



# The Love Letter

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## Worship Schedule

Sun. 8:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sun. 9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
Sun. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Mission Statement: Celebrating and sharing God's love in a welcoming community of faith, while serving others.

## A Look Ahead

It's hard to believe that spring will soon be turning into summer and our 2011-2012 program year is coming to an end. Join us as we celebrate activities that are ending and others that are beginning!

On May 6, we celebrate **Youth Sunday**. Lord of Love youth will be leading our worship service that morning (see page 4, Worship, and page 14, LOL Youth).

May 9 will be our last **Wednesday night supper** of the 2011-2012 program year (see page 5, Nurture). Join us for food and fellowship!

Our **Summer Worship Schedule** begins on May 27. We will have one worship service at 9:00 a.m. In addition, our **summer breakfasts** begin the following Sunday, June 3, at 10:00 a.m. (see page 5, Nurture).

Exciting plans are underway for **Lord of Love's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration** on June 9 and 10 (see pages 6 and 7, Nurture, and page 9, Resources). In preparation for the anniversary, **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cookbooks** will be sold by the Women of Love, and **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary t-shirts** will be sold by the Youth Group. In addition, we are encouraged to share our **pictures and stories** of Lord of Love's first 40 years as well as to submit **nominations to recognize individuals** for service within and outside the walls of our church. Finally, we have several opportunities to participate in **service activities** on Saturday, June 9 before we celebrate with **special music, worship, dinner, and a program** in the evening!

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### Live in the Moment by Pastor Brad

A sample devotion booklet entitled “Living in the Moment” was sent to me in the mail. The title intrigued me because so often I feel like I jump from completing one task to another and forget to enjoy the moment. But one of the devotions struck a chord and made me think a little deeper.

“How often have you gotten together to ‘do lunch’ with someone? Whether at a fast-food restaurant or a leisurely dining establishment, what do you talk about or how well do you listen to the other person? You may only engage in surface talk or perhaps you may have spoken rash words about another. Or maybe you drown out with your many words the one thing that the other person needs to share with you—a heartache or a joy, a problem or a faith question. Then that was a lunch moment lost.



“At key times in his life, Jesus didn’t let a brief moment with someone slip by without a wise and healing word. To Simon after a miraculous catch of fish, he remarked, ‘From now on you will be catching people.’ To a leper, he said, ‘I do choose. Be made clean.’ To a sinful woman who anointed Jesus’ feet, he assured her, ‘Your sins are forgiven’ and ‘Your faith has saved you; go in peace.’ Following Christ’s example, what might you say so that no lunch moment is ever lost?”

Amazingly, after I read this devotion, I had the opportunity to share lunch with some friends of mine. I paid more attention to the table conversation that day. I focused more on what concerns were shared, what joys and disappointments were expressed, and simply enjoyed being there. After our lunch, we got up to go our separate ways—but not without hugs!

For us, the words shared were great, but the human touch connects us as well. Living in the moment is not only about words but also allowing your presence to convey a sense of caring and love. In fact, what I believe most people need is a reassuring hug. That is what we experienced.

Through caring conversation, heartfelt hugs, and the presence of Christ—we experienced “Living in the Moment!” May you not miss opportunities to “Live in the Moment” as well.

