

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.

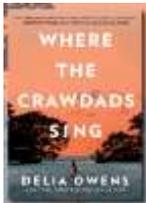
September 2019

Pastor Dan Paulson

BOL Events

- ❖ Eve Circle: September 3rd at 7:00 pm at Peggy Quinlen's home
- ❖ Merry Circle: September 4th at 1:30
- ❖ Fellowship Breakfast: September 7th 8:30 am at Homesteaders and September 21st 8:30 am at Denny's
- ❖ Book Club: Sept 9th at 7 pm, information is below.
- ❖ Bread of Life Women: September 16th at 7:00
- ❖ Fellowship Supper: September 28th 6:30 pm at Hacienda in Burlington

Book Club will be meeting September 9th at 7 pm at Mary Ann Fitchner's home. The book for this month is



"Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens. If you have not been to a book club meeting, come and check it out. According to Barnes and Noble: The story follows two timelines, slowly intertwining: the first describes the life and adventures of a young girl named Kya as she grows up isolated in the marsh of North Carolina through 1952–1969, and a murder investigation of Chase Andrews, a local celebrity of Barkley Cove, a fictional coastal town of North Carolina.

Fall Worship Schedule Change!
Sunday, September 8th!!
Saturday worship @ 5:00 pm
Sunday worship @ 8:30 am & 11:00 am
Sunday School @ 9:45 am

Rally Sunday Potluck!

Congregational Life will be hosting their annual Rally Sunday potluck after the 11:00 am service, Sunday, September 8th. Come enjoy fellowship and celebrate the new ministry year!

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

In an effort to reduce Bread of Life's carbon footprint on Earth, we are moving to electronic delivery for the monthly Slice of Bread newsletter. It is available on our website, www.breadoflifeminot.com and via email. Please call or stop by the office with your preferred email address or you can send it to bollc@srt.com. If you have any questions, please contact Terri in the office at 838-3360 or by email at bollc@srt.com.



A Letter from the Pastor...

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

Good morning, afternoon or evening whichever the case may be for you when you read this. I want to say first and foremost that I remain blessed to be serving you, Bread of Life Lutheran Church as interim pastor. As you receive this, I am amazed to note that we have spent almost a year together. But I suspect that time is coming to an end, the call committee has more candidates to speak to now and I believe that the Holy Spirit has someone in mind for you. I know and your new pastor will know soon that you are a wonderful group gathered and called in your baptisms to have faith, to use your faith and to proclaim Christ to the entire world. I believe you do that marvelously.

Speaking now about faith and our use of it, I want to tell you that the ELCA Church Wide Assembly voted overwhelmingly to become a "Sanctuary Church." I looked for actual numbers to the vote and could not find them; but spoke to our Bishop and he conveyed that though there was a discussion to wording, the concept was overwhelmingly strong. So now, what is a Sanctuary Denomination? I think to get at that we need to define Sanctuary. In the context of the church building it is our place of worship, a Holy Place that as a group we are gathered as one in the name of God to Worship, give praise, be in community, to be filled with God's abundant word and to use that Word in our daily lives. It is a safe place, for many it is a harbor (a port in the storms of our lives), a shelter, retreat, a foxhole in the midst of that wars in our lives, a hideout, an asylum, a safe house and more. All these places relate to our very personal lives, our lives together as a congregation and the lives of all our brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus our Lord. Though Sanctuary is a new catch word for a political stance, I believe what the ELCA's use of the word speaks to our calling as Baptized Children of God and puts forward an action that cares for, loves, welcomes and supports the needs of the other, the less fortunate. Our response has been one of care for humanity, all of humanity giving no distinction toward any form of God's created humanity.

