

THE BREAD BASKET

Morsels from Bread of Life Lutheran Church January 2018

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Lutheran Church**

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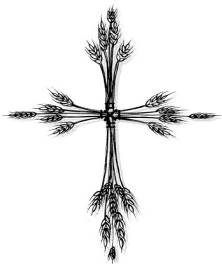
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**Sunday Worship Schedule
9:30 am Worship
with Holy Communion**



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



A new year...a new beginning...a fresh start...a chance to change some things. That's what January 1st signifies for a lot of people. New Year's resolutions abound in many homes, all dedicated to making something better in how one lives. I bring this up because I want to remind you (as if you really need reminding!) that one of the "perks" of being a Christian is that every day is a new beginning, a fresh start and a chance to change some things. Because of God's claim on our lives in baptism, we are reborn each day through his grace and love. We are freed from the past and its heaviness and born anew to an opportunity to reflect God's presence in our lives through what we say and what we do. It is a wondrous joy being loved by God, not because of anything we can do or accomplish, but simply because his love overpowers our humanness and restores us to a right relationship with him...believe it, because it's true!

January also brings the time when we gather as members for the annual meeting of the congregation...please mark your calendars for the 28th of this month for the meeting to follow worship. We will be electing new council members, approving a budget (spending plan) and reviewing the past year.

Christmas Eve worship was different this year compared to last year. This was the second year of two services (4:00 and 7:00 p.m.). Last year total attendance for the two services was 141! This year the first service totaled 16 people (including myself, Laurel at the piano and Jeff Stracke with this coronet). On my way to church I encountered numerous emergency vehicles for the four cars deep in the ditch and the three accidents...the roads were bad. So, those in attendance felt that a 7:00 p.m. service would put people at risk, with many probably not even thinking of going out. All thirteen voted to cancel the late service, so we did. I drove 30 mph all the way home and knew it was a good decision. I hope that our announcement on TV and Facebook post was enough to alert people to the change...if not, I offer my sincerest apology for any problems the action caused.

On Christmas eve morning Jane and I were gifted by all of you...we received a beautiful crèche scene (on display in my office...come and look), some currency and a renewed membership for the Meijer Gardens. Thanks so much for remembering us that way...it was a joy to receive the gifts!

Right now I'm looking out the window of my office here at church and the snow on the evergreens is beautiful, but the temperature is in the single digits. So glad the new HVAC system is in place and working!

As a community of faith you have been good and faithful stewards, compassionate and caring for one another while being committed to looking into the future. I continue to pray that Bread of Life will be what God needs it to be in this community and for its members. I am excited about the coming year and the new adventures that God will bring to us. Take care and may God continue to bless you and all of your loved ones...see you at worship.

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
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

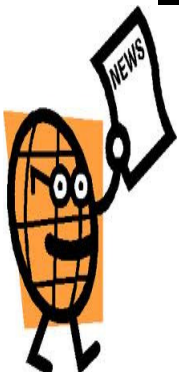
www.breadoflifelc.org under Resources.

Office Hours for Pastor Paul

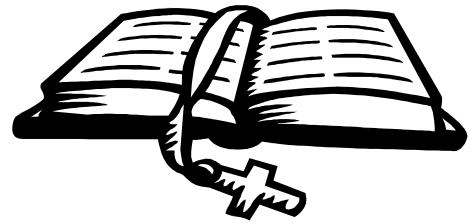
Tuesday 10:30—4:30, Wednesday and Friday, flexible hours please call for an appointment if needed. Don't be afraid to call anytime.

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

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Articles may be submitted to www.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 JANUARY

01/07 Baptism of our Lord

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

01/14 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

01/21 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

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

01/28 4th Sunday of Epiphany

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

02/04 5th Sunday of Epiphany

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

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

All are invited to be part of Adult Forum on Sunday mornings, starting at 8:45am. Gather before worship for lively and spirited conversation and sharing. We hope you can join us!



Save the Date!!



Please plan on attending our 2018 Annual Congregational meeting on **Sunday, January 28**, immediately following worship. Your participation is important for the election of new Council members and other items as we look ahead as a congregation to the new year.

Thank you!

Happy Birthday To You!

- 01/03 Daniel Mascarenas
- 01/05 Cindy Bush
Kelli Cornwell
- 01/11 Debra Kemppainen
- 01/12 Carrie Miles
- 01/21 Brent Bower
- 01/23 Brett Bittenbender
Ray Holappa
- 01/24 Matt Lorenz
- 01/25 Jarod Wellman
- 01/28 Dave Jonson

Book Group News

We invite you to join us on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the church as we share our thoughts on our next book, *Winter Solstice* by Rosamunde Pilcher. If you like to read ahead, our next selection will be *Fatal Grace* by Louise Penny. 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
Love In the Name of Christ
SERVING HUDSONVILLE, JENISON AND GRANDVILLE, MI

<http://www.loveinthenameofchrist.org/>

Two Volunteer Opportunities From Love Inc.

- (1) If you are searching for purpose and want to help a great cause, Love INC invites you to join their clothing team weekdays and Saturdays. Flexible hours available. If you, your family or your small group want to join a great community of servant leaders, please call or email : volunteer@loveinthenameofchrist.org or 616-6652-3300 ext. 127.
- (2) *(new!)* A no-commitment, informational meeting about mentoring and teaching through Love INC's Life Skills Program will be held January 25, 6:00-8:30pm. If you have a heart for encouraging and walking with others to a life of positive change, this is a local mission opportunity for you! No expertise required, training provided. *RSVP by January 18* at the above email address or by calling 616-662-3300 ext.127.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

This announcement serves as a heads-up that the weekly Bible study will resume this week, starting on **Tues., January 9.**



CHURCH COUNCIL will have its regular monthly meeting on **Mon., January 22, at 7:00 pm** (rather than the usual date of the second Monday of the month).

