



Slice of Bread



Monthly Newsletter of Bread of Life Lutheran Church
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BOL Christmas Schedule

- Dec 2 - Merry Circle Potluck 12:30 pm
- Dec 5 - Confirmation Youth Decorate 10:00 am
- Dec 9 - Confirmation Caroling – everyone invited to come and be a part. 6:30 pm meet at the church
- Dec 14 - BOL Women 7:00 pm - take a tour of the Bethlehem stable and fellowship with BOL women
- Dec 16 - Sunday School/Confirmation Christmas Program 7:00 pm
- Dec 20 - Sunday School Christmas Party 9:45 am
- Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Worship 4:00 and 10:30 pm
- Dec 26 - No Saturday Worship
- Dec 27 - Worship at 11:00 am (Note one service)
- Jan 3 - Worship at 11:00 am (Note one service)

...One dark night nearly two thousand years ago, a child was born who has been called the light of the world. He came into the world that all people might see more clearly the saving love of God, and that they might respond to that love by loving God and loving one another more dearly. Christmas celebrates the fact that you and I have had the good fortune to have had that love made known to us....

....So this is now the mark by which we all shall certainly know whether the birth of the Lord Jesus is effective in us; if we take upon ourselves the needs of our neighbor.....Martin Luther



It is a work in progress but check out the new web site. Send emails and prayer requests to the church office. breadofflifeminot.com

Pastoral Act Bereavement

Alice C. Ellis

Memorials

- In memory of **Esther Orth** from *Larry and Donna Herslip*
- In memory of **Alice Ellis** from *Hilda Farstad, Ray & Judy Mock, Joylea Knutson*
- In memory of **Lamoure Thraillkill** from *Lynn and Carol Martin*
- In memory of **Axel Erickson** from *Ole and Laurie Honadel*



Welcome New Members

- Dianne Cormylo
- Kayla Lawson
- Robert and Susan Martin,
and Cassandra
- Michelle Schoenberg-Carton,
Alex and Erik
- Linda Sperling
- Vernon and Doris Sperling
(Associate Members)
- James Sprandel

Annual Meeting

January 17 – Reports due in the office January 4



BIRTHDAYS DECEMBER

- 1 Ryan Davy
- 2 Cory Evenson, Ryley Godejohn,
Ashley Lawson, Erna Eidmann,
Clay Poole
- 3 Marlene Melom
- 4 Doug Berg, Carol Martin,
Jarette Brekhus
- 5 Josh Abrahamson, Nancy Anderson
Dolores Blomquist
- 6 Kelly Henderson, Cecelia Lillemon,
Colton Bartuska
- 7 Thomas Davy, Jennifer Kissner,
Jana Nelson, Ray Iverson, Curtis Herman,
Tabbitha Klein, Dillon Poole
- 8 Derald Larson
- 10 Zane Reed
- 12 Renae Anderson, Isaac Hanson
- 13 Ian Burnham, Kirk Roos, Ella Kesler,
- 14 Ashley Maercklein
- 16 Elijah Kelly
- 17 Bernard Lahti, Rylan Roteliuk
- 18 Laney Will
- 19 Jeff Long
- 20 Colleen Sherven, Robert Sandstrom,
Shelby Weisenberger
- 21 Bob Gilbertson, Marvel Bakken
- 22 Kyle Flaten
- 26 John Rowe
- 27 Austin Iverson
- 28 Rob Kjelshus, Mike Lemere,
Reed McCarty, Paulette Vedvik
Sadler Huber
- 29 Eric Helstedt
- 30 Larry Herslip, Kaitlyn Weatherspoon
Abby Lembcke
- 31 Ethan Czaplewski

NOVEMBER

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Bob & Bev Donovan
- 14 Kirk & Beth Abrahamson,
Steve & RaeLyn Mapes
- 18 Frank & Jan Chonsky
- 27 Larry & Donna Herslip



Bread of Life Men

Lutheran Men of Minot will be meeting at noon on Friday, December 4, at Trinity - St. Joseph's cafeteria. Speaker will be Kyle Debertin of Metigoshe Ministries



Women's Fellowship

Bread of Life Women

- You are invited to join **Merry Circle** on **Wednesday, December 2, 12:30** in the fellowship hall. It will be a potluck lunch. If you can, bring a potluck food to share.

