

THE BREAD BASKET

Morsels from Bread of Life Lutheran Church April 2011

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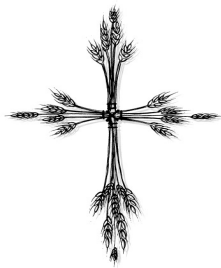
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Sunday Worship Schedule

9:30 AM Worship
with Holy Communion

11:00 AM Learning Hour



We invite you to worship,
grow & serve with us!



Skin on Skin

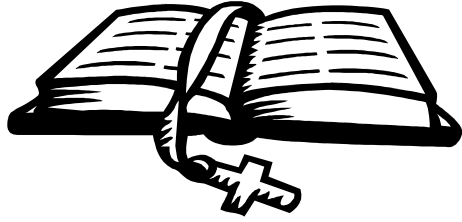
I've noticed that there are many types of tubes at the hospital. These tubes have many important functions. In the NICU, tubes are used to supply oxygen, formula and blood, among other things. While tubes are essential to helping infants get well, tubes can't provide everything that is needed by an infant. In particular, "skin on skin" contact between a mother and child can't be supplied by a tube. The warmth and love communicated by a parent's touch is truly nourishing for an infant. From my observations, that up-close contact is just as important and nourishing for a mother or father as it is to the baby.

At Bread of Life, we collect money and supplies to benefit many different organizations that serve the needy. We collect groceries for the food bank, winter apparel for the Salvation Army, money for ELCA World Hunger Relief. The list goes on and on. We are indirectly involved in many good ministries. This is important work.

At the same time, I think it is essential for us as a church to have "skin on skin" contact by serving others directly. This is nourishing for both those we serve and those of us who serve. Without this up-close contact, we are depriving ourselves of a marvelous experience. In the past, we've had this kind of contact through VBS, delivering a basket of groceries during Easter week, the youth mission trip and other opportunities. At the risk of sounding like a broken record, I do think it is essential for us as a church to continue to seek ways to directly minister to our neighbors. For this reason, I've challenged every ministry team to do at least one event this year that impacts people from our neighborhood. Please take this challenge as an invitation to "skin on skin" contact!

I think it is also important to remember that, as individuals, we are privileged to have this kind of personal contact with others in our ordinary lives. We probably take these opportunities for granted because they seem so mundane. Yet, as people sealed with the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever, those mundane moments are holy moments. Let's continue to creatively serve our neighbors, indirectly and directly, with the love of Christ.

In Christ,
Pastor Rob



Scripture Readings for April

04/3 4th Sunday in Lent

1st Samuel 16:1-3
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

04/10 5th Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:L1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 5:8-14
John 11:1-45

04/17 Passion/Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

04/21 Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10], 11-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
1st Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

04/22 Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25
John 18:1-19:42

04/24 Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
Matthew 28:1-10

2011 Bread Of Life Council Members

Below you will find a complete list of the current council members and council chairpersons. Please feel free to contact the leaders of our congregation with ideas, offers to help, and concerns. Anyone is welcome to attend Council meetings.

President - Tiffany Bowman
Vice President - Brad Ambrose
Secretary - Elaine Martin

Tiffany Bowman - Building and Grounds
Emily Wellman - Education
Lenora Wilmes- Faith in Action
Shirley Rath - Fellowship
Brad Ambrose - Mission Support
Brad Ambrose - Mutual Ministry
Lindsay Cornwell - Worship
Kara Toay - Youth

Todd Bowman -Treasurer; Advisory

Office Hours for Pastor Rob

Mondays 10:30 am—4 pm
Wednesdays noon—7 pm
and by appointment.

In the event of an emergency,
please call 616-826-4698.

On-line Resources

Did you know that Council meeting minutes and recent issues of our newsletter are posted on Bread of Life's website? Set your web-browser to breadoflifelc.org and check it out!

2011 Holy Week Services & Events

April 17, 2011

Palm Sunday

9:30 am Festive service with palms

11 am "Journey to the Cross" Event

April 21, 2011

Maunday Thursday

7 pm Communion Service with optional foot-washing & stripping of the Altar

April 22, 2011

Good Friday

7 pm Way of the Cross service

April 23, 2011

Holy Saturday

7 pm Joint Easter Vigil Service with Good Shepherd, Holland - Dessert potluck after service

April 24, 2011

Easter Sunday

8:30 am Easter breakfast

9:30 am Easter Communion Service

Happy April Birthday To You!