MANY THANKS TO THOSE OF YOU who volunteer as worship assistants, including those who have tried a new role such as assistant minister or nursery! It is now time to look ahead to our next 4-month planner (February through May). Please see the extra insert in the bulletin to learn how you can participate.



SouperBowl Cook-off!

Sunday, February 4

Who will enter the winning soup/chili this year to become Bread of Life's 2018 newest reigning soup chef? Look for sign up sheets soon for soup/chili entries as well as helpers that day.

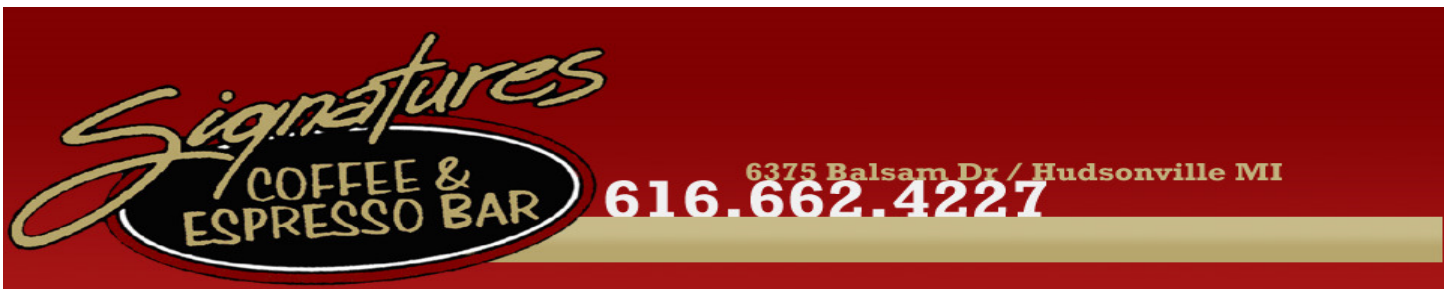
Questions? Ask anyone on the Faith In Action team.



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, January 20th. Men's Breakfast begins at 8:00 am.



KNIT & CROCHET will meet, Saturday, January 20th at Noble's Restaurant at 10:00am.



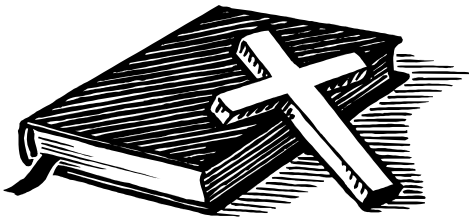
Monthly Card Making Ministry

The next card making afternoon will be Monday, January 24th at 1:00 pm. No special tools, creativity or experience needed. We will continue to make cards throughout the summer.



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

January 7

Asst. Minister	Clark Wells
Reader	Linda Mahoney
Usher	Dave Stracke
Greeter	Tarri Buck
Acolyte	Konnor Haberman
Nursery	Elaine Martin/Jocelyn Haberman
Altar Care	Carla Martin/Cynthia Boots

January 14

Asst. Minister	Elaine Martin
Reader	Aaron Koerth
Usher	Josh Wellman
Greeter	Dave Stracke
Acolyte	Axel Waara
Nursery	Pam Slagh/Hannah Wellman
Altar Care	Alice Ambrose/Marty Labadie

January 21

Asst. Minister	Brad Ambrose
Reader	Pam Wells
Usher	Aaron Koerth
Greeter	Peggy Haberman
Acolyte	Jocelyn Haberman
Nursery	Kim DeVries/Axel Waara
Altar Care	Inez Oberg/Lynda Cornwell

January 28

Asst. Minister	Cindie Nelson
Reader	Marilyn Nicholson
Usher	Conrad Buck
Greeter	Jairia Schuba
Acolyte	Devin Niemi
Nursery	Jesse Koerth
Altar Care	Alice Ambrose/Marilyn Nicholson

Teller Schedule

January 7

Paul Slagh/Elaine Martin

January 14

Pam Wells/Pam Slagh

January 21

Todd Bowman/Josh Wellman

January 28

Clark Wells/Brad Ambrose



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 12

Area A: Brad Waara & Cynthia Boots
Area B: Hall

January 26




Area A & B Lori Kauffman,
Lindsay Cornwell, Alice Ambrose

February 9

Area A: Wellman
Area B: Jonson



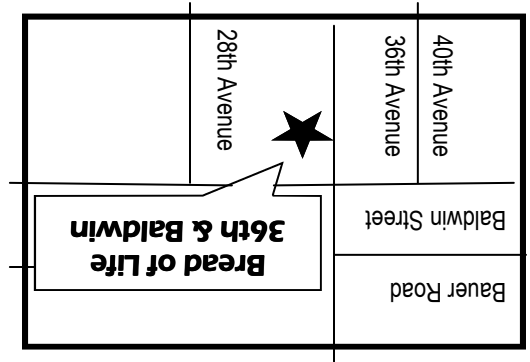
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 9:30 am Worship 10:45 Choir rehearsal	1	1-4 pm Quilting	3	4	5	6
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21 9:30 am Worship 10:45 Sunday School 10:45 Choir Rehearsal	22 1:00 pm Card Ministry 7 pm Council Mtg 	23 11am Bible Study 1-4 pm Quilting	24	25	26	27
28 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Annual Congregational Meeting	29	2 11am Bible Study 1-4 pm Quilting	3 7 pm Book Group 	4	5	

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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