



Slice of Bread

May, June 2009

Monthly Newsletter of Bread of Life Lutheran Church
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Special Happenings in May

Saturday, May 2

- Potluck fellowship breakfast. Start the day by bringing a potluck dish to share while you have a cup of coffee and great fellowship.

Sunday May 3

- Confirmation at 11 am service

Wednesday, May 6,

- 6:30 pm, Confirmation bash for students and families, grades 6 – 12. Hamburgers and hotdogs furnished, bring a food dish to share

Saturday, May 9,

- 11:30 am Mothers & Others, "Aprons on Parade" program, potluck salad lunch

Sunday, May 10

- Mother's Day
- Last Day of Sunday School
- Teacher Recognition

Sunday, May 17

- 9:45 am **Multi-generational Education hour. Youth, parents, grandparents, are all invited.**
- 11:00 am High School Senior recognition
- 11:45 New Member inquiry meeting

Sunday, May 24

- 10:15 am Summer service schedule begins
One service only on Sunday and one service Saturday at 5:00 pm. This schedule will continue through Labor Day Weekend.
- New Members received
- 11:45 Potluck Dinner

Sunday, May 31

- Pentecost Sunday, geraniums used

Pastoral Acts

Baptism

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Maycee Elaine Boyce
Hutson Reese Schrum

Bereavements

Catlin James Bartuska
Tanner Merton Jespersen

Memorials

In memory of **Catlin Bartuska**
from *Hilda Farstad, Ray & Judy Mock, Joylea Knutson, Lynn & Carol Martin, George & Jeanice Office, Randy & Dianne Hysjulien, Joren & Tina Boyce*

In memory of **Tanner Jespersen**
from *Hilda Farstad, Ray & Judy Mock, Hazel Ostrom, Joylea Knutson, Lynn & Carol Martin, George & Jeanice Officer, Randy & Dianne Hysjulien, Joren & Tina Boyce*

In memory of **Lowell Redding, Renell Suchor, Evelyn Hatestad, Penna Barden** from *Jim & Marvel Bakken*

In memory of **George Riba and Don Henry** from *Larry & Donna Herslip*

In memory of **Betty Anhorn**
from *Mike and Bonnie Riely*

In memory of **Carol Haugen**
from *Randy & Dianne Hysjulien, Jerry & Janet Lawson, Kevin & Tracey Lawson, Family and Friends*

In memory of **Noreen Bergrud**
from *Rod & Sue Wilson*
In memory of **Clarence**
Erickson from *MaryAnn Fitchner*

From The Pastor

Friends:
Greetings from the pastor's office in Jesus'
Name.

I have many things on my mind this month. I am excited about a number of things like the Church Carnival on June 24, Confirmation Sunday on May 3, upcoming weddings, having the whole congregation together for one service at 10:15 AM this summer (rotating traditional and contemporary), etc.

Most things are positive, but as your pastor, I need to share one very, negative item that is just NOT right: Put on your seat belts for this year's Church Wide Assembly (CWA) in August 2009. The adopted procedures, by the National ELCA church council, for rostering those practicing a gay, lesbian, transgender or bisexual lifestyle, is at best, unethical, and at worst, a work of the devil. They will be voting on this (which is, in itself, not smart) but with a simple majority instead of a 2/3 vote. And it gets worse. The irony is that the assembly of 1000 people can change the required votes back to 2/3, BUT it would take 2/3 to do that. Do you see what is happening here? It is totally stacked, rigged, and manipulative. I imagine there is another side to this. I don't know about you, but I'd sure like to hear it, because no matter which side of this issue you stand on, this is NOT right, by any ethical standards.

The Bible says there will be a time when they will call evil good and good evil, (Isaiah 5:20 and other passages).

Friends, this issue is not about fear. Those of us, who view the practice of gay and lesbian and bi-sexuality as a sin, Romans 1:25-27, have been labeled homo-phobes (fear of gays). This is very misleading. It is about testifying to the truth of God's Word, not fear of gays. I would argue that our position loves the person even more.

Others have said we are being judgmental. Again, discerning right from wrong is not being judgmental. If that was true, then we'd have to stop raising our children to do what is right because it would be "judgmental". Biblically, judgmentalism is in two contexts.

ONE: salvation. Calling homosexual behavior a sin is very different from telling someone they are not saved. That would be judging according to Romans 2:1-11.

TWO: hypocrisy in Matthew 7:1-5. Here we are told the proper way to judge. First, take the log out of your own, eye, THEN, take the speck out of your brother's eye. Clearly, we are to help lead our sinning brothers and sisters to repentance (Jude 21 and other passages), but we are to do it humbly, with love, not with pride. I am not better than any person choosing this lifestyle.