So let me just bullet some of the realities of this action:

- **In its simplest form, becoming a sanctuary denomination means that the ELCA is publically declaring that walking alongside immigrants and refugees is a matter of faith.** The ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the highest legislative authority of the ELCA, declared overwhelmingly that when we preach on Sunday that Jesus told us to welcome, we will use our hands and voices on Monday and all days of the week to make sure it happens.
- **Being a sanctuary denomination does not call any person, congregation, or synod to engage in any illegal actions.** Contrary to what FOX News said about this action.
- **We have a broken system regarding immigration, refugees and asylum-seekers.** To declare ourselves a sanctuary church body is to say that we seek to provide concrete resources to assist in most very vulnerable who are feeling the sharp edges of this broken system.
- **Being a sanctuary denomination is about loving our neighbors.** While we may have different ideas about how to fix this broken system and may have different ways of loving our neighbors, our call to love our neighbor is central in our faith.
- **Being a sanctuary denomination will look different in different contexts.** It may mean providing space for people to live, providing financial and legal support to those who are working through the immigration system; or direct our congregations and ministries to respond in specific ways. Each must work out what this means for them in their context.
- **While we don't yet know the full scope of the work that this declaration will open for the church, we do know that our faith communities are already doing sanctuary work.** Sanctuary for a congregation may mean hosting English as a second language (ESL) classes; marching as people of faith against detention of children and families; providing housing for a community member facing deportation; or, in some of our congregations, having thoughtful conversations about what our faith says about immigration. All of these are a step closer to sanctuary in our faith communities and sanctuary in our world for people who must leave their homes.
- **Except for our members whose ancestors were here before European settlement or others who were forced to come to the U.S. against their will, the ELCA is an immigrant church.** Our decade's long work with immigrants and refugees is how we practice our faith in the world. Lutherans started Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, one of the nine refugee settlement agencies in the U.S.

- **At our last churchwide assembly, we also committed to walking alongside Central American Children and families fleeing our communities by passing AAMPARO strategy (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities) **I have personally used this strategy to insure that a past parishioner and his children were treated with dignity and love while applying for Green Card Status in Texas. An attorney from AAMPARO took on his case and today my friend and his children reside, work and attend school in Texas! The strategy works!**
- **Through our AAMPARO strategy, we are also working through our Global Partners in Central America to alleviate the conditions that cause people to migrate. (extreme poverty, gangs, violence et all)** We support organizations and faith communities that work with deported immigrants of Central America and advocate for the humane treatment of immigrants in Mexico. In the U.S., we have a network of 151 welcoming and sanctuary congregations that are committed to working on migration issues and a welcome for immigrant communities. The church also has five sanctuary synods (our regional structures) all of which do work with immigration, refugees and asylum-seekers.
- **In baptism, we are brought into a covenantal relationship with Jesus Christ that commits us to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Following the example of Martin Luther, we believe that advocacy is a crucial expression of baptismal identity.** As a church we have advocated for stopping the detention of children and families for decades. We have spoken out against family separation, sought a pathway to citizenship for community members who have lived in the U.S. for many years, and have taken steps to address the root causes of migration in a way that honors the humanity in all who people who must flee.
- And last but not least as we continue on this road of walking together in faith. **Being a sanctuary denomination means that we, as church together, want to be public and vocal about this work.** At the same time we will have conversations about what sanctuary means with many of our members and discern future action and direction. **Welcoming people is not a political issue for us, it is a matter of faith.**

Together in Christ Jesus our Lord....

Pastor Dan

Pastoral Acts - June, July, August

Baptisms: Brynlee Brooke Nicholson, Jacoby Dean Wallin, Kashdyn Gene Officer, Aleece Quinn Officer

Weddings: Keli Jo Lemer & Josh Unruh

Funerals: Ernie Conger, Lori Aipperspach, Archie Robillard

*“Two are better
than one... for if they fall,
one will lift up the other.”*
—Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

A Letter from the President...

Greetings in Christ,

Hope everyone had a safe and busy summer, schools back in session, and we are going to start back to two services on Sunday's. Rally Sunday will be on September 8th first service at 8:30, Rally Sunday Activities at 9:45, and second service at 11:00.

Thank you to all who have donated to the Lutheran World Relief backpack project, we will be packing those backpacks on Rally Sunday, as part of our God's Work, Our Hands project.

