

THE BREAD BASKET

Morsels from Bread of Life Lutheran Church January 2012

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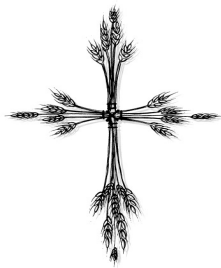
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Sunday Worship Schedule

9:30 AM Worship
with Holy Communion

Adult & Children's Education
Hour 10:45 am.



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



Just a few days until the new year arrives (well it was when I wrote this) and I'm thinking about the year that was...a lot took place for Jane and me...I left a congregation I had served for over 16 years (officially it was called "retirement"), one of Jane's daughters was married (Katie, one of the twins), another (Elizabeth, the other twin) graduated from MSU (went back to school there in the fall for another degree), and both of us added to the list of our grandchildren (Cooper and Ally)...and then there was my decision to accept your "call" to serve as your pastor at Bread of Life. A lot of changes.

I was also thinking about you...the changes you went through this year...saying "good-bye" to a beloved interim pastor and then welcoming a "half-Norwegian, half-Polish, white-haired, baseball fan" as your new pastor. A lot of change.

Change is hard because it disrupts our comfort zones and requires us to adapt to something we haven't experienced yet (at least in the same way). It confronts us with a reality check that needs more than a passing thought to understand. It got me thinking about our lives as Christians...each day being a new expression of God's presence in our lives and a new response from us in our words and actions. Every day we are "born again into a living hope" (Apostle Paul's words), given new challenges to our faith journey and equipped to be the physical presence of Christ in our world. That's why it is important for us to daily talk with God, consciously view our surroundings through the lens of being a Christian and offer our lives to God as thanks for all he has blessed us with...a new year brings the thought of a new beginning, but for us each day begins anew...let's all give God our lives and truly seek his will and await the joy that will come!

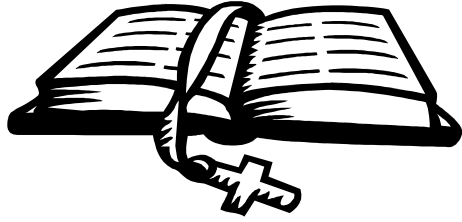
We've made some progress, but have a way to go to be able to replace the worn-out and super-heavy tables with new, lightweight, scratch-resistant tables for fellowship and other purposes. I'm going to leave the *Giftng Tree* out for a few more weeks in hopes that more of you will be able to help in some way...thanks for your extra giving.

Speaking of thanks, Jane and I want to say a Great Big Thanks for the gift we received from the congregation on Christmas day at worship...it was a wonderful surprise to be remembered in that way and certainly appreciated.

I want you to know that I love sharing your faith journey and enjoy you as a family of faith so much. You are wonderful people and I am so blessed to be your pastor. I know that God has some very special things for us to do together and I eagerly look forward to the coming year.

Take care and remember how much God loves you...me too!

*Blessings,
Pastor Paul*



Scripture Readings for January

1/8 Baptism of Our Lord

Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11

1/15 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

1/22 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 62:5-12
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

1/29 4th Sunday of Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28

2/05 5th Sunday of Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

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
?- 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 Paul

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays in the afternoon and some mornings and by appointment if needed. Don't be afraid to call anytime.

In the event of an emergency,
please call (616) 635-0058

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!

Pop Cans & Pennies



Please save your clean, empty pop cans and bottles to benefit the Capital Fund. Empties may be left in the big garbage can in the kitchen. Pennies are also gratefully accepted and may be placed in the jar in the narthex. Every little helps! To date we have collected \$1,069.95 in pop cans and \$2,381.95 in pennies. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Happy January Birthday To You!

1/04 Seth Petersen
1/05 Cindy Bush
Kelli Cornwell
1/25 Jarod Wellman
1/28 Dave Jonson
1/31 Paul Martin
2/03 Vern Miller



*Did we miss your
birthday?
Please call the church
office so that we can add
your name to the list.*

THANK YOU!

Dave & Julie Hall and Tyler would like to express their appreciation to all whom attended Tyler's Eagle Scout ceremony and helped in any way.

Blessings, The Hall family

ANNUAL 2012 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Scheduled for Sunday, January 22nd after worship. Please plan on attending to be involved in our visioning for the year to come. Please email your team reports to bollc@breadoflifelc.org no later than Monday, January 16th, so that they may be printed.

ALISSA OLESON IS COMING!