I will admit this is very disheartening for me. I grew up in the ELCA, only to watch it slowly drift away from the Bible. It is not about sexuality for me, it is about the neglect and academic two-step to go around the scriptures. I have watched these heretics get into power and push out good, bible believing people, great pastors, and even sound theologians like Professor Jim Nestigen.

What will I do if this passes? I will continue to follow God's call, which I believe will be to reform; much like Martin Luther and the reformers, only a different battle. To stay in for the fight. This is fast becoming a battle for the Word of God. If this passes, it will be the first official vote that is outside of Christian, historic tradition, of Lutheran Confessional interpretation, and most importantly, God's Holy and Inspired Word.

Like I said, this is my church, too. I am not about to sit by and watch it deteriorate into a mish-mash of wolves' teeth cloaked in sheep's clothing of religious verbiage.

I am not alone in this. Obviously, there are many discussions happening. Other pastors are concerned. I hope you will be as well. This is not a time for wishful thinking. If this passes, it will pave the way for a host of issues that you and I will regret if we do not pray and resist. It does not take a majority. God has always overcome hardship, evil, and

apostasy with a remnant of the faithful. This will affect our children and our grandchildren.

Will you be one of the remnant few? Look, I don't expect to win a popularity contest by taking on a reform mindset. I believe any pastor who is worth his weight in the ordained call to shepherd one of God's flock, will not cave to political correctness, will not stick his head in the sand "hoping for everyone to get along". No, I plan to do my best to advance God's truth, proclaim His grace, and call His people to grow and be stretched spiritually. Funny thing is, I have started to go beyond anger. Concerned yes, because I know we can no longer just "play church", we need to deny our own reputations and desires, and follow Jesus no matter what the cost. That is where we find true freedom, ultimate peace, and real purpose for our lives. It is time to stand for righteousness.

I hope you will join me. How?

1. Pray
2. If you are on the other side of this issue, I respectfully ask you to re-consider your position for the sake of God's Word.
3. If you are on the fence, please consider jumping off.
4. Share God's view with, at least, one other person that does not know. Our only hope is an approach like the Bereans of the New Testament. They were influential because they checked out the scriptures themselves. They knew that human reason, even from learned men, can be wrongly interpreted.
5. If the Holy Spirit guides you, respectfully write letters and make phone calls to the ELCA. We need to keep believing that one person really can make a difference. As far as our own bishop. I think he will be much more even handed than most bishops and could use a thank you as well for his openness and efforts.

As always, I am open to phone calls, visits, etc. Coffee is on me. Let's talk.

In His loving service, pastor jeff cell 833-5601



High School Graduates

Best wishes are extended to those who are graduating from colleges and his school
The BOL high school graduates are:

Kyle Bangen
Justin Dupre'
Dayna Flaten
Dreu Hood
Chelsea Klayson
Courtney Klayson
Caitlin Krueger (Douglas)
Casey Lahti
Joshua Weatherspoon

The graduates will be honored at the 11:00 am service and fellowship on May 17.

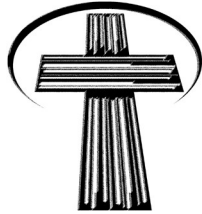
Youth In The News

Dominic Mapes who participated in the state geography competition.

Chelsea Klayson, Courtney Klayson honored at the Minot Chamber of Commerce Honors Banquet.

Katie Weatherspoon and Taylor Godejohn, members of the Jim Hill Middle School Science Olympiad Team which placed first in the Class A state competition. They will now compete in the national championships May 14 at Augusta, GA.

Congratulations to all the **youth and adults** who make the quarterly honor rolls, are participating in music, sports, and other activities in the community.



Confirmation

Congratulations to those youth who are confirming their faith in Jesus Christ:

Katie Abrahamson
Eric Berg
Megan Druse
Trent Flaten
Taylor Godejohn
Tanner Helstedt
Austin Hiller
JeAnna Lahti
Dominic Mapes
Josh Nelson
Alex Schoenberg-Carton
Cameron Stone
Logan Walker
Shelby Weisenberger

Let us give thanks for the church leaders, teachers, friends, and family members who have nurtured these students through the years.

It's Not Too Late

Registration materials for Metigoshe Ministries and Camp of the Cross are in the church narthex. Bread of Life Women pays ½ of the camp registration. Camp is a great experience for the youth who attend. Make sure your child doesn't miss out.

Education

As the school year again comes to a close we say thank you to all who have helped to make it a good year.

Thank you to

- **The parents** who faithfully bring their youth each week so they may be fed with the "Bread of Life" – the story of Jesus and His great love for all.

- **Those behind the scene persons** who pick up the ball and keep things going when needed.

