



Slice of Bread



Monthly Newsletter of Bread of Life Lutheran Church
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February 2011

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Curt Hanson, Pastor

Annual Meeting

The Bread of Life **Annual Meeting will be January 23.** The schedule for the day ~~ Sunday worship 10:15, Annual meeting after worship, fellowship after the meeting. **There will be Child Care during the meeting.**

Camp of the Cross

Pastor Janis Sloka of Camp of the Cross will be the guest pastor and visit with the Sunday school classes on Sunday, **February 6.**

Pastoral Acts

Baptisms

Sophia Marie Fylling
Gavin Royce Fylling

Bereavement

Kimberly Foreid

Weddings

Carol Sitter & Lawrence Sitter
Leslie Herslip & Troy Stevens

Special Guest

ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson will preach at Bread of Life, at the 10:15 am worship on February 13.

The service will be followed by a congregation potluck dinner. Please bring your favorite food and welcome Bishop Hanson to Minot and to BOL.

In the afternoon, Bishop Hanson will lead a public presentation and conversation from 2:30-5 PM, also at Bread of Life Lutheran Church. The theme of the day, "A Church Engaging God's Mission." Spend time exploring the metaphors for our life together, the importance of preaching and worship at the center of our life together, and our priorities for church together.

Come and invite others to come as well.

The Annual Buffalo Dinner

February 27 – 11:30 am – 2:00 pm

The Menu

Roast Buffalo, mashed potatoes, coleslaw, vegetable, cherry/apple crisp dessert

Bake Sale

New this year – Bread of Life Women will also have a bake sale during the dinner. Please bring your favorite baked goods to sell.

Memorials

In memory of **Mabel Honadel** from Ron & Ardis Neshem, Jan & Jerry Lawson

In memory of **Dale Stringer** from Larry & Donna Herslip, Ray & Judy Mock, George & Jeanice Officer, Kevin & Tracey Lawson, Erna Eidmann, Loren & Joylea Knutson

In memory of **Mabel Simonson** from George & Jeanice Officer, Dolores Blomquist, Lon & Sandy Drevecky, Kevin & Tracey Lawson, Ray & Judy Mock, Loren & Joylea Knutson

In memory of **Juanita Feiring** from Ben & Maxine Juelich

In memory of **Malenius & Irene Saby, Loyd & Catherine Klimpel, Myrtle & Maynard Jorstad, Robert Feiring, & Juanita Feiring** from Bill & Marlys Klimpel

In memory of **Kermit Mostad** from Kevin & Tracey Lawson, Joylea Knutson

In memory of **Eula Vaughn Tangsrud** from Ray & Judy Mock, MaryAnn Fitchner, Joylea Knutson, Art & Donna Winden, George & Jeanice Officer

In memory of **Janis Erickson** from Ron & Ardis Neshem

From the President

Happy New Year!

With the start of the year 2011, I pray that each person who this reaches may come to feel and know the Grace of God in this New Year! 2010 was certainly a year of transition for Bread of Life and I believe that 2011 will be a year of building upon the solid rock that God has given us, and a year of newfound togetherness, fellowship, and stewardship.

It seems that our Call Committee has nearly completed the Ministry Site Profile which will send out the good news that we are actively seeking a full-time pastor. This undertaking was somewhat daunting when they first began, but through diligence and perseverance they have been able to put on paper what it is that we have to offer our next pastor. I must say that this Call Committee led by Rusten Roteliuk and Darrell Roos as co-chairmen have stepped up and done a fine job. Thank each of you for a job well done.

2010's Christmas season in and around our Church was simply wonderful. The children put on a fantastic Christmas Program which was due wholly to their Sunday School Teachers and Music Teachers. Thanks to all of the kids who took part and another Thanks to those who helped in any way. The kids loved it as did the spectators!

The BOL Giving Tree was a success again this year thanks to many! Your benevolence and generosity overflowed and we again helped to make Christmas happen for many people. Three families received some gifts and grocery coupons for Christmas thanks to you! I can't tell you how proud it makes me to be a part of a group of people like you!