On Sunday, January 8th, the message will be delivered by Alissa Oleson, our pastoral candidate. Please attend and show our support to Alissa.

ARE YOU LOOKING TO SCHEDULE AN ACTIVITY FOR YOUR GROUP?

Love In the Name of Christ has the answer for you. We would like to invite your Ladies' Bible Study, Small Group, Couples Group, Seniors Group, Red Hat Ladies, a group of your friends or relatives to come and visit Love INC for a brunch, lunch or tea and an informative tour of our ministry. For more details, call Nyla at Love INC, 616-662-3300 ext 103, Monday-Thursday, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM or email



Book Group News

We invite you to join us on Wednesday January 4, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the church as we share our thoughts on our next book, *Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom. If you like to read ahead, our next selection will be *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Slagh (531-2313).

WHO LET THE MOM'S OUT!! CRAFTING CHARITY WEEKEND

When and Where: *Friday, Jan. 27th from 1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. and Saturday, Jan. 28th from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.* Crafting at Georgetown United Methodist Church on the corner of Baldwin and 28th Ave. in Jenison.

Who Benefits: This year our event will be raising funds for *Family Hope Foundation (FHF)*, a unique non-profit organization providing resources and support to families of children with special needs here in West Michigan. The primary focus of FHF is the Therapy Scholarship Program, designed to assist families with some of the financial costs of providing critical therapy for their children that is not covered by insurance. To learn more about Family Hope Foundation, visit: www.thefamilyhopefoundation.org.

What is included: Food, drinks, Games, GREAT giveaways, a thank you gift for each donating participant, free make and takes, vendors, a Cricut and other tools for free use, a swap table, and much more. You will have at least four feet of table space next to your requested friends.

Cost: *\$65 per person for the entire event. \$40 per person for one day only registrations.* Please make your donation checks payable to **Family Hope Foundation.**

4 MONTH PLANNER— WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

The new 4-month planner will be coming out shortly for February, 2012 – May, 2012. Please consider how you could help out during the worship service. There are a variety of opportunities. Duties for each job are listed on the Worship Team bulletin board or see Pam Wells. New schedules will be available on January 22.

MEN'S BREAKFAST—JANUARY 21ST

All men of Bread of Life and their guests are invited to a breakfast at 8 am on Saturday, January 21st at Signatures. Come young and old, no age discrimination for this group.... 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. Just show up at Signatures. If you have any questions, please see or call Dean Hanson at 669-7262. We look forward to seeing you!



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Articles may be submitted to newsletter@breadoflifelc.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!

Anyone with free time or would like to help? Note Schedule change

Do you have some free time? Would you like to help the Quilting Ministry at Bread of Life? The quilting time has changed to Tuesday afternoons. We are looking for people that know how to tie knots, pin the edges of the quilts or even sewing with the machine. No previous experience is required or necessary. Don't be scared away by the word "quilting" truly anyone can do this (even I (Peggy) have helped).

Tuesday afternoon 1pm to 4pm

Please consider joining in this great ministry and also a time to get to know your fellow BOL family members. Feel free to ask any of the ladies your questions; Inez, Myrtle, Marty, Marilyn or Shirley (to name a few).



West Michigan LSSM Spotlight – January 2012

MapleCreek welcomes new leader, introduces new program

By Doug Lachniet, Director of Major/Planned Gifts, Lutheran Social Services of Michigan

MapleCreek went through a recent makeover, including a major renovation project. But the innovation hasn't stopped there.

MapleCreek's executive director Jay Prince arrived in October 2011. His predecessor, Sue Lemon, hired Jay after her promotion to vice president of Senior Adult Services for Lutheran Social Services of Michigan. "Jay is prepared to meet the rising challenges of his field, to think in innovative ways about a new vision and the future of service to senior adults," Sue said.

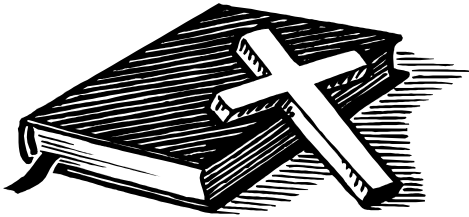
Prince has a degree in Healthcare Administration from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota. "I chose this field because I was determined to foster change in the healthcare industry," he said.

