

THE BREAD BASKET

Morsels from Bread of Life Lutheran Church NOVEMBER 2019

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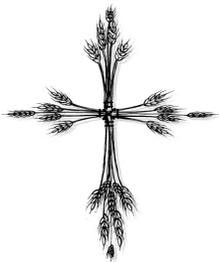
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Sunday Worship Schedule 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion



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



Ah, November, with its colder temperatures, low-hanging dark clouds and wind. Probably my least favorite month of the year, with March a close second.

However, it also brings with it some important events:

- Thanksgiving...when we stop, reflect and offer up thanks to our gracious and loving Heavenly Father for all the blessings, gifts and joys that are ours;
- Planning for the upcoming year...with an emphasis on stewardship, budget planning along with hopes and dreams for our on-going mission and ministry;
- Mitten tree...where we place warm mittens, gloves and hats; this year we will also be collecting coats and jackets for men, women and children that will be distributed through LOVE, Inc. and Family Promise.

On a more mundane note, our grounds have been sprayed for dandelions and other weeds, the furnace has been checked and the contract has been signed for snow removal this winter...let's hope there is significantly less of the white stuff in the months ahead!

In a couple of weeks I will give out Advent calendars for families and Advent calendars and coloring books for children ...they are both wonderful resources for daily devotional growth as Advent begins the first Sunday in December.

Also, like last year we will be collecting extra gifts for farm animals through ELCA Good Gifts. I have donation boxes, stickers and coloring books for children that will support our giving for foreign ministries.

You need to know, too, that the Church Council will be meeting to plan for the new year and pastoral care. Please pray for its members as they work toward the future of Bread of Life. This has been a difficult decision for me... I will miss all of you deeply. It has been a wonderful journey that we have shared together...thank you for your love and support.

Reflecting back a moment on October...the colors were spectacular. What a wonderful gift from God that trees burst forth in color before the hiatus of winter...we have a wonderful world created by a great God...thank you Lord!

Well, it looks like it's time to close...please worship weekly, pray continually, open your Bible up and read and remember, and never forget, that God loves you unconditionally and counts on you to be his presence in our world...take care...love ya!

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.

President— Aaron Koerth
Vice President— Rob DeVries
Mutual Ministry —Rob DeVries
Secretary—Josh Wellman
Fellowship—Doug Schultz
Building & Grounds — Buck Bucholtz
Worship Team—Cindie Nelson
Education Team — Barb Nowak
Faith In Action Liaison—Josh Wellman
Youth Liaison—Aaron Koerth
Youth Representative —
Mission Support—Dave Hall

Council Minutes posted on our website at

www.breadoflifelc.org under Resources.

Office Hours for Pastor Paul

Tuesday 10:30—4:30, Wednesday and Thursday, 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



Scripture Readings for **NOVEMBER**

11/10 22nd Sunday of Pentecost

Job 19:23-27a
Psalm 17:1-9
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

11/17 23rd Sunday of Pentecost

Malachi 4:1-2a
Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

11/24 Christ the King

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

12/01 1st Sunday of ADVENT

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

12/08 2nd Sunday of ADVENT

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

12/15 3rd Sunday of ADVENT

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



ANNUAL ADVENT EVENT

Join us after worship service, Sunday December 1 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



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!



FAMILY PROMISE

Happy Birthday To You!

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| 11/02 | Devin Niemi |
| 11/11 | David Hall |
| 11/13 | Noah Bower |
| 11/16 | Dean Hanson |
| 11/17 | Alyssa Light |
| 11/18 | Andrew Godfrey |
| 11/19 | Zoey Koerth |
| 11/22 | Trevor Veine |
| 11/24 | Jocelyn Haberman |
| | Dylan Slagh |
| | Chris Stracke |
| 11/27 | Austin Ricketson |
| 11/28 | Jessie Koerth |
| 11/29 | Karen Cook |
| 12/01 | Lydia Jonson |

Please check with Brad Waara if you are interested in helping at the Ivanrest Reformed Church in Grandville. Join in to help people in need on Thursday, December 5th from 5:30pm to 9:00pm. Thank you for your help!

