

# Slice of Bread



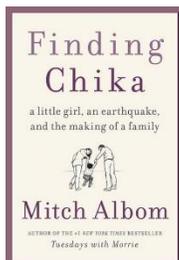
Monthly Newsletter of Bread of Life Lutheran Church  
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Welcoming, deepening and serving in faith for all God's people.

## February 2020

Pastor Patrick Torbit

### *BOL Events at a Glance*

- ❖ Fellowship Breakfast: February 1<sup>st</sup>, 8:30 am at Homesteaders
- ❖ Eve Circle: February 4<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm at Delores Bratton's home
- ❖ Merry Circle: February 6<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall
- ❖ Book Club: February 10<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm at Somerset, Book information below
- ❖ Bread of Life Women: February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Conference Room
- ❖ Fellowship Potluck Breakfast: February 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am, at the Church
- ❖ Fellowship Supper: February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 at Olive Garden



**Book Club's Next Meeting** will be held February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Somerset. The book is "Finding Chika: A little girl, an earthquake, and the making of a family" by Mitch Albom. About the book as told from the author's website: "Told in hindsight, and through illuminating conversations with Chika herself, this is Albom at his most poignant and vulnerable. *Finding Chika* is a celebration of a girl, her guardians, and the incredible bond they formed – a devastatingly beautiful portrait of what it means to be a family, regardless of how it is made." All are welcome!

Thankoffering/Bold Women's Services will be held Feb. 15 & 16 hosted by BOL Women. Women will be leading worship and sharing about the work of women of Bread of Life and WELCA. We invite the women of the church to bring a Thankoffering monetary donation to support the work of WELCA in our nation and a non-perishable item for the Lord' Cupboard Food Pantry. Please let Michelle Lauckner [mlauckner@qualityhealthnd.org](mailto:mlauckner@qualityhealthnd.org) (701-720-7406) know if you would be willing to help out with this special day.



*Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020*  
*Details to follow!*

## *Letter from the Pastor...*

Dear sisters and brothers,

In a few short weeks I will be joining you as we begin our ministry together. The Spirit has brought us together and now we begin walking together in this journey of life and faith as church. Just a few things are on my mind! Here are some of those I can remember.

I am thankful for Pastor Dan and more recently for Pastor Ben, and their ministry among you! This is perhaps not always true, but I have sometimes thought that it is harder for me to care for someone I don't know than someone I do know. This is to say, I want to get to know you. So, expect me to reach out to you. And if you're impatient, it's ok. There's grace for that (I hope). Reach out to me.

I have found that the upcoming season of Lent can really be an intentional and meaningful time in our lives. Sometimes I have kind of "fasted", giving up sweets, etc., and other times I have added things like reading the four gospels, or a daily marking of my forehead with oil along with a remembrance of baptism "Child of God you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever." This time of year gives us opportunity to reflect upon ways the Spirit might be leading us into some intentional things through Easter.

Indeed, it is perhaps a bit premature to be thinking about planting, but a passage that has recently come to mind for me is 1 Corinthians 3:6. "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth." As we journey together seeking to get our hands dirty in planting seeds of grace and watering with love, we look to God to grow God's kingdom in the Church, community and world. So let us pray that the Spirit would lead us in this time and in all of its goodness, opportunity, challenge, and need.

Looking forward to being together.

Grace and peace,

*Pr. Patrick*

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## *Pastoral Acts - January*

Baptisms: Claire Irene Hardy

Weddings:

Funerals: George Officer

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## *Memorials*

In Memory of ...

Richard Vreeland  
Sandy Sande  
George Officer

Given by ...

Lon & Sandy Drevecky  
Kevin & Tracey Lawson, Jane Shea  
Kevin & Tracey Lawson, Jane Shea, Larry & Donna Herslip,  
Gene & Dawn Evenson, Brian Quigley, Raymond & Judy Mock,  
Carmen Fricke

## *A Letter from the President...*

Greetings in Christ Bread Of Life members,

I would like to start with thanking all those that attended the annual meeting. We took care of passing some amendments to our constitution that were recommended by the ELCA and the Synod. We elected new council members. Bill Klimpel will be joining as a new member for a 2-year term. Sharon Johnson and Tanna Neshem were both re-elected to the council for their second terms. Ryan Vetter and Shannon Hanson were both elected for 1-year terms to get our council on a sequence replacing half the members every 2 years. This happened when we lost several council members from moving out of community and also because some of them became staff for Bread Of Life. I would also like to welcome Mattie Jacobson as Youth representative for next year.

I would really like to give a big shout out to Cody Roteliuk for all that she has done as past President. She encountered some very difficult items while president and handled them with strength and great leadership. Thank you very Much!!!!

The great news for February is that by the end of the month, the weekend of the 22-23 to be exact, we will be welcoming Pastor Patrick Torbin. Keep an eye out for some future items and events to help us get to know him better.

I would also like to take this time to thank Pastor Ben Carlsen for helping us get through this time between Pastor Dan and Pastor Patrick.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to myself or any council member.

