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Sun. 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
Sun. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Mission Statement: Created by God's gracious love, we are called, as a community of faith, to be witnesses and servants of Jesus to the world.

A Look Ahead

The beginning of a new year gives us the opportunity to set new goals to make our hopes and dreams come true. As we consider our hopes and dreams for Lord of Love in 2011, we can consider new ways to share our skills, passions, and talents with our church family and the community at large. A few ways in which we can be involved in January are summarized below.

On January 9, we can attend the **Baptism of Our Lord ecumenical worship service** (see page 4, Worship). This is a wonderful opportunity to worship not only with our Lord of Love family but also with other church families in our community.

On January 23, we can participate in **Bowling for Jesus** (see page 6, Nurture). This is a fundraiser to help the Women of Love send two women on a Nebraska Synod trip to Tanzania in the future. Be sure to sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex!

In addition, we can help plan future worship services and fellowship events. Planning for our **Midweek Lenten services** will begin soon (see page 4, Worship), and planning future **Adult Christian Fellowship (ACF) events** is ongoing (see the poster in the Narthex at church).

Finally, we can help others in our community and beyond. We can give monetary gifts through **special offerings** and the **Deacon's Fund** (see page 7, Outreach), and we can donate our time and monetary gifts to the Nebraska Synod's **Mission Field Nebraska** ministry (see page 8, Outreach).

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The Season of Epiphany by Pastor Brad

Wild goose chase? (Matthew 2:1-12)

Three wise men following a star? Where is the wisdom in that? Leaving home and safety, they journey with rich gifts to honor the king. Astrologers, wise men—who knows much about them? What we know is that they were willing to go beyond the boundaries of the familiar to find this king. Is that why they're in this story of Jesus' birth? Do they point to something more we ought to know or see?



Would any of us be willing to leave most everything behind to go off on a wild goose chase just because there was a big bright star in the sky? Not long ago while driving home, Heidi and I saw off in the distance a search light blazing into the night sky. We both wondered and speculated on what the light was drawing our attention to. Could it be the opening of the latest blockbuster movie or a great deal on a new car? We'll never know. What we didn't do was to go off in search of its source. Our wonder and curiosity didn't get the best of us.

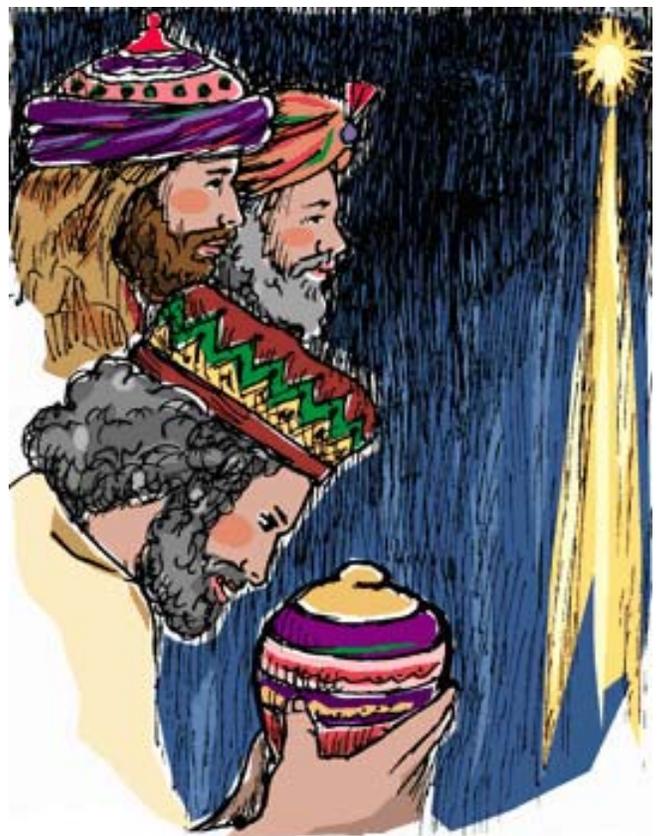
Yet, three wise men, with wonder and curiosity, sought out where this great light was pointing. It revealed to them the King or Kings, Lord of

Lords, and Prince of Peace. What I hope the season of Epiphany holds for all of us is that we, too, search and seek out places where God's presence is revealed to us. I pray for us to notice the opportunities when God comes face to face with us and lights the path that lies beyond the safety of our familiar boundaries so that we might experience and celebrate God's presence.