As we look forward to an interesting year here at Bread of Life, our Council takes the extra time to keep the business end of things moving along, and they have been a wonderful bunch to work with through the last year! I would like to thank each member publicly and let them know just how important each of them has been through 2010. As the Council President, I can only say that this Council has been very progressive and not afraid to drive ahead with our future. As a Council, I believe that we have stuck by our Christian principles at every turn, and have directed the Christian life of the congregation just as we are instructed to do in our Constitution. Again, I couldn't be more proud to be a part of this organization.

Looking ahead, the first item in our future is the upcoming **Annual Meeting**, which is scheduled for **January 23rd**. There will be 4 Council seats up for election and I am looking forward to seeing everyone there. Of the 4 seats open, 3 are full-term (3 year) openings, and the 4th is the 2-year seat vacated by Ryan Davy in 2010. The outgoing full-term Council Members are; your current Vice President – Susan Thompson, Ardis Neshem, and Kirk Abrahamson. I am saddened that you will no longer be a part of the Council after the

From the President Continued

Annual meeting, but I have thoroughly enjoyed every meeting and every conversation that we have had. I have no doubt that the incoming Council members will have their own unique strengths to bring to the meetings. The remainder of the Annual Meeting will be basic reports on the status of BOL. I hope that everyone can attend and will find something of interest to take from the meeting.

One of the bigger happenings in Bread of Life's short history is that the National ELCA **Bishop, Mark Hanson**, will be leading our worship service and Communion on **February 13th**, 2011. Plan to arrive early to get a good seat. There will also be a Potluck afterward and then a Public meeting after that. Plan to make a day of it! We will need some help both in the kitchen and with setting up/tearing down and preparing for the meeting. Please make yourselves available as there will not be a lot of time to make the changes, and we will need an unusual amount of help.

Finally, I must say that there are some special thank you's that need to be said. I have to pass on public thank you's for Susan Thompson, my Vice President and right hand throughout 2010, Kara Haugenoe, our Treasurer, Pastor Hanson, and finally Joylea Knutson. Without these four special people, I don't know what I would have done! Each of you deserves a standing ovation for your outstanding effort and work ethic, and you have earned (for what it's worth) my undying gratitude! THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart!

There are many, many other thanks that I should put out, but I just don't have the space, or the time for that matter. Let me say that this position has been made relatively easy by the consorted efforts of many people, some of whom are very visible, and some who just stay in the wings, doing their thing and expecting nothing in return. To each of you, thank you for what you do. Without you, our little family just wouldn't be the same. From music to Altar Guild, to committee members, to teachers, to readers and Acolytes, to greeters and the audiovisual folks, you all make this a special corner of the world for us to come and worship our One True God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I hope to see each of you at the **Annual Congregational Meeting on January 23**, directly following the normal Sunday Church Service. There will be childcare available during the meeting and there will be coffee and fellowship afterwards. Please make an effort to come and be involved in the business of your Church!

In His work and in His Word

Scot D. Redding
Council President

*Therefore go and make **Disciples** of All nations,
Baptizing them in the name of the **Father** & of the **Son**
& of the **Holy Spirit**, teaching them to observe all things as
I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even
to the end of the world... Matthew 28:19-20*



