



# Slice of Bread



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Monthly Newsletter of Bread of Life Lutheran Church  
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## Special Happenings in September

**Labor Day Weekend** – September 5 & 6

- Saturday worship 5 pm and Sunday at 10:15

**Sunday, September 13** – Rally Day

- Fall worship schedule begins:  
Saturday worship – 5:00 pm  
Sunday worship – 8:45 am  
Sunday worship – 11:00 am  
Sunday education – 9:45 am

**Sunday, September 20**

- Education staff installation, 11:00 am service  
For all Sunday and Wednesday staff

**Saturday, September 19**

- **Bazaar/ Bake Sale** 8 am – 2 pm
- **Worship at the Hoverson farm**  
Potluck supper – 5:30 pm  
Worship service – 7:00 pm

**Saturday, September 26**

- Saturday worship with special music and service with **Bob & Nancy Balyeat family**. The family comes from Great Falls, MT to present the Gift of Love in Song – singing Christian, Country, Gospel, Western, Bluegrass, Oldies, Originals, & Praise



## Pastoral Acts

### Baptisms

Ryder Stephen Lamy\*  
Hunter Eldred Sherven

### Weddings

Dustin Stangeland & Tracy Finken\*  
Juan Magallon & Amanda Narum\*  
Allen Christenson & Barb Axelson

### Bereavements

Ordean Sherven  
Donald Magandy\*

\*Douglas



## Worship At The Farm

The annual worship at Hoverson Farm will be **Saturday, September 19**. The evening will start with a potluck supper at 5:30 pm. (Hamburgers on the grill, beverage, eating utensils will be furnished.)

Worship service will be at 7:00 pm in the barn. **There will be no service at BOL that evening.**

All are invited to bring your family/friends and enjoy a North Dakota evening of worship and fellowship.

# From The Pastor

## September 2009

Hello friends:

There is much to write about.

Regarding this Fall. September is one of my favorite months. Not only is the weather refreshing and beautiful, but many things “start up” again. Whether it is Sunday School and Confirmation in the church or other schooling outside the church, excitement and full attendance are often the marks that help us get a sense of “starting up” and “starting over”.

This takes me to our God. God, in Christ Jesus, is a “God of second – chances”. We MUST never forget that. Perhaps you have blown it somehow. Maybe in sin. Or in a financial decision. Possibly in a relationship. An attitude.

Let God use September, with it’s incredible freshness in North Dakota, help you, to start up or start over, which ever the case may be.

1 John 1:9 reminds us, “if you confess your sin, He is faithful and just, to forgive you **and cleanse** you from ALL unrighteousness”.

May everything start (and end) with the cross.

As far as scheduling:

- **Sunday School** will begin the Sunday after Labor Day, Sept 13 - Education classes will be each **Sunday at 8:45 AM**. Watch the calendar for school holidays and changes in this schedule. Misty Weeks and James Sprandel, will be the Sunday coordinators and RaeLynn Mapes will be the music leader. “Thank you” for agreeing to use your ministry talents in this way.

- **Confirmation** will begin Wednesday, Sept 9, 6:30 PM, at Hoverson farm
- **Barn Worship**, at the Hoverson Farm, will be Saturday, September 19  
**5:30 PM** will be a potluck supper hamburgers furnished  
**7:00 PM** will be worship
- **Education staff installation** will be Sunday, Sept 20, 11:00 AM. This includes all Sunday School and Confirmation teachers, leaders, guides.
- **The Balyeat Family** will share their gift of music at the service Saturday, Sept 26
- **JoAnn and I** will be inviting 1 to 3 families for dinner or desserts on Saturday evenings this year. You can help us schedule by letting me know if you’d be interested in coming over sometime.

In Him, Pastor Jeff

## 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. Or you can call Pastor Jeff on his cell phone 833-5601. 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.

## *Special letter from Pastor Jeff*

Dear congregation:

By now you have certainly heard of the historic vote that took place at the ELCA Church Wide Assembly in Minneapolis, MN regarding Human Sexuality and the Ordaining of people who choose a homosexual lifestyle.