Book Group News

We invite you to join us on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the church as we share our thoughts on our next book, *The Girl with Seven Names* by Hyeonseoo Lee. If you like to read ahead, our next selection will be *Stay* by David Burchett. If you have any questions or need a ride, please contact Pam Slagh (531-2313).



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

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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!



Love INC

Love In the Name of Christ

SERVING HUDSONVILLE, JENISON AND GRANDVILLE, MI

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

Many of our Love Letters focus on the individual or family member who has courageously reached out to us and asked for help. The stories also may include true instances of God's redemptive power and overwhelming grace. But how often do we forget that God grants each of us whether we think we're in need or not that same grace?

Love INC's Community Christmas has done that in a monumental way for many church-going volunteers since the first event four years ago. Volunteers serve at a weekend event, hosted at a local church that invites community members in need to shop and celebrate Christmas.

But Christmas is celebrated in a new way. In the past, community members have filled out forms, volunteers have shopped and wrapped gifts, and Christmas blessed a lot of families in a very transactional way. Christmas was a hand-off of gifts from someone who could contribute to someone who could not. It made the giver feel good but did not consider how it might impact the receiver.

God has since shifted the Christmas ministry to become a weekend community Christmas celebration for all involved. An arena that is dignified, non-judgmental and relational. What do I mean?

When a family attends, they contribute money towards the cost of the event either in dollars or volunteer hours. They are connected with a volunteer who shops with them- whether that takes twenty minutes or two hours. Families attending are invited to wrap gifts side by side with volunteers, kids are invited to shop for their parents and do crafts, and Christmas music fills the building. There are volunteers loading gifts while other volunteers are enjoying hot chocolate and getting to know local families who make the choice to come shop.

The first year we transitioned to this relational endeavor, we had a father who seemed upset ask to speak to the person in charge of putting the event together. He pulled a staff member aside and with tears in his eyes said, "You have no idea what it meant for me to take my wallet out in front of my family and provide for them. Thank you." The element of dignity had been added back into this ministry and people had noticed. Dignity is now a standard we strive for in every ministry area.

When all families have left, just the volunteers remain. Each of the families who shopped has no idea the impact they've left on each volunteer's mindset, perspective and ultimately, heart. The stereotypical "poor" person has vanished from their biases. The "assuming-the-worst" or "it was their choices" mentality can no longer be used as easily.

The volunteers are now connected to a person, a real human being made in the image of God, who has a story- a real story- that involves injustice that many of us may have never experienced. The door has been opened to a new relationship that includes depth and more than a quick transaction. The relationship blesses every volunteer with an empathy they never knew was missing from their lives.

Many of those volunteers courageously take the next step to journey with someone long term. Whether it's through Love INC or another ministry, the "stranger" no longer seems so out of reach.

God has shown volunteers the grace to see, more deeply and clearly, people who are hurting and far from Him. This is a Christmas gift for which we are truly grateful.

This year, you too can donate gifts to the Community Christmas! We are anticipating a demand for 2,200 Christmas gifts this year for anyone from 0-60 years, as well as stocking stuffers and wrapping paper. Gifts should be \$15-\$30 in value, and you can contact Cindy Jarvis with questions about drop-off locations and opportunities to volunteer cindyj@loveinthenameofchrist.org.

Please go to the Love Inc. website to see the gift ideas and suggestions.



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.



DIAPER CORNER

Please bring diapers to replenish our diaper corner. We have many young and growing families in the church now. They will greatly appreciate your donations greatly.



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

Take a break for delicious food, coffee and tea, and fellowship at *Signatures* on Saturday, November 16th for Men's Breakfast beginning at 8:00 am.



