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Summer Worship Schedule

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

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

A Look Ahead

Welcome summer, and Happy Anniversary! We have a lot to celebrate this month!

Our **summer worship schedule** began on Memorial Day weekend, and it will continue through Labor Day weekend (see page 4, Worship). We are seeking those who would like to provide **special music** during worship this summer (see page 4, Worship) as well as those who would like to provide **summer breakfast** one Sunday between June 3 and August 26 (see page 8, Nurture). All are encouraged to join us in worship and fellowship!

Our **40th Anniversary celebration** takes place on Saturday, June 9! Enjoy a rewarding **day of service**, followed by **Festival Worship, dinner, and a program**. In preparation for the anniversary, **40th Anniversary cookbooks** are being sold by Women of Love, and **40th Anniversary t-shirts** are being sold by the Youth Group. Details about all of these activities are provided throughout this issue of *The Love Letter* (see page 4, Worship; page 9, Nurture; and page 11, Outreach & Resources).

From June 11-15, kids are invited to attend **Vacation Bible School** as our church is transformed into **SonRise National Park!** Children age 4 through those entering 6th grade are welcome, and registration forms are available at church (see page 10, Nurture).

Finally, don't forget about our annual Lord of Love Community Garden! All are encouraged to help with the weeding and watering in June (see page 10, Outreach).

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An Attitude of Love by Pastor Brad

Some time ago, I ran across this phrase: "A bad attitude is like a flat tire—you can't go anywhere until you change it!" This quote is on a post-it note stuck to my computer screen on my desk.



I read it frequently. Sometimes it actually has the effect that it should, and I try to make the correct adjustments to my attitude. Other times, admittedly, it goes in one ear and out the other.

Writing from a prison cell in Rome, the apostle Paul wrote about the attitude a Christian should have: "Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ" (Philippians 1:27). He's telling us that no matter what unexpected disruptions, frustrations, or difficulties come our way, we are to respond with a Christ-like attitude. Paul later writes, "Your attitude should be the same as that of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 2:5). He also encourages us in Ephesians 5:1 to be "imitators of Christ as dearly beloved children." As children love to imitate what they see and repeat what they hear; we also are charged to imitate and model Christ's behavior and to be clear reflections of the Lord (Matthew 5:16).

These scripture references all address having the same attitude as Christ. I see Christ's attitude as loving, giving, and compassionate. As Lord of Love celebrates its 40th Anniversary, the attitude that we should reflect is in our name: "Love."

We truly believe in and worship a "Lord of Love" each Sunday. It is then with great joy, challenge, and commitment that we go forth into the community with the same loving attitude of Christ.

There will be days in all of our lives when we may not reflect the loving presence of Christ. Those are the days that we pray for God to enter our hearts to change our attitudes so that we may be imitators of Christ. Then who knows where God will lead us!

A blessed 40th Anniversary!

Peace,
Pastor Brad



MONTHLY CALENDAR

June 2012						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Synod Assembly 7:30pm AA	2 Synod Assembly 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 4:00pm Granada Townhomes Mtg.
3 9:00am Worship & Communion 10:00am Summer Breakfast	4 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	5 9:00am Quilters 10:00am Piano Tuning 6:00pm Resources Mtg. 7:00pm Vision & Coordination	6 6:00pm Brass 6:00pm "Gather" Bible Study	7 9:30am Text Study @ Guthrie's 7:00pm Boy Scouts	8 7:30pm AA	9 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 5:00pm 40th Anniversary Worship
10 9:00am Worship & Communion 10:00am Summer Breakfast	11 5:30pm Vacation Bible School 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	12 5:30pm Vacation Bible School	13 5:30pm Vacation Bible School	14 9:30am Text Study @ Guthrie's 5:30pm Vacation Bible School 7:00pm Boy Scouts	15 5:30pm Vacation Bible School 7:30pm AA	16 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
17 9:00am Worship & Communion 10:00am Summer Breakfast	18 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	19 9:00am Quilters 7:00pm Church Council Mtg.	20	21 9:30am Text Study @ Guthrie's 7:00pm Swingtones Rehearsal 7:00pm Boy Scouts	22 7:30pm AA	23 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
24 9:00am Worship & Communion 10:00am Summer Breakfast 1:00pm District 18 AA	25 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	26 7:00pm Vision & Coordination Mtg. for July	27	28 9:30am Text Study @ Guthrie's 7:00pm Boy Scouts	29 7:30pm AA	30 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