Peace,  
Pastor Brad



Listen  
Hear  
Understand  
Grow

# MONTHLY CALENDAR

May 2012						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 9:00am Quilters 6:00pm Resources Mtg. 7:00pm Vision & Coordination	<b>2</b> 5:00pm 7th & 8th grade Confirmation Class 5:30pm Supper 6:00pm "Gather" Bible Study 6:00pm Luther Kids 6:00pm Brass 7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b> 9:30am Text Study @ Guthrie's 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>4</b> 7:30pm AA	<b>5</b> 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
<b>6</b> 8:00am Youth Worship & Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Youth Worship & Communion 6:00pm & 7:00 PM Bell Choir	<b>7</b> 8:00pm AA & Al Anon	<b>8</b> 7:00pm Sunnyslope Neighborhood Assoc.	<b>9</b> 5:00pm 7th & 8th grade Confirmation Class 5:30pm Supper 6:00pm Luther Kids 6:00pm Women's Ministry Gen Mtg. 6:00pm Brass 7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>10</b> 9:30am Text Study @ Guthrie's 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>11</b> 7:30pm AA	<b>12</b> 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 12:00pm Hoogestraat Shower
<b>13</b> 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship & Communion	<b>14</b> 8:00pm AA & Al Anon	<b>15</b> 8:00am Election 9:00am Quilters 7:00pm Church Council	<b>16</b> 6:00pm Luther Kids 6:00pm Brass 7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>17</b> 9:30am Text Study @ Guthrie's 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>18</b> 7:30pm AA	<b>19</b> 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
<b>20</b> 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship & Communion 6:00pm & 7:00 PM Bell Choir	<b>21</b> 8:00pm AA & Al Anon	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 6:00pm Brass 6:00pm Luther Kids 7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>24</b> 9:30am Text Study @ Guthrie's 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>25</b> 7:30pm AA	<b>26</b> 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
<b>27</b> Summer Worship Schedule begins 9:00am Worship & Communion 1:00pm District 18 AA 6:00pm & 7:00 PM Bell Choir	<b>28</b> Church Office Closed 8:00pm AA & Al Anon	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 6:00pm Brass	<b>31</b> 9:30am Text Study @ Guthrie's 7:00pm Boy Scouts		

# WORSHIP

## Youth Sunday and Summer Worship Schedule

### Youth Sunday

Our annual Youth Sunday will be on May 6. The youth will be leading all aspects of our worship services that Sunday, including the sermon.

### Summer Worship Schedule

As in years past, we will have one worship service on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. during the summer. Our Summer Worship Schedule runs from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.

### Summer Music

Summer is a great time to hear special music from all of the wonderful musicians at Lord of Love. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex if you would like to help enrich our worship.



**Worship  
Schedule  
for the  
Summer**

### Lord of Love's Worship Servants

	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27
<b>Greeter(s)</b>				
8:00 a.m.	Jim and Jeri Morgan	Kenn and Shari Garder	Jesse and Pat Brewer	Harry Naasz, Mary Boyd
10:30 a.m.	John and Gwen Edwards	Roger and Angie Meyer	Dave and Lisa Rieff	Gary Ramsay, Jane Hawkins
<b>Liturgist</b>				
8:00 a.m.	Jesse Brewer	Ron Thom	Doug Aden	9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.	Paul Murphy	Dave Rieff		Shawn Lorenzen
<b>Communion Servers</b>				
8:00 a.m.	Brewer family	Combes family	Doug and Cathy Aden	9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.		Rieff family	Jane Hawkins	Tessin family
<b>Nursery Attendant(s)</b>				
10:30 a.m.	Anne Yarger	Sarah Horan	Lisa Rieff	Ashley Meier
<b>Altar Care</b>				
8:00 a.m.	Janet Guthrie, Nancy Shinrock	Mike and Christie Klos	Cathy Aden, Dayla Miller, Deb Quadhamer	Doug and Rose Roberts
10:30 a.m.	Paul and Ann Kroll	Pauline Shaffer, Randi VenHuizen	Diana Haye, Marcia Roads	Debra Gillespie, Karen Armitage
<b>Ushers</b>				
8:00 a.m.	Paul Dieter, John Florea, Dennis Hindemith, Brian Walther			
10:30 a.m.	Brian and Deb Lund, John Edwards, Woody Fiske, Tyler Price			



## Wednesday Night Suppers

During May, Wednesday night suppers will be held on May 2 and May 9. May 9th will be the last supper for the "season."

Thank you to all who came for fellowship.  
Have a great summer!

