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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

Can you believe that summer is nearly over? As you enjoy the final days of summer and prepare for the new school year, join us for one or more of the following activities at Lord of Love!

Celebrate the work of our ELF Coalition by attending the **dedication ceremony for this year's Habitat for Humanity home** on Sunday, August 8 (see page 6, Outreach).

If you are a student or teacher, start your school year right by bringing your school bag to church on Sunday, August 15 for our **Blessing of the Backpacks** (see page 4, Worship).

Volunteer to pick produce in our **community garden** at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays for the Lutheran Pantry at Project Hope (see page 7, Outreach).

Participate in our **stewardship campaign**, which begins on Sunday, August 29, by visiting members in our congregation or by accepting a visit from those volunteers (see page 8, Resources).

In addition to these activities, take part in other **men's or women's events** this month (see page 11, Men's News Corner, and pages 12-14, Women of Love).

Finally, learn what the **Call Committee** has been up to, and continue to keep them in your prayers (see page 11, Transition/Call Process Update).

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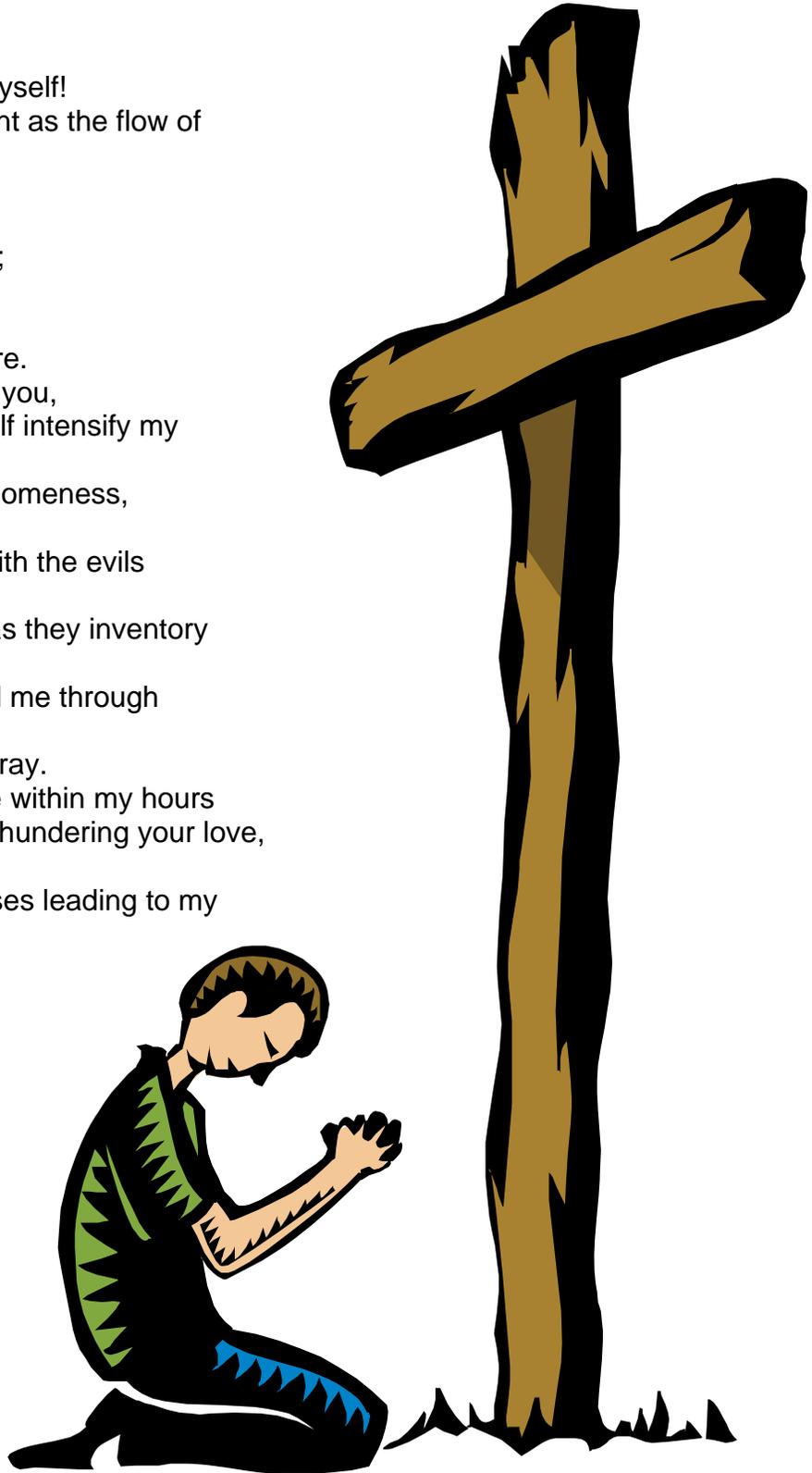
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PASTOR'S PAGE

