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Summer Worship Schedule

Sun. 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
Sun. 10:00 a.m. Breakfast and Fellowship

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

Summer is here, and so are our summer worship schedule and activities! The details are provided in this issue of *The Love Letter*.

Our **summer worship schedule** began on Memorial Day weekend (May 29), and **summer breakfasts** begin on June 5 (see page 4, Worship, and page 7, Nurture). Sign-up sheets are in the narthex for those wishing to provide special music during worship and/or a summer breakfast this year.

On June 4 and 5, Lord of Love will serve as the **host church for the Habitat for Humanity ELF Coalition build**. We will be providing lunch on Saturday and snacks on both Saturday and Sunday.

Also on June 5, there will be a **Special Congregational Meeting** to vote on building projects and options to finance them (see page 4, Worship).

On June 12, we will be celebrating **Pentecost, Lord of Love's 39th Anniversary, and the rededication of our organ** (see pages 5-6, Worship). Join us before worship at 8:40 a.m. for special prelude music by Tim Mix, former Lord of Love organist, and the Lord of Love Brass.

Vacation Bible School will be held at Lord of Love from June 13 through 17 for children in preschool through those entering 6th grade (see page 7, Nurture). Register now for the SonSurf Beach Bash!

Finally, work in our **Community Garden** will be occurring throughout the summer, and volunteers are needed (see page 9, Outreach).

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Look and Listen for God's Will by Pastor Brad

With school ended and summer beginning, June reminds me of a time of year when graduating students begin to think about their future and about what God has planned for their lives. For others, summer is filled with times of recreation and re-creation of our hearts, bodies, and souls.

I share this devotion with you from *God Is In The Small Stuff*.

“God’s will is a paradox. It’s both easy to find and difficult to discern. God’s will can be immediate, or it may take years to figure out. God’s will can frustrate you or give you tremendous peace.

“One thing is for sure. You can know God’s will. Although it may seem mysterious, there’s really no mystery to it. If you know where to look, God’s will is there. And if you listen carefully, God will speak to you in amazing ways.”

As new adventures approach for students, maybe a new career or job opportunity for another, seek out how God is speaking to you. As you use the summer months to recreate, seek out how God is calling you in the silence or in the noise of family gatherings. Use these many opportunities to discover where God is leading your life. Yet know that the ultimate plan that God has for our lives is for us to show God’s love, grace, and forgiveness to all. Now, how you do that through your chosen vocation, calling, family, or stillness is up to you.

But know this—God has blessed you with gifts to share—it is God’s will that you use them.

Peace,
Pastor Brad

Listen
Hear
Understand
Grow

MONTHLY CALENDAR

June 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 9:30am Text Study @ Guthrie's 7:00pm Boy Scouts	3 6:00pm Fusselman Student Piano Recital 7:30pm AA	4 Host Habitat For Humanity 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
5 Host Habitat For Humanity 9:00am Summer Worship & Communion 10:00am Special Congregational Mtg. 10:00am Breakfast	6 6:00pm LWT Bible Study 8:00pm AA & AI Anon 9:30pm Men's Softball	7 9:00am Quilters 7:00pm Vision & Coordination	8 6:00pm Women of Love Mministry Team Mtg.	9 9:30am Text Study @ Guthrie's 7:00pm Boy Scouts	10 8:00am LoL Laughing Ladies @ Crane Coffee 7:30pm AA	11 Youth leave for Mission Trip 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 9:00am AlaNon/AlaTeen workshop
12 39th Anniversary Celebration 8:40am Organ Re-Dedication Prelude Music 9:00am Summer Worship & Communion 10:00am Breakfast	13 5:30pm Vacation Bible School 8:00pm AA & AI Anon 8:30pm Men's Softball	14 5:30pm Vacation Bible School	15 5:30pm Vacation Bible School	16 9:30am Text Study @ Guthrie's 5:30pm Vacation Bible School 7:00pm Boy Scouts	17 Youth return from Mission Trip 4:00pm Fellowship Hall reserved for Concannon 5:30pm Vacation Bible School Pool Party @ Sunnyslope Pool 7:30pm AA	18 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
19 9:00am Summer Worship & Communion 10:00am Breakfast	20 Love Letter Deadline 6:30pm Men's Softball and Pizza 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	21 9:00am Quilters 6:00pm Strategic Planning Mtg. 7:30pm Church Council	22	23 9:30am Text Study @ Guthrie's 7:00pm Boy Scouts	24 8:00am LoL Laughing Ladies @ Crane Coffee 7:30pm AA	25 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
26 9:00am Summer Worship & Communion 10:00am Breakfast 1:00pm District 18 AA Mtg.	27 8:00pm AA & AI Anon 8:30pm Men's Softball	28 7:00pm Roanoke Neighborhood Mtg.	29	30 9:30am Text Study @ Guthrie's 7:00pm Boy Scouts		

