



# Slice of Bread



Monthly Newsletter of Bread of Life Lutheran Church  
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## Thanksgiving Eve Worship Wednesday Evening November 25, 7:00 PM

There will be no Wednesday education or youth activities. Please make Thanksgiving eve a family night and attend worship together. Special music at the service will be provided by Prairie Gospel Singers

We are blessed to live in a community where we have abundance. We take and use far more than we ever return – not only from creation itself, but from those who produce the labor. We have very little awareness of their life styles and struggles.

Thanksgiving reminds us of how much we owe to others and how much all of us, regardless of our circumstances, are in the hands of our Heavenly Father. Let us come with thankfulness to our Thanksgiving worship and let us continue to share our abundance.

**Special Music at the November  
28/29  
services will be provided by  
vocalist Zelda Nera**



It is a work in progress but check out the new web site. Send emails and prayer requests to the church office. [breadofflifeminot.com](http://breadofflifeminot.com)

## Pastoral Act Baptism Dedication

Allan Lee Stavem

## Memorials

In memory of **Lorraine Smith** from  
*Dennis and MaryAnn Rowe*

In memory of **Ordean Sherven** from  
*Bob and Bev Donovan*

In memory of **Harold & Leota Bakk**  
from *Laurie and Ole Honadel*

In memory of **Norman Brendsel**  
from *Lon and Sandy Drevecky*

In memory of **Gladys and Norman  
Lee** from *Jean Larson*

In memory of **Jennifer Bucholtz**  
from *Larry & Donna Herslip*

In memory of **Faye Thomas** from  
*Brenda Beyer*

## Third Grade Bibles

Let us give thanks for the youth of our congregation and pray that they may each develop a personal relationship with Jesus. To help in this process personal Bibles were presented to the third graders:

**Mindee Boyce  
Jayden Frey  
Hunter Grosche  
Kristian Hoverson  
Taylor Huber  
Brooklyn Johnson  
Jayden Lemere  
Jaden Long  
Breanna Svangstu**

# From the Pastor

## "Stand By The Window" Sunday Adult Bible Studies

Please forgive me – I am repenting – I've been waiting

- for the right space
- for the right season
- for the right interest
- for the right time / day

My son, John, reminded me that people in Haiti "**stand by the window**" of huts and shacks just to hear God's word

So, starting **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22**, when I am here, even with one person, 10:00 – 10:30 in the sanctuary, we **WILL** have Adult bible study, starting with the book of Colossians, followed by a good book read. I pray you will come, even if you have to "**stand by the window**"

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"Thank you, everyone, for your loving support, cards and monetary gifts for Caleb and I. What a humbling and surprising blessing. You have truly touched us as a family in so many ways. Caleb will be participating in the national Bible Bee competition in Washington, DC, next week. Please pray for his participation and safe travel.

As your pastor and friend, I appreciate you, too..... Philippians 4:10

Love in Christ, pastor jeff

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Baby boy!

Thank you all VERY MUCH for your prayers for the timely delivery of our new born boy, Ezekiel Hoverson. (*possibly August Alan for a middle name after my grandpa*) It is a real blessing to have him in our home. The kids are very excited. **We also remember and pray for those who are unable to have children or who have had complications. Life is a miracle**, but in this broken world, we know that not always is life a smooth ride. God bless you ALL!

*He was born Monday, October 26 at 4:30 PM. 8 lbs 5 oz and 20 1/2"*

God is very good..... *Psalm 127 - no matter how many one has, children are a blessing a heritage .....*

Love and thanks from jeff, joann and the rest of the kids, Caleb, John, Kristian, Lydia and Victoria.

## "Growing To Serve"

What happened on Commitment Weekend?

We prayed and God answered our prayers. The Holy Spirit moved among our worship as we prayed and received pledges for an expanding mission and ministry in 2009 and beyond.

Our First Report indicates that 73 households have responded with 62 making gifts or pledges for a total of \$203,040 over the current and extended three-year giving period for **Growing to Serve**. (This includes \$46,600 in gifts already given or expected to be given by December 31, 2009 because of commitments made in the previous campaign.)