Heather, Shawn, and kids

## Summer Breakfasts

Say goodbye to the donuts; during the summer, we serve breakfast! Summer breakfasts will start the Sunday after Memorial Day, June 3, and will run through the Sunday before Labor Day, August 26.



Volunteers will be needed to prepare and serve the breakfasts. Plan to serve about 40 to 50 people. Sunday, June 10, is part of our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, so there may be a larger crowd that day.

All proceeds from the Summer Breakfasts will go to the Lord of Love Youth fund.

## LOL Kitchen Makeover

The women of the ELCA met to make the inside of the cupboards and all the utensils of the kitchen be on par with the great job that the men of the congregation did to make the walls, floor, oven, dishwasher, and ice machine look and work as though they were brand new. By making sure items are cleaned and put away after each use, our kitchen will continue to shine!

## Vacation Bible School



Planning is underway for this summer's Vacation Bible School. The theme is SonRise National Park, and VBS will be held the week of June 11-15. Like last year, VBS will be held in the evening to give more opportunities for

families to join in the fun! If you have a passion or talent for teaching children or doing arts and crafts, and if you would like to have a great time, please talk to Heather Christensen or Lori Vandeventer to offer your gifts!

## 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. *Gather* Bible Study @ Old Country Buffet (first Monday of month)

### Wednesday

5:00 p.m. Confirmation (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades) @ LOL Abraham Room  
6:00 p.m. Luther Kids (1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades) @ LOL Preschool  
6:00 p.m. *Gather* Bible Study @ LOL Mary Room (first Wednesday of month)

### Thursday

9:30 a.m. Text Study @ Guthrie's

### Saturday

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

### New Logo for Lord of Love

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In celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lord of Love, a new look to our logo is here!

We thank Helen Jordon, who created the first logo for Lord of Love, which has been a recognizable sign for the church for many years.

The new logo brings a different look but not without meaning. The heart and cross are still a prominent part of the Lord of Love logo and ministry. The new logo shows the heart with the cross embracing it as Christ embraces us. The cross can also be viewed as moving outward from the heart as Christ calls us to move out into the world.

The new logo will be introduced throughout the year as it appears in publications and communications from Lord of Love.



### Share Your Memories

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We are looking for pictures and stories from the past 40 years of Lord of Love's history to share for our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Please take a few moments to dig out some old photos or jot down your recollections. Both your photos and brief stories may either be emailed to JVFlorea@aol.com or placed in Val and John Florea's LOL mailbox. Remember to include your name with all items submitted so they can be returned to you. Thanks in advance for helping to make our celebration more special.

### 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbooks

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Our new cookbook was electronically submitted to Morris Press in Kearney on April 19. We anticipate having the cookbooks here around the first of June. They will sell for \$18, a great price for 667 recipes. However, you may purchase your copies through May 20 at the pre-publication price of \$15.00; books must be paid for at the time of your order.

The profit from the cookbook sales will go to a designated 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary project and to "Women on a Mission."



### Recognize Someone Special

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Do you know of someone who deserves special recognition for some exceptional service to our church? Or perhaps you know of a member who serves our congregation in many ways with little recognition? Now is your chance to show these people your appreciation. As part of Lord of Love's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, we will attempt to thank these folks who do so much for our faith community. If you would like to nominate someone, you may email the information to JVFlorea@aol.com or drop it in the Florea's LOL mailbox. Just make sure to include your name, the name of the person you'd like to recognize, and a brief description of what they do that deserves recognition.