Summer Worship Schedule

Our summer worship schedule began on Memorial Day weekend and will continue through Labor Day weekend. Join us on Sunday mornings for worship at 9:00 a.m. and for breakfast and fellowship at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Since the choir will not be singing in the summer, we would love to have special summer music from our many talented musicians at Lord of Love. If you are interested in providing special music, see the sign-up sheet on the narthex bulletin board.



Special Congregational Meeting on June 5



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A special congregational meeting for Lord of Love will be held on Sunday, June 5 at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is for the congregation to vote on building projects and options to finance them. Please plan to attend!



Lord of Love's Worship Servants

	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26
Greeter(s)				
9:00 a.m.	Dan and Ruth Manning	Doug and Rose Roberts	Shawn Lorenzen, Lynda McGraw	Doug and Karen Armitage
Liturgist				
9:00 a.m.	Marilyn Thomsen	Lori Vandeventer	John Florea	Ruth Manning
Communion Servers				
9:00 a.m.	Brian and Connie Walther	Vandeventer family	Florea family	Dan and Ruth Manning, Anne Yarger and girls
Nursery Attendant(s)				
9:00 a.m.				
Altar Care				
9:00 a.m.	Connie Walther, Lisa Meyer	Rob and Karen Anderson	Janet Guthrie, Nancy Shinrock	Paul and Ann Kroll
Ushers				
9:00 a.m.	Joe, Josh, and Jason Combes, Ed Guthrie, Brian Shinrock			

Celebrate With Us on Sunday, June 12

On Sunday, June 12, 2011, we will celebrate Pentecost, Lord of Love's 39th anniversary, and the rededication of our organ.

Pentecost

Sunday, June 12, is Pentecost Sunday, when Christians celebrate the birth of the Christian church by the power of the Holy Spirit. The disciples were empowered to proclaim the gospel of the risen Christ and began preaching to crowds who were able to understand the message in their own language.



Lord of Love's 39th Anniversary



"The Lord of Love has come to me, I want to pass it on," a line from the song "Pass It On," was the inspiration for the name "Lord of Love." On June 11, Lord of Love celebrates its 39th anniversary. On Sunday June 12, we are going to have an anniversary party for Lord of Love and celebrate all of the work that has made Lord of Love and pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to give us the opportunity to "Pass It On."

Organ Rededication

Last year, we completed a reconditioning of Lord of Love's pipe organ (additional information is provided in the article titled "Lord of Love's Pipe Organ," below). On Sunday, June 12, we will let our pipe organ help us celebrate the power of the Holy Spirit and pray that the Spirit will continue to help us "Pass It On."



Celebration Sunday

Former Lord of Love organist Tim Mix will be with us to help us celebrate Pentecost, Lord of Love's anniversary, and the rededication of the pipe organ. This will be a Sunday of hymns and music. Please plan to come and worship on that Sunday. The events of the day are as follows:

- 8:40 a.m. Special music on the organ and by the Lord of Love Brass
- 9:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m. Breakfast with Tim Mix discussing the pipe organ and its contribution to our worship services

Lord of Love's Pipe Organ

Last year, we reconditioned Lord of Love's pipe organ. On Sunday, June 12, we are going to celebrate Pentecost Sunday, Lord of Love's anniversary, and the rededication of our pipe organ. Here is some information to help us appreciate the pipe organ.

Type of Organ

Lord of Love's pipe organ was built by Gress-Miles Organ Company of Princeton, New Jersey, in the early 1960s for Our Savior's Lutheran Church on 30th and Izard Streets. The musical style of the instrument is considered German Baroque, meaning that it is well suited to play many Bach organ works, other works from that period, and in general good hymns for singing.

