

THE BREAD BASKET

Morsels from Bread of Life Lutheran Church DECEMBER 2016

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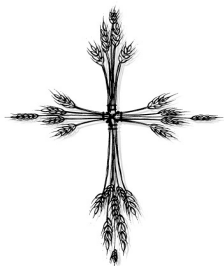
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Sunday Worship Schedule
9:30 am Worship
with Holy Communion



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



One of the hymns in our red hymnal for the Christmas season is entitled “Cold December Flies Away” (#299). Its words capture the essence of what Christmas brings to us:

In the hopeless time of sin shadows deep had fallen.
All the world lay under death. Eyes were closed in sleeping.
But, when all seemed lost in night, came the sun whose
golden light brings unending joy, brings endless joy of our
hope, highest hope, of our hope’s dawning, Son beloved of
heaven.

Sometimes the world can seem dark and desolate and we get afraid...but, and this is a big BUT, our gracious and loving God came to us in Christ, understanding our human condition, accepting and loving us as we are, giving us hope and joy in that he will comfort us, care for us and bring us serenity of spirit. We celebrate Christmas because God’s love never ceases and never changes...he became one with us and we are his.

When we look at the calendar and begin to think of all of the “musts” that await us in December, it does seem that it “flies away”... my hope and prayer is that we all have time to be quiet in God’s presence, understanding how-much we are loved and how much God depends on us...take more than a moment this month to reflect on our blessings and the promises of God...use the Advent daily devotional to assist in your times of meditation!

You can do one thing...set aside these important dates/activities:

- Sunday, December 11th...Birthday Party for Jesus for children and adults. 1:00 p.m. Bring gifts that will then be shared with Family Promise and/or LOVE, Inc. Cake, ice cream crafts and fun.
- Sunday, December 18th...Lessons & Carols for worship.
- Christmas Eve services 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. with lots of our favorite carols, candles and the joy of the night...bring family, friends, neighbors and loved ones to celebrate this glorious night.
- Sunday, Christmas Day service at 9:30 a.m. Service of the Word

Thanks to everyone who attended a Pie, Prayer & Plan meeting and those who baked the scrumptious pies! I have compiled the responses from those meetings and forwarded them to the church council for deliberation and discussion with the goal to bring to the annual meeting in January a vision for the future of BOL.

May this Advent and Christmas season be one of great joy for you...my prayer is that God’s richest blessings fill your hearts and minds...take care and know how important you are to me and our Lord God.

Blessings, Pastor Paul

Bread Of Life Council Members

Below you will find a complete list of the current council members and Team Liaisons. Please feel free to contact the leaders of our congregation with ideas, offers to help and concerns. Anyone is welcome to attend Council meetings. They are typically held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7 pm.

Pam Slagh President, Youth Liaison
Matt Lorenz Vice President, Mutual
 Ministry Liaison
Dave Stracke Secretary, Fellowship Liaison
Brad Waara Building & Grounds Liaison
Tracy Niemi Faith in Action Liaison
Lynda Cornwell Worship Team Liaison
Aaron Koerth Education Team Liaison
Cynthia Boots
Spencer Hall Youth Representative

Pastor Paul Krupinski - Mission Support
Todd Bowman - Treasury; Advisory
**Council Minutes posted on our website at
breadoflifelc.org**

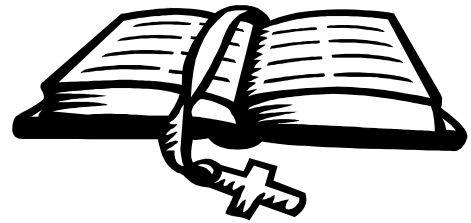
Office Hours for Pastor Paul

Tuesday 10:30—4:30, Wednesday and
Friday, flexible hours please call for an
appointment if needed. Don't be afraid to
call anytime.

In the event of an emergency,
please call (616) 635-0058
pastorpaulk@comcast.net

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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 are due by the 3rd
Wednesday of the month.
Thank you!



Scripture Readings for DECEMBER

12/04 2ND Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

12/11 3RD Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10
Psalm 146:5-10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

12/18 4TH Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

12/24 Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

12/25 Christmas Day

Isaiah 62:6-12
Psalm 97
Titus 3:4-7
Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20

12/18 1ST Sunday after Christmas

Isaiah 63:7-9
Psalm 148
Hebrews 2:10-18
Matthew 2:13-23

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MITTEN TREE



The mitten tree has now appeared in the narthex, thanks to the Faith in Action Team. Use the tree for your offerings of mittens, scarves, and hats; coats may be placed at the foot of the tree. Thank you for your handiwork!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Help the Worship Team decorate the sanctuary with poinsettias as we celebrate the Christmas season! You may either contribute money toward the purchase of flowers or donate your own. If contributing money, please give donation to Alice Ambrose by **TODAY, Sunday, Dec. 4**. Thank you for your help!



There will be no CARD MAKING in the month of December.

See you next month. Thanks!

Happy Birthday To You!

- 12/01 Lydia Jonson
- 12/04 Alice Ambrose
- 12/07 Julie Hall
- 12/16 Diana Mascarenas
- 12/20 Marc Godfrey
- 12/24 Kim Griffen
Elaine Martin
- 12/28 Gerald Larsen
- 12/30 Alissa Oleson
- 01/03 Daniel Mascarenas
- 01/05 Cindy Bush
Kelli Cornwell
- 01/11 Deb Kempainen
- 01/12 Carrie Haberman

Book Group News

We invite you to join us on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the church as we share our thoughts on our next book, *The Lowland* by Jhumpa Lahiri. If you like to read ahead, our next selection will be *Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead. If you have any questions or need a ride, please contact Pam Slagh (531-2313).