Summer Worship Schedule



Summer Worship Schedule

Our summer worship schedule has begun! We will have one worship service on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. through Labor

Day weekend. Following worship, breakfast will be served in the Fellowship Hall each week through August 26. For more information on summer breakfasts, see page 8, Nurture.

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.



40th Anniversary Festival Worship

On Saturday, June 9, after a day of organized volunteer activities serving Habitat for Humanity, Project Hope, and Table Grace, our 40th Anniversary celebration will continue at Lord of Love! Please join us for our Festival Worship on Saturday evening!



The Festival Worship will begin with prelude music at 4:45 p.m. The worship service will be led by Pastors Chris Meier, Paula Olson Lawhead, and Rebecca Lund Sheridan, all children from our congregation. Please join us in worship and song as we celebrate the first 40 years in the life of Lord of Love!



Lord of Love's Worship Servants

	June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24
Greeter(s)				
9:00 a.m.	Jane Hawkins, Laura Russell	Woody and Mardi Fiske	Paul and Traci Cadwallader	Paul and Sue Dieter
Liturgist				
9:00 a.m.	Paul Christenson	Gary Krause	Marilyn Thomsen	Brian Lund
Communion Servers				
9:00 a.m.	Lynda McGraw	Edwards family	Todd and Lisa Meyer	Armitage family
Nursery Attendant(s)				
9:00 a.m.	Anne Yarger	Sarah Horan	Lisa Rieff	Ashley Meier
Altar Care				
9:00 a.m.	Vandeventer girls	Brenda and Suzanne Mac	Ed and Marjorie Keiser	Rowen family
Ushers				
9:00 a.m.	Joe, Josh, and Jason Combes			

The Faith Journey of Sarge Schuchard by Karen Pickens

At Lord of Love, we are called to Sunday Morning Worship with the ringing of the bell, which is done by one of our young people. You may have noticed a dark-haired girl who happily and enthusiastically rings the bell. Her name is Kim, and she is in her second year of Confirmation. Sarge and Shirley Schuchard are Kim's grandparents, and Debra is her mother. Her family started visiting Lord of Love about 3 years ago after attending a piano recital in which Kim performed. As I remember, Kim immediately decided that this would be her church, and her family agreed, finding our church to be friendly. Shirley was impressed with the way people looked right into her eyes when they shook her hand. She knew that they were very caring people. They are all early morning worshippers. While Kim attends Sunday school, her family has coffee and donuts while they visit with others. You can usually find them where you hear laughter, which means that Sarge is telling one of his interesting and funny stories. He has agreed to share some of those stories, along with his life story, with our church family.

The Schuchards live on a farm in Crescent, Iowa, but Sarge was born in the South ... South Dakota ... Milback, South Dakota. Both sets of grandparents were born in Germany but came to America. His maternal grandmother got off of the boat in Canada and walked to South Dakota (I guess they didn't need fitness classes in those days). Sarge was born on December 1, 1933. He had an older sister and a younger brother. The home had no electricity (lanterns were their source of light at dark), but they did have running water...they had to run out to the well to get it! Sarge doesn't tell tales of having to get early up early to milk the cows; he remembers instead his pets, which included skunks. He says that skunks can be tamed, just as cats can be tamed; you just don't want to scare them, like the time he found one in the outhouse and screamed for it to get out. It took a while after that before his mother let him into the house. A good scrubbing first!! And then there was the time that his pet raccoon was left in the house alone. Raccoons can open just about anything, and his raccoon did. They came in the house to flour, rice, and whatever scattered everywhere. His mother laughed about it in years to come, but not that day.