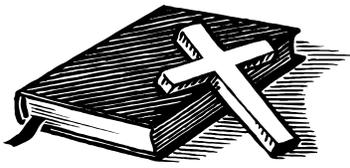
KNIT & CROCHET will meet, Saturday, November 16th at 10:00 am in *Signatures Coffee & Espresso Bar*, Hudsonville.

Monthly Card Making Ministry



The next card making afternoon will be Monday, November 25th, 2019 at 1:00 pm. No special tools, creativity or experience needed. Any questions, contact Lynda Cornwell or Inez Oberg. See you then!

Thank you!



Service Schedule

November 10

Asst. Minister	Barry Anderson
Reader	Brett Meyer
Usher	Buck Bucholtz
Greeter	Dave Jonson
Acolyte	RJ DeVries
Nursery	DeVries/Hannah Wellman
Altar Care	Carla Martin/Myrtle Brunt

November 17

Asst. Minister	Brad Waara
Reader	Dave Stracke
Usher	Paul Slagh
Greeter	Buck Bucholtz
Acolyte	Konnor Haberman
Nursery	Koerth/Jocelyn Haberman
Altar Care	(need volunteer)/Nowak's

November 24

Asst. Minister	Cindie Nelson
Reader	Barry Anderson
Usher	Dave Jonson
Greeter	Aaron Koerth
Acolyte	Jarod Wellman
Nursery	Wellman/Axel Waara
Altar Care	Lydia Jonson/Cynthia Boots

December 1

Asst. Minister	Dave Stracke
Reader	Lydia Jonson
Usher	Dave Stracke
Greeter	Dave Jonson
Acolyte	Axel Waara
Nursery	Meyer/Alice Waara
Altar Care	Inez Oberg/Lynda Cornwell

December 8

Asst. Minister	Barry Anderson
Reader	Aaron Koerth
Usher	Aaron Koerth
Greeter	Dave Stracke
Acolyte	Alice Waara
Nursery	McCullough/Hannah Wellman
Altar Care	Carla Martin/Marty Labadie

Teller Schedule

Nov 10

Todd Bowman/Melisa Ricketson

Nov 17

Pam or Paul Slagh/Julie Hall

Nov 24

Paul Slagh/Josh Wellman

Dec 1

Pam or Paul Slagh/Julie Hall

Dec 8

Pam Slagh/Aaron Koerth



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.

November 01

Area A: Lori Kaufman
Area B: (need someone)

November 15

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

November 29

Area A: Jonson
Area B: Jonson

December 13

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



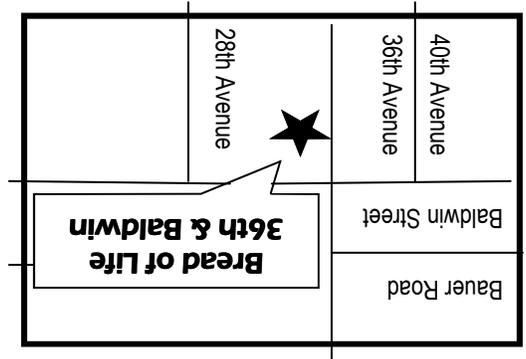
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Sunday School 10:45 Choir Practice	4	5 10:30 am Bible Study 1-4 pm Quilting	6 7 pm Council Mtg. 	31	1	2
10 8:55 am Choir practice 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Sunday School 10:45 Choir Practice	11 7 pm Council Mtg. 	12 10:30 am Bible Study 1-4 pm Quilting	13 7 pm Book Group 	14	15	16 8 am Men's Break-fast At Signatures 10 am Knit & Crochet at Signatures
17 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Sunday School 10:45 Choir Practice	18	19 10:30 am Bible Study 1-4 pm Quilting	20 Noon Newsletter articles are due!	21	22	23
24 8:55 am Choir Practice 9:30 am Worship 10:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am Choir Practice	25 1:00 pm Card Making	26 10:30 am Bible Study 1-4 pm Quilting	27	28	29	30
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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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