**The Sunday School kids' noisy offering totaled \$432.58. Sunday School youth were also asked to do pictures for the Growing to Serve brochure. Check out their work on the youth bulletin board. Thank you kids for helping in this way.**

We need \$83,000 more in pledges to go over our goal of \$290,000. Our Friendly Callers are now making follow up calls to those households who were not in church on commitment Sunday. The load is never heavy when everyone lifts.

"Thank you" to all who pledged or made gifts. Please use your regular offering envelopes for your gifts to **Growing to Serve**. Simply write "Growing to Serve" and the amount on the blank memo line.

Building fund offering envelopes are also available in the church narthex.



## Why Make a Commitment?

Sometimes people wonder, "Should I make a financial commitment to my congregation?" Here are some things to consider.

**God calls on you to plan your giving.** Your financial commitment comes after you have reflected on God's blessings in your life and after you have prayed for God's guidance regarding your giving.

**Your commitment enables your church to plan.** Congregations who have members who make commitments can plan realistically for growth in ministry and mission in Jesus' name.

**Your commitment becomes your personal goal for giving.** Each of us has goals for our lives. These goals are good for us – they cause us to strive to be more than we are now, and they enable us to be accountable to ourselves for progress. Your financial commitment is a step in growing in your giving, and growing in your faith.



## We Care

Remember to turn in your Marketplace grocery receipts. Tell the cashier you want the "WE CARE" stamp. BOL will be reimbursed 1% of all receipts.



## BIRTHDAYS NOVEMBER

- 1 Bob Martin
- 3 Trevor Bruns, Jared Sandvold, Betty Sutter
- 4 Paige Argent, Daren Jespersion,  
Cord Redding
- 5 Taylor Huber
- 6 Danielle Lahti
- 7 Justin Anderson, Mardell Poirier
- 8 Connor Beckedahl, Sarah Novlesky,  
Brian Svangstu
- 9 Ashley Falten, Donna Herslip, Mike Riely
- 10 Brenden Hoskin, Michael Lauckner
- 11 Dawson Brekhus, Michelle Poole, Bonnie Riely,  
Tyrel Warman
- 13 Daniel Davy
- 14 Brooklyn Johnson
- 15 Dustin Lawson, Jane Reiter,  
Rhianna Kissner
- 16 Benson Huber
- 17 Noah Cormylo
- 18 Tyler Grondahl, Shirley Finley
- 19 Nicholas Erickson, Brenda Flaten,  
Butch Hedberg, Julie Maercklein
- 21 Bobby Blake, Alie Conger, Kurt Stavem
- 23 Greg Dupre, Curt Smith
- 24 Hannah Norton, Allan Stavem
- 26 Michael Burnham
- 27 Penny Belgarde, Joe Brincks
- 28 James Bakken, Carol Sitter, Aaliyah Burnett
- 29 Dawn Evenson
- 30 Chelsea Vedvik, Kristine Walker

## NOVEMBER

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Rick & Terri Huber
- 5 Dean & Holly Brekhus
- 6 Robert & Joyce Olson
- 11 Morris & Mae Ludwig
- 15 Paul & Elaine Kjosa
- 23 Jerry & Nancy Gooch
- 25 Bob & Sue Martin
- 28 Ole & Laurie Honadel
- 29 Rondel & Cody Roteliuk

## Bread of Life Men

Lutheran Men of Minot will be meeting at noon on Friday, November 6, at Trinity - St. Joseph's cafeteria. The presenter will be Pastor Charles Taft.



Women's Fellowship

## Bread of Life Women

- **Wednesday, November 4, 1:30 PM** join Merry Circle for Bible Study and fellowship. The current study is "To God's Beloved: Paul's Letter to the Romans." The November theme "Hope Does Not Disappoint" Bible verse *Romans 6:11* "So you also must consider yourself dead to sin and alive to God in Jesus Christ." Encouraging healthy women, each month will also have a focus on health theme – November is Breathe Easy, Inhale, Exhale.