4/6 Peggy Haberman

4/6 Barb Nowak

4/15 Rebekah Wells

4/20 Abigail DeBoer

4/21 Kara Toay

4/21 Kayla Toay

4/25 Todd Carlson

Did we miss your birthday?

Please call the church office so that we can add your name to the list.



Join Team BOL for the Relay for Life!

Team Bread of Life is already being put together for the Jenison/Hudsonville American Cancer Society Relay for Life walk on June 25-26, 2011. Please prayerfully consider becoming a part of our team for this great cause. Contact Julie Hall (662-1867) for the numerous ways that you can help our team and the American Cancer Society work to find a cure.



Book Group News

We invite you to join us on Wednesday April 13, 2011 at 7:30 pm at the church as we share our thoughts on our next book, *Half Broke Horses* by Jeannette Walls. Please note that we are meeting the second Wednesday of the month due to spring break. If you like to read ahead, our next selection will be *Madonnas of Leningrad* by Debra Dean. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Slagh (531-2313).

Meet our Pastoral Candidate!

On Tuesday, April 12th beginning at 6pm and concluding at 8pm, all members of our congregation are invited to meet Pastor Paul Krupinski, the candidate to be our next permanent pastor. Our youth will prepare a spaghetti dinner in conjunction with this event. A free will offering will be collected to benefit our youth's summer mission trip to Indianapolis.

Youth Summer Mission Trip Planned

Our teens have decided to embark upon a week-long summer mission trip through Group Ministries to Indianapolis, Indiana. They are slated to leave Sunday, July 3 and will return on Friday, July 8. Stay tuned for further information about their fund-raising efforts!



Lenten Wednesday Services and Suppers

Our Lenten observance of weekly Holden evening prayer services and suppers continues on Wednesday evenings through April 13. Despite whatever conventional wisdom says, there is such a thing as a free meal! Before each 7 pm worship service, a free meal will be served at Bread of Life. The menu will change weekly, but we are planning to serve a variety of meals, from lasagna to sloppy joes, subs, pizza and soup. You can arrive anytime from 6:00-6:45 pm for dinner and then join us afterwards for the service.

An Invitation to All Men

All men of Bread of Life and their guests are invited to a breakfast at 8 am on Saturday, April 16 at Signatures. This will be a time of food, fellowship, and a time to get to know everyone better. No program is being planned. Everyone will order from the menu and you may stay as long as you wish. A sign up sheet is in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please see or call Dean Hanson at 669-7262. We look forward to seeing you on the 16th!

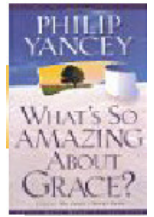


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Articles may be submitted to newsletter@breadoflifec.org or may be placed in the green folder marked "Newsletter" found in the church office. Articles will continue to be due by the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Thank you!

“What’s So Amazing About Grace?” Study to Conclude

Our study for adults based on the book, What’s so Amazing about Grace? by Philip Yancey, will conclude on April 10. Until then, all adults are invited to be part of the discussion! Each session is self-contained, so participants may miss a week without feeling lost. Join us for this enlightening study!



“Journey to the Cross” on Palm Sunday

The Education Team is planning a “Journey to the Cross” intergenerational event for Palm Sunday, April 17th, at 11 am. “Journey to the Cross” is a program that invites adults and children to move between 13 stations in order to engage the Passion story from the Gospels with all of our senses. Volunteers are still needed for some of the stations. Please contact Emily Wellman if you would like to help.

“Listening to God” with Pastor Hardy

On Saturday, March 26, members of Council and the Mutual Ministry Team met with Assistant to the Bishop & Director for Evangelical Mission for our synod, Pastor Roger Hardy. This was the second of two meetings with the purpose of helping our leaders discern how God is calling our church to minister to our own members and our community.

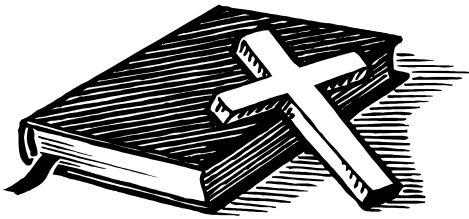
In preparation for this last session, we were to talk to local leaders for their perspective on Hudsonville’s needs as a community. Bread of Life members who conducted these conversations returned with new ideas on ways our church could minister to our neighbors.

From this two step process, we identified five key ministry priorities for Bread of Life. These include: 1. Youth & Children Activities & Education 2. Worship 3. Outreach (evangelism, inviting others in) 4. Serving our Community 5. Fellowship. Council will be encouraged to consider ways we can augment our ministries in these five areas.

