



# Slice of Bread



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

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders receive Bibles

– October 4, 11 am service

### Annual Youth Turkey Dinner

– October 11, 11:30 AM

This is the youth's annual fund raiser. It will be a turkey dinner with all the trimmings .

### “Growing to Serve Events”

- **Sept 27**, 10-days of prayer begins
- **“Growing to Serve Gatherings”**  
**Wednesday**, Oct 7, 6:30 pm  
**Saturday**, Oct 10, 8:30 breakfast,  
9:15 meeting  
**Sunday**, Oct 11, 7:00 PM
- **October 17**, Prayer Vigil
- **October 17/18**, Commitment Weekend

**Pastor Michael Meier,**

**Stewardship Leader here**

**Sunday School youth sing at 11 am**

**For further info about these events**, read articles in this newsletter, watch the bulletin announces, and read your mailings

### Ministry Family Supper and Church Council

- Tuesday, Oct 20

### Sunday, October 25

- **Stavem benefit** dinner beginning at 11:30 am.

Proceeds to help with medical related expenses for Rahv

## Memorials

In memory of **Gary Stenehjelm** from *Rod and Sue Wilson*

In memory of **Delorus Hugenrather** from *Lynn & Carol Martin*

In memory of **Ellen Hornberger** from *Ordean and Colleen Sherven*

In memory of **Penna Barden** from *Dan & Sandy Gilbertson and friends*

In memory of **Alpha Hill** from *Ole & Laurie Honadel*

In memory of **Ordean Sherven** from

*Hilda Farsad, MaryLou Krause, Jim & Marvel Bakken, Homer & Alvie Nesson,*

*George & Jeanice Officer, Ken & Thelma Hopkins, Ole & Laurie Honadel,*

*Bernice Farnstrom, Kevin & Tracey Lawson, Larry & Donna Herslip, Ray & Judy Mock, Loren & Joylea Knutson,*

*Curt & Gerry Herman, Colleen Sherven, Leona Kohler, Gerald & Delina Johansen, Lilas Guttormson,*

*Lora Bendickson, Roy & Wanda Bjordahl, Elsie Gilbertson, Paul & Marlene Rasmussen, MaryAnn Fitchner, Derald & Bev Larson, Dolores Blomquist, Erna Eidmann, Nina Lee, Ron & Ardis Neshem, Greg & Shirley Petz*

In memory of **Gary Engebretson** from *Jim & Marvel Bakken*

In memory of **Maureen Svangstu** from *Bonnie Anderson, Kevin & Tracey Lawson, Joylea Knutson, Hilda Farstad*

In memory of **Don Magandy** from *Loren & Joylea Knutson, Kevin & Tracey Lawson, Nina Lee*

In memory of **Arlene Klosterman** from *Joylea Knutson, Kevin & Tracey Lawson*

In memory of **Darrell Markle** from *Jan & Jerry Lawson*

In memory of **Bertha Tangen** from *Ron & Ardis Neshem*

In memory of **John Nelson** from *Doug & LaDawn Berg*

In memory of **Don Magandy, Ordean Sherven, Jessica Roll** from *Ted, Barb, & Jazmine Power*

## Pastoral Acts

### Baptism

Ella Marie Reed

### Wedding

Kayla Anderson & Dusty Lawson



## **BIRTHDAYS OCTOBER**

- 1 Shari Grondahl, Morris Poirier
- 2 Connie Beyer, Kevin Lawson, Sam Love,  
Jerry Walker, Sue Wilson, Chuck Kranz
- 3 Tracey Lawson
- 4 Shelley Hanson, Connie Sundby
- 5 Travis Grosche, Jean Larson
- 6 Jayden Frey, Valarie Hoskin, Brian Novlesky,  
Megan Druse
- 7 MaryLou Krause, Rod Shuman, Ann Moser,  
Jorgen Warman, Kay Reed
- 8 Matthew Henning, Shawn Smith
- 9 Lisa Sitter
- 10 Eric Danielson, Shellie Klayson
- 12 Bailey Godejohn, Ron Huber
- 14 Deb Helstedt, April Warman, Emily Hanson
- 15 Kevin Huber,
- 16 Brandan Ressler
- 17 Olivia McCarty
- 18 Barb Ebach
- 19 Susan Love, Doris Sorenson
- 20 Dakota Halvorson
- 21 Travis Berg
- 22 Matthew Davy
- 23 Beth Abrahamson, Hunter Grosche,  
David Fernandes
- 25 Darrell Roos
- 26 Jon Etier
- 28 Heather Mathews, Makinly Grosche,  
Hannah Beuchler
- 29 Brad Harju
- 31 Cody Hedberg