Sarge attended a country school with all of the grades in one classroom. The only requirement for the teacher was to have an eighth grade education and 1 year of summer school. When he was confirmation age, he attended confirmation class, which was held during the summer every day for about a month and a half. The catechism book had to be memorized from front to back and recited to the pastor. Each day, they would recite as much as they remembered, and then the next day start where they left off until the entire book was memorized. They were then confirmed as a class on Sunday morning.

Sarge was drafted at the end of the Korean War and served 2 years after which he reenlisted for 3 more years. He was first sent to Korea but never got off the boat. He instead went on to Okinawa and then to Fort Riley, Kansas. During that time, he not only received his GED but he also learned as much as he could in various trades. He became a combat engineer, learning how to build bridges, which were then demolished. The bridges were built so that in combat, the soldiers could get into certain areas but were then destroyed to hide their location. He also learned plumbing, diesel engine repair, and heavy equipment repair. While in the service, he got married and became the father to two daughters; however, the marriage ended in divorce.

Sarge's family had moved from South Dakota to a dairy farm in Wisconsin before he went into the Army, and that is where he returned when he was discharged. About 5 or 6 months later, as he was building a barn for the family, a Navy man came by and recruited him into the Sea Bees (the Construction part of the Navy). The year was 1959, and he began his career in the Navy by going to school. He received training in plumbing, air-conditioning, boilers, and heating. In Guam, he attended more school, and in Alaska, he

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learned camp maintenance. Once more, he was sent to Okinawa and then to Thailand for 1 year of Secret Duty. He doesn't talk about what went on in Thailand or later when he was sent to Vietnam because much of it was secretive. What he will talk about is getting trained in Marksmanship and missing going to the Olympics by one point. He continued in competition, and he has his Masters in Outdoor Pistol.

Sarge served 3 years in Vietnam. A rule was made that one could only go to Vietnam two times, but the rule was made after he had served 1 year, so he had to serve 2 more. He tells about one of his buddies being shot and killed just as they were talking. It was during this time that President Kennedy was assassinated, but it was 3 or 4 days before he and his crew received that news. The first time he was in Vietnam, a nun came up to talk to him. She told him that the Sister wanted to see him. The sister served them beer as she made a request...a playground for her orphanage of 200 little kids. Sarge and his crew worked from dawn to dusk building a swing, a teeter totter, and a merry-go-round. In less than a month, the children wore out the chair of the swing. The merry-go-round was made out the rear end of an old truck. I would really like to tell you about a time when Sarge thought about the rule "Don't fire unless you are fired upon," but I, too, am now sworn to secrecy. You will have to ask him about that funny story.

In 1974, Sarge retired from the Navy. He went back to Milbank and went to work for his brother. In 1975, he was digging an 8-foot hole for the extension of truck scales and along came a blizzard. The blizzard dumped 10 feet of snow, which filled the hole. He finished his job, digging out the snow, and then said goodbye. He didn't want any more South Dakota winters! In January 1976, he moved to Bellevue, Nebraska.

Now our story takes us to Decatur, Iowa, where Shirley's mom had a cabin. Shirley had also gone through a divorce and was raising six children, ages 7 to 17, on her own. The cabin is a place the entire family came to relax and play during the summer months. One day, a big blue truck, driven by a big guy with a big cowboy hat and a big handlebar mustache came down the driveway. Shirley said, "What is that?" That was Sarge, a friend of Shirley's brother, who was bringing them a refrigerator. Sarge and Shirley both laugh as they remember Sarge's night at the cabin. He ended up sleeping in his truck with the windows rolled up because of the mosquitoes. During the night, Shirley's sister came out and rolled the windows down because of the heat. In the morning, Sarge was covered with bites. The mosquitoes were hungry and ate well that night.