Prayer for Epiphany

Lord God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Peace,
Pastor Brad



MONTHLY CALENDAR

January 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
2 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship & Communion	3 6:00pm LWT Bible Study 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	4 7:00pm Vision & Coordination	5 5:00pm Confirmation 5:30pm Supper 6:00pm Brass 6:00pm Luther Kids 6:00pm LWT Bible Study 7:30pm Chancel Choir	6 9:30am Text Study @ Guthrie's 7:00pm Boy Scouts	7 8:00am LoL Laughing Ladies @ Crane Coffee 6:00pm Church Council Retreat 7:30pm AA	8 7:00am Church Council Retreat 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 10:00am Novak recitals
9 Installation of new Council members 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship & Communion 11:30am Secret Angel Potluck Lunch 7:00pm Baptism of Our Lord	10 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	11	12 5:00pm Confirmation 5:30pm Supper 6:00pm Brass 6:00pm Luther Kids 7:30pm Chancel Choir	13	14 7:30pm AA	15 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
16 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship & Communion	17 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	18 9:00am Quilters 7:00pm Church Council	19 5:00pm Confirmation 5:30pm Supper 6:00pm Luther Kids 6:00pm Brass 7:30pm Chancel Choir	20 Love Letter Deadline	21 8:00am LoL Laughing Ladies @ Crane Coffee 7:30pm AA	22 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 8:00am Worship Planning 8:00am Pinewood Derby
23 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship & Communion 11:30am New Member Orientation	24 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	25	26 5:00pm Confirmation 5:30pm Supper 6:00pm Luther Kids 6:00pm Brass 7:30pm Chancel Choir	27	28 7:30pm AA	29 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
30 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship & Communion 1:00pm District 18 AA Mtg.	31 8:00pm AA & AI Anon					

WORSHIP

Baptism of Our Lord Ecumenical Worship

The Baptism of our Lord ecumenical worship service will be held on January 9, 2011, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. The worship service will begin at 7:00 p.m. This is an annual event put on by several congregations in our area, including Lord of Love. Please plan on attending!



Midweek Lenten Service Planning

Midweek Lenten services don't begin until March, but planning for them has to start much earlier. If you'd like to help plan these services, please contact Shawn Lorenzen at 490-0352. Meeting times will depend on what works for the group, but one option is to meet Wednesday evenings before choir practice.



Lord of Love's Worship Servants

	January 2	January 9	January 16	January 23	January 30
Greeter(s)					
8:00 a.m.	Doug and Rose Roberts	Doug and Cathy Aden	Ed and Marjorie Keiser	Marilyn Thomsen, Harry Naasz	Josh and Carissa Combes
10:30 a.m.	Brad and Randi VenHuizen	Dave and Lisa Rieff	Paula Foster, Kathy Christiansen	Jane Hawkins, Lynnette Nore	Dave and Susan Lueders
Liturgist					
8:00 a.m.	Marilyn Thomsen	Doug Aden	Karen Mullen	David Hild	Kenn Garder
10:30 a.m.	Randi VenHuizen	Don Rowen	Rex Quadhamer	Deb Lund	Lori Vandeventer
Communion Servers					
8:00 a.m.		Joe and Jackie Combes, Josh and Carissa Combes	Brian and Connie Walter	Doug and Rose Roberts	Garder family
10:30 a.m.	Brad and Randi VenHuizen	Rowen family	Quadhamer family	Brian and Deb Lund	Vandeventer family
Nursery Attendant(s)					
8:00 a.m.					
10:30 a.m.	Anne Yarger	Sarah Horan	Lisa Rieff	Pat Brewer	Debra Gillespie
Altar Care					
8:00 a.m.	Mike and Christie Klos	Cathy Aden	Doug and Rose Roberts	Vandeventer girls	Ed and Marjorie Keiser
10:30 a.m.	Pauline Shaffer, Randi VenHuizen	Diana Haye, Marcia Roads	Debra Gillespie, Karen Armitage	Brenda and Suzanne Mac	Rowen family
Ushers					
8:00 a.m.	Paul Dieter, Dennis Hindemith, John Florea, Brian Walther				
10:30 a.m.	Lueders family, Lund family				

