

Slice of Bread



Monthly Newsletter of Bread of Life Lutheran Church
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Welcoming, deepening and serving in faith for all God's people.

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Pastor Patrick Torbit

A Message from Pastor Patrick.....

Dear Bread of Life,

I hope this finds you all doing well as we squeeze a little bit more out of summer before entering into the beautiful (and sometimes hectic) fall season. First things first. I want to say thank you. Like our family, many of you probably recently received a current church financial giving statement. I was reminded upon receiving our own statement of how our ministry together as Bread of Life is truly sustained through the contributions of many. Your generous financial support as well as support through volunteering/participation has carried and continues to carry our compassionate ministry together through these uncertain and challenging days. Bread of Life is made up of incredible and inspiring people. It is something I truly believe. As I've gotten to know many of you during my first year at Bread of Life, I reflect upon all the perseverance I've witnessed among you all. These are unprecedented and tough times, and you all are rising to the occasion. I am inspired by your hard work, care, generosity and commitment to living out your faith in your daily lives. As we look to the fall as Bread of Life there are some changes we are making related to our programming that I would like to share with you.

-Weekly Wednesday Night's at Bread of Life

The schedule is as follows...

5:30-6pm - Community Meal

6-6:30pm - Contemporary Worship with Communion

6:30-7:15pm - Church school (Preschool-5th grade) and Confirmation (6th-9th grade)

The meal and worship are intended not just for young people or families, but for all ages. A free will offering will be collected each week to offset the cost of food. Amanda Peterson will be leading the Church school while Intern Tammy Hamm and I will be leading Confirmation. We are

needing all hands on deck in order for this to be successful. This means volunteering to help prepare/serve the meal, cleaning, assisting with worship, and helping with Church School and Confirmation where each is able. *Kickoff will be on Wednesday September 22nd.*

-One Sunday Morning Worship Service at 9:30am.

This will be followed by fellowship at 10:30am. We will continue to livestream this service. For those unable to attend Church School on Wednesday Night, prepared lessons for families to go through on their own will be provided in the Multipurpose room during the fellowship time. *This service will begin on Sunday September 19th.*

*It is also to be noted that the Saturday 5pm service will continue to be offered weekly.

These decisions have not been made quickly or carelessly but rather have included much prayer, conversation, and input from many within the congregation. Collectively we have sensed energy and excitement in a Wednesday night option for all, including young people and families for whom Wednesday evening may be a better option than Sunday's to participate in the life of the congregation and to continue to nurture lives of faith. We also received feedback from a variety of people inquiring about an earlier start time for Sunday morning worship. This earlier start time will also allow for time following worship for folks to connect and visit without stomachs rumbling for lunch! As I think about these changes I have thought about the early followers of Jesus. These people took the good news of Jesus to the streets, sharing God's love in tangible and relevant ways. I think the hope with these changes is that we would continue to seek to be a vibrant and relevant community of faith, committed to the ongoing work of showing up to nurture our faith and sharing God's love in tangible ways with one another, our families, neighbors, communities and world.

If you would like to talk about any of these things I am happy to do so, or you can talk with one of our other staff or council members. Please reach out.

God's peace and blessings, Pr. Patrick Torbit

A Message from our Pastoral Assistant

Dear Bread of Life and Trinity Lutheran Siblings in Christ,

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over and that I am a little more than halfway through my seminary internship which will be completed in February 2022. I want to give a shout out to all members of my lay internship committee who have been walking with me on this internship journey! Tracey Lawson, who is my committee chairperson, along with the rest of the committee, recently wrote up my midyear evaluation which had to be turned in to Wartburg Seminary. The time, commitment and input put forward by this wonderful group of people is a true blessing to me and will help me in my ministry as I continue to grow in Christ. Other members of my lay committee include Lisa Roteliuk, Sandy Gilbertson and Scot Redding from Bread of Life and Joanie Narum and Dwayne Groninger from Trinity Lutheran in Douglas. If you ever have any input for me as I continue this journey, feel free to share it with me or with any of the lay committee members. Along with the lay committee, Pastor Patrick has also played an important role in my internship experience as we work together and meet weekly to explore questions and issues regarding the ministry of Jesus Christ in the world, in our community and in the church. I have two more courses to take through Wartburg Seminary this fall and will then have all of my coursework completed!

On another note – the small community garden at Bread of Life, which several volunteers helped organize and plant, is producing some vegetables. The veggies are being donated to the soup kitchen at Christ Lutheran Church. A big thank you to everyone who has helped build, plant, weed, water and harvest the produce! Even though it hasn't been a lot, it has been very much appreciated and is a way for us to be the hands and feet of Christ in doing our part in feeding the hungry.

God's Peace be with you!
Tammy Hamm
Pastoral Assistant

Our new Sunday morning schedule begins on Sunday September 19th!

