October 2019

BOL Events at a Glance

- Book Club: December 2nd at Somerset.
- Merry Circle: December 4th at 1:30 at Pizza Ranch
- Fellowship Breakfast: December 7th at 8:30 am at Denny’s
- Eve Circle: December 10th at 6:00 pm at Badland’s
- Bread of Life Women: December 16th at 7:00 pm at Michelle Lauckner’s home
- Fellowship Potluck Supper: December 21st after Worship
- Fellowship Supper: December 28th at 6:30 at Paradiso’s

The next book club meeting will be December 2nd at Somerset. The book for the month is “Alfalfa Girl: The Path from Childhood Molestation to Soul”, written by Edna Sailor. This book is available at Main Street Books, Amazon.com, and barnesandnoble.com. According to Amazon.com, Alfalfa girl is the inner soul of teacher and mentor, Emily Sorenson. Alfalfa girl inspires a painful but illuminating self-discovery journey out of the impact of debilitating and repeated child abuses for herself and Emily’s mentee, Jenny Nelson.

“The Gift of Giving” Consecration Sunday will be held during all three services the weekend of December 7th & 8th. Please fill out a pledge card to help our council plan and budget for 2020.

Christmas Season Worship Schedule Changes

December 1st worship at 9:30 am (one service only)
December 22nd worship at 9:30 am (one service only)
Christmas Eve worship at 4:00 pm & 7:00 pm
December 29th worship at 9:30 (one service only)

You are invited!

Please join us to saying thank you and farewell to Pastor Dan for him time here at Bread of Life with cake and coffee after the 11:00 am worship service on December 15, 2019.
Letter from the Pastor...

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord and our Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen

Prayers that you had a Happy Thanksgiving and prayers as well that this Christmas time be filled with the magnitude of Christ’s present in our lives. Merry Christmas.

And again I find that I am totally blessed to have served you now for a time that seems too short, from late September ’18 to now, the 24th of December. That is a good stretch and we have come through a lot together; the completion of such a fine building, loads of worship service with baptisms and funerals alike. We have laughed together and we have cried together, and together we have been the body of Christ. The real thing about Interim Ministry is there is an ending point. That said, if I was 20 years younger it would have taken a crane to lift me out of this congregation, you are indeed a blessing. And I am blessed to have my picture hung on the pastoral wall of fame alongside some very special people who have served you in the past.

Now we come to the future and the gift of a new pastor coming. I will not use his full name here because it will be electronically seen and I know the Pastor Patrick wants time to tell his present congregation how much he loves them and cares for them but that through the beckoning of the Holy Spirit he will moving on to serve you here at Bread of Life Lutheran Church. When pastor comes, I want you to understand that he is now your pastor. I’ll be gone, as Pastor Taryn and Pastor Alex are gone and we are not your pastors anymore. Give him time, he will bring his own unique gifts and there will be change. Change, now that is a tough word, isn’t it! But it is a necessary process, thankfully Pastor Patrick is not me, (the world has quite enough of one me) and he cannot be Pastor’s Taryn nor Alex. But soon his gifts will be recognized by you and you as a congregation will be truly blessed as you and Pastor walk together in Christ.

In the weeks to come, we will be having a little party for our time together and a time of God speed as I leave this place. For me, I have been partying for the last 14 months or so as I have served you and enjoyed our time together. I’ll be a bit sad, but you know don’t you that relationships can’t be worth anything if there is not emotion attached to them. Heavy heart? No. Rather a joyous heart in the opportunities we have had together and the experiences of faith we have shared. Thank you for all you are, individually and together as the body of Christ, here at Bread of Life Lutheran Church.

Merry Christmas...
Pastor Dan Paulson

Pastoral Acts – November

Baptisms:

Weddings:

Funerals:

Memorials

In Memory of …
Dwayne Dewey Ward

Given by …
Kevin & Tracey Lawson, Claire Larson, Dennis & Karen Erber, Delores Braaton, Mary & Tom Probst, Janice Hewitt, Beverly Ward
A Letter from the President…

Greetings in Christ,

We are pleased to announce that Pastor Patrick has accepted our call, and his first weekend is going to be February 22-23, 2020. We are working with the Synod on an additional interim, as Pastor Dan’s last day will be December 24th. We will be having a Farewell Cake and Coffee after the 11:00 am service on December 15th for Pastor Dan, we wish him and Kathy a great, much deserved, vacation in some MUCH warmer weather. Thanks for all you have done for our church this past year and 4 months.

There will be 3 spots open on the council this coming January, so if you are interested in being part of council, please reach out to any member. Available seats are two year terms. You will also notice on the ballot there will be two 1 year terms that Ryan Vetter and Shannon Hanson, have agreed to extend their time with the council, so that there are not 5 new members at one time. We appreciate their willingness to do this. All of this is happening because of resignations and other items that have occurred the past two years, and we are trying to get it where there will be 3 new people every other year. There is also a youth spot that is up for election too, so if you are confirmed, and wish to be part of the council, this is a one year term, I know they would love to have you.