WORSHIP

A Handbell Choir at Lord of Love?

We already enjoy wonderful music during our services and at special occasions, but now we might have a chance to make that even more wonderful. Heidi Meyer, our pastor's wife, brings a lot of skills and experience in leading handbell choirs, and several members of the congregation have expressed an interest in supporting such an effort. But it can't happen overnight, as acquiring handbells and all the equipment needed to support that activity could cost up to \$11,000. So the first thing we need to do is find out if there is enough interest, not just in dollars, but in willingness to practice and commit to this cause. This is an exploratory phase because there are a number of considerations that need to be addressed to determine if this idea can become a reality.



Most importantly, we need a group of 11 adults (or more), who are eager to spend an hour per week to learn the music. Right now, we think that rehearsal would be on Sunday evening from 7:00 until 8:00 p.m. Initially, the goal would be to play during worship once a month. Because it is necessary to cover all the notes, a player really can't be absent, or it would mean that the group could not play. Heidi says it is not necessary to read music well, but it helps to know a bit about the rhythms. She uses a system of color-coding, which facilitates the learning.

If we can determine that we have enough individuals to pursue this, we would then need to purchase equipment, bells, tables, music, notebook stands, and so on. And at that point, we would need to ask for your financial support. The purpose of this article is to let you know about this opportunity and give you the chance to offer your time and/or your contribution to help this become a reality. Please contact Karen Mullen or Randi VenHuizen if you have questions. A sign-up sheet will be placed on the bulletin board in the Narthex at Lord of Love. By signing up, you indicate that you have considered the time needed for practice and that you want to become a part of this musical ministry. That will give us a list of interested parties and will tell us if there is a broad enough base to move forward. An informational meeting would then be held later in January following the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

NURTURE

Events in November and December a Success!

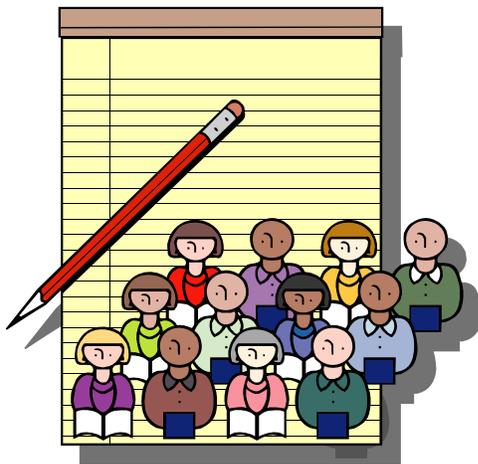
Thanks to all of the helpers who made the many events in November and December a success:

- Adam Lueders and the youth group for decorating the tree and church.
- Judy Messerschmidt, Lori Vandeventer, Heather Christensen, Claudia Rowen, and Lisa Rieff for their help in organizing a wonderful, comical Sunday School Christmas Program.
- Heather VanArsdale and Shawn Lorenzen for providing Wednesday night suppers!
- Deb Lund for coordinating the caroling event, Susan Lueders for coordinating the chili luncheon, and all those who contributed by bringing chili and other items.
- All members for the donations of winter apparel for the LOL Mitten Tree.



New Member Class

Those who are interested in hearing more about Lord of Love and possibly entering into membership are invited to attend a New Member class on Sunday, January 23 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A light lunch will be offered. The class will learn more about many of the ministries at Lord of Love, take a tour of the building, and meet current members of Lord of Love, as well as take part in a Spiritual Gifts inventory. If you are interested in attending, please contact the church office at 493-2946.