## **OCTOBER**

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

- 2 Kevin & Michaela Huber, Valarie & Bryan Hoskin
- 4 Matthew & Jenna Henning
- 6 Garrett & Tonia Kirk
- 7 Dennis & Lori Lahti, Scot & Patti Redding
- 10 Doug & LaDawn Berg
- 14 Joe & Nicole Brincks
- 16 Ron & Valerie Smith
- 20 Nathan & Jeannine Schrum
- 21 Tina & Joren Boyce
- 22 Jeff & JoAnn Hoverson,
- 23 John & Michelle Shipp
- 25 Doug & Kathy Goetz
- 26 Ed & Connie Sundby
- 27 Doug & Sharon Bonsness
- 28 Greg & Shirley Petz, Morris & Mardell Poirier



## **Bread of Life Men**

Lutheran Men of Minot will be meeting at noon on Friday, October 9, at Trinity - St. Joseph's cafeteria. The meal may be purchased there and taken to the meeting room. The program for this meeting will be Gary Price, member of Bethany, who will play his guitar, sing sacred music, and share some thoughts. Plan to attend this special program.=



### **Women's Fellowship**

- **Wednesday, October 7, 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 October theme verse is *Romans 4:16a* "For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace." Encouraging healthy women, each month will also have a focus on health theme – October is "Prescription Peril."

## **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. What a easy way to make a profit

## **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.

## **From the Pastor**

Greetings in the Name of Christ!

October is a great month. The weather is cooler, less mosquitoes, and no snow yet (maybe - ha ha)

First of all, thank you all for your encouragements, especially as we proceed through the options for responding to the ELCA votes that took place. I will come back from Lutheran CORE with a number of options that churches are looking at.

The Synod office sent out some information about some options for those churches who do not agree with the ELCA:

1. Give flexible documents
2. Make statements of declaration
3. Do more in-depth study
4. Make changes to the by-laws
5. Start the process to leave the ELCA

Currently, I am not advocating any options, but have a responsibility to make sure that all the options are allowed to be discussed. Many have already asked me questions about this. I will likely call a special meeting for discussion on these, and more, after I return from CORE. My hope and prayer is that we can all respond to God Himself as He guides His church. Please stay tuned to this.

Also, keep October 18 on your mind. Plan to come to worship for our "Growing to Serve" commitment Sunday as we receive our final round of pledges for the building project. We have a good group of people working hard on this campaign. Please help them by staying tuned and excited for the possibilities that God has for the future of ministry through Bread of Life.

Finally, it is fun to announce that our church has two winners for the Bible Bee competition that took place in Minot this fall. Our sons, John and Caleb placed locally. There were about 500 local competitions on the weekend of Sep. 12. John and Kristian both studied well over the summer. To our pleasant surprise, Caleb had worked hard enough over the summer to place in the top 100 across the nation. He and one other boy from Bismarck will be among those 100 in their age division (11 - 14 years old), from about 35 states, who will go to Washington DC - November 4-7 to compete in the National Contest. So, I am smiling, not only as a pastor at BOL, but as a dad.

Thank you all for your love and support in Christ, pastor jeff

# From the Hoversons

## Dear family and friends:

Thank you so much for your support and encouragement for all the kids in the Bible Bee. The most important book for our lives is worth more than anything we could imagine or think.

We received a very humble surprise and are happy that Caleb made it to nationals in Washington DC. He and one other boy from Bismarck will compete with 100 kids, age 11-14 from about 35 states.

We are putting together a pretty rigorous study schedule for him to prepare for nationals. He really wants to do this so we don't have to push him to burn out. One of the ways to make this good for the contest and, even more importantly, for life is to include other special people in his life.