Shirley didn't give Sarge much thought, but one day Sarge called and asked her to go for coffee. She accepted, and they talked for hours. After that, they started seeing each regularly, and in 1978, they were married at Immanuel Hospital Chapel. In the beginning, they had their problems. She was used to raising her children by herself (three of them were teenagers), and now there was a father figure in the family. It took awhile for them to adjust to each other, but as Shirley talks about those days, Sarge gets a tender look on his face, and it is apparent that it was all worth it for him. The children are a very important part of his life, and they consider him their father and grandfather. It has all worked out. Shirley's only regret is that she didn't meet Sarge 20 years earlier, and she says that if she was stranded on a desert island, she would want to be stranded with Sarge. She describes Sarge as a very colorful person, one who has many stories to tell and one who perseveres.

One of the stories Sarge likes to tell took place just before Sarge and Shirley were married. He and his brother went on a hunting trip for Moose. They had a friend who offered to fly them to Alaska. Sarge was the co-pilot. When they reached their destination, they landed the wrong way and did some serious

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damage to the plane. It needed a new wheel among other things, and once it was repaired, the friend flew it out leaving them to hunt. They shot a big moose, which they had a license for, and saw bear tracks. They didn't have a license to shoot bear, so they decided not to hang around. Another pilot came to take them back home. That moose provided meals for a long time, and I am told that moose meat is very good.

Sarge built their first house in Bellevue and their second in Crescent, Iowa, which they moved into in 1990. Bill and I took a drive there recently and found their home to be charming...nestled in front of hills (about 14 acres) that are the home to about fifty goats. They were off grazing when we arrived but came running when Sarge called out to them. Upon their arrival, they were handed big chunks of bread, which Sarge picks up from Rotella's bakery. Sarge keeps very busy! These days he is busy mowing, raking, and baling hay for his goats' winter diet. He sells his goats in Palmyra (just east of Lincoln) for \$100.00 a piece. He also has owned and taken care of about 80 acres of land near the North Omaha Airport. He has sold some of that land for development, and it is now about 50 acres. Sarge is a collector and has six garages full of things he has picked up at auctions over the years. He is slowly selling his wares but keeps much of it for future projects. He raises rabbits and has had llamas, ducks, lambs, horses, cows, and sheep. For many years, he rode his horses in the River City Round-Up. He still has one horse. He helps out people in need; some of those people are the nuns who live and run a boarding school in Pisgah, Iowa. When their barn was destroyed by a tornado, he tore down what was left of it, and he is the one they call on when there are repairs to be made. He has endeared himself so much to them that they come caroling every year at Christmas.

I have told you about some of Sarge's life and some of his stories. I can't, however, write them like he can tell them (If you have the opportunity to visit with him, ask him about the time he and his crew wanted a caterpillar flown from one part of Vietnam to another). He is indeed, as Shirley says, a colorful person and has many life experiences, not all of them pain free. But I believe his wonderful sense of humor and his willingness to be of service to others has softened his path in life. At the age of 79, his zest for living and his creative nature give him the energy to do what he needs to do to take care of his family, his land, his animals, and his community.

Sarge, we are really glad to have you and your family at Lord of Love.



Summer Breakfasts

The summer breakfast sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Summer breakfasts will be served on Sunday mornings at approximately 10:00 a.m. from June 3 through August 26. Please consider signing up to provide breakfast to about 60 hungry worshippers. A free-will donation will be collected, and proceeds from the Summer Breakfasts have been designated for the Youth Group.

Summer Breakfast



Sunday School Teachers Needed for Fall

Sunday School is over for the summer, but we are already planning for the fall. Prayerfully consider being a Sunday School teacher for the fall. There is an opening for the high school Sunday School teacher. If you have an interest in teaching or even co-teaching, talk with Lori Vandeventer, Paula Foster, or Claudia Rowen.