The gate was opened to allow homosexuality to be viewed as a legitimate form of sexuality and affirms pastors and leaders to be in those type of relationships, openly, without being married.

This will, of course, continue to hurt the gay community. It will keep them from repenting and experiencing God's forgiveness in this area.

The ELCA is attempting to keep the church united and encourage everyone to respect each others' views. This approach, however, is what we have already been warned of in scriptures.

Romans 1:22ff - NKJV describes, very well, what happened, "professing to be wise, they became fools ..... exchanged the truth of God for the lie, worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen

Some churches have already left, some are contemplating leaving. So far, my recommendation is, as Paul states, "fight the good fight" however God calls you. We do not wage war against flesh and blood, but against spiritual forces. This IS a spiritual battle.

The good part is that there are now two ELCA's: One of the truth of God and one of the lie. Some bishops will try to say there are two interpretations of scripture.

While that is sort of true, it is also misleading. It gives the impression that the two views are legitimate. Not so. The view that found victory in the vote is not an interpretation of the Bible, rather a reconstruction of the Bible. It also decidedly left the traditional, Lutheran confession.

Even the conference of Bishops, in 1993, made a statement that there is no scripture or tradition that supports or allows this. So, the Church Wide Assembly vote even ignored the bishops of the church.

What does this mean for Bread of Life?

1. Be patient
2. Go to [www.lutherancore.org](http://www.lutherancore.org) – they represent the view of God's Word that lost the vote. I will be going to the CORE conference to talk about "what next?" end of September. *Please thank our council for stepping up to the plate.*
  - *Lutheran CORE is still within the ELCA as a reform group that offers all the ELCA offers, from worship books to advice to conferences, even youth gatherings, a place that churches can give to knowing that funds will be used to advance God's truth and stay with the Lutheran confessions.*
3. Be much more discerning with material that come from Chicago office or Augsburg.
4. Choose a side. There is not really a middle ground on this one.
5. PRAY

As always, coffee is on me, anytime.

His, pastor jeff 833-5601



## *BIRTHDAYS SEPTEMBER*

- 2 Chelsea Port, Renae Weatherspoon,  
 3 Janice Renfandt  
 4 Nelda Etier, Phyllis Tonneson  
 5 Scott Julson, Ty Sundby  
 6 Dawn Graczyk, Dennis Rowe  
 7 Barry Beyer, Deborah Farstad  
 8 Paul Kjosa, Marie Sveum  
 9 Justin Goetz, Jerod Nelson, Royce Hanson  
 10 Egil Tangsrud  
 11 Dan Gilbertson, Gavin Kirk, Nicolas Kjosa  
 12 Jennifer Hamilton, Kim Lahti, Kelly Eggen,  
     Ray Mock, Gudrun Sjol  
 13 Riley Czaplewski  
 14 Bob Mathews, Hunter Abrahamson  
 15 Lawrence Sitter  
 16 Valora Okland, Keeley Gambo, Tim Helstedt  
     Jan Chonsky  
 17 LaDonna Olaf  
 18 Jeff Hoverson, Cameron Klein, Kim Reiswig,  
 Kyler Roteliuk, Jennifer Burnett  
 19 Caleb Hoveson  
 20 Terry Kesler, Olivia Redding  
 21 Madison Kranz, Jan Lawson, Donna Roos, Kylee  
 Morrison, Thelma Narum  
 22 Chaise Grondahl, Tamara Rodman  
 23 Francie Bangen, Rick Huber  
 26 Cullan Thompson  
 27 Ed Sundby, Danielle Helstedt,  
     Breanna Hoskin, Bryan Hoskin  
 28 Michelle Shipp, Theresa Getzlaff  
 29 John Hoverson  
 30 DiAnn Schaefer, Nathan Wilson

