

# Grace Notes



This month, I want to take a break from our series on the parts of the liturgy in order to tell you about the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. In 1517, Dr. Martin Luther, a German monk and priest, became concerned over the sale of indulgences. The Roman Catholic Church taught that a person could purchase an indulgence in order to secure the forgiveness of sins for themselves and their loved ones, thereby taking years off of their time in purgatory. From his study of Holy Scripture, Luther knew that forgiveness and salvation cannot be purchased or earned by any merit of ours; instead, the forgiveness and salvation of sinners is based entirely on the merits of Jesus Christ. It is for that reason that on October 31, 1517, Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. He hoped to start a debate in the Roman Catholic Church over the sale of indulgences. However, the Roman Catholic Church stubbornly refused. Luther rightly would not back down from teaching the truth of God's Word, and so the Reformation began: a period in the Church's history in which God brought about the renewal of His truth that He saves us sinners by grace alone, through faith alone, taught in Scripture alone, all because of Christ alone!

Our congregation celebrates the Reformation, not to glorify Martin Luther, but to glorify the truth of God's Word that he and others so clearly taught. This Reformation celebration happens among us on the last Sunday in October every year, but the reason that I'm drawing your attention to it now in particular is that October 2017, just one year from now, will be the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. To state the obvious, such anniversaries don't come around very often, and so they are worthy of our special attention and celebration. In particular, the 500th anniversary of the Reformation will put a spotlight on Martin Luther and the Lutheran Church in ways that we don't normally receive. Even though the Reformation was at its heart all about God's Word, the impact of the Reformation was felt socially, economically, politically, and educationally, to name only a few. The year 2017 will see the world paying more attention to the Lutheran Church, a golden opportunity for us to be able to share the good news of Jesus Christ with those who need to hear it.

Because the 500th anniversary of the Reformation is such an important milestone that will afford us with more opportunities to share God's Word with others, our congregation is already planning several ways to celebrate. Over the next year, the hymn of the month or season will be one of Martin Luther's hymns. Because Dr. Luther was a prolific hymnwriter, we have plenty of choices. Some of these hymns will be familiar; for example, LSB 358, "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" and LSB 656, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" are both hymns we know and love.

Some of these hymns will provide us opportunities to learn something new; for example, LSB 755, "In the Very Midst of Life" and LSB 823, "May God Bestow on Us His Grace" both have fantastic texts with melodies that may take a bit more time to learn.

Another way our congregation is planning to celebrate the 500th anniversary is through the use of four special worship services throughout the year. The first of these will actually occur this month, on November 13, 2016, when we commemorate Dr. Martin Luther's birth. We remember Martin Luther's birth (November 10, 1483) in order to help us remember Jesus as our only Savior. Luther helped us recover Scripture's message that we are justified by grace through faith because of Christ. The Reformation was not about Luther. It was about Jesus—and it's still all about Jesus!

The second service will occur on February 19, 2017, when we commemorate Dr. Martin Luther's death. The night that Luther died (February 18, 1546), he prayed Psalm 31:5 four times: "Into your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God." Just as Luther knew that he would not be separated from Jesus in death, we too know that Jesus does not let anything—not sin, not Satan, not death—separate us from Him.

The third service will occur on June 25, 2017. On that day, we will remember the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession. "To confess" means "to say the same thing." When we say the same thing Jesus says, we confess our faith in Him. On June 25, 1530, seven German princes stood before the Holy Roman Emperor in Augsburg and boldly confessed their faith. We remember the presentation of the Augsburg Confession and the important example it set about confessing one's faith so that, with the Church of all times and all nations, we also would confess the life-saving faith God has given.

All of this culminates with the fourth and final service, which will occur on October 29, 2017, when we will remember and celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The truths that Luther taught 500 years ago still apply today: we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, taught in Scripture alone, all because of Christ alone. As we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in many and various ways, I pray that you are strengthened in the truth of God's Word and that you are emboldened to share the truth of God's Word with everyone you meet!

