



## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS...

Dear Church,

This summer is quickly slipping through our fingers! Committees and session have been on holiday and many of you have taken trips that lead to rest and renewal. I had hoped to get away, but as that won't be possible I'm following a different path towards rejuvenation. And this journey entails eating a lot of bread.

Now people have an interesting relationship with baked flour and water:



Some of us only enjoy a slice for breakfast; others prefer it with every meal. Some think of it only as something to hold peanut butter or meat; others see it as a whole meal when combined with cheese... All the same... and even if it has to be gluten free... most of us like bread.

Rye, soda, challah, wheat, potato. Which will you choose for your journey today?

Perhaps instead of the kind of bread that goes stale when left out overnight or – worse yet – molds, we might consider choosing the true Bread of Life.

Remember, bread of wheat or rye or potatoes flour is sure to spoil, just as do people who live in fear of not having enough of whatever to feel good about themselves or who clamor for power over others. And certainly those who manipulate, coerce or cause pain for others must be eating spoiled bread.

But reaching out in compassion, forgiving those who have wronged us or acting with mercy and grace when facing the difficult choices we face on our travels takes a great deal of strength – which can't be found in an everyday loaf.

We've all heard Jesus is said to be the bread of life. But how does that compare to ordinary bread? How does consuming this bread make a difference in our life's journey?

Each Sunday of August, we'll taste a slice of chapter six of John's amazing (and sometimes confusing) Gospel... And each piece will be flavored with an aspect of Jesus' proclamation that he is the bread of life, a bread that nourishes his believers for the road ahead.

We began this holy bread tasting last Sunday when we read John 6: 1-21 and remembered how Jesus revealed God by sacramentally feeding the 5,000 people who had gathered on the mountainside. Now, over the next four weeks we'll read and consider these four passages:

August 5 - John 6:24-35 People come to Jesus for ordinary food and more signs, but calling himself the "Bread of life" he shows that God is always giving of God's self.

August 12 - John 6:35, 41-51 Opposition to Jesus festers. His authority is questioned. So he boldly counters that he is manna from heaven, revealing God in ordinary things.

August 19 - John 6:51-58 Jesus claims that only those who eat of his flesh – the Bread of Life – will have eternal life.

# PASTOR'S PONDERINGS CONTINUED...

August 26 - John 6:56-69 After adding that none can come to him unless the Father leads them to him, some disciples leave his ministry. Jesus asks the Twelve "Do you also want to leave?"

Jesus words are uncomfortable to hear. Eating the "Bread of Life" and making decisions that affirm life - especially under difficult circumstances - will be challenging. Is the nourishment he offers enough to make a difference in people's life journeys? How will the Disciples respond to his question? How might we? Please join me in worship as we seek renewal for our journeys this August. Come, taste and see!

In Peace,  
Pastor Deb

## Back to School Supplies

The Huron Helping Hands Ministry and Adopt A School Program are teaming up to collect school supplies for needy area students this Fall.

They are asking for the following:

- watercolor paints
- compasses
- calculators
- composition books
- boxes of tissues
- large glue sticks
- gallon bags, quart bags, and sandwich bags
- 2", 1-1/2" and 1" 3-Ring Binders
- packages of pencils (20 ct.)
- loose leaf paper - wide rule
- loose leaf paper - college rule
- large tip washable markers

Collection boxes are set up at many area churches, Shawnee Elementary and Woodlands Intermediate Schools, or items may be dropped off at the Helping Hands Food Pantry at Lighthouse Assembly of God Church, 820 Cleveland Rd. E., Huron. Call 419-433-8889 for more info.



Pictured Above: Missy with her Flemish, Giant Rabbit Romeo.

We welcome  
Missy Sprankel  
into our church  
family!

SING LOUDLY  
DRINK SLOWLY  
MAKE FRIENDS

# BEER & HYMNS



7PM SUNDAY, AUGUST 5  
BLACK CLOISTER BREWING  
619 MONROE ST, TOLEDO



## COMMUNITY MEAL DONATIONS



The volunteers from our community meals are in need of a few items. They will be collecting travel size soaps, shampoos, and conditioners for those that attend the community meals on Monday afternoons and Wednesday evenings. Any brand of shampoo will do! If you have an abundance of those items, would you please consider donating some to our community meals? Please drop them off in the kitchen, near the microwave. Thanks so much for your help!