There are THREE Sundays that we will only have one SUNDAY service at 9:30 AM, those are December 1st, December 22nd, and December 29th. Please make note of these dates and times.

December 15th is also our Christmas Program at the 11:00 am Service, please plan to attend this, and stay for Pastor Dan’s farewell. The Bread of Life Women are also holding their Cookie Walk sale this weekend as well, if you missed it last year, you are able to select a dozen or more cookies from all that have been baked my women in our church. FUN way to get your Christmas baking done.

The council is offering our old tables, the gray heavy ones, for $25.00 a piece, please reach out to the office or Cody Roteliuk and we can get you set up with a few 😊, the funds from these sales will help purchase more plastic 8’ tables.

Once we get through the holidays, there is lots to look forward to in 2020, our annual meeting is at 9:45 on January 19th. There have been updates suggested by the Synod to our Constitution, I will be getting those changes ready to be looked at prior to the annual meeting. We will print copies, and you can review the changes, so that you are ready to vote on them at the meeting.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please reach out to myself or any council member we are here to help.

God’s Blessing,

Cody Roteliuk
Council President, Bread of Life Lutheran Church

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49th Annual Nights of Christmas at Metigoshe Ministries

Where: Metigoshe Ministries Christian Center
When: December 28, 2019
   Transportation: Bus (or busses) will leave Bread of Life at 3:00 pm
Agenda: 5pm Appetizers
   5:30 pm Dinner
   7pm Program featuring Kat Perkins
Cost of Transportation: free will offering
Deadline to register: December 15, 2019
   Sign-up Sheets are in the Narthex
Bread of Life Women/Circles

Eve Circle will be meeting December 10th at 6:00 pm at Badlands. Spouses or friends are invited!

Merry Circle will be meeting December 4th at 1:30 at Pizza Ranch. A freewill offering will be taken to support Kelly Drevecky's Prairie Therapy program.

Bread of Life Women will be meeting December 16th at 7:00 pm at Michelle Lauckner’s home for their Christmas party. All women are welcome! There will be a potluck supper and white elephant exchange. Michelle’s address is 5601 27th Ave SE. Please call, text or email Michelle with any questions and to RSVP. 701-720-7406 or mlauckner@qualityhealthnd.org.

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Bread of Life Women will be holding their 2nd Annual Cookie Walk December 14th & 15th. There will be a signup sheet for those willing to bring 8-10 dozen of your favorite cookie/bar to again make this a successful fundraiser for BOL Women. Watch for more info!

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Holiday Outreach Opportunities

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“God’s Global Barnyard” coin boxes will be available for youth to pick up. We invite you to collect your loose change during Advent. The collections gathered will be used to purchase ELCA good gifts. Bring it back to the church and we can make one big purchase or you can purchase on your own if you’d prefer. If you prefer to write a check, please make it payable to Bread of Life with Good Gifts in the memo line. Also there will be ornaments on the tree in the Narthex after December 4th for you to take and donate as you choose to Good Gifts.

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The Angel Tree is set up and ready to help our friends. There are many families in the Minot and surrounding area in need of help this Christmas season. You can make someone’s Christmas a little brighter by buying a gift for them.

Take a gift tag off of the narthex tree, shop away and return the wrapped gift to the church office by December 17 with the tag attached securely to the outside. Thank you for helping!

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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 $15.00 and payment must accompany this order. Please make checks payable to Bread of Life. Orders must be to the church office as soon as possible, no later than December 16th.

Number of Plants _____ at $15.00 each = ________________________

In loving memory of (deceased) ____________________________________________

In honor of ________________________________________________________________

Or a gift of glory of God.....

Given by __________________________________________________________________
**Volunteer & Stewardship Opportunities!**

**LCM Soup Lunch**  Second semester dates are coming! Please contact Carmen Fricke at 701-721-1905 or 701-838-8846 to make arrangements or if you have any questions. Six large roasters or 24 crock pots of soup and ten pans of bar (three dozen equivalent) is needed. Soups and bars/cookies do need to be brought to Bread of Life either on Monday during office hours or Tuesday morning by 8:15. If you will be dropping off at Minot State or helping serve, parking passes are available for use. This partnership with local congregations provides free lunch every Tuesday from 10:40am - 1pm at the Student Center Atrium. Soups, bread, and desserts are the menu. Gluten free and vegetarian options typically available. We also have a bin for their new food pantry as well.

Merry Circle members continue to **collect personal care items for the Food Pantry**. Collect the free samples when you stay in a hotel/motel and purchased items are welcome. A collection box is in the narthex and circle members will take items to the pantry. Thank you for helping provide these much needed items!