## 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary & Reunion Celebration



**Lord of Love Lutheran Church ELCA - Omaha**

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### Mission Statement

*Celebrating and sharing God's love  
in a welcoming community of faith,  
while serving others.*

**SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2012**

- Servant Opportunities All Day
- Special Music at 4:30
- Worship at 5:00
- Social Time at 6:00
- Dinner at 6:30
- Program at 8:00

Please RSVP for Dinner to [tolson@dotcomm.org](mailto:tolson@dotcomm.org)

When Beth and I were asked to help plan Lord of Love's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, I started thinking about Lord of Love's "personality," and it came to me quickly. We are first and foremost "family." We are connected in God's love, and we have loved each other as he has loved us. Our love for God and each other has manifested itself in many ways for we are a servant church. Whether it has been through serving at worship, or council, or Habitat, or Sunday School, or Men's ministry or Woman of the ELCA, or planting garden, or serving meals, or clean up days, or fixing someones sidewalk, or just listening to each other, or visiting each other, or clearing trees after the storm, or working with boy scouts..... Lord of Love is a servant church. And finally, we have awesome worship. We are known for music: the choir, the brass, or the bells we can create great music. We are pretty cool about how we worship using many different liturgys.

So, save June 9<sup>th</sup> to celebrate our rich heritage in a Celebration of Service, Worship, and Community.

I hope you enjoy the pictures (the oldest is from 1985). Do you recognize anyone? Clip the invite to the left and send it to your friends. Wouldn't be great to see some of the old "family" again? See you there!! Tom Olson



## NURTURE

### Preschool News by Michelle Petersen

We are wrapping up our final month of preschool! It is hard to believe! I had a great group of 20 preschoolers this year. Some are off to kindergarten, and some will be back with me next year. It is always a bittersweet time of year!



A HUGE thank you goes out to all of the supporters of the preschool garage sale!!! So many of you donated items and shopped the sale. We were able to earn a fabulous profit this year of \$885! I truly appreciate the wonderful support of the congregation! A special thank you to Larry and Gary for putting up and taking down the sign that brings in so many shoppers, to Lori and Susan for

helping with set-up, tear-down, and assisting shoppers during the sale, and to the Garders for helping box everything up and load the donation truck at the end of the day. I couldn't do it without you!

I still have a few openings for next year, but some days are completely full! If you know anyone interested in signing up for preschool for the 2012-2013 school year, send them my way!



## OUTREACH

### Lenten and Easter Offering



Thanks so much to everyone for the Lenten and Easter offering gifts, which will go to Pastor Anna's School Roof/Building Fund in Tanzania. \$5,430.20 was given, and we are most grateful.

## RESOURCES

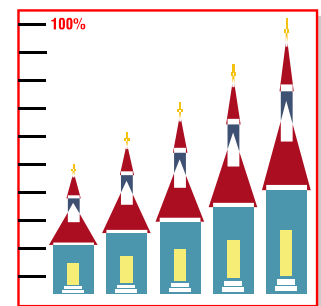
### Capital Campaign Report

Through April 15, the Capital Campaign has received the following:

Remaining Pledges	\$13,986.00
Cash Received	\$57,231.00
Total Cash & Pledges	\$71,217.00

Number of Gifts 63

If you have a question about your pledge, please contact Doug Aden.



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



## RESOURCES

### Lord of Love Stewardship – June 9, 2012 to June 8, 2013 Emphasis on Service

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In recognition of Lord of Love's 40 years, we are encouraging everyone to participate in at least 40 hours of volunteer service from June 9, 2012, through June 8, 2013, with at least 20 of those hours for organizations outside the walls of Lord of Love.

A resource booklet with a sampling of opportunities for service will be published and distributed soon. At the back of the booklet is a table where you can record service hours. Group activities at various organizations will take place several times throughout the coming year.

The youth will be selling Lord of Love 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary t-shirts as a fund raiser for their youth trip to New Orleans. We encourage people to purchase the t-shirts and wear them when doing service projects! The shirts will go on sale for \$15.00.