In Christ,  
**Pastor Appel**

# November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		6pm Community Bunco	10am GLLC Chapel 6pm Midweek Meal Bible Classes	6pm 	 The Pastor Will Be Away Family Day	 TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK! MIDNIGHT
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion	7pm  Elders Meeting	9am Pastor Circuit Mtg - Schulenburg	10am GLLC Chapel 6pm Midweek Meal Bible Classes		Pastor Away-Family Day  HONORING OUR VETERANS	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 6:30pm Youth Group LWML to host Ladies from Retreat	7pm  LLL	12 Noon GLLC Thanksgiving Dinner	10am GLLC Chapel 1pm Ministerial Alliance 6pm Midweek Meal Bible Classes		Pastor Away-Family Day	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 3pm Nursing Home Devotions	6pm  GLLC Meeting 7pm Evangelism	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE/NOON	10am GLLC Chapel 7p Thanksgiving Eve Service	OFFICE CLOSED Happy Thanksgiving 	OFFICE CLOSED Pastor Away-Family Day	
27	28	29	30			
8:45am Bible Class 10am Worship/Communion 11am Brd of Ed 6:30pm Youth Group	8am Braille 5pm Piecemakers		10am GLLC Chapel 5:30pm ADVENT MIDWEEK	*MID WEEK SCHEDULE 6:00p Mid Week Meal 6:30p Mid Week Bible Class – All ages	*ADVENT MID WEEK SCHEDULE 5:30 – 6:15p Bible Class 6:00 – 6:45p Soup Supper 7:00p Worship	

**Grace Lutheran Church**

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Sunday School 8:45 AM  
Midweek Classes 8:45 AM  
Worship Service 10:00 AM

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**We now accept CCMS enrollment**

Please feel free to put old or unused toys in our box located in the Narthex

**Pastor Timothy Appel**

If you need to contact him, his email address is: [timothyappel@gmail.com](mailto:timothyappel@gmail.com) and his home phone number is 512-237-9664, or contact our Office at 512-237-2108. If you are not able to reach either number and it is an emergency, contact your Elder. (Elders list on bulletin board by the Office)

**CHURCH OFFICE**

Normal hours are 9 to 2 Mon. – Fri. If you need any help from the office i.e., copying documents, record information, info to be put in the bulletin and/or newsletter, etc., please feel free to stop by, call, etc. We are there to provide you with whatever you need from the church office. You may also leave a note in the Secretary's box in the Narthex, and we will get back with you as soon as possible. Please let us know if you have any questions or suggestions.



**Passengers for Church Van**

**Benny Hajdik** - 979-540-8437 is driving the Church Van for Sunday School and Church Services. If you need transportation, please call by 5:00 pm on Saturday. You may leave a message if no one answers.

**Elder(s):** Jim Duty  
Galen Bunte

**Ushers:** Vince kaiser  
Jack page

**Altar Guild:** Marilyn Burns  
Mary Lou Oliver

**Organist(s):** June Parker  
Esther Wolff (Sub)  
Kim Appel (Sub)

**Readers:**  
Nov. 6 Bernie Satterwhite  
Nov. 13 John Stelling  
Nov. 20 Davey Kadlecek  
Nov. 27 Debbie Higgins

**Acolytes:**  
Nov. 6 Brenden Kadlecek & Gene Brown  
Nov. 13 David Wolff & Alex Caldwell  
Nov. 20 Ramon Wolff & Sterling Brown  
Nov. 24 Thomas Brown & David Wolff  
Nov. 27 Barrett Watson & Brenden Kadlecek  
Nov. 30 Alex Caldwell & Gene Brown



Pre-School/	Mary Lou Oliver/
Kindergarten	Wendy Rohde
1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Grades	Charles Johannessen
3 <sup>rd</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Grades	Gene Brown
6 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grades	June Parker
Adult Classes	Pastor Appel

**STILL IN NEED OF SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS**

**Midweek and Confirmation Teachers**

Pre-school - K	Kristen Smiley
1st – 3rd grade	Alex & Amanda Vanegas
4th - 6th grade	Kristin Appel (June Parker-sub)
7th - 8th grade	Pastor Appel
Adult Class	Ed Randle



Please contact Barb Johannessen at 512-284-0199 if you are interested in this position

**NOVEMBER**



# Anniversaries

- Nov. 15** Katie & Jaysen Swartz
- Nov. 17** Debbie & Tommy Higgins
- Nov. 23** Lucy & Alvie Tinberg
- Nov. 27** Vicki & Robert Vinklarek



# Birthdays

If your birthday or anniversary does not appear correctly, please contact the church office so we can correct our files. Thank you.