Pastor Hardy reminded us that going through a transition of pastors will be our most immediate work as a church. Because of these changes, Pastor Hardy recommended that, for the coming months, we focus on listening to God, taking care of one another and being conscious of living daily as disciples of Jesus. The Council and the Mutual Ministry Team members are very grateful for Pastor Hardy’s wise council and leadership!

VBS—Save the Date!

This year’s VBS program will run from July 17-21. Volunteers are always needed for a variety of tasks. Please contact Emily Wellman if you would like to help this year!



April Service Schedule

April 3

Asst Minister	Pam Wells
Reader	Barry Anderson
Usher	Josh Wellman
Greeter	Gayle Mack
Acolyte	<i>no acolyte needed today</i>
Nursery	Gayle Mack/Rebekah Wells
Altar Care	Lydia Jonson/Marty LaBadie

April 10

Asst Minister	Clark Wells
Reader	Lydia Jonson
Usher	Dave Jonson
Greeter	Myrtle & Harold Brunt
Acolyte	Dylan Slagh
Nursery	Pam Slagh/Kara Toay
Altar Care	Carla Martin/Gayle Mack

April 17

Asst Minister	Brad Ambrose
Reader	Liz Hanson
Usher	Dean Hanson
Greeter	Carla Martin
Acolyte	Daniel Wells
Nursery	Tiffany Bowman/Kayla Toay
Altar Care	Carla Martin/Myrtle Brunt

April 24

Asst Minister	Elaine Martin
Reader	Pam Slagh
Usher	Paul Slagh
Greeter	Dave Stracke
Acolyte	Rachel Rapson
Nursery	Barb Nowak/Rebecca Nowak
Altar Care	Inez Oberg/ Barb Nowak

April Teller Schedule

April 3

Clark Wells/Tiffany Bowman

April 10

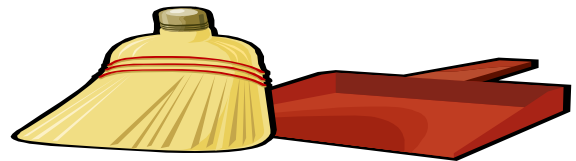
Paul Slagh/Elaine Martin

April 17

Pam Wells/Pam Slagh

April 24

Todd Bowman/Josh Wellman



Saturday Building Cleaning Crew

Area A: Sanctuary, Narthex, Entryway, Utility Room, Kitchen, Outside

Area B: Hallways, Bathrooms, Nursery, Admin Office

We are going with an every other week cleaning schedule. Please arrange for a replacement if you cannot make your assigned week.

April 8

Area A: Gayle Mack

Area B: Halls

April 22

Area A: Lori Kauffman, Elaine Martin, Lindsay Cornwell, Alice Ambrose

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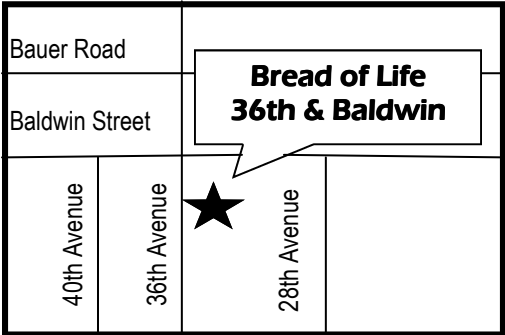
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 9:30 am Worship 11 am Sunday School	4 1-4 pm Quilting	5	6 6:15 pm Lenten Supper 7 pm Lenten Service 7:30 Choir	7	8	9 8:30 am Council Meeting
10 9:30 am Worship 11 am Sunday School	11 1-4 pm Quilting 6-8 pm Meet Pastoral Candidate Pastor Paul Krupinski	12	13 6:15 pm Supper 7 pm Lenten Service 7:30 pm Book Group	14	15	16 8 am Men's breakfast @ Signatures 10 am Knit & Crochet @ Signatures
17 Palm Sunday 9:30 am Worship 11 am "Journey to the Cross" event	18 1-4 pm Quilting	19	20 Newsletter articles due today	21 Maundy Thursday 7 pm Service	22 Good Friday 7 PM Way of the Cross	23 7 pm Easter Vigil Service at BOL
24 Easter Sunday 8:30 am Easter Breakfast 9:30 am Worship	25 1-4 pm Quilting	26	27	28	29	30

Being fed, feeding others so that all may be filled with
the love of God in Jesus Christ!

Our Mission Statement:

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Return Service Requested

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