- **RaeLynn Mapes** who shares her musical talents to lead the Sunday students.

- **The Sunday teachers**, Michaela Huber, Val Hoskin, Michelle Davy, Jeannine Schrum, Dawndi Kessler, Misty Weed, Kim McCarty, Patti Abrahamson, Shannon Kranz, Candy Hamilton, Jennifer Hamilton, Tina Boyce

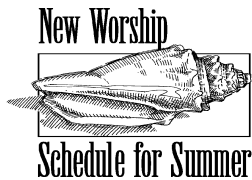
- **The Wednesday guides and leaders:** Doug Berg, Chuck Kranz, Roy Jensen, Rondel Roteliuk, Brittany Klein, Kari Danielson, Holly Brekhus, Sue Thompson, Susan Anderson

The **Education leaders will be recognized** at the 11 am service on Sunday, May 10. When you have the opportunity, give them your personal thanks for the many hours they spend spreading the Word.



MultiGenerational Sunday School

The final education session of the school year will be a **Multi-Generational hour on Sunday, May 17, 9:45 am.** The whole family, grandparents, singles, married couples, etc. are invited to come and be a part. Come and be a part as we learn together.



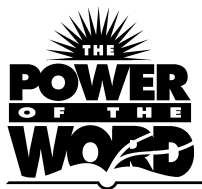
Summer Worship Schedule

Beginning the weekend of May 24/25 the worship schedule through Labor Day weekend will be:

Saturday worship 5:00 PM
Sunday worship 10:15 AM

PromiseKeepers

Promise Keepers this year, is emphasizing and inviting women to come to their 20th year anniversary convention in Boulder, CO, on July 31 and Aug 1. I would like to take a group of men and women. They will also be focusing on connecting with Jewish believers, and reaching out to the poor. I am excited about these four things. Please prayerfully consider going. Go to www.promisekeepers.com for further information. Thank you... Pastor Jeff



BibleStudy

Monday Night Bible Study of the Doctrines continues each Monday at 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

We Care

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



PENTECOST SUNDAY 2009

Pentecost Sunday will be May 31. This is the time we ask for RED geranium donations. We use them as a part of the Pentecost service and then we will plant them outside. **We ask that you also wear RED to church on that day.**

RED is the color for Pentecost Sunday. RED symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit. The Day of Pentecost is the culmination of the Easter celebration. The risen Christ, having shown himself to His disciples and having ascended, sends the promised gift of the Spirit to the expectant church. In other words, we are celebrating the Holy Spirit and the "birthday" of the church.

Cost per plant is \$5.00 and payment must accompany the order. Please make checks payable to Bread of Life. Orders must be turned in to the church office no later than May 20.

Number of plants _____ at \$5.00 each = _____

In loving memory of (deceased):

In Honor of (living):

Given by:

NINA LEE
TONY & ELAINE FOLTYN

AllMen

You are invited to Lutheran Men on May 1, St Joseph's Cafeteria at noon. The speaker will be Todd Erickson, Northwest Chapter of Child Evangelism Fellowship of North Dakota. He brings an interesting message regarding presentation of Christ to youth

MinistryFamilies

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 has been 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 May will be:

DOUG & SHARON BONSNES
KELLY & ANA DREVECKY
MARYANN FITCHNER
JENNIFER & KEVIN KISSNER
MARYLOU KRAUSE
MARK & JULIE MAERCKLEIN
LYNN & CAROL MARTIN
CURTIS & GERRY HERMAN
DUSTIN & AMBER VOLPI
JEAN LARSON
852-6258
JERRY & KRISTINE WALKER
KIM REISWIG
MARCELL & MARK JOHNSON

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Families serving in June will be:

Dennis & Jan Anderson
Frank & Jan Chonsky
Hilda Farstad
Dan & Sandy Gilbertson
Harold & Darlene Haugstad
Larry & Donna Herslip
Kevin & Michaela Huber
Derald & Beverly Larson
Steve & RaeLynn Mapes
Ron & Jean McCarty
Brian & Sarah Novlesky
Darrell & Donna Roos
John & Michelle Shipp
Gudrun Sjol
Embert & Marie Sveum
Joyce Thorp

Families serving in July will be:

Kirk & Beth Abrahamson
Luella Anderson
Troy & Deanna Erickson
Alan & Kim Flaten
Todd & Brenda Flaten
Jim Heigh & Lisa Hiller
Corrine Johnson
Joel & Ronda Kelly
Chuck & Shannon Kranz
Hazel Ostrom
Carl & Julia Petersen
Rod & Joyce Shuman
Curtis & Lisa Sitter
Dean & Susan Thompson
Rod & Sue Wilson

BOI Women

Come join **MERRY CIRCLE** for Bible Study and Fellowship on Weds, May 6, 1:30 PM in the church fellowship room.