Lord of Love's Pipe Organ, continued

It is a two-manual instrument consisting of 23 ranks, or roughly 1,400 pipes. It has a strong trumpet, solid foundations, a suite of various flute sounds, reed stops, and a few soft strings. The trumpet and foundation pipes are located in the GREAT chamber located above and to the left of the pulpit. The flute sounds, strings, some solo reeds, and chimes are located in the SWELL chamber above the organ console on the right. There are louvered doors for this chamber, which open and shut to allow expressiveness during organ playing.

How the Organ Came to Lord of Love

Our Savior's Lutheran Church purchased the organ for \$24,500 in the early 1960s. When Our Savior's disbanded in 1972, many members of that church helped build Lord of Love, but the organ remained with the new owners of the property of Our Savior's. As Lord of Love's building was nearing completion, the owners of Our Savior's said they would not be using the organ and offered it to Lord of Love for nothing. Lord of Love raised \$5,500 to move it from Our Savior's to Lord of Love. The architect insisted that the organ sit behind the rock wall, which caused tuning problems because of the uneven temperatures.

Maintaining the Organ

In 1979, one of the organ builders, Mr. Edgar Gress, came to Lord of Love to assess the condition of his creation. Upon seeing it, he noted he had learned many things since this organ was built. He offered a suggestion to solve the tuning problems. He suggested moving the instrument above the rock wall and making modifications to the organ console to replace all the stops due to their poor quality.

After \$20,000 was raised to fund the moving of the organ, The Newman Organ Company of Seward, Nebraska, was hired to implement the suggestions of Mr. Gress. From the beginning of June until mid-September 1980, the organ was dismantled, making it unavailable for services. The organ console was taken to Seward for restoration while all the pipes, tables, cables, etc., were carefully laid out on the floors on either side of the sanctuary.

Parish lay persons helped create the look you see today. A parish architect designed the new chambers with the assistance of Mr. Newman. All construction work was performed by volunteers, who worked weekdays and weekends through that summer until the project was completed. A dedication service was held in October 1980.

To keep the organ in good condition and maintain the sound quality of the pipe organ, various repairs and replacement and reconditioning of parts were made in 1991, 2004, and 2011.

Thank you to all who have worked on and cared for this instrument and for your investment in maintaining this organ. Today, Lord of Love has an outstanding instrument that adds to our worship services, serves as a witness to our mission, and lets us Pass It On with beautiful sounds.

May this instrument continue to glorify God with its beautiful sounds.



Summer Breakfasts

This summer, as in years past, breakfast will be served in the fellowship hall on Sunday mornings following worship. If you would be willing to prepare and serve breakfast one Sunday this summer, please see the summer breakfast sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. Plan for about 50 hungry people; anything you would like to make is great.



There will be a free-will offering taken each week, and the money above the cost of food will go to ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response.

Sunday School Teachers

Thank you to all who served as Sunday School teachers, from preschool to adult classes, and thank you to Claudia Rowen as Sunday School Superintendent for the 2010-2011 program year. Thank you for your service, for your love of God's word, and for sharing this good news with us all.



Plans are being developed for education for the fall. If you are willing to serve as a Sunday School teacher again in the fall, please let Paula Foster or Lori Vandeventer know of your interest. If sharing God's word is one of your talents, please consider volunteering. A planning meeting will be held sometime in July for the classes beginning in September.

Register Now for SonSurf Beach Bash VBS!



Vacation Bible School registrations are now being accepted! SonSurf Beach Bash VBS will be held at Lord of Love from **June 13 to 17**. We will have a family meal (free-will offering) from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and VBS programming from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This will include crafts, songs, Bible stories, and more! Children ages preschool through entering 6th grade are invited to attend. The cost is \$7.00 per child, with a maximum of \$21.00 per family. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board in the narthex or from Mary Lou in the church office.

Weekly Education Opportunities at Lord of Love

Sunday
9:00 a.m. Worship Service

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

Wednesday
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

Lord of Love Preschool News by Michelle Petersen

The school year at Lord of Love Preschool has come to a close. The summer months closing in on us didn't slow us down in April and May. During the month of April, we celebrated Easter and covered the letters V, W, and X, signs of spring, and metamorphosis.