During Rally Sunday activities, there will be a few booths set up, for you to visit with and learn more about groups and committees within our church, we are hoping to get our committees more active, but can't do that without people.

Thank you to Tanna Neshem for helping organize the Sunday School classes, and all those who have volunteered to help with this program. Thank you to Tammy Hamm, for coordinating the Story Core and Confirmation programs. Kara Vetter and myself will be handling youth group, mark your calendar, their Turkey dinner will be November 3rd.

We've had many changes the past 13 months, and I personally want to thank you for sticking with our Bread of Life family, looking forward to this coming year, and all that is to come.

A few weeks ago, the call committee received word that 2 additional pastor's had requested our profile, and sent their paper work for the call committee to review, this is exciting news. Be looking for some updates soon from the call committee.

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

Memorials

In Memory of ...

Terry Kesler
Etlar & Elaine Jacobson
Virgil Rude
Mae Ludwig
Derald Larson

Jeanette Jenson
Richard Anderson
Don Torgrimson
Larry Gerjets
Nancy Wittmayer
Lori Aipperspach
Archie Robillard
Cleo Slaaen
Jeremy Officer

Given by ...

Bill & Marlys Klimpel
Tim Jacobson, Christi Wegh
Bill & Marlys Klimpel
Bill & Marlys Klimpel
Gene & Dawn Evenson, Erna Eidmann, Dennis & Mary Ann Rowe, Tracey & Kevin Lawson, Bill & Marlys Klimpel, Shirley Quigley, David & Marcia Haugen, Joann Johnson, Kevin & Linda Larson, Arnold & Kathryn Olson, Colleen Sherven, Eunice Rostvedt, Wanda Bjordahl, Corrine Semmen, Elaine Swanson, Janice Hewitt, Laurel Thunshelle, Joylea & Loren Knutson
Bill & Marlys Klimpel
Dennis & Mary Ann Rowe, Kevin & Tracey Lawson
Bill & Marlys Klimpel
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Janice Hewitt
Judy & Raymond Mock, Loren & Joylea Knutson
Judy & Raymond Mock, Gene & Dawn Evenson
Dan & Sandra Gilbertson
Brad & Jacqueline Thomas

Volunteer & Stewardship Opportunities!

Hostfest Volunteers!! It's that time of year again! Hostfest is around the corner, please sign up early for your choice of table cleaning shifts. Sign-up sheet will be up in the narthex or you can get ahold of Mary Ann Rowe 701-721-3349. Shifts available are 8:30 am – 1pm, 1pm – 5pm and 5pm – 9pm. The Hostfest runs September 25-28 at the State Fair Center.

Faith Simonieg's \$5 Challenge: Each BOL family is asked to take at least \$5 and purchase an item or items, or make a monetary donation for LCM's new food pantry at MSU. There is a collection basket in the narthex. Monetary donations can be left in the church office or given to Tom Probst or Carmen Fricke. This challenge will go from July 15 **until September 15**. Thank you for your generosity!

LCM Soup Lunches are back in session as the new school year begins. Bread of Life has three dates for the first semester: September 3, October 15 and November 19. Please contact Carmen Fricke at 701-721-1905 or 701-838-8846 to make arrangements or if you have any questions. Three – four large roasters or 16 crock pots of soup and seven pans of bar (three dozen equivalent) is needed. Soups and bars/cookies do need to be brought to Bread of Life either on Monday or Tuesday morning by 8:15. If you will be dropping off at Minot State, 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!

Bread of Life Women/Circles

Eve Circle will be meeting September 3rd at 7:00 pm in the home of Peggy Quinlen (7201 27th St NE)

Merry Circle will be meeting September 4th at 1:30 in the Fellowship Hall

Bread of Life Women will be meeting September 15th at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Bread of Life WELCA will be hosting a Vendor, Craft & Baked Goods Event Saturday, October 26, 2019 from 9am-1pm. We will be featuring local vendors and *ask Bread of Life members to donate craft items, baked goods or the equivalent funds that they would have used to craft or bake an item to the event*. If you or someone you know would like to have a table as a vendor, please contact Michelle Lauckner (701-720-7406) or Cody Roteliuk (701-340-5684). We will once again be featuring our famous caramel rolls – so come early to share in the goodies. Sign-up sheets to help with the event will be hung up in the narthex. Funds raised for this event will go towards camper scholarships, kitchen items and the charitable efforts of our Bread of Life WELCA.

