



Ian Hilmer provided entertainment

## Ninth Annual Run for the Loaves

The ninth annual Run for the Loaves was run September 15<sup>th</sup> this year. It was a beautiful day if somewhat warm and humid. Live music was provided by Ian Hilmer, fantastic treats were provided for sale by members of the church and an unmatched group of volunteers from the church



T-shirt front and back designed by Mikayla Janke

did the heavy lifting and made the event a success.

I cannot say enough about the runners, walkers, and members of the church. The Cross Country Team from the Owatonna High School raised over \$1,000.00 with their entry fees and donations. Coach Chatelaine should be very proud. Donations from church members and friends of the church made up the bulk of the remaining monies raised. Once again, when called upon to help raise money for a great cause, church members and friends of the church excelled with their generosity.

I'd like to give special thanks to the volunteers for their hard work. Without them the event would have never happened, with them it was a great success. The confirmation class from last year volunteered and never stopped or slowed down during the event. With young adults like that in the church, our outlook for the future looks great.

Please recognize and patronize the business's that donated to the race. Culligan donated bottled water, Cash Wise Foods donated bananas, Culvers free ice cream cone chits, and Sign Pro donated banners advertising the race. Sign Pro also won the Big Loaf traveling trophy for raising the largest donation from a business or group.

Forty runners, three walkers, and three kids participated in this year's race, raising \$3,217.95 to date. There will be more money coming in from t-shirt sales and additional donations are always welcomed. The Steele and Waseca Food shelves will share the donations with the Steele Food Shelf receiving \$1,369.47 and Waseca Food Shelf receiving \$1,848.48. Any further donations will also be presented.

Watch for details for next year's run/walk. We try to add to the event every year to attract more participants and donations. We have the best minds in the church brainstorming this, so next year's event will be awesome.

(By Brad Saufferer)



Kids 1/4 mile run



The walkers are on their way.



The Owatonna High School Cross Country Team



The McCartney twins from the OHS Cross Country team took first and second in their age group.



Amy Saufferer—winner in her age group



The runners are off and running.