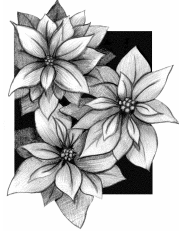
- **Monday, November 9, 7 PM**, there will be a presentation by NDSU Extension services entitled "Who Gets Grandmother's Pie Plate". What happens when Grandmother is no longer with us or is downsizing. How do you make family distributions and keep peace in the family. ---- **Help local women and children** in need by bringing a item, (shampoo, soap, toilet paper, laundry soap, Kleenex, etc. ) to be donated to the Domestic Violence organization.

## 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 14.

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 7.**

Number of plants \_\_\_ at \$10.00 each =

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In loving memory of (deceased)

\_\_\_\_\_

In honor of (living)

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Given by:

\_\_\_\_\_

## 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.

## 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 November will be:

- Bruce & Nancy Anderson
- Mike & Jennifer Burnett
- Jamie & Heidi Bender
- Michael & Vicki Burnham
- Lana Ferris
- Dennis & Betty Haakenson
- Tom & Cathy Henderson
- Janice Hewitt
- Bryan & Val Hoskin
- Roger & Rebecca Luck
- Jerry & Konni Nelson
- Ron & Ardis Neshem
- Greg & Shirley Petz
- Rondel & Cody Roteliuk
- Phyllis Tonneson
- Paulette Vedvik

### 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 & Joyce Olson
- David & Tammy Rodman
- Ardell Skalicky
- Curt & Marva Smith

# Synod Youth Convention

This years ELCA WND youth convention was held in Dickinson. **13 senior high students and 3 chaperones attended from BOL.**

There was over 300 high school students in all from the western part of the state. What a time we had!

The theme was: **“don’t be afraid because I have saved you and you are mine.” Isaiah 43:16**

**“I own you, love God”** was the motto for the weekend.

The 4 north Dakota Bible camps teamed up together to help lead praise and worship each day.

**Peder Eide** was the guest devotional speaker / entertainer. His 3 days of music and inspirational speaking worked the minds and hearts of us all and hopefully left many youth walking away with a deeper personal relationship with our savior!

**Action tracks** were available each evening for youth and adult advisors to attend. These consisted of fun activities like games and dance lessons, or teaching opportunities regarding faith, suicide, depression, bible camps, etc.

**Nightly devotions** among individual church groups were held each night prior to retiring. What a wonderful time of recapping the events of the day, discussing our faith walk, and praying together in our small BOL group!

This years **servant project** was one that really seemed to impact the youth. On Friday, the students and advisors teamed up to package meals to be shipped to Africa!! What an assembly line we had. Measuring, pouring, weighing, and sealing of bags containing rice, dried vegetables, and vitamins. We were on a mission for **Outreach Africa** and we did it. Over **70,000 meals** in all were boxed up and ready to be shipped! What an awesome project and one the youth really enjoyed and felt would make a difference.

God’s spirit was moving during this convention. For some, a seed was planted, for others, a renewal and rekindling of their relationship with

Jesus. We pray for all of our youth that attended and ask God to continue to draw them near to him. We also pray for those of our youth that were unable to be with us. God is working today in so many ways through the youth. They need our love, encouragement, and prayers that they might seek, know, and move for his purpose!

Once again, **we thank all of you that support our youth fundraisers.** Our annual turkey dinner is what usually helps to pay for this activity. Each year we have had more youth attending which is wonderful! Without you, events like this would not be possible. Thank you again, and God bless!

**\*\*\*watch for an upcoming video at our church services with some fun highlights of the convention .....** Youth committee

## Cell phone vs. Bible

Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we flipped through it several time a day?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

What if we used it when we traveled?

What if we used it in case of emergency?

**This is something to make you o....hmm...where is my Bible? Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill. Makes you stop and think 'where are my priorities? And no dropped calls!**