First District Health Unit is holding a **walk-in flu shot clinic** on **Friday, September 20, 2019 from 8:30AM-4:00PM at our Minot office (801 11th Ave SW – Door B)**. The CDC recommends everyone 6 months and older should get the flu vaccine yearly to help protect yourself and others from influenza. #FIGHTFLU! **GET YOUR FLU SHOT. Can't make it that day? Visit www.fdh.u.org for a list of community clinics available in your area!**

Education News

The start of another education year is just around the corner. There is a lot going on for Faith Formation at Bread of Life. Faith Formation for all ages will start after Labor Day. Full schedules will be available outside of Tammy's office.

✚ Sunday School (3 year old – 5th grade)

- First day of Sunday School with parents and students will be September 8, 2019 at 9:45 am.
- There will be a backpack blessing during worship on September 8, 2019.

✚ Story Core (6th grade – 8th grade) and Confirmation (9th grade)

- Parent and student meeting will be held September 11, 2019 at 6:00 pm. Pizza dinner will be served. The year's calendar including class information and events will be discussed. The first day of class is September 18th, 6:00 – 7:30 pm.

✚ Confirmands (10th grade)

- 10th graders will be meeting with Pastor Dan September 25th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Pizza dinner will be served! If you are unable to attend this meeting, please call Pastor Dan at 701-240-2681 as the meeting will be full of information regarding faith statements.
- Confirmation Sunday is October 27th.

✚ Youth Group (9th grade – 12th grade)

- Mark your calendar!! Turkey Dinner is scheduled for November 3rd!

✚ Adults

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

- **Faith Formation Coordinator:** Bread of Life Lutheran Church is currently accepting applications for Faith Formation Coordinator, they will assist with Sunday School, Confirmation, and Youth Group. Job Description available at office, pay depending on experience.
- **Faith Formation Volunteers:** We are still looking for at least 2 volunteers to assist with Sunday school classes, if you can't commit to a full year, and would like to be a temp, if we need someone to fill in, please let us know that as well. If you are interested, please let the office or myself know.

All students grade 9 thru 12 are welcome to attend

LYO Synod Youth Gathering of WND

JOIN US in Minot October 17-19, 2019!

with Rachel Kurtz Thursday-Saturday



**Bread of Life youth, will cover half of the \$150.00 registration fee
Please let Cody or Kara know if you are interested.**



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.

September Baptisms

1 LaDawn Berg, Bill Kesler, Peggy Quinlen, Jane Shea
 3 Katie Abrahamson, Brett Novlesky
 4 Renee Harju, Danny Stromberg
 7 Marvel Bakken
 8 DuWayne Glein, Cynthia Hamm, Renden Roteliuk, Courtney Stevens
 9 Lila Striefel
 11 Joshua Nelson
 13 RaeLynn Mapes
 15 Tina Boyce
 16 Michael Wilber
 18 Mickenzie Branson
 19 Kaleb Burnham, Troy Huber
 20 Nora Hardel, Mikayla Lemere

21 Thomas Warman, Tyrel Warman
 23 Neil Melom, Floyd Olaf, Alex Schoenberg-Carlton, Bruklyn Schrum
 24 Marlene Melom, Jovie Rafferty
 25 Tylar Novlesky
 26 Trevor Reiter
 27 Clementine Fuller
 28 Mary Probst, Michelle Schoenberg
 29 Dylan Ellis, Julia Ellis
 30 Jayden Lemere

Events around the Western ND Synod

- Voices From the North concert Friday, September 20, 2019 at Metigoshe Ministries Lakeside Christian Center. 4:30 Concert and 6:00 pm meal to follow. RSVP by September 13 to 701-263-4788 or email retreats@MetigosheMinistries.com. This concert will feature performers from Arctic Norway and an authentic Norwegian meal. The Lakeside Christian Center is located at 165 Lake Loop Road E, Bottineau, ND 58318. Free will offering with proceeds divided between the choirs and *Ensure the Adventure* building project.



