

# THE BREAD BASKET

## Morsels from Bread of Life Lutheran Church December 2017

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Lutheran Church**

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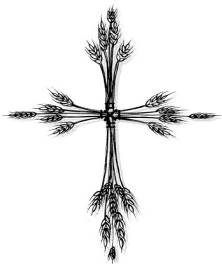
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**Sunday Worship Schedule  
9:30 am Worship  
with Holy Communion**



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



Hymn number 299 in our red hymnal is entitled "Cold December Flies Away". If this December is like any of the previous ones, it will probably be cold and the days will simply fly by. There is always so much to be done, most of which we place on our lives to fulfill our expectations for the Christmas season. If it's true about our personal lives, then it is also true about the life of our congregation...even though the following will appear on the calendar in this mailing, I think it's good to have it highlighted here also.

~ Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> is the first Sunday of the new church liturgical year and is the first Sunday in Advent...following worship will be our annual Advent log building and cookies! Much thanks needs to go out to Cindy Bush who supplies the logs.

~ Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> is a busy day at BOL....confirmation class meets after worship in my office while a "cookie walk" takes place in the narthex (you can stock up on all the great cookies made by our individuals and families). Then at 1:00 p.m. the fourth annual "Birthday Party for Jesus" will take place with cake, ice cream, games for young people and other fun surprises. **Everyone of all ages** is invited to come celebrate and bring an unwrapped new present that will be given to Family Promise, the homeless program for families in Grand Rapids. Also happening, the "Kool Kids" will have a bowling event from 2:30 until 4:30 (see inside for more details or contact Alan Veine.)

~ Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> will feature "Lessons and Carols" for worship.

~ Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> will be both the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent and also Christmas Eve.

Regular morning worship at 9:30 a.m. with two Christmas Eve services at 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. The early Christmas Eve service enables families with small children, older adults who'd rather not drive after dark and families with special dinner arrangements to celebrate Christmas Eve. Rumor also has it that there will be special music at both services as well as being candlelit. Invite friends and family to join us for worship.

This came from a mailing and I thought some of you might be interested. A live nativity, with sheep, goats, cows, donkeys and angels is open beginning December 5<sup>th</sup> at the Critter Barn, 9275 Adams in Zeeland. It is open December 5-9, 12-16, 19-23 and 27-30. A free will donation would gladly be received. For more information: 616-748-1110 or [www.critterbarn.org](http://www.critterbarn.org).

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## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 7 pm.

Pam Slagh - President  
Cindie Nelson - Mutual Ministry Liaison  
Dave Stracke - Secretary, Fellowship Liaison  
Brad Waara Building & Grounds Liaison  
Lynda Cornwell, Worship Team Liaison  
Aaron Koerth, Education Team Liaison  
Josh Wellman, Youth Liaison  
Cynthia Boots, Faith In Action Liaison  
Erica Coombs, Youth Representative  
Pastor Paul Krupinski – Mission Support

Council Minutes posted on our website at

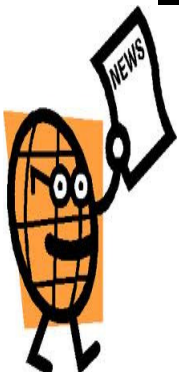
[www.breadoflifelc.org](http://www.breadoflifelc.org) under Resources.

### **Office Hours for Pastor Paul**

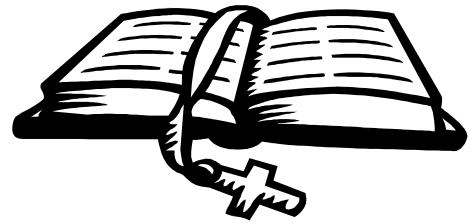
Tuesday 10:30—4:30, Wednesday and Friday, flexible hours please call for an appointment if needed. Don't be afraid to call anytime.

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

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Articles may be submitted to [www.breadoflifelc.org](http://www.breadoflifelc.org) or may be placed in the green folder marked "Newsletter" found in the church office. Articles are due by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Thank you!