## LIFE TREE SMALL GROUP

The LifeTree Small Group for the summer will meet at the Christian Center behind Zion Lutheran Church, 930 Main St. from 7:00-8:00 p.m. If life seems challenging, come join the conversation on Monday, August 13 - Can God Love a Mess Like Me? We will hear the story of the life experiences of William Paul Young, the author of the book, The Shack. Lifetree Small Group is a casual and welcoming "conversation cafe" where great discussion is served up with light refreshments every month. You are welcome just as you are. Your thoughts are welcome. Your doubts are welcome. Come and see! Sponsored by FLAMe -Firelands Lutherans Active in Mission. For more information call 419-433-4955.





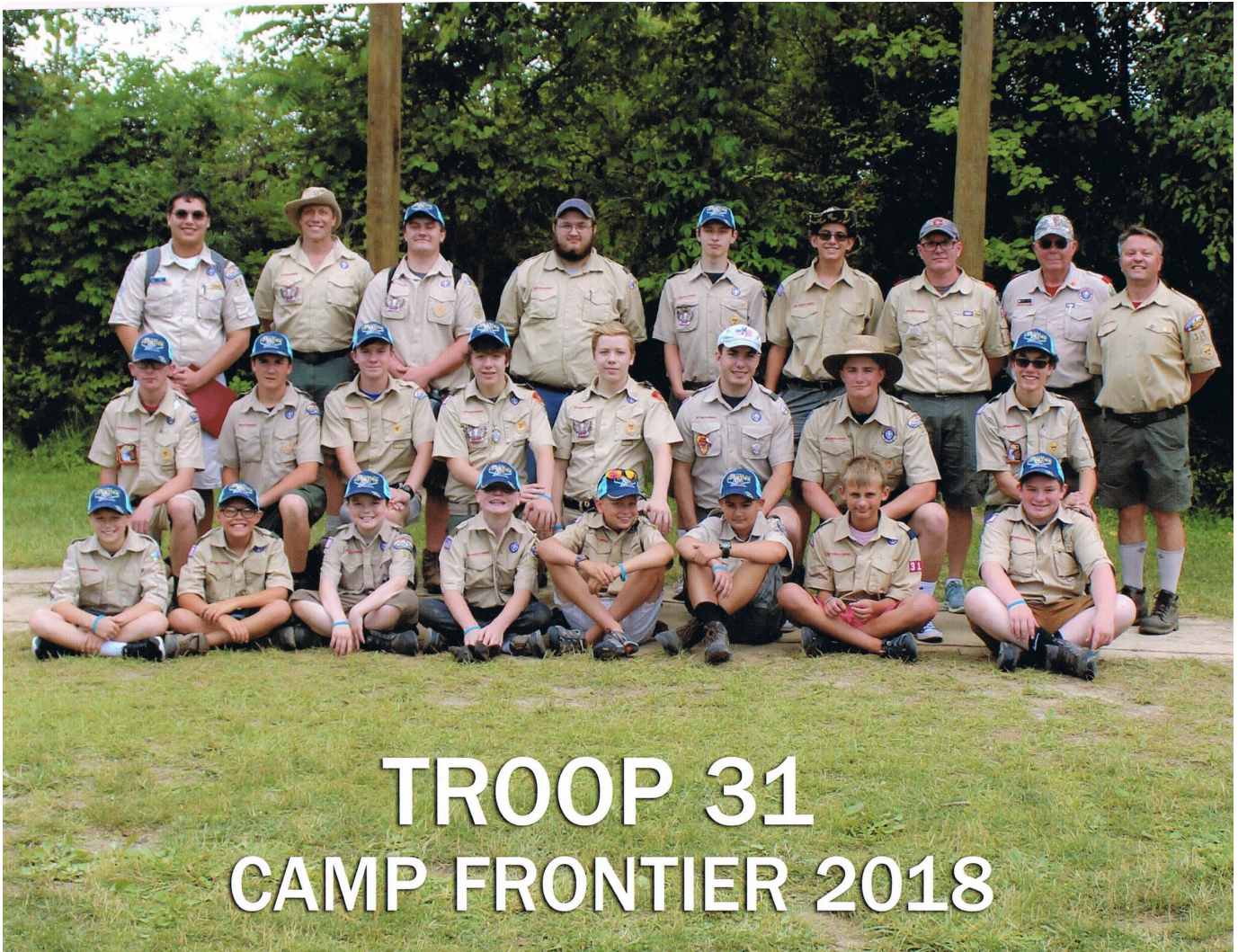


BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®



**Above:** Troop 31's newest Eagle Scouts, Josh Langan and Jackson Penwell. Also pictured are their leaders Jason Schwiefert, Mark Koch, Chuck Dieter, and David Asher.