Mothers and Others

The date will be May 9, 11:30 pm for the Mothers and Others potluck salad lunch. All Women of Bread of Life and their friends, daughters/sons, nieces/nephews, are invited. Program will be "Aprons on Parade" and special music by the "Hoverson 5". There will also be games and prizes. So bring your friends and relatives, wear your favorite apron (bring extras for display), and bring a salad to share. Fun and fellowship guaranteed.



Community Outreach and

Carnival Fun Night

Fun for everyone

Wednesday, June 24,

Beginning at 5:30

Potluck Meal beginning at 5:30,

Carnival Games, Bounce House,

Dunking Booth, Prizes, Music,

Inspirational Time

Fun for all ages

Put the date on your calendar.

Each year this community event has grown bigger and better. Many hands are needed to make it successful. If you are available, there is a place for you to help with this fun event

***If you can help,
call the church office 838-
3360
or Denalie Morrison 721-
7487***

MS Walk

May 9th - Jessica and Joshua Kesler will be walking in the MS Walk along with their mom, Dawndi. If you would like to make a donation please contact Dawndi at 839-1149 or go to www.myMSwalk.org (choose e-pledge, Minot Walk, and one of our names or our team name "Donna's Walkers." Thank you for your support.

New Member Sunday

Interested in becoming a member at Bread of Life or would just like to know more about the congregation. An inquirer's meeting will be Sunday, **May 17** after the 11 am service. This will be a time to ask questions and get acquainted. **May 24** new members will be received at the 10:15 service. This will also be the first Sunday of the summer with one morning service. There will be a congregation potluck following the service.

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.



NationalDay of Prayer

May 7 - all are invited to be a part

- Magic City Prayer Rally 12 noon @ Ward County Courthouse
- Ecumenical Prayer Service 7:30 PM at Our Lady of Grace Church
- Community Evening Rally 7:00 PM at Bible Fellowship Church
- Honor our Police – Send a note of appreciation to Minot Police Department, 515 2nd Ave SW, Minot.

Recycle

Remember drop off boxes are in the narthex for your old **cell phones** and for front covers of **greeting cards**.

Synod Assembly

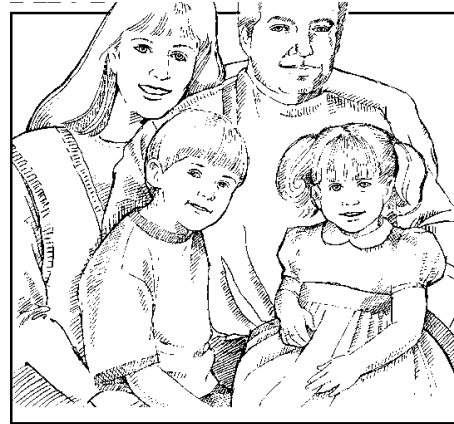
The Western ND Synod Assembly will be in Williston June 5-6. Pastor Jeff, Bill & Micky Venable will represent Bread of Life at this event.

SynodicalGathering

The Western North Dakota Women will gather in Minot June 19-20. Theme for the gathering will be “Angels Among Us.” Program will feature Beth Wrenn, National President, The Scandiwhovians, Voices of Note, Nan Sys, Bishop Mark Narum, Bible Study, music, awareness sessions, food, fellowship. Further information and registration info is in the narthex.

VacationBibleSchool for the Family

Join us Sunday, August 9 thru Tuesday, the 11th for Vacation Bible School for the ENTIRE family. (Parents, grandparents, single adults and parents, married adults with out children, teens, children of all ages) Put the dates on your calendar and plan to attend with the Bread of Life family.



Memorial Day weekend will be May 23/24. Remember those who serve and have served in our Military.

Mother The Camp

Metigoshe Ministries and Camp of the Cross are ready for another summer of ministry with youth. There are many areas for volunteer ministry. If you are available to help, check out the bulletin board for their spring clean up dates and other opportunities. There are always needs for the Camp pantries. You can

Leave items in the Camp Box in the church narthex.

Camp Pantry needs are :

Gallons of jelly and tons of toilet paper

Breakfast cereal

Oatmeal

Tomato sauce

Canned vegetables

Brown sugar
White sugar
Flour
Chocolate chips
Peanut butter & jelly
Pancake syrup
Honey
Miracle whip
Pickles
Ketchup
Pasta
Drink mix
Napkins
Paper towels
Paper cups & plates
Bleach
Toilet paper
Hand sanitizer
Dish soap
Mosquito spray
Band aids
Sunscreen