Sunday School Teachers Needed

Open House for Mary Boyd

We will be bidding farewell to Mary Boyd, who is moving to Louisiana this month to be near her son Steve, his wife, and two grandchildren. Mary has been a member of Lord of Love for about 30 years. During that time, she worked for LOL in the office and has been very involved with the quilting group. Golfing is another one of her passions. There will be an open house for Mary at the home of Janet and Ed Guthrie, 5103 N. 134th Street, on June 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Weekly Education Opportunities at Lord of Love

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship service	Wednesday 6:00 p.m. <i>Gather</i> Bible Study @ LOL Mary Room (first Wednesday of month)
Monday 6:00 p.m. <i>Gather</i> Bible Study @ Old Country Buffet (first Monday 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

Lord of Love's 40th Anniversary Celebration: Service, Worship, Community

The schedule of activities on June 9, 2012, for Lord of Love's 40th Anniversary Celebration is as follows:

Morning/Early Afternoon – Service opportunities with Habitat for Humanity, Project Hope, and Table Grace Cafe

5:00 p.m. – Festival Worship (prelude begins at 4:45 p.m.)
Bell Choir, Brass Ensemble, Chancel Choir, Organ
Preaching by Children of the Congregation: Chris Meier, Paula Olson Lawhead, and Rebecca Lund Sheridan

6:00 p.m. – Fellowship and Dinner

7:30 p.m. – Program



40th Anniversary Cookbook Update

Thanks to all who supported the pre-sale of our new cookbook, *Taste and See That the Lord is Good*. Nearly 200 copies were sold. When the books arrive, we will begin selling them for \$18, still a bargain! Thanks to Amy Kragnes and Nancy Shinrock, who helped Ruth Manning do a final run-through on the proof copy. Pray with us that the final product arrives by the anniversary weekend.



40th Anniversary Celebration Dinner



What better way to promote the newest and best Lord of Love Cookbook than by making a side dish, salad, or dessert for the 40th Anniversary celebration! Please make enough of each dish to feed about 10 people. We are

looking for members to bring 20 side dishes, 20 salads, and 20 deserts. Cookbooks will be on sale during the Anniversary Dinner, if you have not ordered one already.

40th Anniversary Volunteer/Youth Gathering T-Shirts

Please consider buying a 40th Anniversary volunteer/Youth Gathering t-shirt. The cost is \$15.00. We ask that you wear one while you perform volunteer activities throughout the year in celebration of our 40th Anniversary. The proceeds from the sale of the shirts will go to the Youth Fund. The youth attending the National Youth Gathering will also be wearing the shirts as they do service projects during their stay in New Orleans.



NURTURE

SonRise National Park

Join us for a fun-filled week as we get ready for exciting wilderness thrills as you head out to beautiful SonRise National Park! As kids explore SonRise National Park, they'll learn the most important survival skill of all: they can always depend on Jesus and His promises of true peace, true riches, true power, true love, and true hope!



VBS will run from **Monday, June 11 through Friday, June 15**. The schedule is as follows:

- 5:30-6:00 p.m. – Free-will Offering Family Dinner, by our famous Ruth Manning
- 6:00-8:30 p.m. – VBS programming, including crafts, songs, bible stories, and more!!

Children age 4 through those entering 6th grade are invited to attend. The cost is \$10 per child, with a maximum of \$25 per family. Invite your friends, neighbors, and grandchildren to join us!



Registration forms are available on the bulletin board in the Narthex or from Mary Lou in the church office. If you have questions, please contact Heather Christensen at 402-415-4571 or Pastor Brad at 402-493-2946.

OUTREACH

Mission Possible – Update and Thanks!

Over \$4000 was given in Lenten and Easter offerings to help fund Pastor Anna's School Roof in Northern Tanzania, thanks to your kindness and generosity! Combined with some 2011 congregational mission project funds, over \$6000 has been given towards this project. Providing for a decent school building affects many lives for years to come—a gift that keeps on bearing good fruit.

Donations beyond the costs of the food for our summer breakfasts will go to the Lord of Love Youth Fund, in part to help with expenses of the 2012 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. We encourage all to enjoy the delicious meals and fellowship following the 9:00 a.m. summer worship service each Sunday from June 3 through August 26.

MISSION: POSSIBLE!