The month of April was special for us because we celebrated The Week of the Young Child. We took a break from our normal routine and participated in special events that I had planned for the kids. On Monday, we had pajama day with a popcorn party! On Tuesday, we took a walk to Sunnyslope Park. The kids loved spending the day playing together in the park! Wednesday was Safety Day. We talked about stranger danger, safety rules, and had a very special visit from a police officer! They all LOVED taking a turn sitting on his motorcycle! Thursday was the Preschool Prom! The kids and I dressed up in our fancy clothes, decorated the classroom, took lots of pictures, danced, and even learned a bit about manners.

In May, we finished out the alphabet with letters Y and Z, as well as a discussion of summer, Clifford's 10 big ideas, and an alphabet review. On our last day together, we had a program, art show, and family picnic. We had a great year!

As you may have noticed, the preschool sign recently received a makeover! The new sign boasts my new pinwheel logo. It looks great, so be sure to check it out! A BIG thank you goes to Doug Roberts and Gary Ramsey for the installation.

I am accepting registrations for the 2011-2012 preschool year, but I am filling up fast! If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact me at 493-2946.



Officer Kiley visited preschool with his motorcycle!

OUTREACH

Fair Trade Products

Fair Trade coffee, tea, and chocolate bars will be sold on Sunday, June 12 in the narthex.



Lord of Love Community Garden



Green beans, tomatoes, peppers, squash of various kinds, sweet corn, potatoes, and a bit of cucumbers and cantaloupe have been planted in our community garden. The rains have been welcome, and things are looking good so far. Thanks to Doug Aden, Jeri Morgan, Gary Ramsay, and Doug Roberts for getting the soil prepared and the planting done in between the rains. Weeding and watering will be prime activities in coming weeks, so let Jeri Morgan or Deb Lund know if you're willing to assist with those tasks. Harvesting the beans should take place in early July, so helpers will be needed for that, as well.

ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response

The ELCA has people in place throughout the world to respond to immediate needs when natural disasters occur. ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response team members continue to work in Alabama and other parts of the U.S. that were hit by recent spring storms. One of the folks working there has a report on the ELCA website. The author, the Lutheran Disaster Response Program Director, asks us to keep the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Responders and those affected by the disasters in our prayers. While walking through the rubble of the remains of an ELCA church in Alabama, he was moved to see a copy of the ELCA's "Haiti: One Year Later" report still posted on a wall. The area pastor told him that they had prayed for the people of Haiti as a part of their Lenten discipline. Of course they had no idea that they would soon need assistance themselves because of a natural disaster. The report is worth reading, so feel free to check it out: [Field report from Alabama](#). It is a great example of the ministry we do through the ELCA: "God's work. Our hands."

In addition to prayers, financial gifts are needed to support such work. Lord of Love's Mission Possible Team has again designated the proceeds from the summer breakfast offerings to go to the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response Fund. Your kindness and generosity touches lives in meaningful ways. Giving generously for our delicious breakfasts is an easy way to help us provide funds so that the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response can provide basic needs as soon as possible.



COUNCIL REPORT

May 2011 Council Report by Brian Walther, Council Secretary

The Lord of Love council met on Tuesday, May 17, 2011. The minutes of this meeting are summarized as follows:

- **Ministry Team Directory.** Each Ministry Team is working on its team's Ministry Team Directory. This consists of job descriptions that will help educate members so they can choose areas in which they can give of their time and talents. Our goal is to have the final list assembled by August.
- **Policy Updates.** The Child and Youth Safety Policy is updated and will be implemented with the start of VBS on June 13-17. The updated Building Use Policy will be completed in the very near future.
- **Property Projects.** The council is working diligently to bring the final Proposal for Property Projects together for the Special Congregational Meeting on June 5. The informational meeting on Sunday, May 15 was attended by more than 50 people. Your questions and comments were positive and thoughtful.



Our Giving Status by Barb Haskins, Council Treasurer

Our giving status for the month of April and for the year is as follows:

- Month of April – Income \$20,274; Expenses \$22,517.
- First four months of 2011 – Income \$89,445.65; Expenses \$98,886.42.



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 – June 2011 by Brian Lund, Council President

Boy, do I like the Doxology, both its tune and message.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above you heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

This hymn is a strong statement of faith. It reminds us of God's faithfulness and graciousness. And, for me, it sets a basis for good stewardship and my response to His love.