A Prayer for the Day by Pastor Bob

Lord God, you know me better
than anyone else does,
even better than I know myself!
Your listening to me is as constant as the flow of
the Missouri.
You know my moods,
comprehend my fears,
understand my emptiness;
affirm my strengths,
heighten my joys,
foster my indefinable desire.
Yet when it comes to listening to you,
the padded walls of my self intensify my
hearing loss.
I fail to hear you in nature's awesomeness,
in the events of the day,
in the sinners' struggles with the evils
pollution of the day,
in the people around me as they inventory
their lives,
in the messages you send me through
your good news.
Lord God, be compassionate, I pray.
Help me to find islands of silence within my hours
to hear your gentle voice thundering your love,
care and compassion.
Break through the obstacle courses leading to my
heart and enter in.
Grant me a listening heart!

In Christ,
Pastor Bob



MONTHLY CALENDAR

August 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00am Worship & Communion 10:00am Summer Breakfast	2 6:00pm LWT Bible Study @ Old Country Buffet 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	3 9:00am Quilters 7:00pm Vision & Coordination	4 6:00pm LWT Bible Study	5 9:30am Text Study @ Guthrie's 7:00pm Boy Scouts	6 8:00am LoL Ladies @ Crane Coffee 7:30pm AA	7 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
8 9:00am Worship & Communion 10:00am Summer Breakfast	9 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	10 7:00pm Sunnyslope/Sunnyview Neighborhood Assoc.	11	12 9:30am Text Study @ Guthrie's 7:00pm Boy Scouts	13 7:30pm AA	14 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 8:30am LWT Retreat at Deb Lund's home
15 Blessing of the Backpacks 9:00am Worship & Communion 10:00am Summer Breakfast	16 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	17 8:00am Church Windows Regional Training 7:00pm Church Council	18 8:00am Church Windows Regional Training	19 8:00am Church Windows Regional Training 9:30am Text Study @ Guthrie's 7:00pm Boy Scouts	20 Love Letter Deadline 8:00am LoL Ladies @ Crane Coffee 7:30pm AA	21 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 1:30pm Reception for Rich & Rebecca Sheridan @ the Lund's
22 9:00am Worship & Communion 10:00am Summer Breakfast	23 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	24	25	26 9:30am Text Study @ Guthrie's 7:00pm Boy Scouts	27 7:30pm AA	28 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
29 9:00am Worship & Communion 10:00am Final Summer Breakfast	30 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	31				

Blessing of the Backpacks

You've seen all the sale ads for back to school supplies, and maybe you've even been shopping for them. But one more way we get ready for the beginning of the school year at Lord of Love is the Blessing of the Backpacks.

Kids, bring your backpacks to our worship service on August 15 for a blessing.

It will help you remember that Jesus goes with you everywhere—even to school. Teachers/staff, bring your totes, lunch boxes, or computer bags, too. We all need to remember that Jesus is with us everywhere we go!



Nursery Gets a Makover!

The church nursery looks a little different since July 10, when Pat Brewer and Debra Gillespie spent the day painting the walls and shelves and rearranging the room. Anne Yarger and Katie Gillespie pitched in to help also. They sterilized the small toys by giving them a trip through the dishwasher, disinfected the larger toys with a good scrubbing, organized the books, and then found just the right place for everything inside the room. They also cleaned the stuffed animals, puppets, blankets, sheets, and anything machine washable. Final touches will be new wall hangings and a cross that will be painted on the east nursery wall with handprints of our little children in many colors.



Nursery needs: New coloring books, crayons, scratch paper, CDs of Christian music for toddlers, lightly used toys, and a playpen. Should you like to donate any of these items, please leave them in the nursery. Thank you in advance for your contribution!