- Nov. 3** Jocelyn Bienek
- Nov. 4** Debbie Hampton
- Nov. 5** Philip Appel  
Cheryl Moore
- Nov. 8** Olivia Larkin
- Nov. 9** Rose Pietsch
- Nov. 10** Eleanore Brantley
- Nov. 12** Mary Ann Duty
- Nov. 15** Marilyn Burns
- Nov. 18** Diantha Lee
- Nov. 19** William Miller
- Nov. 21** Kellye Geigenmiller
- Nov. 24** Stacy Watne  
Kaylee Wolff
- Nov. 28** Alex Caldwell

**Wishing these Friends a Happy Birthday! from your "Grace" family**



**In the Hospital**

If you are admitted to the hospital, I would like to visit you in order to share God's Word and share a prayer with you in that difficult time. As you are able please let the church office know or ask the hospital to call the church office so that I can best minister to you  
**Pastor Appel**

**Financials as of Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Prosperity Checking	<b>613.52</b>
FNB Memorial Fund	2,347.96
FSB Bazaar Temp Acct	15,503.15
Prosperity Bazaar MMA	5,988.15
FNB – Rental Property	11,639.94
CEF General	2,333.59
CEF Land/Youth	11,744.07
<b>(Liability) Annex Loan</b>	56,498.69
CEF Property Loan	155,292.39

**Dedicated Accounts**

GLLC Playground equipment	100.00
Door Offerings	382.05
SS Missions	96.00
Annex Bldg	110.00
Thrivent	842.00
Memorial	20.00
Van Repairs	720.00
Ded. Misc	1,500.00
Faith Lutheran HS	1,000.00
Spcl Missions	20.00
<b>Total Dedicated Funds</b>	<b>4,790.05</b>
FVB Checking Account	613.52
<b>Funds available for disbursement</b>	<b>-4,176.53</b>

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**May God bless you and keep you always in His tender, loving care**

**Midweek Meal Sign-Up Fall 2016**

Each week, we provide a light meal for the children and adults in attendance. We're looking for volunteers to help with this task; individuals, families, and groups from the congregation are encouraged to sign up on the sheet outside the office in the narthex. Thank you for supporting Christian education at Grace through this labor of love!



Thanks to your generosity the **Educational Endowment Fund** has been established! In order to help the fund to continue to grow, donations are still welcome and encouraged. Any member of Grace Lutheran is welcome to make a donation no matter how big or how small, everything is appreciated. Again **THANK YOU EVERYONE!!**



### PIECEMAKERS

We are grateful for all the donations of fabrics and gently used sheets. We use these donations to make quilts for Lutheran World relief.

We meet the fourth Monday at 5:00 pm in the Sunday school (alley entrance). We usually finish up by 7:00. Join us

We won't meet in December.



The ladies of Grace and friends are invited to join us on **Thursday, November 3 at 6:00 pm.** We will have a special guest.

One of the Missions that the LWML supports through mites is LINC Austin. Our speaker is Haleh. She and her husband lead this ministry to homeless teens and youth in Austin. She has a remarkable story to share. She was born in the US. She was raised in Iran as a Muslim. She moved to California as a teen. It was there her best friend took her to church. She became a Lutheran and began her journey

Our meeting begins at 6:00. Join us for an evening of inspiration.



The BAE continues to receive bountiful donations.

We are scheduled to work the week of November 7 to 12. Hours are Monday through Thursday 10 to 2. Sale days are Friday and Saturday 9 to 2

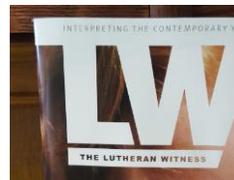
I am trying to find willing volunteers. They don't need to be members of Grace to join us.