Lord of Love has been blessed the first part of this year with increasing worship attendance and consistent giving to the general fund. Recall that we passed a deficit budget for 2011. General fund receipts are tracking with what we forecast for income, but that still leaves us short a bit each month. Pastoral expenses are trending a bit higher than original budget. We had an extended payout for Pastor Bob's interim service (now totally paid). An adjustment in pension and insurance for Pastor Brad was needed to comply with Nebraska Synod requirements. Through April, we had an approximately \$9,400 deficit. To keep you better informed of church finances, monthly income and expense numbers will be published in *The Love Letter* and one Sunday bulletin each month.

So, what are we going to do about this deficit? The council discussed this at our last meeting. The consensus was to inform the congregation of our situation and to let the Holy Spirit do its work within us. The council will continue to review and restrict spending as appropriate while carrying out the programs and ministry projects of our congregation. We ask that members continue to give and serve faithfully as each responds to God's love. We look forward to an expanded membership that may help us to meet our financial obligations through the remainder of this year and beyond.

The summer months are here. People will be vacationing and taking part in other seasonal activities. It is my hope that you would continue to participate in worship, study, and fellowship throughout the year. Remember that our expenses continue and your regular giving is needed to meet our financial obligations. Thank you for your faithful stewardship.

1 Peter 4: 8-11 (NIV) *Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.*



As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

1 Peter 4:10

Each day I am thankful for my extended family at Lord of Love. The love and support that Deb and I receive from our church family is so appreciated.

Please continue to pray for Lord of Love, Pastor Brad, our financial well-being, our ministry together, and for all those in need.

Blessings in faith and service,
Brian Lund

Saved to Serve Opportunities

Did you know there are more than 11,000 Asians living in the Siouxland area? This is the impetus for the second Saved to Serve opportunity for the Nebraska Synodical Women's Organization (NSWO) from August 19-21 at Dakota City, NE. A Celebration of Cultures is being planned as the centerpiece of that event. Participants will learn about the Asian culture and share life stories with Asian people in the community. There will be demonstrations of making pizza and egg rolls and a time to share games, songs, and dances that are part of our traditions.

We will also serve together by tying Lutheran World Relief quilts and assembling Lutheran World Relief health kits. Pastor Jeff Unga will lead a Bible study exploring justice issues and challenges in the Asian culture, and we will learn how English as a second language is taught.

Cost of the event is \$39, which covers most meals and lodging, which will be at a motel in Sioux City. Registration forms are available at the Information Center in the narthex and are due July 26.

NSWO 10th Biennial Convention

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the convention of the Nebraska Synodical Women's Organization in Kearney from September 23-26, 2011. Several women from Lord of Love are planning to attend. At the June LOL Women's Ministry team meeting, Brenda Thom was selected as our delegate, with Val Florea serving as alternate. LOL Women pays the registration fee and housing for the delegate.

Registration forms will be at the Information Center in the narthex. Early bird registration is due August 19 for \$90. After the August 19 through September 9, registration is \$105. Attendees must make their own hotel reservations at the Kearney Holiday Inn Hotel and Convention Center. The deadline for the convention rate of \$72 plus tax is August 24. Registrations are transferable but not refundable.

Just a reminder that **July 1** is the last date to accept applications for 14 scholarships to the convention. Seven will be awarded to women who are first-time convention attendees, and seven will be awarded to a woman who is 35 years or younger. Each of the seven conferences will be giving one of each scholarship.

July 1 also is the deadline to nominate officers and board members for the 2011-2013 NSWO Board. Nominees are needed for vice president, secretary, treasurer, and representative from each of the seven conferences. Nominees must have agreed to serve before they are nominated. The president is elected by ecclesiastical ballot at the Convention. Gwen Edwards' term as president ends with this convention, and she is not eligible to serve another term. **Both application forms are available at 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 June 10 and 24.



WOMEN OF LOVE

LWR Personal Care Kits (formerly called Health Care Kits)

Lutheran World Relief finds itself responding to natural disasters and political conflict flare-ups throughout the world. LOL Women is again responding to that need; we are collecting items for Personal Care Kits.

Items needed (**all items must be new**):

- Light- or medium-weight bath-sized towels (approx. 52" x 27"); dark colors preferred. **No washcloths, please.**
- Bath-sized bars of soap (4 to 5 oz.), any brand, in original wrapping.
- Adult-sized toothbrush in original packaging (no toothpaste). Toothbrushes may be purchased in multi-packs, but an individual toothbrush must be sealed in a business-sized envelope; no plastic bags or wrap.
- Sturdy combs.
- Metal mail clippers, packaging removed.



