



# LIVING THE WORD

Newsletter of the Huntington Church of the Brethren

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## MAY 2015 ... by love, serve one another

Sometimes I find it difficult to come up with something for the newsletter. I feel like I should write something profound and interesting. During the school year, I can get so busy that the only profound thing I can think of is that I graded a stack of problem sets, exams, or lab reports. But maybe my submission to the newsletter doesn't have to be some wise instruction or deep thought. Maybe I should leave a blank space for you to fill in. It would probably be as profound as anything I could offer. Maybe I should tell you what is going on at that moment. I can't plant garden today, because it is raining. Maybe God speaks in the otherwise mundane.

Tim

**Men's Breakfast:** 8:00 AM Saturday, May 2.

**Book Swap:** 10:00 AM-Noon Saturday, May 2.

Thursday, May 21, 6:00-7:30 PM.

**Women's Fellowship:** 1:00 PM Tuesday, May 5.

**Deacon's Meeting:** 9:00 AM Sunday, May 10.

**Ministry Team:** 6:30 PM Monday, May 18.

**60+:** meets Tuesday, May 26. See Joann for details.

**Building & Grounds:** 6:30 PM Thursday, May 28.

**Love, INC:** For the month of May, our goal is 40 items of spaghetti or spaghetti sauce for the food shelf at Love. We have met our goal the last few months. Congratulations!



**Nigerian Women's Choir:** This choir from the Nigerian branch of the Church of the Brethren will be in our area near the end of June. The closest concert will be June 27, 7:00 PM at the Manchester Church of the Brethren. They will also visit Churches in Elkhart, Lafayette and Richmond. Call the office for details.

**Council meeting:** The council meeting that was originally scheduled for May 10 will be held on May 17 instead. It will follow the Sunday school time and a potluck.

**Maintenance:** A big thank-you to the Building and Grounds team for all the work they do to keep our place of worship looking good and operating smoothly. Recent projects have included fixing a water main leak, putting up a parking lot sign, putting in a gate at the back of the parsonage fence

and getting a new freezer to replace one that quit working. Your work is appreciated.

**Bread for the World:** This is a collective Christian effort that has been ongoing over 40 years, urging our nation's leaders to do what they can to end hunger at home and abroad. It is supported by thousands of churches from many different faith traditions. This is the year the federal child nutrition program that helps feed hungry children here in the U.S. comes up for review and renewal (once every five years). One out of five children in the U.S. lives in a household that struggles to put food on the table. The parents of many of these children have jobs and work hard, but their wages aren't enough to cover the high costs of rent, transportation, and utilities. A healthy start in life pays off for years, not just for children and their families, but for communities and our nation as a whole. Bread for the World is asking churches to take some time to help write letters to our leaders encouraging them not to weaken the support given to these children. We will take some time during Sunday school on May 17 to help in this effort.

**Quote of the week:** "For the first time in human history, we can do more than simply envision a world free of extreme poverty; we can make it a reality. Accomplishing this goal will take two commitments: to act guided by the best evidence of what works and what doesn't; and to use our voices to compel and challenge others to join us in this urgent cause inspired by our deepest spiritual values. The world has achieved remarkable progress in the past two decades in cutting in half the number of people living in extreme poverty. We have ample evidence from the World Bank Group and others showing that we can now end extreme poverty within 15 years."-- *From a statement titled "Ending Extreme Poverty: A Moral and Spiritual Imperative," issued by the World Council of Churches.*

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