Our first organized volunteer effort takes place as a part of our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration on Saturday, June 9 with Habitat for Humanity, Table Grace, and Project Hope. A wide variety of tasks is available for willing workers. Some of these tasks may even be done from home (for example, baking something for the Habitat for Humanity workers). Hours and types of tasks are as follows:

1. Habitat for Humanity (Contact: Jeri Morgan)
  - a. ELF Coalition Rehab House, 4331 Emmet  
Two shifts are available: 8:00-11:30 a.m. and 12:00-3:00 p.m.; Lunch 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
    - One person needed to lead opening devotions.
    - A food coordinator needed for lunch.
    - Volunteers needed to prepare and serve food.
  - b. Habitat ReStore, 108<sup>th</sup> and Maple
    - Volunteers needed to stock and organize materials.
2. Table Grace, 1611 Farnam (Contact: Deb Lund)  
Table Grace is a restaurant that serves gourmet meals to anyone, regardless of ability to pay.
  - Volunteers needed to clean, prepare, and serve food from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
  - Volunteers, wearing new Lord of Love 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary shirts, needed to do marketing for Table Grace by distributing flyers and spreading the word about the restaurant at the Old Market Farmer's Market from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
3. Project Hope, 4205 Boyd Street (Contact: Rex Quadhamer)  
Project Hope is an ELCA food and clothing pantry, and quilting group.  
Two shifts are available: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
  - Volunteers needed to sort and organize food and clothing items.

A sign-up chart will be clearly visible in the Narthex.



## RESOURCES

### Stewardship All Year Long: Trustworthy by Paul Kroll

The stewardship word for this month is “trustworthy.”

It has been said that cats never forget or forgive. To have a cat purr in your lap, you must always be good to the cat and never hurt or tease the cat. The cat will only purr for you if you are trustworthy.

As you may have seen in our current election process, anything a candidate ever said or did is constantly brought up for public scrutiny whenever possible. Forgiveness comes hard in politics, and even in religion.



To be an apostle of Christ, Paul gave this advice in 1 Corinthians 4:1-2, “So then, men ought to regard us as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the secret things of God. Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.”

We Christians serve God. To do this, we must trust God's ways and mercies in order to prove ourselves trustworthy to others.

## COUNCIL REPORT

### Our Giving Status by Barb Haskins, Council Treasurer

General Fund financial information for March 2012 is as follows:

- Income: \$22,579
- Expenses: \$23,583



General Fund financial information for the year to date (through March 2012) is as follows:

- Income: \$75,041
- Expenses: \$71,052

Thank you for your continued support of Lord of Love and our ministry.

### 2012 Lord of Love Church Council

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

Nurture: Paula Foster, Lori Vandeventer

Outreach: Jeri Morgan, Mike Klos

Resources: Doug Roberts, Rex Quadhamer

Worship: Randi VenHuizen, Pat Brewer



## COUNCIL REPORT

From the Council President – May 2012 by Brian Lund, Council President

Psalm 107:1 (ESV) *Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!*

Our congregation has been blessed with countless gifts: our pastors, our lay leaders, and our many members who have shared their faith through stories and action. Our tradition has been to use our anniversary years to share our blessings with others.

In June this year, Lord of Love celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a congregation. The theme for this anniversary is **Service, Worship, and Community**. We celebrate that we continue to respond to God's great love for us as a worshipping community of faith that has a passion for service to those in need within our congregation, our community, and beyond.



There are a number of service opportunities planned for the celebration weekend. I encourage all of our members to participate in a service activity and then to join in worship and fellowship on Saturday, June 9. It will be a wonderful way to share your talents and to become more acquainted with others who may share your passion for mission.

The Stewardship committee is also issuing a challenge to our members: commit to performing 40 hours of service to our congregation and beyond throughout this anniversary year. Just think of it, less than 1 hour a week giving of service to others. But what a great impact we all can make, working together—God's work, our hands.