Monday we arrive and our first task is to clean our area. Our assigned area is the wall that contains the picture frames, figurines, craft supplies etc. we then straighten out and check the clothing areas. Tuesday we work on processing donations. Usually Wednesday we begin to process and tag clothes. Thursday we finish up getting set up for the sales. Thursday afternoon pictures are taken for FB. Friday morning we are greeted by eager shoppers. We are very busy and then we hit a break in the rush.

We see a lot of repeat customers and we enjoy chatting with them.

If you want to join us you can come as your schedule permits. We welcome everyone to join us. A perk is having first choice of the bargains arriving.

We continue to look forward. Our plan is to find some land and a building we can better serve our shoppers and we can continue to give back to the community



Lutheran Witness Magazine price for 2017 is **\$13.65**

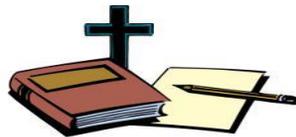


CLASSES  
2016 - 2017

The following Wednesdays are the dates for our midweek classes this year. Our regular midweek schedule is to start with a light meal at 6:00 PM, followed by classes for all ages from 6:30-7:30. Dates marked with an asterisk (\*) occur during Advent and Lent, when we have midweek worship services at 7 PM. During these two seasons of the Church Year, midweek classes will begin at 5:30 PM and end at 6:15 PM so that parents and children still have the opportunity to eat at the soup suppers we offer before services.

A sign-up sheet for helping with meals will be posted soon. Please plan to participate in our midweek classes this year; it is an excellent opportunity for all of us to grow together in a deeper understanding and appreciation of our Christian faith.

November 2, 2016		*December 7, 2016	
November 9, 2016		*December 14, 2016	
November 16, 2016			
*November 30, 2016			
January 4, 2017	February 1, 2017	*March 1, 2017	*April 5, 2017
January 11, 2017	February 8, 2017	*March 8, 2017	April 19, 2017
January 18, 2017	February 15, 2017	*March 22, 2017	April 26, 2017
January 25, 2017	February 22, 2017	*March 29, 2017	May 3, 2017



**Board of Education**  
**Sunday School**  
**Midweek News**

Dear Members of Grace Lutheran Church,

**REMEMBER!!!!** The **FIRST** Sunday of every month is the Sunday School Mission Sunday. This means that the offerings generously given the **FIRST** Sunday of every month will be given to a charity that is chosen by the Board of Education. Our Mission project this quarter is "Texas A&M Ministries". Please remember to bring your offerings to Sunday School each Sunday. (This does include the Adult Sunday School Class). Any child 3 years old and older is welcome to attend Sunday School every Sunday. We start at 8:45AM. **COME JOIN US!!!!**

As we begin working on the risers for the Christmas play, one of the biggest issues is storage for them. We have measured and we believe that there will be storage space under the steps. There is currently a pool table setting in this space that is not being used. There is no room to put it upstairs and no room in any of the class rooms. We would like to have this go to someone that would utilize it more then we as a congregation will be able to do. If you are interested in this pool table let Barbara know. If anyone has any other suggestions or concerns please contact me so that we can discuss this issue.

It is time to start working on the Christmas Play. If anyone is interested in directing please contact myself or Pastor. We would love to discuss what is involved to make the play a success. Everyone is welcome to help.

Sunday School is going very well. We would like to start a high school class again. If you or you know anyone that would be interested in this happening please contact a Board of Education member. Also is needed a teacher for the Pre-K/kindergarten class. Please contact me if anyone is interested in teaching this class.

May God Bless all of you.

Respectfully,  
**Barb Johannessen**



# BLESSINGS JAR

Thanksgiving reminds us of our many gifts from God. Count your blessings all month long with this craft.



### What you need:

- Jar
- Ribbon
- Scissors
- Glue
- 3 sheets of paper (different colors)
- Marker or pen

### What you do:

1. Measure and cut enough ribbon to wrap around the jar's neck, below the lid. Glue in place and let dry.
2. Fold each piece of paper in half three times, resulting in eight rectangles per sheet. Cut along the fold lines, and you'll have 24 rectangles.
3. Each day in November until Thanksgiving, write down one blessing from God. Then place that blessing in the jar.
4. On Thanksgiving, open the jar and read all your blessings to your family and friends.