Lord of Love Community Garden Update



The carrots, onions, and potatoes are growing. Beans, corn, and squash are coming up. Some weeding and watering has taken place, and more weeding and watering is a sure thing in June. Thanks so much to all of those who have spent time preparing the soil, planting, weeding, and watering so far this season. Anyone willing and able to help should talk to Jeri Morgan or Deb Lund.

OUTREACH & RESOURCES

Special 40th Anniversary Offering

All of us have an opportunity to give a special offering in honor of our 40th Anniversary at the Festival Worship at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 9. The offering will be divided four ways, with $\frac{1}{4}$ of the amount to go to each of the three local organizations we will support in service that day—Habitat for Humanity (ELF Coalition), Project Hope, and Table Grace—and the remaining $\frac{1}{4}$ to go towards our Capital Campaign. Giving a special offering is another way to touch lives and share the love of Christ.



40th Anniversary Day of Service on June 9

To help celebrate Lord of Love's 40th Anniversary, these local organizations have been chosen for donations of time and money:

- **Habitat for Humanity ELF Coalition Rehab House** at 4331 Emmet
Do carpentry work as needed that day
Prepare, deliver, and serve food and snacks to workers
Contact: Jeri Morgan
- **Project Hope** food and clothing pantry at 4205 Boyd Street
Sort and organize food and clothing
Contact: Rex Quadhamer
- **Table Grace Cafe** at 1611 $\frac{1}{2}$ Farnam Street
Table Grace Cafe serves gourmet meals to all, regardless of ability to pay, and trains folks in restaurant work.
Promote restaurant by passing out brochures to folks at Old Market Farmer's Market
Prepare/serve food and clean up at restaurant
Contact: Deb Lund

Remember that June 9 begins a year emphasizing service, with a goal for each of us to volunteer at least 20 hours outside the walls of Lord of Love.

Sign-up sheets are posted on a trifold display board in the Narthex.

Those of you unable to help can participate by praying for all of those working. All of us may also choose to give a monetary donation to help support these same organizations in honor of our 40th Anniversary (see article above).



RESOURCES

Stewardship All Year Long: Ability by Paul Kroll

The stewardship word for this month is “ability.”

We all have abilities to do something. Let’s look at the parable of the talents in Matthew 25:15. “To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey.”



As servants of Christ, we have been given talents towards our abilities. As you may have noticed, none of the servants are called useless from the beginning. It is only at the end of the parable, after the servant with one talent reveals that he has done nothing, that the Master says (Matthew 25:30), “Throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”



God, the Master, expects us all to use our God-given abilities (talents) to make His kingdom a better place. It might take some effort to discern these abilities and how to use them, but we know that we have them.

COUNCIL REPORT

Our Giving Status by Barb Haskins, Council Treasurer



General Fund financial information for April 2012 is as follows:

- Income: \$29,652.02
- Expenses: \$23,615.01

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

- Income: \$104,693.28
- Expenses: \$96,881.90

Praise God for your faithfulness!!

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 – June 2012 by Brian Lund, Council President

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV) *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

At our Sunday services, we give thanks for all that God provides. We hear the Word spoken and preached. We participate in the meal, receive God's blessing, and leave church empowered to be the face of Christ to all. Then comes the hard part, actually making a difference in the lives of those we meet.

Pastor Brad has been a wonderful gift to us. He brings to us the good news of Christ died for us and God's grace, His unfailing love for us. Pastor Brad encourages us to strengthen our relationships with God and those whom we meet each day. His messages remind us of the basis for our faith and challenge us to live that faith in service to others. Pastor Brad often also provides us with specific examples of ways to live out our faith and to be Christ to others.



The Stewardship and Outreach committees are helping us provide service to others as part of our 40th Anniversary celebration. Our day of service on June 9 provides opportunities to join with other members in service to those in our community who need help. Please consider volunteering on June 9 and throughout our 40th Anniversary year. When we work together with others in our congregation and community, we have a great impact on the lives of those we serve. Working together it truly becomes God's work, our hands.