## **Scripture Readings for DECEMBER**

### **12/03 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 64:1-9  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
I Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:24-37

### **12/10 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 40:1-11  
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13  
2 Peter 3:8-15a  
Mark 1:1-8

### **12/17 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
Psalm 126  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
John 1:6-8, 19-28

### **12/24 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16  
Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26  
Romans 16:25-27  
Luke 1:26-38

### **12/31 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas**

Isaiah 61:10-62-62:3  
Psalm 148  
Galatians 4:4-7  
Luke 2:22-40

### **01/07 Baptism of our Lord**

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

## Continued from Pastor's article .....

If you are looking for a gift for someone "who has everything" think about giving a gift in honor of that someone through "ELCA Good Gifts". These range in amount \$10 chicks to \$500 cows...all to support ELCA world mission projects. Simple gifts like chicks, pigs, goats and cows can sustain a family or village in a third world country. Last year I gave my children's families goats! I have a catalog in my office that you may use to make such a gift.

It is time for me and on behalf of Jane to wish you all a very blessed Advent and Christmas season. Be sure to take time for loved ones...time spent in conversation, game playing and working Christmas projects together is undoubtedly the best gift you can give another. Celebrate every day the wonder of God becoming one of us to show us his love and grace and assure us of life together for eternity. Take care and may God continue to bless you and all of your loved ones...in his peace.

Blessings, Pastor Paul

## Happy Birthday To You!

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

## Book Group News

We invite you to join us on Wednesday, December 7, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the church as we share our thoughts on our next book, *Starvation Lake* by Bryan Gruley. If you like to read ahead, our next selection will be *Winter Solstice* by Rosamunde Pilcher. 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.***



**ANNUAL ADVENT EVENT:** Join us after worship service **TODAY, Sunday December 3**, for our annual Advent Event! The Education Team has many activities planned to help us prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth. We will be decorating Christmas cookies, making Yule logs, and much more.

**THE MITTEN TREE** is now in the narthex, thanks to Faith in Action. Please use the tree as a place to leave mittens, scarves, and hats; coats may be placed at the foot of the tree. Thank you for your generosity and handiwork!

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS:** Help 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 next Sun., December 10. Thank you!

**COOKIE WALK:** After worship next Sunday, December 10, you are invited to take part in a "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.

**A BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS** will be celebrated at 1:00pm on Sunday, December 10, here at the church! Children are invited to enjoy cake, ice cream, games and to bring an unwrapped toy to donate to a family in need.

## **YOUTH GROUP EVENT**

Hello All,

We are looking to have our first youth group gathering, ages 6<sup>th</sup> grade to high school. All are welcome including Friends and Family!!

**Where:**

Fairlanes Family Entertainment Center  
3335 Fairlanes Ave. SW  
Grandville- 49418  
(Off I-196/Chicago Dr.)

**When:**

Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30pm until 4:30pm

Cost: \$10.95pp Includes: Bowling, Shoes, Pizza, Pop, Fun and Passes for next visit.

**Please RSVP by December 7<sup>th</sup>** (Phone, Text, Email).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Youth (s)

\_\_\_ Adult (s)

Thank You,

Alan Veine

Mobile: (616) 856-9256

## SPECIAL FRIENDS AT BREAD OF LIFE:

Several members of Bread of Life have been trained to be a supportive and caring friend to someone going through a difficult time of life.



If you or someone you know is experiencing difficulty and would wish to connect with such a "special" and supportive friend, please contact Pastor Paul.



EVERY THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH MEET AT SIGNATURES.....

### MENS' BREAKFAST :

Take a break for delicious food, coffee and tea, and fellowship at *Signatures* on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Men's Breakfast begins at 8:00 am.



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CROCHET will meet December 16<sup>th</sup> at Noble's Restaurant at 10:00am.



## Monthly Card Making Ministry

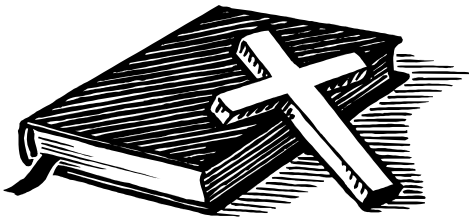
**The next card making afternoon will be cancelled due to the holiday.**

Next afternoon of card making will be Monday, January 29th at 1:00 pm.

We invite you to share mailing addresses for college students in your family who have returned to school. Help us keep in touch with during the new school year.