## Blessings from the Lord

Throughout the Bible, God blesses his chosen people. How can we receive these gifts?

*Directions: In the word search, find all the words in the box. Then write the words in the correct order on the blanks below to complete the verse.*

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\_\_\_\_\_ 28:2, NIV

Answer: "All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God." Deuteronomy 28:2, NIV

## Slate of Officers for 2017 Ballot

<u>2016 officers</u>	<u>yrs to serve</u>	<u>2017 officers</u>	<u>yrs to ser ve</u>
<b><u>Elders (9)</u></b>		<b><u>Elders (9)</u></b>	
Chad Catron	2	Chad Catron	1
Jim Duty	2	Jim Duty	1
M.W. Kasper	1		3
Charlie Johannessen	1		3
Jack Page	3	Jack Page	2
Cliff Burns	3	Cliff Burns	2
Ed Randle	3	Ed Randle	2
Vince Kaiser	2	Vince Kaiser	1
Galen Bunte	2	Galen Bunte	1
<b><u>President (1)</u></b>		<b><u>President (1)</u></b>	
Tim Wolff	1		1
<b><u>Vice President (1)</u></b>		<b><u>Vice President (1)</u></b>	
Gene Brown	1		1
<b><u>Treasurer (1)</u></b>		<b><u>Treasurer (1)</u></b>	
Mary Lou Oliver	1		1
<b><u>Financial Secretary(1)</u></b>		<b><u>Financial Secretary(1)</u></b>	
Betty Flora	1		1
<b><u>Secretary (1)</u></b>		<b><u>Secretary (1)</u></b>	
Rose Pietsch	1	Rose Pietsch	1
<b><u>Board of Evangelism (6)</u></b>		<b><u>Board of Evangelism (6)</u></b>	
Debbie Higgins	1		3
Tommy Higgins	1		3
Carol Wood	2	Carol Wood	1
Wendy Rohde	2	Wendy Rohde	1
Billie Courtemanche	1		3
Alvie Tinburg	2	Alvie Tinburg	1
<b><u>Board of Stewardship (3)</u></b>		<b><u>Board of Stewardship (3)</u></b>	
Gene Brown	1		3
Nancy Fritsche	1		3
Marilyn Randle	1		3
<b><u>Board of Education (7)</u></b>		<b><u>Board of Education (7)</u></b>	
Mary Lou Oliver	3	Mary Lou Oliver	2
Melissa Brown	3	Melissa Brown	2
Kathy Kasper	1		3
Becky Watson	1		3
Barbara Johannessen	1		3
Charlie Johannessen	1		3
Toni Ann Kadlecek	2	Toni Ann Kadlecek	1

**Learning Center Board (7)**

Margie Hicks	1
DeeDee (Dana) Bunte	2
Bianca Kasper	2
Brenda Page	1
Victoria Seaton	2
Cathy Smith	1
Cheryl Moore	3

**Board of Trustees (7)**

Kerry Becker	3
Allan Hancock	3
Ivan Fritsche	3
Ronald Pietsch	3
John Stelling	1
Allan Hurst	1
Micah Deapen	1

**Sunday School Supt (1)**

Ed Randle	1
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**Head Usher (1)**

Elders	1
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**Bazaar Committee (6)**

Betty Flora	3
Nancy Fritsche	3
Rose Pietsch	3
Mary Lou Oliver	3
Marilyn Burns	3
Chrissy Becker	3

**Learning Center Board (7)**

[Redacted]	3
DeeDee (Dana) Bunte	1
Bianca Kasper	1
[Redacted]	3
Victoria Seaton	1
[Redacted]	3
Cheryl Moore	2

**Board of Trustees (7)**

Kerry Becker	2
Allan Hancock	2
Ivan Fritsche	2
Ronald Pietsch	2
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**Sunday School Supt (1)**

Ed Randle	1
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**Head Usher (1)**

Elders	1
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**Bazaar Committee (6)**

Betty Flora	2
Nancy Fritsche	2
Rose Pietsch	2
Mary Lou Oliver	2
Marilyn Burns	2
Chrissy Becker	2



Don't forget Trunk or Treat Halloween night, **Monday, October 31, 6-8 p.m.** until all candy is depleted behind the church in our parking /playground area. Those who are participating are asked be there for **set up between 5:30-6 p.m.**

We need to be in place BEFORE the start at 6 p.m. so there will be no autos driving in the area of the children. Member cars/trucks are to access the parking by coming through the alley off the highway loop as the drive will be closed on the street running alongside the church and the gates on the street will be closed so the children don't have access until 6 p.m. when all will be set up.