1 Thessalonians 5:14-15 (NIV) *And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.*

Thank You to all of our members for the faith support of our congregation and its ministry programs. Your gifts of time, talents, and treasure help us strengthen our faith and reach out into the community. Summer has come, and many activities may take us out of town or otherwise keep us away from church on Sundays. Please make an effort to worship each week wherever you may be. And remember that the financial and service needs of our congregation continue all year round.

Please continue to pray for our congregation and the community we serve. Give thanks for all that we receive through Christ Jesus. Pray for strength and wisdom for service and leadership for our pastor and the other leaders of our congregation.

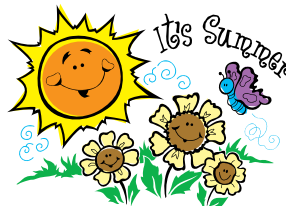
Blessings in faith and service,
Brian Lund



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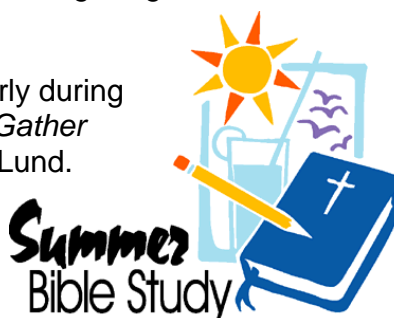
Our women's ministry slows down during the summer, hopefully to help us rejuvenate after a busy year. But as you read through this page, you'll see that we're planning ahead and have included some dates for your calendar. Enjoy your break!



Gather Bible Studies

The Monday night group will not have its study this month but will have a social evening on Monday, June 4 at 6:00 p.m. at Hong Hing, 90th and Fort Streets.

The Wednesday night group will not meet regularly during the summer months but will sponsor the annual *Gather* half-day retreat on August 4 at the home of Deb Lund. All women are invited to attend that retreat, and further information will be available in the July issue of *The Love Letter*.



Fall Day Retreat

Randi VenHuizen will host the annual women's fall day retreat at her home on Saturday, October 6. Mark your calendars now, and watch for additional information later this summer.



Dates to Remember

June

1	8:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship, Crane Coffee, 77 th and Cass
4	6:00 p.m.	<i>Gather</i> Bible Study, Hong Hing, 90 th and Fort Streets
7	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
15	8:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship, Crane Coffee, 77 th and Cass
21	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
29	8:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship, Crane Coffee, 77 th and Cass

Coming Soon

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

Lord's Laughing Ladies

All women are invited to join us on June 1, 15, and 29 at 8:00 a.m. at Crane Coffee at 77th and Cass Streets. Welcome back to our teachers and subs...we've missed you, but we've been saving your chairs!



Women's Ministry Team

The Women's Ministry Team will not meet during June and July. The August meeting date will be announced later.



IN OUR PRAYERS & LOVE NOTES

In Our Prayers

Rob Anderson
Diana Baker (friend of the Thoms)
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)
Kaye Haar (friend of the Novaks)
Jane Hawkins' brothers and nieces
Marilyn Haworth (friend of Brenda Mac)
John Holbrook (brother of Judy Messerschmidt)
Bud Ivey (father of Pamela Todd)
Cathy Johnson (friend of Marilyn Thomsen)
Cheryl Jones (friend of Nancy Shinrock)
Dolores Jordan (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)
Eunice Neve
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
Audrey Wapelhorst (niece of Brenda Mac)
Ted Whitfield (former co-worker of Brian Shinrock)
Jeff Wise (friend of the Thoms)

Those deployed around the world:

Kelvin
Jesse Kinney
Tyler McMonagle
Jon Murphy
Corey Nielsen
Sean Rooney

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

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have been overwhelmed by the kindness and support we have received over the last several months.

We have an answer to prayer in that it now seems less likely that Jude's illness is degenerative. Unfortunately, however, it is chronic. We are hopeful that the medical information we have received over the last several months, along with God's guidance, will allow her to continue to pursue her dreams.

The prayers, cards, prayer shawls, and kind words you have offered have meant more to us than we can possibly express.

With sincerest thanks,
John, Diane, Jude, and Johnny Konvalina