Any questions, contact Inez Oberg or Lynda Cornwell.  
See you then! Thank you!





## Service Schedule

### December 3

Asst. Minister	Elaine Martin
Reader	Cindie Nelson
Usher	Todd Bowman
Greeter	Marilyn Nicholson
Acolyte	Alice Waara
Nursery	Pam Wells/Jocelyn Haberman
Altar Care	Inez Oberg/Marilyn Nicholson

### December 10

Asst. Minister	Brad Ambrose
Reader	Marilyn Nicholson
Usher	Dave Jonson
Greeter	Brad Waara
Acolyte	Devin Niemi
Nursery	Erica & Axel Waara
Altar Care	Lydia Jonson/Marty Labadie

### December 17

Asst. Minister	Pam Wells
Reader	Clark Wells
Usher	Conrad Buck
Greeter	Cindie Nelson
Acolyte	Hannah Wellman
Nursery	Aaron Koerth/Hannah Wellman
Altar Care	Lydia Jonson/Cynthia Boots

### December 24

Asst. Minister	Cindie Nelson
Reader	Barry Anderson
Usher	Aaron Koerth
Greeter	Alma Lucas
Acolyte	Konnor Haberman
Nursery	Pam Slagh/Jocelyn Haberman
Altar Care	Inez Oberg/Lynda Cornwell

### December 31

Asst. Minister	Dave Stracke
Reader	Pam Wells
Usher	Liz Hanson
Greeter	Elaine Martin
Acolyte	Axel Waara
Nursery	Clark Wells
Altar Care	Carla Martin/Marty Labadie

## Teller Schedule

### December 3

Todd Bowman/Julie Hall

### December 10

Brad Ambrose/Pam Slagh

### December 17

Pam Wells/Elaine Martin

### December 24

Josh Wellman/Paul Slagh

### December 31

Clark Wells/Julie Hall



## 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 1

Area A: Jonson  
Area B: Wellman

### December 15

Area A: Hanson  
Area B: Slagh



### December 29

Area A: Wells  
Area B: Brad & Mary Waara





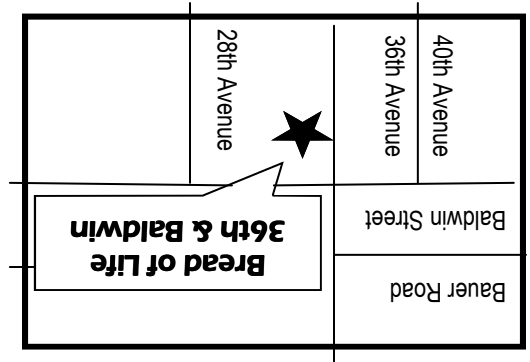
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 <b>ADVENT EVENT</b> 9:30 am Worship 10:45 Choir rehearsal	4	5 <b>11am Bible Study</b> 1-4 pm Quilting <b>LIVE NATIVITY</b> Critter Barn in Zealand	6 <b>7 pm Book Group</b> 	7	8	9
10 9:30 am Worship 10:45 Choir rehearsal <b>COOKIE WALK</b> <b>1pm Birthday Party for Jesus</b> <b>2:30 Bowling</b>	11 <b>7 pm Council</b> 	12 <b>11am Bible Study</b> 1-4 pm Quilting	13	14	15	16 <b>8 am Men's Breakfast @ Signatures</b> <b>10am Knit &amp; Crochet @ Nobles</b>
17 <b>LESSONS &amp; CAROLS</b> 9:30 am Worship 10:45 Sunday School 10:45 Choir rehearsal	18	19 <b>11am Bible Study</b> 1-4 pm Quilting	20 <b>Noon Newsletter articles are due!</b>	21	22	23
24 9:30 am Worship <b>4:00 pm &amp; 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Services</b>	25 <u>No Card Ministry</u> <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	26 <b>11am Bible Study</b> 1-4 pm Quilting	27	28	29	30
31 9:30 am Worship 10:45 Sunday School 10:45 Choir rehearsal <b>NEW YEAR'S EVE</b>	<b>Jan 1</b> <b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>	2 <b>11am Bible Study</b> 1-4 pm Quilting	3	4	5	6

# **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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