Please volunteer to be a worship assistant as your talents allow – greet those coming to worship, assist with ushering, read the lessons, furnish and serve fellowship. Sign up sheet is in the narthex.

**Trinity Health Hospice** is currently looking for direct and indirect volunteers. If you’re a good listener, have some time, have a spirit of compassion and understanding towards those who are at end of life, then hospice volunteering might be right for you. God gives us our families to love, nurture and hold us accountable. Then he sends in ‘perfect strangers’ to further manifest His Divine Love. Those perfect strangers are called Hospice Volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering for Trinity Health’s Hospice, please call 701-857-5083 for more information.

*We are collecting Marketplace Food gas stamps! Please drop them in the jar in the narthex. Stamps will be used to help those in need with food or gas.*

**LCM Food Pantry** is available for MSU students. Items they are looking for are: rice (brown or white), granola bars, cereals, fruit cups, apple sauce cups, peanut butter, jelly, noodles, spaghetti sauce, pop tarts, canned veggies, canned fruits, tuna, top ramen, canned beans, “just add water” foods, popcorn, coffee, tea, cake mixes, and muffin mixes. They do put our personal items as they get them for the students to take as well.
~~Faith Formation News~~

**Sunday School (3 year old – 5th grade)**
- Sunday's at 9:45 am
  - There will be no Sunday School due to the holidays on Dec 1st, 22nd & 29th
- **Christmas Program** will be held December 15th during the 11:00 am worship service
  - There will be **program practice** during the regular Sunday School time on Dec 15th!

**Story Core (6th grade – 8th grade) and Confirmation (9th grade)**
- Wednesday's from 6:00-7:30pm
  - Dec 4th – Class at 6pm, Church decorating at 7pm
  - Dec 11th – Group A will meet at the food pantry, 6pm-7pm

**Youth Group (9th grade – 12th grade)**
- Meeting Dates: Dec 4th & 18th
  - Dec 4th @ 7:00 pm to help decorate the church
  - Dec 18th 7:30-9 pm baking cookies and making ornaments

**Adults**
- Adult bible study will be held Tuesday’s at noon. All are welcome!

**HEY YOUTH** in 9th – 12th grade!
Join us on December 18 to
BAKE COOKIES
&
MAKE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS
to share with others!
We’ll meet at 7:30 at the church.
Hope to see you there!

*O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.  
O come, let us adore him.*
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.

**December Baptisms**

1 Troy Langmaack  
4 Leo Hardy, Brad Harju  
5 Gavin Fylling, Sophia Fylling  
6 Allen Arne  
8 Travis Berg, Mardell Poirier  
11 Greg Dupre, Don Hamm  
15 Max Lambrecht, Devin Morey, Kaden Reiter  
18 Brady Myers  
20 Brenda Flaten, Doug Goetz, Ryder Smith-Johnson  
   Cullen Thompson  
21 Jim Bergo  
22 James Bakken, Allie Conger, Aubrey Fylling  
23 Tatum Ehli, Mya Jacobson  
24 Erna Eidmann, Abbie Hardel  
26 Mike Morey  
28 Kim Francis, Andrew Vetter, Lyvia Vetter  
29 Ryley Godejohn, Ethan Lawson  
31 Maxine Juelich

**December Birthdays**

2 Erna Eidmann, Ryley Godejohn, Ashley Lawson, Clay Poole  
3 Diane Kersten, Marlene Melom  
4 Doug Berg  
6 Colton Bartuska, Cecelia Lillemo  
7 Jana Nelson, Dillon Poole, Tom Rafferty  
8 Lynn Mosher  
9 Jacob Fylling, Mya Jacobson, Moriah Mosser  
10 Sophia Fylling, Tasha Jacobson, Jerry Nelson  
11 Erna Martinson  
12 Renae Anderson, Samantha Fuller  
13 Ian Burnham, Ella Kesler  
15 Corey Carstens, Leo Lambrecht, Rachel Wilburn  
16 Holly Ebel, Kerry Ebel  
17 Rylan Roteliuck  
18 Leone Bolinske, Olivia Hanson, Cambree Schlichting  
19 Linda Langmaack  
20 Laila Anderson, Arlo Hardel, Colleen Sherven  
21 Marvel Bakken, Paisley Hovey, Bev Ward  
22 Kyle Flaten, Rowen Risbrudt  
23 Bev Helstedt, Laura Reuer  
24 Kira Hardy  
25 Michael Morey  
28 Sadler Huber, Reed McCarty, Andy Radford  
29 Sandra Anderson, Rachel Ellis, Reya Olson  
30 Larry Herslip  
31 Annika Wilber

**December Anniversaries**

14 Kirk & Beth Abrahamson, Steve & RaeLynn Mapes  
16 Fred & Lezlie Beuchler  
17 DuWayne & Inez Glein  
27 Larry & Donna Herslip