Colossians 3:15 (NIV) *Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.*



I need to say a big Thank You! to all of our members for their faithful giving to the budget needs of our congregation. Current year giving has been wonderful, and we are meeting all of our financial obligations for the year. The main property projects are completed. Planning is underway for the ceiling work in the narthex. That activity is targeted for completion by the fall. All of the completed work has come in under budget. And, we have some super members who have pitched in when needed to do a few extra projects. Thank you to all who help to keep our building and grounds looking great.

Please pray for the many needs of our world, country, community, and congregation. Lift up prayers of thanksgiving for our pastor and our congregation leaders. Pray that the Holy Spirit will work through us in a strong ministry of faith and in service to those in need.

Blessings in faith and service,  
Brian Lund



## WOMEN OF LOVE

### LOL Women's General Meeting

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The by-laws of Lord of Love Women of the ELCA require us to have two general business meetings a year. The first one for 2012 will be held on Wednesday, May 9 in the Fellowship Hall. Please come and join us for the supper (free will offering) at 5:30 p.m. and gather at the tables in the rear of the Fellowship Hall. The meeting/program will start at 6:00 p.m. and will conclude in time for the chancel choir practice at 7:15 p.m. The theme for the meeting is "Garden of My Heart." Please come and learn more about our women's ministry, raise any questions you might have, bring items of business pertaining to our ministry, and perhaps win one of the door prizes!

### Gather Bible Studies

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Session 9 of the study of Matthew asks us to "Go and Tell." The theme verse is Mark 16:6, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here."

The Wednesday group will meet on May 2 in the Mary Room at 6:00 p.m. Note to the Wednesday group: because we did not meet during Holy Week, we will be covering Sessions 8 and 9. Come prepared for a good discussion. The Monday group will meet on May 7 at the Old Country Buffet, 145th & West Center Road, at 6:00 p.m. All women are invited to attend either group.

### Lord's Laughing Ladies

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All women are invited to join us on May 11 and 25 at 8:00 a.m. at Crane Coffee at 77th and Cass Streets.



### Metro East Spring Gathering

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Neither fog nor heavy rain kept the strong-hearted Metro East women from gathering at Bethany Lutheran in Elkhorn on April 14. Attending from Lord of Love were Val Florea, Amy Kragnes, and Ruth Manning. Bethany's Pastor Larry Arganbright led devotions, and Mitch McCartney, Director of Communications and Development for the Nebraska Synod ELCA led the Bible study. They both focused on the theme, "Christ Makes Life Exciting."



Diane Gubbels from rural Coleridge spoke on "Sharing the work of my hands...unfolding the stories from my heart." As she showed many of the beautiful quilts she has made, she shared the stories that led to their creation. As a very talented designer and appliqué artist, she allows her spirit to speak through her quilts. She designs and makes the quilt tops, and a group of her friends puts the quilts together.

### Top 10 Reasons to Subscribe to *Gather*

The top 10 reasons to subscribe to *Gather*, the magazine of Women of the ELCA, are:

1. It has award-winning Bible studies (see page 14 for information about LOL's groups that use these studies).
2. It has faith-in-daily-life articles that inspire and challenge.
3. It has columns that inform and encourage.
4. It offers connection to other women (and in some cases, men) in the church.
5. It can be used for evangelism (by giving your old copies away).
6. It helps broaden your knowledge of global mission and other ministries in the ELCA.
7. It offers support to the church, specifically Women of the ELCA.
8. It enriches your experience of the liturgy and the church year.
9. It deepens your prayer life.
10. It moves you to engage in ministry and action.



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### Dates to Remember

#### May

1	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
2	6:00 p.m.	<i>Gather</i> Bible Study, Mary Room
7	6:00 p.m.	<i>Gather</i> Bible Study, Old Country Buffet, 145 <sup>th</sup> and West Center
9	6:00 p.m.	General Meeting (dinner at 5:30 p.m.)
11	8:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship, Crane Coffee, 77 <sup>th</sup> and Cass
15	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
25	8:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship, Crane Coffee, 77 <sup>th</sup> and Cass



#### Coming Soon

September 15    8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.    Metro East Autumn Renewal, Lord of Love

## MEN'S NEWS CORNER

### Men's Softball 2012

We will be playing on Mondays at Kelley Softball complex (124<sup>th</sup> and Fort Streets) on Field 8 (the field closest to Fort Street). Game times are listed below for the first half of the season. All are invited to come to watch and cheer on the team. We usually go out for pizza after a 6:30 p.m. game. If you know of anyone interested in playing, call Don Rowen at 402-965-8977.