Worship at 9:30am, Fellowship at 10:30am

SCHOOL KITS

We will assemble school kits for Lutheran World Relief so watch for those school sales beginning in July and pick up from the list below. There will be a box in the narthex to drop off your donations.

Items needed to make one school kit:

(4) 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper
(1) Ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other

(1) Pencil sharpener

(5) Unsharpened #2

Pencils with erasers

(1) Blunt scissors

(5) Black or Blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)

(1) Box of 16 or 24 crayons

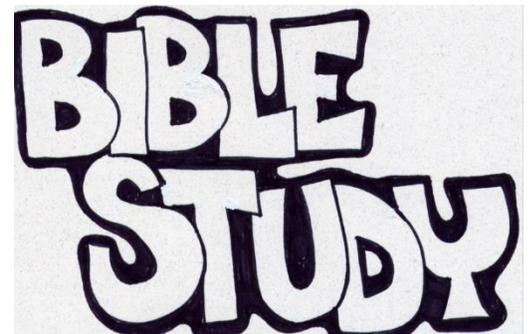
(1) 2½" eraser



Noon Bible Study

Our noon Bible study on Tuesdays will be meeting in person, OR via zoom. You will still receive an email with the Bible study information and a zoom link attached. If you are more comfortable meeting via zoom,

please feel welcome to do so. Watch your newsletter and bulletin for the most up-to-date information. Check your emails on Mondays for the link and the study guide.



Upcoming Fellowship:

Everyone is welcome. If you have questions, contact Bill Klimpel at 240-5803.

- August 7th Breakfast 830AM @ Homesteaders
- August 21st Supper 630PM @ Paradiso
- September 4th Breakfast 830AM @ Perkins
- September 18th Supper 630PM @ Olive Garden

LCM "Soup-TO GO" LCM Tuesday "Soup – TO GO" at Minot State

University will begin on September 14, with Bread of Life up first to serve. We will need six volunteers help with serving "Soup-TO GO". A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex.



Volunteers need to arrive by 10:00 am to serve soup and stay until 1:00 to help with clean up. Monetary donations will be accepted to help with the cost of \$325. Bread of Life will also serve November 30. Thank you for all your help and support. If you have questions, please call Carmen Fricke at (701)721-1905.

ALSO.....

The LCM Food Pantry continues to serve MSU. Any non-perishable food donations can be left at the church.



God's Work, Our Hands - Sunday September 12th

Join us for worship at 10:30am followed by a community meal and service projects.

Faith Formation

All Ages of Faith Formation will be starting on Wednesday, September 15th. Watch your newsletter and bulletins for further information.

Also- Is there any interest in leading/teaching Wednesday Church School this upcoming year? Even if you would be interested in occasionally helping us out, it would be wonderful. We would be able to rotate the schedules and take turns teaching. All the plans will be done, no prep is needed. Contact Amanda at bolminotff@gmail.com or Hiedi in the office at (701)838-3360 in you're interested.



Wednesday Nights Kickoff - September 22nd!

Community Meal - 5:30-6pm

Worship - 6-6:30pm

Church School - 6:30-7:15pm (preschool through 5th grade)

Confirmation - 6:30-7:15pm (6th-10th grade)

6th-9th and 10th Grade Confirmation Orientation

Orientation for the year will be held on Wednesday September 22nd during our Wednesday night's kickoff.

Parents are asked to please attend!

August Ministry Highlight

Bread of Life hosted a blood drive on August 3rd. We had 16 people who came out and donated blood. Thank you to all who donated, and all who helped with this important event.

Pastoral Acts June & July

Baptism-July 31st Gavin MacArthur Bonsness,
Sarika Emma Bonsness,
Evan William Bonsness,
Landin Avery Bonsness,
Navie Alyn Apland

Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Baptism Anniversaries.....

If we have missed you on this list, or there is incorrect information on this list, please notify the church office, so we can update our records. You can email bollc@srt.com or call 838-3360 with your updated information.



Celebrate your baptism! Birthdays are traditionally celebrated each year. At each Bread of Life baptism a candle is given to be used each year to help celebrate the baptismal birth day. To encourage remembering this special day, Individuals and their baptism date are included in the newsletter. If your household has a Baptism this month, make it a special day.

August Baptisms

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| 1 Rebecca Hanson | 16 Jay Kersten |
| 2 Diane Kersten, Tana Reuer | 17 Taryn Warman |
| 3 Kendra Bercier, Alexys Grosz, Jaydon Grosz | 18 Jessica Ehli, Laura Reuer |
| 4 Joshua Kesler, Tabitha Wilber | 19 Sandra Bostow, Andrew Gilbertson |
| 5 Oliver Estenson, Daniel Reiter | 20 Curtis Hill, Cory Huber, Maxwell Kissner,
Clay Rein, Logan Walker |
| 6 Amelia Bye, Erin Loucks, Jared Loucks,
Ashten Warman | 21 Tom Henderson |
| 7 Marian Crawford, Michaela Huber,
Adam Melom | 22 Ethan Mathews |
| 9 Aaron Gilbertson | 23 Kasidi Scott |
| 10 Kelsey Fagerland | 25 Cathy Henderson, Heather Moore |
| 12 Anthony Hardel | 26 Justin Anderson, Marissa Graczyk, Valerie Smith |
| 13 Dominic Mapes | 28 Clarashea Roos |
| 14 Ronald Smith | 29 Steve McCarty |
| | 30 Angie Guvakosky, Logen McNally |