- **SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, October 13, 2019**
CELEBRATE: 50th Anniversary of Bismarck-Mandan CROPWALK
GATHER: 12:30-Good Shepherd Lutheran (Bismarck)
 Hunger awareness activities. Program highlighting 50 years of CROPWALKS.
 Light refreshments following walk. Join Together to make a difference! All are welcome!
 Sign up today to walk or sponsor a CROP Walker! To take part, sign up online at crophungerwalk.org/bismarcknd or contact Allison Germolus at 400-0053.



"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing" -- Jesus (John 15:5).



Gospel Seeds - September 2019 **A Monthly Update from Western ND Synod Staff**

The 2019 Churchwide Assembly

Our Synod's fifteen voting members gathered in Milwaukee with others from across our church under the theme of "***We Are Church***". Together, the nearly 1000 - member Assembly, guests, and visitors worshipped and tended to the business of our church body. A summary of action is available on the ELCA website. [2019 Assembly Summary](#)

Look for reflections from your Churchwide Assembly Voting Members in upcoming Synod eNews. Each will have the opportunity to share their thoughts, impressions, take-aways, etc. from their time at Assembly in Milwaukee.

Bismarck Lutheran Social Service Building and Office Renovation...

The renovation is nearly completed! We give thanks for all the volunteers that shared of their time and talents in giving the building, and our office space a facelift! We look forward to you stopping by to take a peek at the updates!

Western ND Synod LYO Gathering

October 17th – 19th, our Synod's youth will gather at the Grand Hotel in Minot. This annual event is: "Inspire by Youth. Planned by Youth. Led by Youth." This year's guest speaker and musician is Rachel Kurtz. [Registration](#) is now open and needs to be submitted by October 1st.

You can find more information – including draft schedules and forms – on the Synod website. Questions? Don't hesitate to contact us!

Upcoming GIFTS Events

We're in the midst of finalizing the upcoming year's GIFTS events, and information will be shared on the Synod's website and in upcoming editions of eNews. We'll welcome Rev. Paul Hoffman (author of "Faith Forming Faith") this fall to lead an event focusing on adult catechesis. The spring event (March 27th & 28th) will be led by Dr. Terri Elton (Luther Seminary); this event will also include a Friday night Youth GIFTS event. The winter event is yet to be finalized.

We give thanks for the 131 years of mission and ministry of ***Bethany Lutheran Church (Rugby)***. They celebrated a Service of Leave-Taking/Holy Closure on August 25th. The congregation previously voted to merge with First Lutheran (Rugby).

Synod Listening Events

As we prepare for the election of a Bishop in June of 2020, a number of Synod Listening events will be held in a variety of locations across our Synod. These events will be facilitated by our Churchwide Partners and all members of our Western ND Synod ELCA congregations are invited to attend. The events will be held October 25th – 27th. The times and locations will be available in the next Gospel Seeds, upcoming eNews, and on the Synod website.

What are we reading?

A couple of resources your Synod Staff has come across that you may find helpful...

To Bless the Space Between Us – John O'Donohue - A collection of poetic blessings for a variety of times, spaces, and places.... Transitions, thresholds, and the ordinary of our lives.

Glory Happening – Finding the Divine in Everyday Places – Kailin B. Curtice - "Accept the invitation – invest in the glory that surrounds you! Open your eyes to the Kingdom as it comes through stories and prayers..."

Just a few reminders...

Western ND Synod Rostered Ministers Gathering (Medora) - Your leaders will be gathered in Medora September 8th – 10th with Rev. Brad Roth as the guest presenter.

Western ND Synod Council will meet in October prior to the Synod Listening Events.

Thank You! Each and all of you for your partnership in the mission and ministry we share!

Blessings all, Your Synod Staff