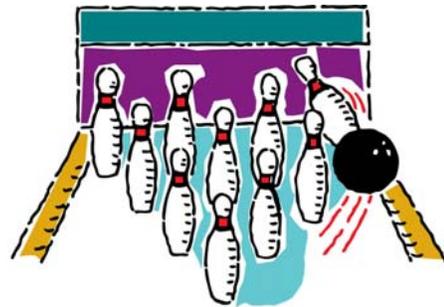


Membership
Class

Bowling for Jesus

“Bowling for Jesus” will be held on Sunday, January 23 from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. at Maplewood Lanes. Bowlers of all ages are invited! Sign up in advance on the bulletin board in the narthex. The cost is \$10 per person. Prepayment to Beth Olson is preferred before the 10:30 a.m. worship service on January 23.

This is a fundraiser for “Women on a Mission” as we’re planning to send two LOL women on a Nebraska Synod trip to Tanzania in the future.



BOWLING
for Jesus

Weekly Education Opportunities at Lord of Love

Sunday

9:15 a.m. Sunday School (Preschool – High School) @ LOL Classrooms
Adult Studies @ LOL Abraham, Mary, and Joseph Rooms

Monday

6:00 p.m. *Lutheran Woman Today* Bible Study @ Old Country Buffet (first Monday of month)

Wednesday

4:45 p.m. Confirmation (7th & 8th grades) @ LOL Abraham Room
6:00 p.m. Luther Kids (1st – 6th grades) @ LOL Preschool
6:00 p.m. *Lutheran Woman Today* Bible Study @ LOL Joseph Room (first Wednesday of month)

Thursday

9:30 a.m. Text Study @ Guthries

Saturday

7:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast and Bible Study @ LOL Fellowship Hall

OUTREACH

New Year's Day Offering

The Mission Possible committee has designated the New Year's Day offering to be given to Cristo Rey Lutheran Church in south Omaha. Also, during January and February, we may designate special offerings for this congregation.



SPECIAL
OFFERING

Deacon's Fund

On the first Sunday of each month, the loose plate offering goes toward the Deacon's Fund to assist people in need in the community. In order to efficiently help those who call or stop by Lord of Love, a portion of each month's Deacon's Fund will be sent to Together Inc. Together, Inc. is a local organization that assists people with a variety of needs: rent, utility bills, food, clothing, prescriptions, etc. Your support of the Deacon's Fund will help many who are in need.



Advent Offering Update

A portion of our Advent offering was designated to Pastor Maimu's widow. We received information about how the family is doing and want to share it with you.

The wife of the late Pastor Maimu and their two sons are doing well. The elder son (Elihuruma) is in Secondary School and the younger one (Peter) has been selected to enter Form One next year in a government day secondary school.



*Our Offering
at Work*

Mrs. Maimu has been actively participating in activities of the parish and has been useful as a tutor in seminars organized by the parish to build a modest residential house just in the neighborhood of the parish. She faces two challenges, namely the education of her two sons and completing the family house.

The Hon. Bishop has been deeply touched by the attachment you have towards the late Pastor Maimu's family and extends his sincere thanks to you and all the friends of the Maimu family.

A portion of the Advent offering is also to be sent with those traveling to Tanzania this February.

We will include additional information in the next issue of *The Love Letter* as we receive information from Tanzania.

Nebraska ELCA Mission Update by Deb Lund

This fall's Nebraska Synod gatherings weren't meetings. They were "doings." Thanks to the support of those who attended the Synod's 18 Fall Doings, more than 200 tie blankets and personal care kits were made and distributed to Mission Field Nebraska ministry sites. Participants also were given the opportunity to learn more about a specific Mission Field Nebraska ministry. Several Lord of Love folks and Pastor Bob took part in the area "doing."