**Below:** Troop 31 at Pioneer Scout Reservation for summer camp. The troop sent twenty Scouts and five leaders. The Scouts spent their time earning rank advancements and merit badges and the leaders were able to update their training requirements. There was also plenty of free time for the Scouts to try new experiences and have tons of fun. We are planning to return next year.







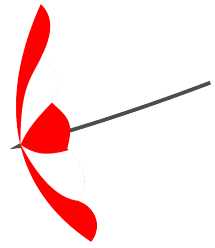
August 7 Michael Jett  
 August 11 Roberta Leimbach  
 August 12 Margaret Symmonds  
 August 13 Richard Haase  
 August 14 Kevin McGraw  
 August 16 Doug Quinn  
 August 19 Jeffrey McMillion  
 August 19 Sharon Roose  
 August 20 Tom Mueller  
 August 22 John Blakeman  
 August 26 Vern Schisler  
 August 31 Jeannine Asher  
 August 31 Will Koenig



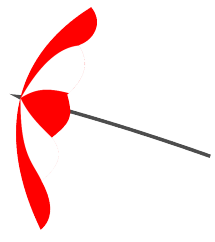
August 1 Girlfriends in God @ 6 pm  
 August 4 Huron Boys Soccer Team Car Wash @ 8:30 am– 2 pm  
 August 7 Staff Meeting @ 11:30 am  
 August 8 Christ Meal @ 5 pm  
 August 8 Girlfriends in God @ 6 pm  
 August 8 F&M and Worship Meetings @ 7 pm  
 August 9 N&M Meeting @ 7:30 pm  
 August 13 Prayer Group @ 1 pm  
 August 15 Girlfriends in God @ 6 pm  
 August 15 Session Meeting @ 7 pm  
 August 18 Bill Stann's Memorial Service  
 August 22 Christ's Meal @ 5 pm  
 August 22 Girlfriends in God @ 6 pm  
 August 27 Prayer Group @ 1 pm  
 August 28 Little Wonders Open House  
 August 29 Girlfriends in God @ 6 pm



	Ushers	Liturgist	Hospitality	Flowers
<b>Aug. 5</b>	Chuck & Bob Kaman/ Scott & Ethan Ransom	Cynthia Brown Mathews	Jann Glann	Tim & Ellen Drumm/ Mark & Pat Koch
<b>Communion Servers:</b> Kathy Kirby, Lesa Guerrero, Chuck and Cindy Kaman		<b>Communion Set-up:</b> Carolyn Culbertson		
<b>Aug. 12</b>	Jack & Marcia Arthur		Sarah Blakeman	Patti Smith/ Dick Connerth
<b>Aug. 19</b>	Ann Pullano & Patti Smith		Ellen Drumm & Katy McGraw	Gail & Chris Bacquet
<b>Aug. 26</b>	Marc & Susan Martter		Edwina Chamberlin	Tom & Kathy Kirby



# AUGUST 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 Worship @10:00am (2-Cents-A-Meal/ Communion)	6 Hot Dog Monday @ noon	7 Staff Meeting @ 11:30 am	8 Christ's Community Meal @ 5 pm Girlfriends in God @ 6 pm F&M and Worship @ 7pm	9 NS&M Meeting @ 7:30pm	10 NS&M Meeting @ 7:30pm	11 Huron Boys Soccer Team Car Wash @ 8:30 am - 2pm
12 Worship @10:00am	13 Hot Dog Monday @ noon Prayer Group @ 1 pm	14 Prayer Group @ 1 pm	15 Girlfriends in God @ 6 pm Session @ 7 pm	16 Girlfriends in God @ 6 pm Session @ 7 pm	17 Bill Stann's Memorial Service	18 Bill Stann's Memorial Service
19 Worship @10:00am	20 Hot Dog Monday @ noon	21 Little Wonders Open House	22 Christ's Community Meal @ 5 pm Girlfriends in God @ 6 pm	23 Little Wonders Parent Meeting @ 6-8 pm Pastor Deb at Presbytery in Findlay (all day)	24 Pastor Deb at Presbytery in Findlay (all day)	25 Pastor Deb at Presbytery in Findlay (all day)
26 Worship @10:00am	27 Hot Dog Monday @ noon Prayer Group @ 1 pm	28 Little Wonders Open House	29 Girlfriends in God @ 6 pm	30 Pastor Deb at Presbytery in Findlay (all day)	31 Pastor Deb at Presbytery in Findlay (all day)	