"Catered Living Plus" is an example of the latest forward-thinking at MapleCreek. This is a new option for those who want to live in independent living apartments but need some extra care. The program is available in nine Garden Level apartments at The Terraces, but its immediate popularity means there is a potential for growth. With Catered Living Plus (CLP), a couple with differing care needs can move in together and won't have to be separated because one requires more care than is usually offered at The Terraces. A new kitchen/dining room and a lounge are being created for the CLP residents.

Support is available around the clock to meet the residents' personal needs, under the supervision of program coordinator Gwen Melton, LPN. "People have responded positively and quickly to this new program," said Sarah Duthie, manager of catered living at MapleCreek. "They can see how innovative we are in the way we are providing these services."

If you would like to know more about the living options at MapleCreek, contact Tom Curran or Diann Gilliam at 616-452-5900.

For Lutheran Social Services' free monthly e-newsletter, Epistle, register at www.lssm.org.



January Service Schedule

January 8

Asst Minister	Lindsay Cornwell
Reader	Brett Slagh
Usher	Dave Stracke
Greeter	Lori Kaufman
Acolyte	Spencer Hall
Nursery	Pam & Daniel Wells
Altar Care	Lori Kaufman/Marty Labadie

January 15

Asst Minister	Clark Wells
Reader	Shirley Faucett
Usher	Lindsay Cornwell
Greeter	Harold & Myrtle Brunt
Acolyte	Rebekah Wells
Nursery	Barb & Rebecca Nowak
Altar Care	Inez Oberg/Barb Nowak

January 22

Asst Minister	Pam Wells
Reader	Rebekah Wells
Usher	Clark Wells
Greeter	Carla Martin
Acolyte	John Bowman
Nursery	Tiffany Bowman/Kayla Toay
Altar Care	Gayle Mack/Julie Toay

January 29

Asst Minister	Gayle Mack
Reader	Liz Hanson
Usher	Elaine Martin
Greeter	Marilyn Nicholson
Acolyte	Andrew Godfrey
Nursery	Lori Kaufman/Alexis Godfrey
Altar Care	Alice Ambrose/Lynda Cornwell

January Teller Schedule

January 8

Paul Slagh/Elaine Martin

January 15

Clark Wells/Tiffany Bowman

January 22

Pam Wells/ Pam Slagh

January 29

Todd Bowman/Josh Wellman

February 5

Paul Slagh/Elaine Martin



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.

January 13

Area A: Gayle Mack
Area B: Hall

January 27

Area A: Lori Kauffman, Elaine Martin, Lindsay Cornwell, Alice Ambrose
Area B: Same as above

February 10

Area A: Wellman
Area B: Jonson



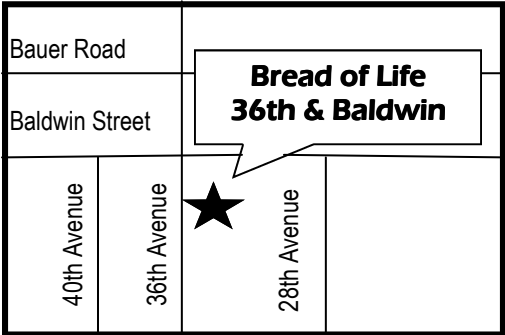
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Learning hour	2	3 11am Journeys in Scripture 1-4 pm Quilting 7pm Journeys in Scripture	4 7 pm Book Club 7 pm Choir	5	6	7
8 9:30 am Worship Alissa Oleson delivers message 10:45 am Learning hour	9	10 11am Journeys in Scripture 1-4 pm Quilting 7 pm Journeys in Scripture	11 7 pm Choir	12	13	14 10 am Knit/Crochet
15 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Learning hour	16 7 pm Council	17 11 am Journeys in Scripture 1-4 pm Quilting 7 pm Journeys in Scripture	18 7 pm Choir	19	20	21 8 am Men's breakfast at Signatures
22 9:30 am Worship Annual Congrega- tional Mtg following worship 10:45 am Learning	23	24 11 am Journeys in Scripture 1-4 pm Quilting 7 pm Journeys in	25 Noon Newsletter articles are due! 7 pm Choir	26	27 1pm -1 am 2 day Crafting fundraiser at Georgetown United Methodist Church	28 8am -8pm 2 day Crafting fundraiser at Georgetown United Methodist Church
29 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Learning hour	30	31 11 am Journeys in Scripture 1-4 pm Quilting 7 pm Journeys in Scripture	Feb 1 7 pm Choir	Feb 2	Feb 3	Feb 4

**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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