Mission Field Nebraska is the Nebraska Synod's set of socioeconomic, multicultural, and prison-related ministries. They are ministries that no one mission center/congregation could do alone. But together, we as the Nebraska Synod can.

Mission Field Nebraska ministries exist because of the financial partnership between the Synod and its mission centers and congregations. The Synod and its ministry partners genuinely appreciate that financial partnership.

- Lakota Lutheran Center and Chapel in Scottsbluff
- Fontenelle Community Lutheran Church in North Omaha
- Nebraska Synod Prison Ministries ... "Followers of Christ Lutheran Church"

Several of our mission centers/congregations work closely with members of our Followers of Christ prison ministry to provide a welcoming church family as a steady presence in their lives.

- United Asian Ministry in Dakota City
- The Welcome Center in Lexington

Ana Castaneda from the "Welcome Center" in Lexington tells of an immigrant mother and her young daughter she helped escape from an abusive situation. The story is a reminder that immigration is not only about jobs, but about justice, too. Today, that young girl is 15 years old and growing up free and safe.

- Iglesia Luterana Cristo Rey in South Omaha
- Sudanese Ministry sites throughout Nebraska

Our Sudanese brothers and sisters in north Omaha are blessed with the leadership of John Gok Badeng, who we as a church have been able to support so he can become an ordained Lutheran pastor.

- Todos los Hijos de Dios in Beatrice
- Lutheran Metro Ministries in North Omaha

Thank you for the generous support through our mission dollars to provide these life-changing ministries. Additional gifts to these Mission Field Ministries are always welcome.

Mission Field
NEBRASKA

COUNCIL REPORT

From the Council President – January 2011 by Brian Lund, Council President

Luke 12:35-38 (NRSV) *Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.*

Be prepared; that's what we teach in the Boy Scouts. Prepare for the coming of Jesus; that's what we try to concentrate on throughout Advent. Preparation—that's so important in the many things that make up our busy lives, especially if we want to be successful.

Preparation takes many different forms. We prepare for travel by creating lists of the things we need to take with us, things we want to do, and/or things we need taken care of while we are gone. Our Advent preparations carry into the rest of the church year. We continue working on our relationship with God, reflecting on His love for us, considering our response to that love, being mindful of the things Christ would have us do, and strengthening good relationships with others.

We are beginning a new year at Lord of Love with a new pastor and new opportunities for worship, study, service, and mission. During December, I've been working with Pastor Brad and council members to plan for council activities needed to manage our congregation's program and mission activities for 2011. As I write this, the planning is incomplete and in need of revision, but there are several weeks yet until our January council retreat. I'm hopeful that the initial part of the plan will gel by that time and provide us with a good foundation for carrying out the mission we have to be representatives of Jesus Christ to our members, our neighbors and community, and beyond.

I see planning and preparing as important steps to development of an effective ministry. My personal experience is that when I fail to plan completely, the quality of the activity is diminished. Not having an agenda for a meeting can result in not addressing the proper topics and action items. Failing to identify the purpose or desired result of an activity can cause confusion, a sense of ineffectiveness, and missed opportunities. Not making or taking time to plan leads to missed alternatives, unclear expectations, and lower quality results.

A NEW
YEAR
&
NEW
OPPORTUNITIES

2011 Lord of Love Church Council

Executive Committee: Brian Lund, President; Kenn Garder, Vice-President; Brian Walther, Secretary; Barb Haskins, Treasurer

Nurture: Lori Vandeventer, Paula Foster

Outreach: Paul Christenson, Jeri Morgan

Resources: Doug Armitage, Josh Combes

Worship: Karen Mullen, Randi VenHuizen



COUNCIL REPORT

From the Council President – January 2011 by Brian Lund, Council President

As a council we are working on doing a better job of planning. It is one of my big goals for 2011—to get our committees planning 4 to 8 months or more in advance, clearly identifying what needs to be done, and empowering their ministry teams to complete the mission of our congregation.