So, we are having '**GUEST QUIZZERS**'. You are invited to quiz Caleb any day you like (we will take Sunday off). For 15 minutes to one half hour either at 4:00 PM or 6:30 PM each day, (10:00 AM on Saturdays) we will have "quiz and encourage" time. Simply pick a day, then we will send you verses and put you on our calendar.

We'd love to have you on board. You can choose to do it on the phone or it would be fun to take him to you, if possible, for him to have a different environment. Or you are definitely welcome to come here. We have a private guest room that he is using for his personal study time for this and other education. If you are from out of town, you can also stay here overnight. You'd even have your own bathroom. Yippee.....

**AND THIS IS KEY:** DURING THE HALF HOUR YOU ARE WITH HIM, JOANN AND I WILL BE PRAYING FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. This is not just about our family, it is about how our family can also bless YOU.

We want what God wants for him. We are praying that The November 4-7 Nationals weekend will be more than a contest, but also an encouragement and inspiration for his siblings and his friends. We are mindful that all of us desire for our kids and grand-kids to know Jesus by knowing His Word. So, we would love to return the support and encouragement for you as well someday.

You have already been a blessing to us. We understand if this doesn't work out for you. Keep praying for Caleb as we keep praying for you.

Loving His Word, jeff and joann 701-837-1117 Jeff's cell - 701-833-5601

## **"Growing to Serve"**

**By Pastor Michael Meier, Stewardship Key Leader**

Bread of Life Lutheran Church is embarking on a capital campaign to raise funds for expanding the building. The Planning Weekend for this campaign was September 12-13. A Leadership Team for the effort has been formed. Michael Lauckner is the chairperson of the Leadership Team. The Team met for training on Sunday, September 13. At that meeting I provided information and guidance for this program and I will be preaching on Commitment Weekend, Saturday and Sunday, October 17 and 18. I am one of several ELCA staff persons working with Stewardship Key Leader. We have a strong history of helping congregations grow spiritually and helping them raise necessary funds for ministry.

The theme of the campaign here at Bread of Life Lutheran Church is **"Growing to Serve"**. The goal of the campaign will be spiritual growth within the congregation and within the lives of individual members and friends. The financial goal will be to provide funds for the new building addition. You will hear a lot more about the details of the financial goal in the weeks ahead.

During the five week campaign there will be several brief talks in worship by lay leaders. There will be a "Ten Days of Prayer" component. Just before Commitment Weekend there will be a Prayer Vigil. There will be informational mailings and Question and Answer sessions.

When we gather for the Commitment Weekend for **"Growing to Serve"** on October 17-18 we will pray that our generosity will overflow to accomplish the financial goals for this congregation. I am really looking forward to working with you these next several weeks and I am so glad that I will be able to be with you on Commitment Weekend.

Now, as **"Growing to Serve"** is underway you may be thinking ahead and you may be asking, "How can I give more for this important work?" The simple answer is that many Bread of Life members will give to **"Growing to Serve"** out of regular income. They will add a significant amount to their regular giving.

Many will also give out of accumulated assets. Those who give from both regular income and accumulated assets will make much larger gifts – heartwarming gifts - that will allow us to reach and even surpass the financial goal.

Some possibilities you might consider are:

1. Gifts of Life Insurance

You may have a paid-up or partially paid-up policy that is no longer needed to protect your family. Giving this policy to the church may provide you with significant tax advantages.

2. Gifts of Stocks and Bonds

Stocks and bonds, purchased or inherited, can be given. If the stock is now worth more than when acquired, you can avoid capital gains taxes on the increased value, and, if you itemize deductions, you can deduct the value of the gift up to 30% of your adjusted gross income with a five-year carry-over for any excess.. It is vital that you give the stocks or bonds to the church, rather than selling them first and giving the proceeds to the church. If the stock is now worth less than when acquired, you should sell the stock and give the proceeds to the church. U. S. Savings Bonds cannot be given during the lifetime of the owner.

