

# 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.



## January 2020

### ***BOL Events at a Glance***

- ❖ Fellowship Breakfast: January 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am, at Primo's
- ❖ Eve Circle: January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Bev Ward's
- ❖ Merry Circle: January 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30, in the Fellowship Hall
- ❖ Fellowship Potluck Supper: January 18<sup>th</sup> after Worship
- ❖ Bread of Life Women: January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm
- ❖ Fellowship Supper: January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Long Horn's
- ❖ Book Club: February 10<sup>th</sup>, watch for details to come.



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**Christmas Undecorating after Worship on January 5<sup>th</sup>!**  
**Please stay as you are able to take down the decorations around the church, immediately after the 11 am worship.**

### **You're invited!**

BOL Women invite you to an informational evening with Companions for Children and how we can be of service to our community, January 20<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall at 7pm. All are welcome! There will be refreshments and a free will offering collected for Companions for Children.

**Faith Formation Events Return January 5<sup>th</sup>!**  
**Welcome back from Christmas Break!**

**Regular worship schedule resumes January 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> with worship at 5pm on Saturday's and 8:30 am & 11am on Sunday's.**

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

Greetings in Christ,

In working with Synod to get an interim pastor between now and Pastor Patrick, we have been able to get Pastor Ben Carlson from Bottineau to be here the weekends that Tammy is not with us. He will also be available for funerals if needed, we hope that isn't the case. Just know that there is a light at the end of the tunnel, and we look forward to having Pastor Patrick with us February 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> as that will be his first weekend with us. His family will join him in late June, once school is over for them. In the newsletter, I have included a letter that we received from him with his acceptance of our call, please take time to read this.

**THANK YOU to Pastor Dan and Kathy Paulsen,** I know you were here a lot longer than expected, as you only wanted a 3 month contract to begin with, we talked you in to 6, and were blessed with your guidance for almost 15 months. We wish you the best and hope that you two enjoy the warmth and relaxation headed your way. Please bring back some warm weather when you return in a few months!

I hope you were able to attend the Sunday School Christmas program on the 15<sup>th</sup>, thank you to all the leaders who made that happen, it was a great program and so fun to see all those kids up front and singing their hearts out.

This is my 2<sup>nd</sup> to last letter to our wonderful congregation, last one will be at the annual meeting. I just want to thank you all for your patience and grace as we have had many ups and downs throughout my time as president, but we have made it through it all, and have so much to look forward to in 2020. Make the most of all that is to come, and help in any way you can, to make our church and congregation stronger as we move forward. Hoping and praying that everyone had a great Christmas with family and friends.

Going to just leave the next two items in from last month, as reminders.

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 19<sup>th</sup>. 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

# A LETTER FROM PATRICK

December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

Dear Troy, Cody, and Bread of Life,

Grace and peace to you. This past summer while vacationing in Minot with my in-laws my phone began ringing. It was a number I didn't recognize with a 701 area code. "Strange", I thought. It turned out to be Sherie Heine, assistant to the bishop of the Western North Dakota Synod. She proceeded to talk with me about a couple of pastoral opportunities in the synod, including a congregation she was quite excited about in Minot called Bread of Life. It's hard to believe that was now five months ago. Since that initial conversation we've had an initial zoom interview, a visit on reformation Sunday weekend, and a variety of correspondence via phone/text/email/zoom/snail mail/etc. While in this discernment process I happened to stumble upon a little book called "Practicing our Faith" edited by Dorothy C. Bass. In this book there is a chapter on discernment and a line that stood out to me - "Essentially, feelings of consolation are those that give rise to life, love, peace, joy, creativity, and communion. These are harmonious with the Spirit, even when painful. Feelings of desolation are those that give rise to despair, confusion, alienation, destructiveness, and discord. These are discordant with the Spirit and do not have their source in God." Throughout this process together Allison and I have found ourselves coming back to a sense of peace and hopefulness. We have sensed a genuine care from you all, patience (thank you!), and a legit leading of the Spirit to ministry together. Plus, I have a green stole gifted to me from my internship that matches the BOL's green quilt in the sanctuary quite perfectly. So, it is with joy that I accept the call to be pastor of Bread of Life. I look forward to the privileges, opportunities, challenges, responsibilities, (and chili cook-off pressures) that come with accepting this call. You all will remain in my prayers and I ask for yours as our family makes this big move. I plan on notifying my current congregation of my resignation via a letter that will go out on January 2<sup>nd</sup> and with an announcement during worship on Sunday January 5<sup>th</sup>. As long as it still works for you all, I will plan for February 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> to be my first weekend in worship at Bread of Life, with my first day in the church office being Tuesday February 18<sup>th</sup>. At this point we are planning for Allison and kids to finish out the school year in California, with a move to Minot at the beginning of June 2020.

Wishing you peace and many blessings in this season of advent,



Pr. Patrick Torbit

## *Pastoral Acts - December*

Baptisms:

Weddings:

Funerals: Jeanice Officer

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## *Memorials*

In Memory of ...

Jeanice Officer

Jill Stringer

Yvonne Renfandt

Richard Vreeland

Given by ...