May God Bless,

*Troy Langmaack*

Council President, Bread Of Life Lutheran Church



February 29, 2020...Leap Day...making 2020 a Leap Year. This has always been a fascinating day as it only comes around every four years. It takes the Earth 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes and 45 seconds to rotate around the sun. Our calendar year is 365 days, so there has to be a place to make up for the lost hours/minutes/seconds to rotate. Philosophers rounded the 5 hours, 48 minutes and 45 seconds to a quarter of a day. Those quarter days equal one day every four years. The extra day was added in February as it is the shortest month of the year. If the calendar wasn't adjusted this way, eventually the months would eventually shift with the sun, in turn, making December into a summer month for those of us in the Northern Hemisphere.

This is pretty extraordinary if you think about it. On our liturgical calendar there are fasting times (Advent, Lent), feasting times (Christmas, Easter) and ordinary times (season after Epiphany, season after Pentecost). Leap Day is an extraordinary day, a day to do something different. I challenge each family to do something extraordinary for our community, whether it be our church community, school community, or local community. Jesus said "Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. -John 14:12.

# Bread of Life Women/Circles

**Eve Circle** will be meeting Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm at Delores Bratton's home.

**Merry Circle** will be meeting Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm in the Fellowship hall.

**Bread of Life Women** will be meeting Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm in the Conference Room.

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## *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~~

✚ **Adult:** Bible Study, Tuesday's at noon

✚ **Sunday School**

- Sunday's at 9:45 am
  - Feb Dates: Feb 2, 9, 16, 23

✚ **Story Core & Confirmation:** Wednesday's 6:00-7:30

- Feb Dates: Feb 5, 12, 19
  - Feb 5<sup>th</sup> is Food Pantry Night for those who didn't attend the last one.

✚ **Youth Group:** Students grades 9-12 are welcome!

- Feb Dates: Feb 12 & 19, 7:30-9 pm
  - Date change for Feb is due to Ash Wednesday on the 26<sup>th</sup>



## **Ski Retreat**

Who: 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders!

When: February 16-17

Where: Metigoshe Ministries & Bottineau Winter Park

Why: Let's have some fun!

Sign up information is on the Faith Formation bulletin board or ask Amanda P. \$25+ for lunch will be needed. Youth Group will cover the cost of equipment rental. Please sign up by February 2<sup>nd</sup> so we know how many are coming!

## **Additional Upcoming Retreat Information**

- Friday Night Live for **7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> graders** - March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Amanda cannot attend this one due to a wedding, please let her know ASAP if you are willing to volunteer your time with a great bunch of kids – a background check including driving record check will be needed, so the sooner the better!
- Friday Night Live for **4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders** - April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

Additional information for each of these can be found on the Faith Formation bulletin board or Amanda P can help!

WHEN YOU GO  
THROUGH DEEP WATERS,  
I WILL BE WITH YOU  
ISAIAH 43:2





*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.

### *February Baptisms*

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|--------------------------------|---|
| 1 Kayla Roos                   | 16 Laila Anderson, Elizabeth Fuller, Bev Ward |
| 2 Mariah Mosser                | 17 Doug Berg, Lindsay Hovey, Bill Klimpel     |
| 4 Royce Hanson                 | 19 Jaxx Weed                                  |
| 5 Olivia Hanson, Arlo Hardel   | 21 Rachel Ellis                               |
| 11 TJ Hamm                     | 22 Dennis Erber, Mike Morey                   |
| 12 Ella Kesler                 | 23 Rolan Bye, Alexis Meyer                    |
| 13 Kayla Lawson                | 25 Andrew Radford                             |
| 15 Kevin Huber, Elaine Swanson | 27 Aubree Meyer                               |
|                                | 28 Tammy Hamm, August Myers                   |

### *February Birthdays*

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| 1 Madison Belgarde, Shannon Hanson                                     | 15 Andee Hanson  |
| 2 Doug Bonsness  | 16 Zoe English   |
| 3 Dawndi Kesler, Rusten Roteliuk                                       | 17 Corey Mock  |
| 4 Dennis Erber   | 18 Cody Bonsness, Kate Davis                                   |
| 5 Lily Bonsness  | 19 Hendrie Blackburn, Matthew Mackey                           |
| 6 Hunter Sherven, Dean Thompson, Nathan Weatherspoon                   | 20 Cynthia Hamm  |
| 7 Bill Klimpel   | 21 Joren Boyce, Bentley Hovey                                  |
| 9 Jayde Lindbo   | 22 Carla Bartuska  |
| 10 Aven Newgard, Whitney Schlichting                                   | 23 Jared Estenson, Todd Flaten, Hannah Miller,<br>Andrew Olson |
| 11 Mildred Aipperspach, Carlene Huber, Jessa Rafferty                  | 26 Bev Larson, Ardell Skalicky                                 |
| 12 Terri Huber   | 27 Ellie Lawson, Brandon Mackey                                |
| 13 Jennifer Lien   | 28 Ninette Anderson, Grace Redding                             |
| 14 Elizabeth Fuller, Lois Mackey, Elaine Schneider, Shawn<br>Stredwick |  |

### *February Anniversaries*

- 14 Darwin & Flora Hedstrand  
Mark & Marcelle Johnson  
Ann Reistad-Bauer & Sean Bauer  
28 Cody & Brooke Hilliard