3. Gifts from an Individual Retirement Account

The tax code for 2009 allows for persons over age 70 ½ to transfer up to \$100,000 directly from their IRA to the church without this amount being considered income. It is very important that this gift follow the prescribed process. More information is available at [www.elca.org/irarollover](http://www.elca.org/irarollover).

4. Gifts of Real Estate

Real estate, including mineral rights, can be given to the church. Consider a “split sale” deeding an undivided percentage interest to the church prior to the sale, thus avoiding capital gains taxes on that portion. You may also receive a charitable deduction for up to 30% of adjusted gross income with a five-year carry-over for any excess.

5. Gifts of Personal Property

Antiques, paintings, jewelry, livestock, automobiles are just a few examples. Various tax benefits apply.

Persons considering giving either real estate or personal property should consult with the congregation to verify that the congregation desires the gift. Congregations can receive helpful advice from the ELCA Foundation on this matter. It is very important that you consult with your attorney or financial advisor before making gifts from accumulated assets.

These are suggestions for you to consider. Please be aware that there will be many opportunities to discuss the goals and details of this campaign in the weeks ahead.

I am honored to have this opportunity to work with you during this campaign, “**Growing to Serve**” and I look forward to being in your midst again October 17-18.

Sincerely,

Pastor Michael Meier

## "Growing To Serve"

"Growing To Serve" reflects what has always been at the heart of Bread of Life: because God continues to bless this family of faith we are able to build faith in Jesus Christ, to build the body of Christ, to build ministries that share the love of Christ. During the next weeks the congregation of Bread of Life will be encouraged to grow in spiritual and discipleship life.

### **Ten Days of Prayer**

Beginning September 27, Bread of Life families are asked to join together in prayer support for our congregations "Growing To Serve" program. For ten consecutive days your household spends five minutes in prayer. Take five minutes each day to read the daily scripture passage and pray. The prayer guide also suggests prayer topics for each day. You can use these or pray as God moves you. If you have not received the prayer guide, you can pick one up in the narthex or call the church office and one will be mailed to you.

### **"Growing to Serve" Minutes**

Each weekly service will have a short time for an inspirational talk. Informational bulletin inserts will be used.

### **Noisy Offerings**

Sunday School students, have been given offering containers and are saving their coins to bring to church on commitment Sunday October 17. Parents, include your children in your daily prayers and encourage their stewardship as they save for this offering. Students are also drawing pictures showing "What Bread of Life Means to Me."

### **Gatherings**

The congregation is invited to attend a "Growing to Serve Gathering". Many people in the congregation have been wondering about what has happened with our plan for the church addition. The intent of these gatherings is to inform the congregation as to what has transpired and talk about what it will take to get back on track towards this goal. Three gatherings are being planned. The format of each will be similar. It will be a time to learn more about the building campaign and ask any questions you may have.

**Wednesday, October 7 at 6:30 pm.** This will be in place of the regular confirmation time. Parents of children in the education program are encouraged to attend.

**Saturday morning October 10.** Come for breakfast at 8:30 am. The "Growing to Serve" time following at about 9:15 AM.

**Sunday evening Oct 11, 7:00 pm** will be the final "Growing to Serve Gathering". Save some room for desert as goodies will be served at this gathering.

**Please attend the gathering time of your choice.**

### **Prayer Vigil**

A prayer Vigil will be held on Saturday, October 17. This will be a time to lift up to God in prayer the program, and the hopes and dreams for the congregation. People will come to the sanctuary throughout the prayer vigil to spend time in prayer. Some will have signed up in advance, but others are welcome to come at any time and stay as long as they wish. Prayer vigil guides will be available in the narthex

### **Commitment Sunday**

October 17/18 will be Commitment weekend. Pastor Michael Meier, Stewardship Key Leader will return.

### **"Growing to Serve" Commitments**

Many in the congregation have already made commitments and several have active pledges. All of those financial gifts will be included in the total amount of the campaign. If you have a current pledge, you will be able to continue as currently pledged, or make a new commitment.

