



BREAD OF LIFE
LUTHERAN CHURCH



Bread Crumbs

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Off We Go ...

(Again??)

In this my second to last article before I say “Hasta Luego” for a few months.. as promised.. I will give you a bit of an insight into what I will be up to during my time away. First and fore-most, of course, I will be using this as a time of sabbath – a time to rest and re-create so that in the fall I will return fresh and ready to rejoin you on the adventure of ministry and life at Bread Of Life Lutheran Church.

In the meantime however.. I do also intend to undertake a project of some intentional study and research. As I have written about before.. we all have noticed some big changes in the religious and spiritual lives of our society these days. Fewer and fewer people would say they are committed to a particular religion or denomination. Fewer and fewer people (even among those who do have a church home) find regular attendance at worship or participation in the programs/community to be as big a priority in their weekly schedules. Fewer and fewer people seem to be “following in their parents’ footsteps” to a life of a more structured faith/religiosity.

This is why when we do things like the census these days the fastest growing groups in society are what they categorize as the “spiritual-but-not-religious” and those who claim no religion (“nones”). My experience, however, is that (while the old “churches” don’t seem to be a logical place to them) many or most of those same folks would also talk about how they searching for something.. looking for some way to make sense of the world.. looking for ways to find peace in the chaos.



In the time just ahead, I will spend some of my time doing reading and research into what these folks are thinking about and feeling.. and most importantly to see if there are ways we can be something to them. NOT that our goal is to just “get them back” and re-fill our pews.. it is rather (as it should always have been) for us to find ways to be whatever Christ calls us to be for the world.

One of the places I have been privileged to have people most honestly open up to me about the things for which we are all searching is.. (as I have mentioned often) the Camino. Many, many of the folks who walk “The Way” are (by definition) on a journey.. a journey both *on the path* and through our hearts. Walking together we have some pretty significant conversations. This in mind... I will be giving the Camino another go. And though it will primarily be to renew my own spirit and heart.. I will also be paying attention to what I hear.. to what people tell me is important to them. Not that I will be going down the trail with a clipboard (doing a survey) obviously but I will be listening. The hope being that maybe I will be able to pick up a few things that help us point ourselves (as pastor & church) toward being what we need to be.

Come September.. “I’ll be back”.. maybe a bit wiser.. with maybe a few more ideas.. and certainly a bit more refreshed.

Next week I will lay out how the pastor-stuff at Bread Of Life will be taken care of in my absence. As a foretaste... Pastor Diane Nokonechny will be our Vice/On-call Pastor and we have special guest preachers lined up for some of the Sundays as well.

Till then..... Be Well.. Be RISEN... BE HOPE!!!

- Pastor Stewart, April 19/23

Join us for Worship this Sunday at 9:30 am:

Join Bread of Life for Sunday Worship In-Person

We also welcome everyone to join us online via Facebook Live at 9:30. Services are recorded and will be available on our website afterwards.

[Facebook Page – Join us online!](#)

[Webpage – Recorded services are posted](#)

Are you curious about how you can support Bread of Life?

The methods you can use to give to Bread of Life include:

- Your offering during worship on Sunday mornings
- Cheques, or post-dated cheques (mailed or dropped off)

- Pre-Authorized Remittance ([Click here for more information](#))
- [By credit card or PayPal](#)
- e-transfer to breadoflife@sasktel.net (Please include your name and email in the notes for tax receipt purposes)

Men's Breakfast

The Bread of Life Men's Breakfast group invite the congregation to join us on Saturday, April 29 at 9:30 at the Living Spirit Centre. All are invited, men and women; the BOL men's breakfast group will do the cooking. Guest speaker will be Robert Fry, son of our congregation, and agent for professional athletes and coaches. Please sign up ahead either by contacting the church office by email or Larry Fry at larry.fry@hotmail.com. (A freewill offering will be collected.)

Spring Church Yard Work Bee!

A spring church yard work bee is organized for the Living Spirit Centre (LSC), 3018 Doan Drive on Saturday morning May 27, 2023 at 9:30 AM to noon. Please mark your calendar. Please bring your metal rake, push-broom, wheel barrow, shovel and elbow grease to the church. We will ask you to help raise and level concrete blocks at the two main entrances, bank the old building foundation with crusher dust and paint lines on the parking lot. We are hoping some younger volunteers (less than 50 years!) are able to help, especially with the concrete blocks! In case the weather does not cooperate, our secondary day is the following Saturday June 3, 2023. For more information, please contact Ray McVicar at: raymcvicar@gmail.com or 306 789-1958 or the LSC Office at 306 789-0265.