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





Love INC

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SERVING HUDSONVILLE, JENISON AND GRANDVILLE, MI

JOIN THE LOVE INC RESALE TEAM: You've shopped at Love's Treasures & The Outback Resale Shoppes, but have you volunteered with us? Join our team! All profits of our stores benefit Love INC, a ministry that partners with local churches to transform lives and communities. For more details, email Volunteer@loveinthenameofchrist.org or call [616.662.3300x127](tel:616.662.3300x127).

LOVE INC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: (1) *(new)* *The Spirit of Christmas* at Love INC will provide Christmas for local, eligible families in need, offering them a Christmas shopping experience. We are in need of donations—new gifts for ages newborn to adult, wrapping paper, bows, etc.—as well as volunteers for the event. To find out how you can get involved, email lindap@loveinthenameofchrist.org or call [616.662.3300x114](tel:616.662.3300x114). (2) *Donation Sorting Volunteers:* Monday and Thursday mornings the Hudsonville store is seeking volunteers to help sort donations as they arrive. For more details, email Volunteer@loveinthenameofchrist.org or call [616.662.3300x127](tel:616.662.3300x127).



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MENS' BREAKFAST AND KNIT/CROCHET: It will soon be the third Saturday of the month... Take a break for delicious food, coffee and tea, and fellowship at Signatures on **Sat., December 17!** Men's Breakfast begins at 8:00am and Knit/Crochet meets at 10:00am.



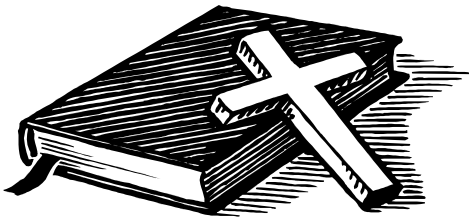
CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK

After worship on **Sunday, December 18**, during the time set aside for refreshments and fellowship, you are invited to participate in a special "Christmas Cookie Walk!" sponsored by the Book Group. For a donation, create your own arrangement of holiday cookies (as you "walk" past the choices) to give to family or friends (or keep for yourself!). Please see the signup sheet in the narthex if you would like to contribute cookies (4 or 5 dozen suggested). Proceeds will be given to a local charity.



PLEASE NOTE: TWO CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

This year Pastor Paul and the Worship Team decided that this year Bread of Life will offer two services on Christmas Eve (Sat., Dec. 24). The worship times will be 4:00 pm and 7:00pm. (*Note: We will offer a Service of the Word worship service on Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 25.*)



Service Schedule

December 4

Asst. Minister Elaine Martin
 Reader Clark Wells
 Usher Todd Bowman
 Greeter Marilyn Nicholson
 Acolyte Alice Waara
 Nursery Michele Lorenz/Jocelyn H
 Altar Care Inez Oberg/ Barb Nowak

December 11

Asst. Minister Dave Stracke
 Reader Cindie Nelson
 Usher Dave Jonson
 Greeter Brad Waara
 Acolyte Devin Neimi
 Nursery Erica Waara/Spencer Hall
 Altar Care Lydia Jonson/Marty Labadie

December 18

Asst. Minister Clark Wells
 Reader Pam Wells
 Usher Paul Slagh
 Greeter Michelle Lorenz
 Acolyte Hannah Wellman
 Nursery Aaron Koerth
 Altar Care Lydia Jonson/Cynthia Boots

January 1

Asst. Minister Matt Lorenz
 Reader Linda Mahoney
 Usher Dave Stracke
 Greeter Alma Lucas
 Acolyte Konnor Haberman
 Nursery Elaine Martin/Lily Garay
 Altar Care Carla Martin/Cynthia Boots

Teller Schedule

December 4

Brad Ambrose/Clark Wells

December 11

Todd Bowman/Pam Slagh

December 18

Pam Wells/Elaine Martin

January 1

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.

December 2

Area A & B: Lori Kauffman, Jill Godfrey, Lindsay Cornwell, Alice Ambrose

December 16



Area A: Wellman
Area B: Jonson

December 30

Area A: Slagh
Area B: Hanson



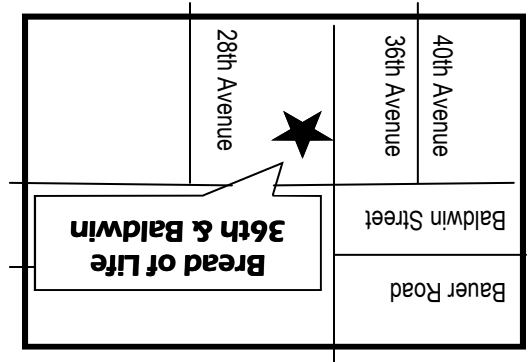
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 8:45 am Adult Forum 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Sunday School & Choir	5	6 11am Bible Study with Pastor Bible Study 1-4 pm Quilting	7 7 pm Book Group 	8	9	10
11 8:45 am Adult 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Sunday School & Choir 1 pm Jesus birthday party	12 7 pm Council 	13 11 am Bible Study with Pastor Bible Study 1-4 pm Quilting	14	15	16	17 8:00 an Men's Breakfast @ Signature's 10:00 am Knit & Crochet @ Signatures
18 8:45 am Adult Forum 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Sunday School & Choir Cookie Walk Sale	19	20 11 am Bible Study with Pastor Bible Study 1-4 pm Quilting	21 Noon Newsletter articles are due!	22	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>
25 <i>Christmas Day</i> 9:30 am Worship	26	27 11 am bible Study with Pastor Bible Study 1-4 pm Quilting	28	29	30	31
<u>January 1</u> 8:45 am Adult Forum 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Sunday School & Choir	2	3 11 am Bible Study with Pastor Bible Study 1-4 pm Quilting	4	5	6	7

Our Mission Statement:

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

Return Service Requested



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