August Anniversaries

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| 1 Kaela & Ryan English, 12 | 20 Shannon & Angie Hanson, 16 |
| 2 Gordon & Lee Lien, 52 | 27 Denise & Chris Lindbo, 27 |
| 3 Clint & Amanda Kreutzbender, 19 | Tyler & Mary Mickelson, 5 |
| 5 Bob & Heather Mathews, 21 | 30 Raymond & Judy Mock, 60 |
| 6 Michael & Erin Guritz, 6 | 31 Michael & Carla Bartuska, 30 |
| Troy & Carlene Huber, 33 | Jared & Dayna Estenson, 8 |
| 7 Blake & Kasie Vetter, 11 | Michael & Michelle Lauckner, 25 |
| 9 Jeffrey & Eileen Holm, 35 | |
| 11 Rodney & Melissa Godejohn, 32 | |
| 15 Eugene & Dawn Evenson, 57 | |
| 16 Mel & Joan Diers, 62 | |
| Jo & Denny Thompson, 52 | |

August Birthdays

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| 1 Kaleb Eggen, August Estenson, William Kesler,
Floyd Olaf | 16 Dale Ellis, Carmen Fricke, Max Lambrecht,
Cameron Stone |
| 2 Brenda Lemere | 17 Joshua Anderson |
| 3 Nathan Schrum | 18 Clay Rein |
| 4 Frankie Burgard, Renae Henderson | 19 Raelynn Mapes, Danika Neshem |
| 5 Rodney Godejohn, Kathy Sweet | 20 James Hamilton |
| 7 Samantha Redding | 22 Jerry Gooch |
| 8 Joshua Melom, Wendlin Striefel | 23 Wanda Aanderud |
| 9 Wade Grondahl, Phillip Weed | 24 Deanna Engstrom, Trevor Reiter |
| 10 Eric Berg, Renee Harju, Kathy Mosher | 25 Michael Bartuska, Nathan Morey |
| 11 Jane Shea | 26 Amanda Anderson, Marcus Brackel |
| 12 Julia Ellis, Tammy Hamm, Anthony Hardel,
Michelle Schoenberg | 27 Angie Hanson |
| 13 Aiden Dittus, Ada Olson | 28 Myron Lahti, Deanne Luvaas, Lisa Roteliuk |
| 14 Lori Francis | 29 Casey Olson, Alex Schoenberg-Carton |
| 15 Courtney Bartuska, Marissa Graczyk,
Denise Lindbo, Morris Ludwig | 30 Robert Shea |
| | 31 Wanda Smith |

Please remember in your prayers...



Prayers for peace and comfort for: The Roos family as they mourn the passing of Bryn Roos; Healing: Lila Striefel; Joylea Knutson; Melvin Diers, twin brother of Mel Diers; Carmen Ruud, friend of Cody; Delton, brother of Wanda Olson; Wendy Striefel; Chayten Pippin, friend of Maxine Juelick; Lester Larson, father of Kathy Sweet; Kayla Lambrecht; Melissa Godejohn; Julie friend of Carmen; Danny Schatz; Mark Osborn nephew of Colleen Sherven; Janice Hewitt; Ardis Neshem; Mardell Poirier; Mavis Bolte; MaryAnn Fitchner;

Health Concerns: Mel Diers; Parker Muhs, great grandson of Joyce Thorp; Dean Gilbertson, brother-in-law of Sandy Gilbertson; Kitty Olson; Wanda Smith; Denise Sundean, daughter of Delores Bratton; Julie Bonner; Clay Rein; Jan Lawson; Samantha Redding; Laurie Christen niece of Lila Striefel, Trinity Homes: Alie Conger; Edgewood Vista: Mardell Poirier, Bev Larson, Clay Rein; Elmcroft: Angie Guvakosky, Morris Ludwig; Somerset Court: Bev Helstedt, Ardis Neshem, Mary Ann Fitchner; Wellington: Jan Lawson; Garrison: Marvel Bakken, Wendy Striefel; At Home: Dick Slaaen, Marian Crawford; With Daughter in Devils Lake: Mavis Bolte

Douglas Trinity Lutheran: Gregory Nelson, Lyn Koppinger, Kent Kolden, Darold Johnson, Gene & Isabel Groninger, Craig Talbott, Dylan Hauf, Darlene Dorenkamper, Gloria Lies, Alvin Magandy, Julie Narum, Karla Hankel, Eli Wilcox;