If you aren't participating in the Trunk or Treat, we invite the congregation to bring their children, grandchildren or neighborhood children to walk the candy trail. This is an outreach to the community for our children to enjoy Halloween in a safe, inviting environment

**Holy Cross, Warda**, Youth Group will host their Fall Fling on **Saturday, November 12th, from 4:30 - 6:00** in the church fellowship hall. Sausage, Sauerkraut, Buttered Potatoes, Green Beans, Homemade Bread, Cake, Tea &/or Water will be served. Tickets are \$9.00 each and are available from any Holy Cross youth group member or at the church office. A silent auction will be held with a preview of the items at church on Sunday, Nov. 6th. Proceeds will go to help with expenses for a mission trip and activities in 2017.

**The Holy Cross Couple's Club** will have their annual Fried Chicken Dinner on **Sunday, November 20th**. All plates are \$9.00, to-go only, and must be picked up at the picnic grounds between 10:30 and noon. Tickets must be purchased by Nov. 13th and are available at the church office during the week, or by calling Danny & Judy Jurk at 242-3484, Dennis & Diann Pietsch at 542-1141, Robert and Joyce Hinze at 366-2398 or 540-0355. Proceeds will go to the Family Crisis Center serving Fayette, Lee and Bastrop Counties. Limited matching funds applied for through Thrivent Financial.

Prayer &  
Thanksgiving



## SHARING OF THE BREAD

During our Thanksgiving Eve Service this year we will bring our LOAVES OF BREAD to share with one another. This bread will be used in connection with THANKING GOD for His many blessings and PRAYING for the family who shares it with you.

### EXPLANATION OF HOW IT WORKS

1. BAKE A LOAF OF BREAD (Homemade or frozen-dough).
2. WRITE YOUR NAME IN THE 2 BLANKS ON THE INSTRUCTION SHEET AND PLACE IT IN A BAGGIE, THEN PLACE ON TOP OF THE BREAD. Put both in a plastic bag with your name showing.
3. BRING YOUR BREAD to our Thanksgiving Eve Service and place it on one of the provided tables by the front pews. (This is also the evening we bring food for the needy that will be placed near the altar area.)
4. During the service, Pastor will ASK GOD TO BLESS our bread and those who prepared it along with those who received it.
5. At the end of the service, you will be ushered out from the side aisles and will walk around to the front past the tables. PICK UP A LOAF to take home.

*Note: Volunteer families will be called upon to bring two loaves to help cover visitors & those who forget. You will be given extra instruction sheets and two families will be praying for your family. Extra loaves will be sent along to the needy families.*

GOD BLESS OUR EFFORTS AND OUR PRAYERS

Fold or cut

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## INSTRUCTION SHEET

(PLACE THIS IN A BAGGIE, THEN ATTACH THIS TO YOUR BREAD)



This LOAF OF BREAD comes to you with love from \_\_\_\_\_ As a symbol of the sharing from our table to yours at this time of Thanksgiving.

On Thanksgiving Day, before the meal and with everyone standing in a circle or sitting at the table, the bread is passed around for each person to break off a small piece and mention something for which they are thankful.

A designated person can then read the following prayer or pray something similar. Everyone should eat their morsel of bread at the same time (either before or after the prayer).

Father in heaven, You sent your Son, Jesus, to be our living BREAD OF LIFE, so we could live forever. You continue to provide our DAILY BREAD along with all our needs. We are most thankful for your loving kindness.

Bless us, Lord, as we share this Thanksgiving Meal. We also ask you to bless the \_\_\_\_\_ family, who shares this BREAD in love with us today. Thank you for all your blessings. Help us to be a blessing to others. Give Thanks

We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.