4/23	9:30 p.m.
4/30	6:30 p.m.
5/7	6:30 p.m.
5/14	7:30 p.m.
5/21	8:30 p.m.
6/4	8:30 p.m.
6/11	9:30 p.m.



## LOL YOUTH

### April and May Youth Events

Easter Breakfast was a success! We would like to thank everyone who attended as well as the members, parents, and youth who volunteered to work! We appreciate all of the support! Thank you!



During April, the youth gathered together to plan their lock-in as well as Youth Sunday while also spending time together with Christ.

The last weekend in April, we had our lock-in, with time devoted to worship, games, and ice breakers. We had a great time together as a group!

Sunday May 6th is Youth Sunday! The Youth will participate in all of the different aspects of the service including the sermon. We look forward to seeing you all there!



### Calendar of Youth Events

#### May

May 6 Youth Sunday!

#### Coming Soon

July 18-22 ELCA National Youth Gathering





## IN OUR PRAYERS & LOVE NOTES

### In Our Prayers

Adrienne (staff member/friend of Rose Roberts)  
Dick Bell  
Marty Beutler (son of Gary and Connie Beutler)  
Sandy Brazier  
Ruth Cooley  
Janet Duckworth (friend of Marilyn Thomsen)  
Claire Foral (friend of Dave and Lisa Rieff)  
Nick Gehrig (grandson of the Schuchards)  
Ed Guthrie  
Kaye Haar (friend of the Novaks)  
Jane Hawkins' brothers and nieces  
Marilyn Haworth (friend of Brenda Mac)  
Bud Ivey (father of Pamela Todd)  
Cathy Johnson (friend of Marilyn Thomsen)  
Cheryl Jones (friend of Nancy Shinrock)  
Gene and Dolores Jordan (uncle and aunt of Paula Foster)  
Jude Konvalina  
Lisa Lueders (sister-in-law of Dave Lueders)  
Marj Mahler (mother of Jane Hawkins)  
Debbie Michalak (co-worker of Jackie Combes)  
John Patrick Nicholson (friend of the Novaks)

Warren Olson (grandson of Anna Jensen & son of Josephine Olson)  
Leona Piehl (mother of Deb Lund)  
David and Rich Pippin (nephews of Lynda McGraw)  
Luana Salerno (friend of Sandy Hall)  
Isaac Schroeder (infant son of Clay and Kelly)  
Phyllis Strasser  
Brenda Thom  
Marilyn Thomsen  
Ted Whitfield (former co-worker of Brian Shinrock)

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

"If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."  
John 14:14, NRSV

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](mailto: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

Thank you to all of the Youth and adults who helped prepare, serve, and clean up the Easter Breakfast! Proceeds from the breakfast went to the Youth fund. There were many positive comments on how delicious the breakfast tasted!

Paula Foster and Lori Vandeventer,  
Nurture Committee



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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### This Month

May 6	Youth Sunday
May 9	Last Wednesday night supper until fall
May 20	Pre-sale of 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary cookbook ends
May 27	Summer worship schedule begins
May 28	Memorial Day – Church office closed
May 31-June 2	2012 Nebraska Synod Assembly

### Upcoming Events

May 31-June 2	2012 Nebraska Synod Assembly
June 9-10	Lord of Love's 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration
June 11-15	Sonrise National Park – Vacation Bible School
July 18-22	ELCA National Youth Gathering



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