- **AND BOL** Women will gather on Monday, December 14, 7:00 pm. You are invited to come and join them as they **take a tour of the Bethlehem stable** through a presentation by Joylea Knutson. If you can, bring a snack item to share at fellowship and a personal care item to share with women in need in the Minot area. But more important, bring yourself for a time of fellowship and sharing the spirit of Christmas.

Invitation

The next educational session regarding issues of the ELCA will be Sunday, Dec 6, 6:15-7:15 PM. The focus of the meeting will be to commit ourselves to reading of scripture, learning and educating, prayer, and allowing love for one another to dominate.

Caroling

Join the confirmation youth for Christmas Caroling on Wednesday, Dec 9, 6:30 pm. They will meet at the church at 6:30 pm and then proceed as groups to the Senior Living Facilities. **The more carolers the better so come and be a part.**

Ministry Families

The "Ministry Families" rotation continues and we **thank everyone** who has participated and helped with the weekly needs of the congregation. Whatever your involvement level, your cooperation is appreciated.

Just a reminder - **EACH FAMILY UNIT** is a part of a family group. **FOR ONE MONTH**, you will work as a team to accomplish needed ministries.

By spreading the load and limiting the focus to one month, we reduce the need for sign up sheets and burnout, and at the same time, greatly strengthen the internal need for more success in the various ministries. When it is your turn, please respond faithfully, as we all share the load and the joy of God's growing church. **"Growing To Serve"**

If you are not physically able to participate, you are invited to come for fellowship activities and support your group with your prayers.

Families serving in December will be:

Harley & Melanie Abrahamson
 Bob and Charlene Bangen
 Barry & Connie Beyer
 Damon & Mavis Druse
 Don & Carmen Fricke
 Tim & Deb Helstedt
 Jeff & JoAnn Hoverson
 Mike & Michelle Lauckner
 Brenda & Mike Lemere
 Bob & Sue Martin
 Bob & Joyce Olson
 David & Tammy Rodman
 Ardell Skalicky
 Curt & Marva Smith

Families serving in January will be:

Mike and Carla Bartuska
 Carl & Crystal Cree
 Ryan & Michelle Davy
 Rodney & Melissa Godejohn
 Jim & Candy Hamilton
 Mandi Henderson
 Daren & Renae Jespersen
 Garrett & Tonia Kirk
 Morris & Mardell Poirier
 Scot & Patti Redding
 Wanda Smith
 Elaine Swanson
 Renae Weatherspoon

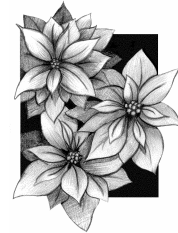
MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY Could you possibly be on a sub list to call when a teacher needs a day off. Please contact the church office 838-3360 or Misty Weed 720-4923 if you can help.

Adopt A Family



Bread of Life will again be adopting families and will be providing them with gifts for Christmas. Watch for the tree in the narthex with tags for the various family members. You can help by choosing a tag, purchasing gifts, and returning the gifts to the church by December 15.

Or if you prefer, financial contributions will also be accepted to provide additional gifts and grocery store certificates.



Poinsettia Plants

We are again asking for poinsettia plants for our Christmas services. The plan is to order the plants and have them delivered to the church. Cost for a plant is \$10.00 and payment must accompany this order. Please make checks payable to Bread of Life. Orders must be to the church office **NO LATER THAN December 11.**

Number of plants ___ at \$10.00 each = _____

In loving memory of (deceased)

In honor of (living)

Or a gift to the glory of God....

Given by: _____