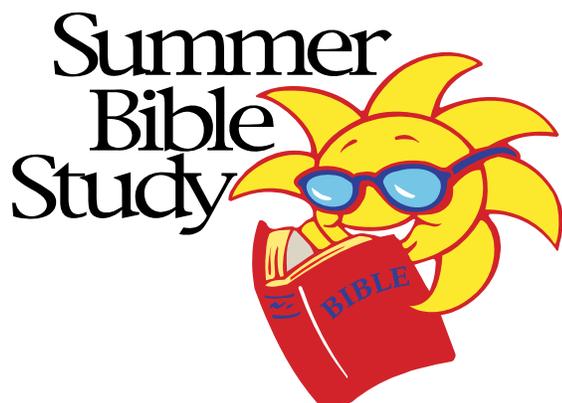
No time to shop? If you prefer to make a cash donation, make out your check to LOL W/ELCA, mark it "Personal Care Kits," and give to Ruth Manning, Women's Ministry treasurer, by June 19.

Please place your items in the clothes basket underneath the Women's ministry bulletin board in the narthex by Sunday, June 19. We will be assembling kits at the rear of the Fellowship Hall during the breakfast hour on June 26.

The 2011 Summer Bible Study

Renew, Respond, and Rejoice is the topic for the *Lutheran Woman Today* summer Bible study. Deb Lund will host a half-day retreat on Saturday, August 6 at 4720 N. 136th Street. All women are invited to participate. The three studies are now available on the *Lutheran Woman Today* website.

Leaders for the sessions are Lynda McGraw, Heidi Meyer, and Randi VenHuizen. We will start at 8:45 a.m. with some homemade rolls for breakfast and will close with a potluck salad luncheon. Please sign up at the Information Center so Deb will know how many chairs to dust off!



WOMEN OF LOVE

Serenity Prayer

Most of us are familiar with the first lines of the Serenity Prayer, but one of our women used it in its entirety as a devotional at our last Ministry Team meeting. We thought you would enjoy being blessed by it as much as we were.

*God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change;
The courage to change the things I can; and the wisdom to know the difference.*

*Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace.*

*Taking as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it;
Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His will;
That I may be reasonably happy in this life and
supremely happy with Him forever in the next.*

Amen.



Calendar of Events

June

7	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
8	6:00 p.m.	Women's Ministry Team, Mary Room
10	8:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship, Crane Coffee, 77th and Cass
21	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
24	8:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship, Crane Coffee, 77th and Cass
26	9:00 a.m.	Assemble LWR Personal Care Kits



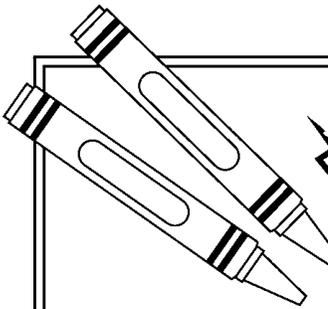
Coming Soon

July 12-14, 2011	W/ELCA Triennial Convention, Spokane, WA
July 14-17, 2011	W/ELCA Triennial Gathering, Spokane, WA
August 6, 2011	LWT Summer Bible Study Half-day Retreat, Deb Lund's home
September 23-25, 2011	Nebraska Synodical Women's Organization Convention, Kearney