BIRTHDAYS FEBRUARY

- 1 Madison Belgarde
- 2 Doug Bonsness
- 3 Dawndi Kesler, Dianne Maupin,
Rusten Roteliuk
Kaydee Klein
- 4 Hallie Abrahamson
- 5 George Officer, Lynsey Hust, Lucas Parslow
- 6 Dean Thompson, Nathan Weatherspoon,
Elaine Kjosa, Hunter Sherven
- 7 Bill Klimpel,
- 8 Kamryn Hoffer
- 11 Carlene Huber
- 12 Breanna Lien, Terri Huber
- 13 Jennifer Lien, Trenton Flaten
- 14 Ernie Conger, Elaine Foltyn,
Lois Mackey
- 15 Cole Grosche, Andee Hanson
- 17 Corey Mock
- 18 Cody Bonsness
- 19 Kaden Henderson
- 20 Gabrielle Kissner
- 21 Joren Boyce
- 22 Carla Bartuska, Abbagayle Venable
- 23 Todd Flaten
- 24 Doug Lahti
- 26 Beverly Larson, Ardell Skalicky
Adell Willoughby
- 27 Debbie Huber
- 28 Grace Redding, Ninette Anderson

FEBRUARY

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

- 14 Mark & Marcell Johnson



Bread of Life Men

Minot Lutheran Men will meet in the conference room of Trinity-St. Joseph on Friday, February 4, at noon. A meal may be purchased in the cafeteria and carried to the meeting room or for those who prefer, a soup and sandwich will be available for purchase in the meeting room for \$5.00. Program for this meeting will be Fred Debowey. He is a volunteer with the dive and rescue team. He will share information about dive and rescue and his participation.



Women's Fellowship

Bread of Life Women

- You are invited to join **Merry Circle on Wednesday, February 2, 1:30** for Bible Study and fellowship.
- Bread of Life Women will have a **bake sale as a part of the Buffalo Dinner On February 27**. Please provide your baked items and help as you are able.

Adopt A Family Thank You

To Our Angels,
Although, we do not know who you are, you are Angels to us. We were not going to have Christmas until Mr. Mac of the Minot Homeless Coalition called us and asked us what we could use. We never expected such wonderful gifts and that anyone would ever think that much of us. We don't have much but we have each other and try to make ends meet. Thank you again for the best Christmas we ever had.

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Thank you again to all who gave. Through your efforts three families were blessed by your generosity. Thank you Patti Redding for coordinating the project at BOL.

## Confirmation

Our Confirmation Class is busy studying the Sacraments. Time to put your thinking caps on: Do you know how many we celebrate in the Lutheran Church and what they are and their purpose in our life? These are just a few of the questions our class is facing.

God chooses specific parts of his creation to make Himself known as a God who loves and forgives. These special parts are called SACRAMENTS. We are made members of the family of God, the church, through **Holy Baptism** and we are sustained/nourished for the life of faith through **Holy Communion**. It connects us to God and each other. Yes, each other, as a community of believers! "For just as each of us has one body, with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ, we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." NIV Romans 12:4-5

Well, enough preachy (not sure that's a word) stuff.

Our youth are busy participating in the life of the church and working on community service projects. Here are some things we've done and are doing:

**January 5:** Class/Study Sacraments

**January 19:** Class/Study Sacraments

**January 22:** Service Project: work at Restore/meet at church 8:45 am

**February 2:** Class/Study Sacraments

**February 9:** Service Project – meet at church 6:30 pm

**February 16:** Class/Begin study of the Old/New Testament

To our Confirmation parents: our project in March will be a church activity project and we will be cooking and serving for the Ash Wednesday service (soup and sandwiches and bars). Let me know if you're willing to help in some way. I'll keep you posted on the time, etc.

We have a great group of kids participating in Confirmation! Thanks kids!

✝ *Serving Him,*  
Susan Anderson

## HOSPITALIZED?

If a member of your household is hospitalized (or you have any pastoral need) let the office know (838-3360). Office hours are 9 – 1, Monday – Friday. There is also voice mail so you can leave a message at any time. When a person enters the hospital they are asked if they want to have their name on the church list and published in the local paper. If a patient is not on the list, the pastor cannot visit or include in church prayers without the patient or a family member calling. Thank you for your cooperation.



If you are away or miss a weekend service, keep informed via the web site. Latest newsletters, weekly bulletins, monthly calendars, are on the site. Also send emails and prayer requests to the church office. [breadoflifeminot.com](http://breadoflifeminot.com)