## *SEPTEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES*

- 1 Jason & Theresa Getzlaff  
 10 Ernie & Alie Conger, Gary & DiAnn Schaefer  
 22 Brandan & Katie Ressler  
 23 Nathan & DeeAnn Johnson  
 25 Floyd & LaDonna Olaf  
 26 Mike & Bonnie Riely  
 30 Michael & Vicki Burnham



## **Bread of Life Men**

All men are invited to the monthly **Lutheran Men of Minot** meeting at the St. Joseph building cafeteria/board room on September 11 at noon. This meeting will feature devotions shared by Pastor Janet Mathistad, Bethany. The presenters will be the ELCA Clergy recently called to Minot churches: Pastor Michon Weingartner, Augustana; Pastors Michael and Kari Pancoast, First; and Nathan Mugaas, Zion. They will share information about their past experiences and the call they have accepted in Minot.



*Women's Fellowship*

## **Bread of Life Women**

- **Wednesday, Sept 2, 1:30 PM** join Merry Circle for Bible Study and fellowship. The study for the next 9 months will be "To God's Beloved: Paul's Letter to the Romans." The first session theme verse is *Romans 1:16 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."* Encouraging healthy women, each month will also have a focus on health theme – September will be *Hair Loss*.

- **Tuesday, Sept 8, 7:00 PM** come for a BOL Women's general meeting and help with planning preparations for the annual bazaar/bake sale to be held Sept 19

- **Saturday, September 12, 9:00 AM** at Bethany Lutheran Church, all women are invited to join in the "**Friends and Neighbors Annual Gathering**" of the Minot Lutheran women. Bethany ladies will serve brunch, Bread of Life will have devotions, Christ the music, First Lutheran the program, Zion registration, Augustana the welcome. Program for the day will be Bethany Pastor Gerald Roise and First Lutheran youth Josh and Katlin Bussard. Please bring a canned food item for the local food pantries. Come and bring a friend.

**Rally Day** will be Sunday, September 13, and the education hour will begin at 9:45. Sunday education classes will be for grades kindergarten through fifth grade. All youth who have attended classes at BOL are automatically registered. If they have not attended, please call the church office and let us know. Youth in grades 6, 7, & 8 will be a part of the confirmation classes which meet on Wednesday evening.



## Annual Craft/bake Sale

September 19 is the date set for the annual BOL craft/bake sale. **Each family should plan to bring baked items and a craft item to sell.** (jellies, sauce, salsa, candy, pickles, sell well too).

There will also be a Grandma's attic so you can bring those extra household and decorator items you no longer use. Anything clean and in working condition can be used. PLEASE NO CLOTHES.

Also plan to enjoy those fresh caramel rolls with your morning coffee. A noon lunch will also be served.



## In The News

**Bruce Anderson** recipient of the ND Associated Press Sportscaster & Sportswriters Special Achievement award.

**Jerry Gooch** recipient of the Minot Sertoma Club's Service to Mankind Award

## Hostfest

Sept 30 – Oct 3 will be the time for Minot to host the Scandinavian festival Hostfest. As a fund raiser, Bread of Life will again be washing tables. A sign-up sheet for workers is in the narthex. Those working will receive a general admission pass for the day they work. If you have any questions, please call the office.

## 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 September will be:

Don Amble  
 Mel & Joan Diers  
 Doug & Kathy Goetz  
 Wade Grondahl  
 Alan & LuAnn Henning  
 Ole & Laurie Honadel  
 Troy & Carlene Huber  
 Randy & Dianne Hysjulien  
 Terry Kesler  
 Bill & Dawndi Kesler  
 Erik & Brittany Klein  
 Bill & Marlys Klimpel  
 Jerry & Jan Lawson  
 Brad & Denalie Morrison  
 Carol Olson  
 Jeff & Debbie Sandvold  
 Doris Sorenson

## Suicide Prevention

You are invited to join in a walk on **Saturday, Sept 19 from 2 PM to 5 PM.** The walk is intended to raise awareness and help to prevent suicide deaths by raising funds to support research and educate the public, and to provide a healing experience for those who have lost someone to suicide. For further info check out the narthex bulletin for further details.