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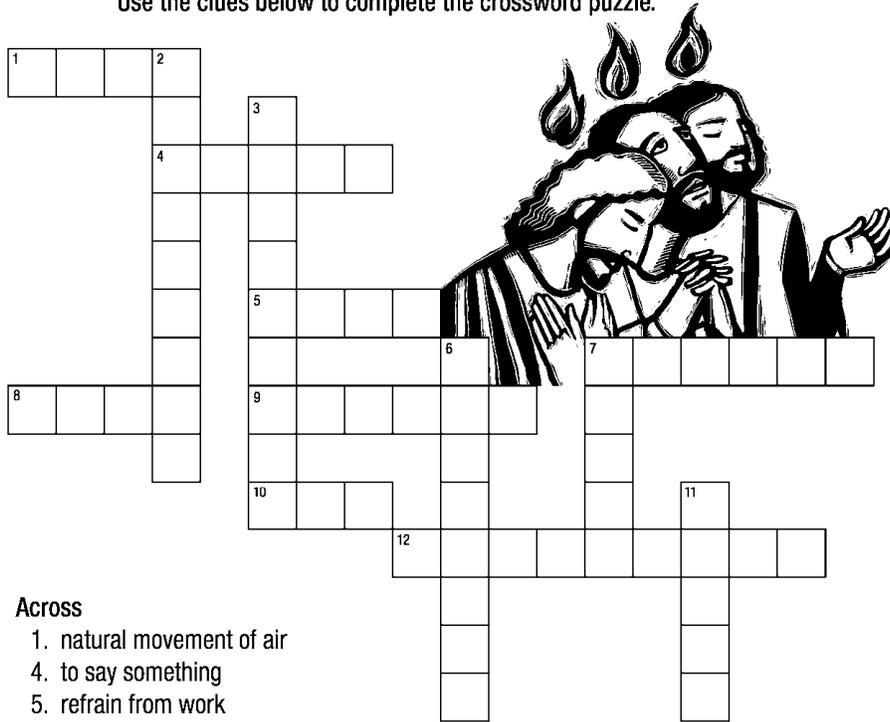


PUZZLE

The Spirit Comes

ACTS 2 TELLS ABOUT A SPECIAL DAY WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME TO THE DISCIPLES.

Use the clues below to complete the crossword puzzle.



Across

- 1. natural movement of air
- 4. to say something
- 5. refrain from work
- 7. place where God is
- 8. a combustion or burning that gives light, heat and smoke
- 9. part of mouth that can taste and lick
- 10. the time between sunrise and sunset
- 12. the day the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples

Down

- 2. followers of Christ
- 3. moved apart
- 6. quickly and unexpectedly
- 7. a building where people live
- 11. vibrations that travel through the air

PENTECOST MOBILE

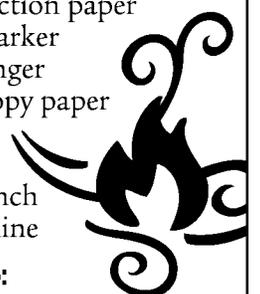
Make this craft as a reminder that God's Holy Spirit is all around you.

What you need:

- Tissue paper (red, yellow, orange), torn into squares
- Plastic transparency
- Craft glue
- Paintbrush
- Construction paper
- Black marker
- Wire hanger
- White copy paper
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Hole punch
- Fishing line

What you do:

1. Overlap tissue squares as "flames" on the transparency.
2. "Paint" glue (thinned with water) over the squares.
3. Fold construction paper in half. Write out Acts 2:4 at the top, by the fold.
4. Poke the hanger through the middle of the fold.
5. On the white paper, write "Holy Spirit" in English, Spanish (*Espiritu Santo*), French (*L'esprit Saint*), etc.
6. Cut out a flame pattern and trace it on the back of the transparency.
7. Cut out flames and glue the "Holy Spirit" names on them.
8. Thread fishing line through a hole atop each flame and tie flames onto the hanger.



IN OUR PRAYERS & LOVE NOTES

In Our Prayers

Bill (uncle of David Hawkins)
Karen
Layla Diane (infant born at 25 weeks to friend of
Lisa Rieff)
Cathy Aden
Dick Bell
Ruth Cooley
Patty George (friend of Dave and Lisa Rieff)
Keith Gillespie
Cheryl Jones (friend of Nancy Shinrock)
Suzanne Knott (sister of Connie Walther)
Jim Mahler (brother of Jane Hawkins)
Marj Mahler (mother of Jane Hawkins)
Connie O'Neil (friend of Marilyn Thomsen)
Luana Salerno (friend of Sandy Hall)
Marilyn Thomsen
Esther Welliver
Agnes Wilson

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

Please celebrate with us the May 21, 2011, formal wedding of our daughter, Janice Marie Baker, to Stephen Patrick Filbin, which was held in San Marcos, TX. They will be making their home in Austin, TX.
Thank you.
Brenda and Ron Thom



Thank you to all who participated in suppers on Wednesday night. Have a great summer!
Heather and family



Thank you so much for all the cards, telephone calls, casseroles, and prayers. It will be a wobbly summer, but I am progressing.
Cathy Aden