## 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 October will be:

Brad & Sarah Beckedahl  
Diane Cormylo  
Jason & Theresa Getzlaff  
Travis & Tiffany Grosche  
Kara Haugenoe  
Nathan & Mandi Iverson  
Harlen & Evelyn Lahti  
Jeff & Shariese Long  
Michelle Pool  
Mike & Bonnie Riely  
Carol Sitter  
Merle & Linda Spear  
Bill & Micky Venable  
Tom & April Warman

### 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

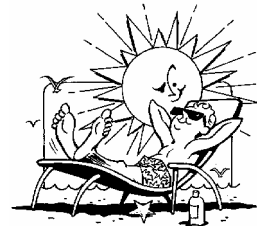


## Youth In The News

**Caleb Hoverson, John Hoverson, Kristian Hoverson** who participated in the local Bible Bee competition. Caleb and John placed in their age group. Special Congratulations to Caleb who is one of the top 100 national winners and will participate in Washington DC in November.

## Third Grade Bibles

Sunday October 4 at the 11 am service Bibles will be presented to all enrolled third graders. If there are older students who have never received their personal Bible, please give the church office a call. Those students can be recognized and presented a Bible at the same time.



## Addresses

Packing your bags to leave for a winter in a warmer climate? Do you have young adults who are at college, or working and no longer living at home, call the office with addresses and they will be sent the monthly bulletin. Let us reach out and touch via the monthly church newsletter.

## PASTOR APPRECIATION

October is Pastor Appreciation month. Take a moment and say thank you.

## [The Tornado, the Lutherans, and Homosexuality](#)

August 20, 2009 | By: [John Piper](#) | Category: [Commentary](#)

I saw the fast-moving, misshapen, unusually-wide funnel over downtown Minneapolis from Seven Corners. I said to Kevin Dau, “That looks serious.”

On a day when no severe weather was predicted or expected...a tornado forms, baffling the weather experts—most saying they’ve never seen anything like it. It happens right in the city. The city: Minneapolis.

The tornado happens on a Wednesday...during the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America's national convention in the Minneapolis Convention Center. The convention is using Central Lutheran across the street as its church. The church has set up tents around it's building for this purpose.

According to the ELCA's printed convention schedule, at 2 PM on Wednesday, August 19, the 5th session of the convention was to begin. The main item of the session: “Consideration: Proposed Social Statement on Human Sexuality.” The issue is whether practicing homosexuality is a behavior that should disqualify a person from the pastoral ministry.

This curious tornado touches down just south of downtown and follows 35W straight towards the city center. It crosses I94. It is now downtown.

The time: 2PM.

The first buildings on the downtown side of I94 are the Minneapolis Convention Center and Central Lutheran. The tornado severely damages the convention center roof, shreds the tents, breaks off the steeple of Central Lutheran, splits what's left of the steeple in two...and then lifts.



Let me venture an interpretation of this Providence with some biblical warrant.

1. The unrepentant practice of homosexual behavior (like other sins) will exclude a person from the kingdom of God.

The unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, *nor men who practice homosexuality*, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.” ([1 Corinthians 6:9-10](#))

2. The church has always embraced those who forsake sexual sin but who still struggle with homosexual desires, rejoicing with them that all our fallen, sinful, disordered lives (all of us, no exceptions) are forgiven if we turn to Christ in faith.

Such *were* some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. ([1 Corinthians 6:11](#))

3. Therefore, official church pronouncements that condone the very sins that keep people out of the kingdom of God, are evil. They dishonor God, contradict Scripture, and implicitly promote damnation where salvation is freely offered.

4. Jesus Christ controls the wind, including all tornados.

Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him? ([Mark 4:41](#))

5. When asked about a seemingly random calamity near Jerusalem where 18 people were killed, Jesus answered in general terms—an answer that would cover calamities in Minneapolis, Taiwan, or Baghdad. God’s message is *repent*, because none of us will otherwise escape God’s judgment.

Jesus: “Those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.” ([Luke 13:4-5](#))

6. *Conclusion:* The tornado in Minneapolis was a gentle but firm warning to the ELCA and all of us: Turn from the approval of sin. Turn from the promotion of behaviors that lead to destruction. Reaffirm the great Lutheran heritage of allegiance to the truth and authority of Scripture. Turn back from distorting the grace of God into sensuality. Rejoice in the pardon of the cross of Christ and its power to transform left and right wing sinners.