Galatians 6:10 (NRSV) *So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.*

I do give thanks for having a great group of people to work with on the council. Each comes with a variety of personal experiences, skills, thought processes, passions, and talents. I look forward to getting to know these individuals better and to work together to strengthen the programs and mission activities of our congregation.

The council cannot do the work of the church on its own. We need the skills, passions, talents, and treasures of all of our members, working together, to have a strong, growing community of faith. When you are asked to help serve, please take time to consider the invitation. If you are not asked but would like to help, please contact me, Pastor Brad, or any of our council members.

Please continue to pray for our congregation, Pastor Brad, our congregation council and for all those with special needs.

Blessings in faith and service,
Brian Lund



SHARE YOUR TIME,
TALENT AND TREASURES

Secret Angels Revealed



Secret Angel

On Sunday, January 9, 2011, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service, please come to a salad luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. It is at that time we will reveal who our Secret Angel was in 2010 and have an opportunity to sign up to become a Secret Angel for 2011. Please spread the word! Bring a salad to share. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Hall at 991-5146 or Randi VenHuizen at 932-3435.

Lutheran Woman Today Fall 2010 Bible Study

Session 5: The People of God: Worship

Theme verse: But the time is coming and is already here, when by the power of God's Spirit people will worship the Father as he really is, offering him the true worship that he wants. God is Spirit, and only by the power of his Spirit can people worship him as he really is. John 4:23-24



"God is spirit,
& his worshipers
must worship in
spirit & in truth."
J o h n 4 : 2 4

The following two groups meet for these studies, both starting at 6:00 p.m.:

- Monday, January 3 at Old Country Buffet at 145th and West Center Road
- Wednesday, January 5 in the Mary Room at Lord of Love

Project Hope



Thank you for your generosity to Project Hope!

The needs for January are soup, crackers, tea, and coffee. These personal care items are always appreciated: bar soap, bathroom tissue, can openers, conditioner, deodorant, diapers, dish soap, feminine hygiene products, hair products (combs and brushes), Kleenex, laundry soap, mouthwash (without alcohol), razors, shaving cream, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. Please place items in the containers under the Information Center in the Narthex.

Coffee Fellowship

All women are invited to join the Lord's Laughing Ladies! We meet at 8:00 a.m. for fellowship at Crane Coffee, 77th and Cass, on January 7 and 21.

2011 Planning

Have ideas for women's ministry? All women of the church are invited to come and help the ministry team:

- Evaluate our ministry
- Select projects
- Develop programs

Please join us on Saturday, January 8 at 4:00 p.m.



Women's Ministry Team

Women's Ministry Team Training will be held at the church on Saturday, January 22 at 4:00 p.m.

Women – Made Whole Again

This year's winter retreat will be held on January 21, 2011, at St. Paul's Lutheran in Grand Island. The theme is "Women – Made Whole Again." Take a day to be refreshed, renewed and Made Whole Again!



The retreat features:

- Diane Dubbels, who shares her "Stories of Inspiration" – as her quilts unfold so do the stories that led to their creation
- Sister Ruth Ellen Rebelin, who served as a missionary with the ELCA and taught at a seminary in Papua, New Guinea
- Shellie Pointer, the Executive Director of the Crisis Center in Grand Island
- 'Grandmas On The Go', a musical group who use saws and autoharps – sing along to the tunes

This is a day of fellowship with other ELCA Women of Nebraska. Come and join the fun!

Women of the ELCA Triennial Convention and Gathering



The theme of the Women of the ELCA Triennial Convention and Gathering is "Renew, Respond, Rejoice." Plan ahead and save your money to attend the Triennial Convention and Gathering in Spokane, Washington, from July 12 to 17, 2011. Registration is now open. Go to www.womenoftheelca.org to register online.