Kevin & Tracey Lawson, Ray & Judy Mock, Shirley Quigley, Dan & Sandy Gilbertson, Gene & Dawn Evenson, Carmen Fricke, Ole & Laurie Honadel, Mary Ann Fitchner, Lon & Sandy Drevecky, Merry Circle, Julie Bonner, Elaine Swanson, Kari Harris, Kitty Olson, Erna Eidmann, Loren & Joylea Knutson

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## Bread of Life Women/Circles

**Eve Circle** will be meeting January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at Bev Ward's home.

**Merry Circle** will be meeting January 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

**Bread of Life Women** will be meeting January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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## *Volunteer & Stewardship Opportunities!*

**LCM Soup Lunch** Second semester dates are January 28<sup>th</sup> & March 24<sup>th</sup>! 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 provide 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.

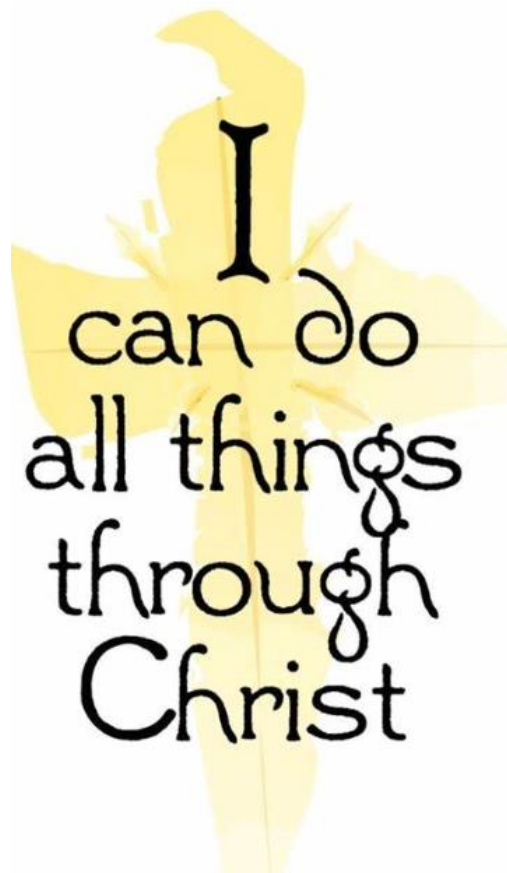
*We are collecting Marketplace Food gas stamps! Please drop them in the jar in the narthex. Stamps will be used to help those in need with food or gas.*

**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
- ✚ **Story Core & Confirmation:** Wednesday's 6:00-7:30
  - Jan Dates: Jan 8, 15, 22, 29
- ✚ **Youth Group:** Students grades 9-12 are welcome!
  - Jan Dates: Jan 8 & 22, 7:30-9 pm





*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.

### *January Baptisms*

1 Leone Bolinske, Marsha Dupre, Dawn Evenson,  
Todd Flaten, Kyle Kruezbender, Jerry Lawson, Brenda  
Lemere, Morris Ludwig, Kim McCarty, Renae  
Weatherspoon  
4 Stan Ralph  
10 August Estenson  
12 Thomas Fuller Jr, Paul Hamm  
15 Joyce Olson  
18 Angie Hanson  
19 Benson Huber, Adelyn Rieke, Rylan  
Roteliuk  
20 Margaret Crawford, Robert Magandy

22 Corey Carstens, Flora Jo Hedstrand, Cecelia  
Lillemon, Rowen Risbrudt, Brenda Snodgrass  
24 Kiera Hardy  
25 Aiden Bye, Griffin Hanson  
26 Leslie Arne  
30 Cord Reddingh  
31 Dusty Lawson

### *January Birthdays*

1 Mary Probst  
2 Marsha Dupre, Brooke Godejohn, Kasie Vetter  
3 JoAnn Kjelshus  
4 Ana Drevecky, Sydney Holmgren  
5 Jared Francis, Blake Vetter  
6 Fran Fylling, Amanda Huber, Ashten Warman  
7 Kynzee Bjordahl  
8 Kathy Wickman  
9 Ben Hornaday, Alexa Lauckner  
10 Jason Anderson, Renden Roteliuk  
11 Kirk Abrahamson, Verle Anderson, Mindee Boyce,  
Taryn Officer, Jarred Weed  
13 Jaydon Grosz, Stephanie Jespersion  
15 Meagan Myers  
16 Kaydee Boyce, Paul Hamm  
18 Ronald Kjelhus, Kayla Roos

19 Margaret Crawford, Mel Diers, Elaine Hornaday,  
Lindsay Hovey  
20 Ryan Branson, Brynnlee Godejohn  
22 Katie Holmgren, Nancy Lawson  
23 Sandy Gilbertson, Kirstin Nelson, Clarashea Roos  
25 Rolan Bye, Taylor Godejohn  
26 Curtis Hill, Mataya Sauby  
27 Alex Emerson, Marlene Hill  
28 Myrna Stromberg  
29 Kate Fylling, Judy Mock  
30 Sayler Olson  
31 Karol Lowe

### *January Anniversaries*

1 Troy & Leslie Herslip-Stevens  
2 Ryan & Jessica Ehli  
15 Thomas & April Warman  
17 Shawn & Kristie Stredwick  
19 Jerry & Janet Lawson

