonny Bowser
18 - Reagan Vorrie
19 - Revelyn Sullivan
21 - Arlene Lee
21 - Ronald Pederson
26 - Chassidy Ruby
27 - Meryl Loseke
30 - Robert Pederson

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Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00



BODY & SOUL FITNESS® - UNASHAMED

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes...For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith.” Romans 1:16, 17a

Let us be encouraged and equipped to:

- WORSHIP! – live unashamed
- SHINE! – live in freedom
- TESTIFY! – live our faith out loud
- BELIEVE! – God is unashamed of you
- CELEBRATE! – there is no one like our God

• BELIEVE! – God is unashamed of you

What we believe guides our whole life. Our beliefs are the driving force that informs our choices and develops our life patterns. What we believe matters. And the most important belief of all is our belief in God the Father, God the Holy Spirit and God the Son. The Father loved us so much that He was willing to sacrifice His Son for us. Jesus died that we might live eternally in heaven with Him—if we believe! God is for us. From the beginning of time this was His plan. He loves us that much. Our part in the plan is to believe. God gives us the faith to believe as a gift.

• CELEBRATE! – there is no one like our God

When we take the step of faith to believe in Jesus as our Savior, the angels celebrate in heaven! We, too, have much to celebrate when we receive God’s grace and forgiveness and find new life! Let’s live our lives as celebrating, redeemed people! Each day pray in unashamed gratefulness and joy for the things God is doing for you, the things He is protecting you from and the way He is guiding you. Let your praise and worship pour out in celebration of the goodness and grace of God!

Luke 15:10b “I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” (NIV)

God Did It by Micah Tyler – *“Know I couldn’t save myself. It had to be someone else and there’s only One who’s getting all the credit. God did it, who put the breath in my lungs, who calls us daughters and sons. And praise goes to just One- God did it. To God be the glory for all He has done.”* This is a song of worship and celebration! It declares that God is the one who saves us—God did it! He is the only one who could. So, what is our response to this good news? We should worship Him and give Him the glory for what He has done! How will you celebrate God’s goodness to you? How will you thank Him for saving you? Will you spend time in prayer, giving Him thanks from the bottom of your heart? Will you spend time in praise and worship, singing out His glory with great celebration? **Will you testify to His goodness and share your story of salvation with others so that they, too, can give Him glory?** Be on the alert for opportunities to celebrate in prayer, worship, story-telling and anything else the Lord guides you to do. Start today declaring that “God did it!”

2 Samuel 6:21b “I will celebrate before the Lord.” (NIV)

Psalm 14:7 “They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.” (NIV)

Question: What will you do first to declare the “God did it” in your life?

Prayer Power: Dear God, thank you for saving me. No one else could. I give you the glory! Please give me opportunities to testify to your goodness. Amen.

(written by Jeannie Blocher, Director of Spiritual Impact & Amy Stafford, President, of Body & Soul Fitness®)

Check out the YouTube video of the song: “God Did It” music by Micah Tyler <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dG6HTCYTpu>

Here is the lyric link: <https://www.musixmatch.com/lyrics/Micah-Tyler/God-Did-It>

Body & Soul and RSVP BASE exercise program working together here in Badger at Badger Library. MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS at 8am -As I have volunteered to teach their BASE class as it is very similar to the Longevity class.

Check out their website: <https://www.rsvpvolunteer.org/base-senior-fitness>

BASE stands for Balance, Agility, Strength and Endurance. RSVP offers the BASE Senior Fitness program FREE in two counties: Hamilton and Webster.

Call me, Kim if you have any questions 989-590-8174.

If you are not able to attend in-person classes, you are welcome and encouraged to subscribe to any virtual classes nationwide, pick your day, time& program through Body & Soul @ FitTV™ ANY PLACE. ANY SCREEN.

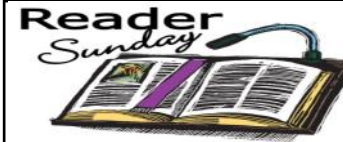
- check out:<https://bodyandsoul.lightcast.com/> Try for FREE for 30 days - access to ALL Programs - Cardio Strength & Flexibility™, Power Strength™, Dance Blast™, Gold™, Fit360™, Longevity Fit360™ and Faith & Stretching!

Check out the free YouTube videos this November and stay active and healthy. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTwVLUikQ3fNAyDJF7l-nQ>. Sharing the truth UNASHAMED.