Calendar of Events

January

3	6:00 p.m.	LWT Bible Study, Old Country Buffet, 145th and West Center Road
4	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
5	6:00 p.m.	LWT Bible Study, Mary Room
7	8:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship, Crane Coffee, 77th and Cass
8	4:00 p.m.	Planning for Women's Ministry in 2011
9	11:30 a.m.	Salad Luncheon for Secret Angels, Fellowship Hall
18	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
21	8:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship, Crane Coffee, 77th and Cass
21		Winter Retreat, St. Paul's Lutheran, Grand Island
22	4:00 p.m.	Women's Ministry Team Training, Lord of Love
23	12:00 p.m.	Bowling for Jesus fundraiser, Maplewood Lanes

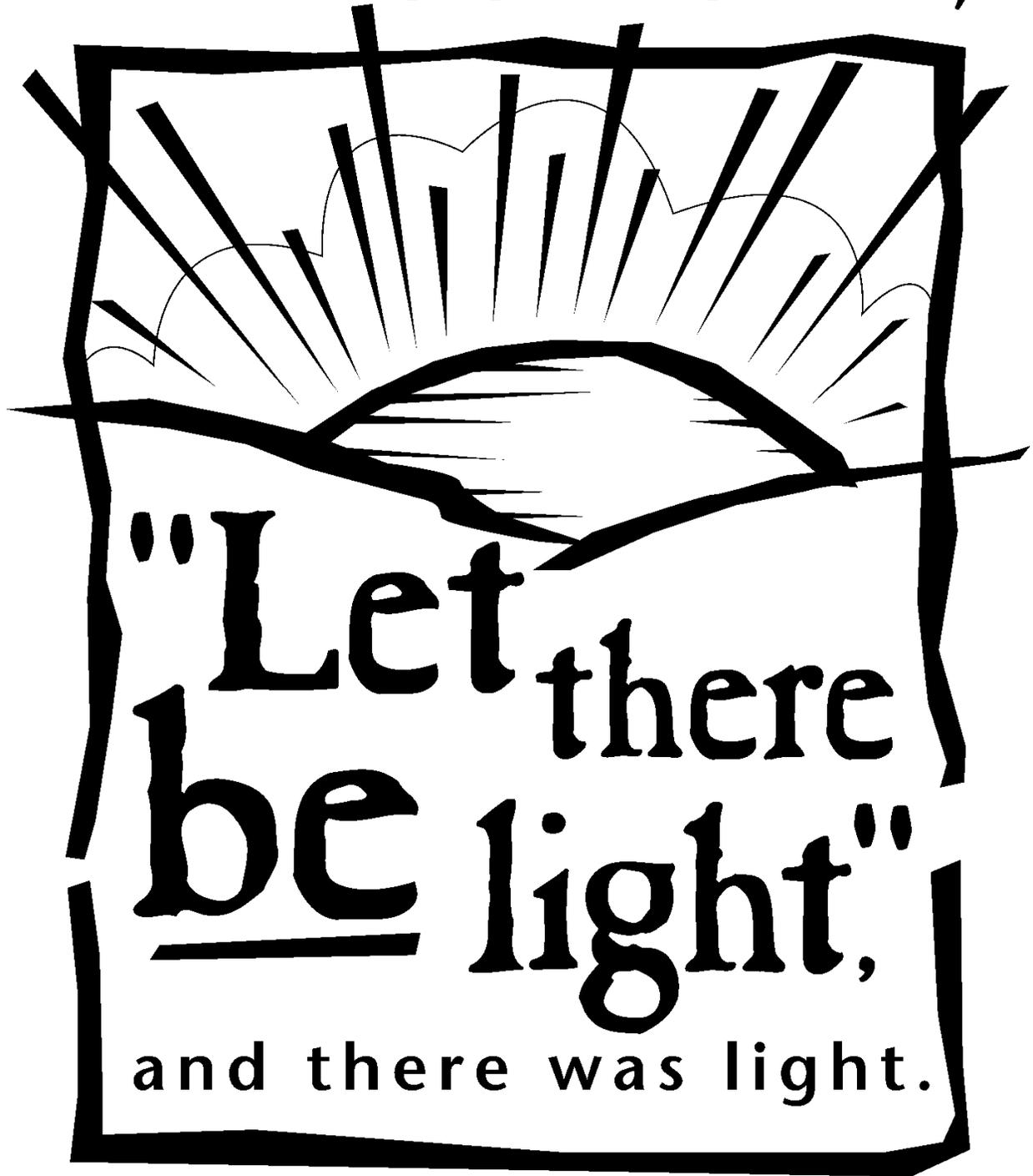


Coming Soon

April 9, 2011	Metro East Conference, Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church
July 12-14, 2011	W/ELCA Triennial Convention, Spokane, WA
July 14-17, 2011	W/ELCA Triennial Gathering, Spokane, WA