Fardous Funding Completed!

With the generous donation of an anonymous individual, matching donations from our congregations, and the support of an Ontario-based foundation we are happy to report that the Fardous sponsorship is now fully funded! So now we wait for the process to unfold and Fardous and her family to arrive to Canada. Given the backup of immigration files due to Covid we anticipate that it may be many months until the family arrives and the real work of settling this family begins. Thank you to all who have supported this sponsorship with their financial gifts and prayers.

We are looking for a few people who might like to get trained to help us out on Sunday mornings with getting the Worship out on Facebook/Internet.

1) Facebook Host - this is a relatively easy job of putting greetings/announcements/assisting note into the comments section of the Facebook feed during the worship time. Brent Langenberger has been super faithful in looking after this for us EVERY WEEK during pandemic but I think it is time we step up to help him and enable him to take the occasional Sunday off. Please connect with Brent or the pastor if you would be willing.

2) Camera/Streaming host - this is a slightly more “techy” kind of work but the Bread of Life services are relatively straightforward. This would involve being trained on how to use the camera and streaming equipment for Sunday’s and/or other services that take place at Bread of Life. Let Pastor Stewart know if you would like to help out with this.

Indigenous Christian Fellowship Could Use Our Help!

Bread of Life will be assisting with community breakfasts served at ICF. When we help out with Indigenous Christian Fellowship’s community breakfast, we aim to have four or five volunteers. ICF is at 3131 Dewdney Avenue. There are currently providing breakfasts in brown bags; if weather allows, people sit at the picnic benches outside; if weather is inclement, people will pick up the breakfasts and return home. We are one of several churches who help with these breakfasts. We aim to start at 8:30 a.m. and finish by 11:30 a.m. or noon. If you are able to help out, please contact David Bartolf at 306-566-2971 or dbartolf@saskpower.com

Caring for Each Other in Times of Sorrow

Did you know that, most times when Bread of Life hosts a funeral, we are also asked to help serve a lunch for the family and guests to share after the service? This is often a very healing time where people get to share their memories of the person who has died, get to reconnect with each other and (of course) care for one another.

These days the church (we used to say “church ladies”) don’t actually make or provide the lunches – that has gotten a bit too complicated. Instead the family themselves purchases or arranges what they want served and we provide the people power to serve and clean-up afterward. In the past we have had a few of our folks “at the ready” to help out in this way. But for a whole variety of reasons some have had to step back a bit.

If you would be willing to help out with these lunches - most especially if you would like to take on the role of coordinating them - please talk to Pastor Stewart or call the office and share



your name. This is a very important ministry of our church and I thank you in advance for your willingness to share yourself in this way.

St. Paul's – Edenwold



April 23 ~ Boyd Molder
April 30 ~ Stewart Miller

We have resumed coffee fellowship time after church each Sunday! Please join us. Offering/donations will be accepted by eTransfer to stpaulsedenwold@gmail.com

The Living Spirit Centre

Whist for Seniors

...At Living Spirit Centre is on Tuesday mornings at 10:00. If you are unfamiliar with the game, we will teach you. For more information phone/text Rod at 306-535-2877 or email rodashley@sasktel.net

At Eastside United:

- **Community Dinner: April 27 at 6:00 pm. Speaker - Taylor Balfour on "The Path Forward: On The Opioid and Mental Health Crises in Canada"**. Menu: Chicken and Pasta bake; Kale salad, Trifle provided by Munch Catering! Register by texting "RSVP" to 306-517-6797!
- **INI Cafe will be taking place on April 21 at ICF** - canteen open at 6, performances at 7. Performer to be confirmed. Register: Contact Dawn 306-541-5415. Non-Indigenous performer is Nathan Ottenson; Indigenous Performer is Jason Keewatin. We are looking for volunteers to assist with the Canteen. Please let us know if you are available! (Russell will be away during this event!)
- **Film and Faith** will be taking place on the last Friday of this month (April 28). At this time, the film is TBA. If you are interested in hearing more, including an update on movie and showtime, text "FILM" to 306-517-6797.



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LTS PRESIDENT'S TOUR 2023

LTS Today... and Tomorrow!

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With the Rev. Dr. William Harrison

When: Monday, May 1

Where: Our Savior's Lutheran Church
190 Massey Rd., Regina

Time: 7:00pm



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