Kim Meier

CPA & ACE Certified Teacher for: www.bodyandsoul.org

Romans 1:16, 17a *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes...For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith.” (NTL)*



November 2nd: Kim Meier

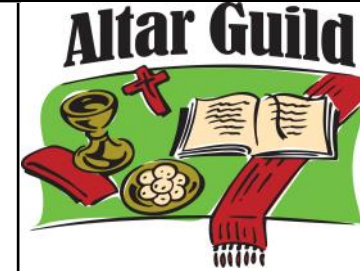
November 9th: Brian Larson

November 16th: Mike McBride

November 23rd: Michael Hendren

November 26th: Michael Hendren

November 30th: Lois Sampson



Tammy Armstrong
&
Abee Kelleher



November 2nd: Kim Meier & Abee Kelleher

November 16th: Mike & Allison McBride



November 2nd: Clark & Sandy Fletcher, Hayden Fevold

November 9th: Samantha McClintock, Brent Larson, Mike McBride, Bruce Johannes

November 16th: Rick, Royce & Reggie Pederson

November 23rd: Amy Herzog, Al Fevold & Steve Johanson

November 26: Renae Gebers, Jagger Wolfe, Kyle McGriff

November 30th: Clark & Sandy Fletcher, Hayden Fevold



November 2nd: Clark & Sandy Fletcher

November 9th: Kristi & Mike Bruen

November 16th: Scott & Dani Fosseen

November 23rd: Judy Groat & Jannik Simpson

November 26th: Pie Social/Worship

November 30th: Larry & Kathy Hall



November 2nd: Emily Otto & Aubrey Raymond

November 9th: Leah Myer & Gabi Herzog

November 16th: Emily Otto & Aubrey Raymond

November 23rd: Leah Myer & Gabi Herzog

November 26th: TBD

November 30th: Emma Loseke & Emily Otto



November 2nd: Jan & Jagger Wolfe

November 9th: Derek & Melissa Vorrie

November 16th: Jim & Carla Vinsand

November 23rd: Donnie Vinsand

November 26th: Pie Social

November 30th: Dale & Carol Thompson

Blessman Mission programs include: **Feeding Programs** of more than 4 million meals annually in 11 feeding hubs. **Mission Teams** with short term visits, +100 people each year. **Sports 4 Christ & Girls Empowerment & Celebrate Recovery** are some of the ways we keep Jesus at the center of our Mission. **Enviroloo** - waterless bathroom systems using solar power for sanitation. **Ag Trainers** - Job training, **Clean Water** well drilling, **Sewing Center** for job training. Please continue to pray with us that God will provide the food and resources we need to keep feeding children across Africa.

Reaching Up to Jesus
Reaching In to the church
Reaching Out to the people
Making Disciples of Jesus!

Pastor Scott Meier

Poinsettia Order Form

Creating a warm and welcoming sanctuary with Poinsettia plants, our beautiful sanctuary will speak volumes to those who do not regularly attend church.

We would like to invite you to purchase a Poinsettia for our Special Christmas Services again this year. If you would like the church to order a Poinsettia, please let us know no later than Wednesday November 19, 2025. The cost is TBD. Make your check payable to Badger Lutheran Church.

Name: _____
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All Saint's Day

CELEBRATED IN HONOR OF ALL THE SAINT'S

2nd November 2025

2020

Roger Fevold
 MaryEllen Craven
 Thomas Vinsand
 Richard Douglas
 Arlene Douglas
 DeAnn Knudson
 Mary "Pat" Hall
 Jennifer Rapple

2021

David Sampson
 Janet Pederson
 Christopher Thomson
 David Nichols

2022

Wayne Oran Ostendorf
 Robert Larson
 Paul Eldal
 Gary "Diesel" Lee Rosendahl

2023

Jeff Mickelson
 David Knudson
 Pastor Bill Granger
 Gary Axness
 Leola Goodwin
 Robert F. Simpson
 Rose Eernisse
 Sam Cleveland

2024

Harry Armstrong
 Donnie Dencklau
 Elizabeth (Liz) Lund
 Myron Keith Huyser
 Joanne H. Will
 Laurie Beth Johanson Olson
 Mary Rose Conlon
 Norris Overdahl
 Timothy Knudson
 Kenny Vinsand
 Stephanie Hendren

2025

Delbert Dencklau
 Harry Lenz
 Jack Yates
 Nicholas Sandven
 Donna Sankey
 Fredrick Hendren

BADGER FOOD PANTRY YOUTH FOOD DRIVE

11:30AM - 1:30PM SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025
 BADGER LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE HOLIDAYS ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER, PRESENTING AN IMMEDIATE AND MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT THOSE IN NEED. EACH FOOD DONATION CAN TRULY MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

WE GLADLY ACCEPT DONATIONS OF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS, SUCH AS THOSE IN BOXES AND CANS. SIMPLY LEAVE A BAG ON YOUR PORCH, AND THE KIDS WILL BE EXCITED TO COME BY AND COLLECT IT!