A N D G O D S A I D ,



"Let there
be light,"

and there was light.

G E N E S I S 1 : 3



From darkness to light

In the Bible, God speaks often about light and darkness. He gives us much instruction about which path we should choose.

1. Good	Righteousness
2. Death	Children
3. Go	Life
4. Evil	Come
5. Adults	Bad



Match the opposites and then write the word in the right-hand column in the correct blanks to finish each verse.

"When your eyes are good, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are _____, your body also is full of darkness." Luke 11:34, NIV
(1)

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of _____." John 8:12, NIV
(2)

"I have _____ into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness." John 12:46, NIV
(3)

"For what do _____ and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?" 2 Corinthians 6:14, NIV
(4)

"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as _____ of light." Ephesians 5:8, NIV
(5)

LIGHT SWITCH COVER

Everyone who believes in God and lives for him is a child of light. Make this cover for your bedroom light switch to remind you to be a light for God.

What you need:

- An adult to help
- Light switch cover
- Screwdriver
- Colored paper
- Markers
- Scissors
- Decoupage glue
- Paintbrush
- Craft knife



What you do:

1. Remove the screws from the cover.
2. On the paper, draw small images related to light and write out "Live as children of light" (Ephesians 5:8, NIV).
3. Cut out the drawings and verse. Make sure they'll fit on the cover.
4. Paint the cover with a coat of decoupage glue, and then immediately place the drawings and verse on the cover.
5. Paint over them with another coat of glue. Let it dry.
6. Turn the cover over and use a craft knife to cut out the opening for the light switch.
7. Using a screwdriver, place your new light switch cover on your wall.

IN OUR PRAYERS & LOVE NOTES

In Our Prayers

In an effort to keep the prayer list current, we are asking that you let the church office know in writing if you have a name that you wish to keep on the list.

Dick Bell
Jim Gunter
Berniece Reitan
Esther Welliver

Children waiting to be adopted & those seeking to adopt
Men's servant ministry
Stephen Ministers and their care receivers
Those deployed around the world
Those seeking employment
Those who mourn



IN NEED OF PRAYER

If you would like to add a name to the In Our Prayers section of *The Love Letter*, please contact the office at 402.493.2946, send an email to marylou@lord-of-love.org, or fill out a prayer request note available in the narthex and place it in the basket. **Please help keep this list current by informing us when a name can be removed.** Thanks!

Love Notes

Thanks for your support during my mother's sudden illness and death. Your prayers, cards, memorials, and encouragement reassured us again that we have a wonderful family at Lord of Love. Thanks also to those who helped Dan out with food, visiting, and phone calls the 8 days I was gone. We appreciated it so much.

Ruth and Dan Manning

Thanks So Much!

Thanks to everyone who went caroling on December 12! Your time, talents, and energy are most appreciated in bringing the good news to some folks we do not see that often. From my phone visits to plan caroling for the afternoon, and from the responses from those in our west and south group, I know people really enjoy having us come to sing carols to them. Thanks again!

Deb Lund



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Mission Statement: Created by God’s gracious love, we are called, as a community of faith, to be witnesses and servants of Jesus to the world.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

This Month

- January 7-8 Church Council Retreat
- January 8 Women’s Ministry Planning
- January 9 Secret Angel Salad Luncheon
Baptism of Our Lord Worship Service
- January 22 Women’s Ministry Team Training
- January 23 New Member Class
Bowling for Jesus fundraiser



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