NORWEGIAN SUPPER

Badger Lutheran Church
 127 2nd Avenue SE, Badger, IA 50516

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025
 Serving: Lutefisk, Lefse, Potatoes, Meatballs, Green Beans, Cranberries, Flatbread, Gummy, Fruit Soup, Spritz, Kringla, Krumkake

DINE IN - RESERVED SEATING TIMES:

4:00-5:00 pm
 5:00-6:00 pm
 6:00-7:00 pm

TICKETS:
 Adults \$25
 Children (6-12) \$15
 (5 and under) FREE

Take Out/Local Delivery Available

Schedule when you purchase your tickets!

Limited Tickets! ON SALE Starting:
 October 6th, 2025
 *Payment must be received in advance to reserve your ticket!

Purchase at:
 Badger Lutheran Church, 127 2nd Ave SE, Badger
 or (515) 545-3350.
 Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 am - 12 pm
 Reserve yours before we're sold out!



Badger Lutheran Church celebrating norwegian heritage for 119 years

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 ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE
 MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL

Youth Group

EVERY
 WEDNESDAY

Starting

September 17, 2025 at 5:00pm

Shalom Center 5:30pm - 7:00pm
 501 N 12th St, Fort Dodge
 5:00pm Dinner in the First Presbyterian Gym

Fall Back

Daylight Savings Time Reminder



Remember to set your clocks back one hour!



Daylight Savings
 Time ends on
 November 2, 2025.
 Don't forget!

Enjoy the extra hour of
 sleep!

Join us for our Fort Dodge meal
 packing event - December 6th 2025!



Join us December 6, 2025 for a meal packing
 event!! Missions Commission will be looking for
 volunteers! Sign up details will be coming soon!!

Save The Date!



Christmas Decoration Day



Join us on December 7th at 9:00 AM for
 our Worship Service, and afterward, we
 will come together to decorate the church
 for Christmas!



HAPPY Thanksgiving

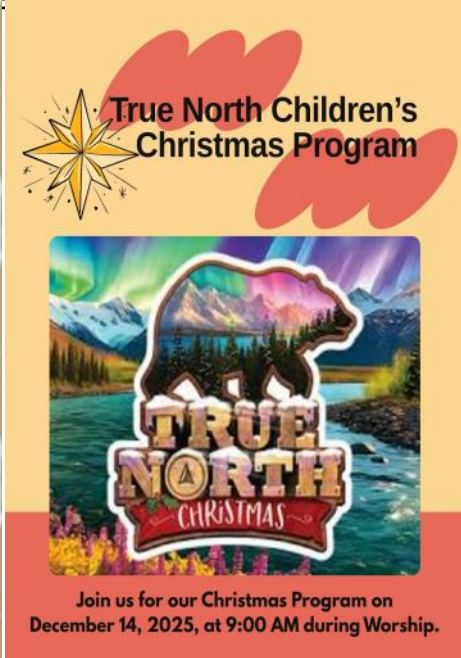
You are warmly invited to
 join us for our Thanksgiving
 Pie Social immediately
 following our 6:30pm
 Worship Service!
 November 26, 2025



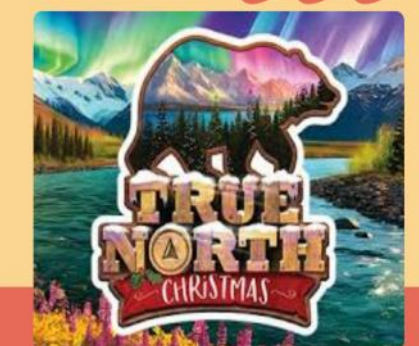
WE WISH YOU A WARM AND JOYFUL THANKSGIVING!

**WE ARE
 Closed**

We'll reopen on Friday,
 27 November 2025
 8:00am - 12:00pm
 Badger Lutheran Church



True North Children's
 Christmas Program



Join us for our Christmas Program on
 December 14, 2025, at 9:00 AM during Worship.