Lord of Love's Worship Servants

	August 1	August 8	August 15	August 22	August 29
Greeter(s)					
9:00 a.m.	Tom and Beth Olson	Paul and Deb Christenson	David and Judy Egr	Dan and Ruth Manning	Brian and Lori Vandeventer
Liturgist					
9:00 a.m.	Randi VenHuizen	Karen Armitage	John Florea	Paul Murphy	Lori Vandeventer
Communion Servers					
9:00 a.m.	Gillespie family, Brad VenHuizen	Armitage family	Florea family	Paula Foster	Vandeventer family
Nursery Attendant(s)					
9:00 a.m.	Katie Gillespie	Jessica Ritonya	Allison Vandeventer	Lauren Florea	Volunteer needed!
Altar Care					
9:00 a.m.	Cathy Aden, Sue Dieter	Brewer family	Connie Walther, Lisa Meyer	Rob and Karen Anderson	Janet Guthrie, Nancy Shinrock
Ushers					
9:00 a.m.	Kenn Garder, Jason Garder, Craig and Peg Pennell				

Tape Ministry: Going Outside of Lord of Love by Karen Pickens and Rachel Novak

This month, I have decided to go off course a bit and tell you about three people Bill and I met on our Thursday morning bike ride. Last month, I talked about our church family taking care of each other and then taking it out into the world. Recently, I saw first hand how that works, and it touched my heart. I hope that you won't mind my getting off the beaten path to share this with you.

Our Thursday morning bike ride consists of people I have met through swimming. Most of them also bike, run, and have a lot of fun. They are definitely making the most of their golden years and thankful that they are able to do so. These past few weeks, Gary Ramsay has joined us, making a nice addition to the group.

I am the slowest and always at the end of the line as we make our way over hill and dale, and that is right where I was a couple of weeks ago. Bill stays close by to make sure that I am okay and was just ahead when he was stopped by a young lady who turned out to be from Germany. She was loaded down with everything she needed to survive a long bike ride, but she needed some directions. She was trying to find out the best route to ride west...to Lincoln for starters. Not that she was just starting; she had made it here from New York. Later, we found out that she had been traveling with a girl friend but the friend got homesick and abandoned her, taking some much needed route information. Bill helped her as much as he could, and we all went on our way. However, a ways down the trail, we met again. By this time, the rest of our group was long gone, so we asked her to have some refreshments at Culver's, a favorite stopover.

It was too early for lunch, our friend said, but she would have an iced tea. Her name was Mirika, and she had taken a 3-month vacation from her job as a technical engineer in Germany to ride from New York to San Francisco. I asked her if she had a mother. She said she did. I asked her what her mother thought of her taking this trip. She said that her mother told her to follow her dream. She had always wanted to ride across America...to get to know our ways. I asked her if she had a gun. She said she did not, but she had mace. When she started her trip, she couldn't speak very good English, but she had come a long ways, and we all understood each other.

We tried to help her find her way, and Bill was about to ride with her over to the Triple A Auto Club, which was about a mile or so away. We hoped that they could better help her. Just then, I saw Bill motioning to some (real) bikers who had just come in to Culvers. They came to our table, and we introduced them to Mirika, telling them her story. They brought their lunch to our booth and immediately listened as she told them her plan...her dream. THEY turned out to be just the right people...HE had just returned from BRAN (an avid bike rider), and SHE was God's gift to Mirika. HE knew how to access the best bike trails across America, and SHE encouraged Mirika to stop for the night and get reorganized at her home in the Dundee area. Maria turned to me and said "Are these your friends?" I told her they were now.

I can't tell you the end of this story. I didn't know those people, but I trusted them. They didn't hesitate to take care of Mirika and be of help to her as she traveled across America. We all rode off in the same direction, except I was soon at the end of the line and Bill was close by. The three of them were long gone, and I probably will never see them again. When we met up with our friends again, I had a story to tell...and now I tell it to you.

NURTURE

Books to Share

There has been a bag of books by Jennifer Chiaverini being passed around for reading. Please let Marilyn Thomsen know who has it now. There are some more books to add to the bag.



*Please join us in welcoming
the newlyweds
Richard and Rebecca Sheridan
at our home, 4720 N 136 Street
for an open house dessert reception
Saturday, August 21, 2010
1:30-4:30 pm.
No gifts, please.*

Brian and Deb Lund

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 Mary Room (first Wednesday of
month)
- Thursday**
9:30 a.m. Text Study @ Guthries
- Saturday**
7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast and Bible Study @ LOL
Fellowship Hall

OUTREACH

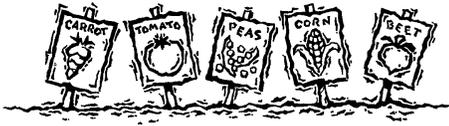
Habitat for Humanity by John Florea

We have completed a new home! Please join us on Sunday, August 8 at 3:00 p.m. for the dedication ceremony. It's your chance to come and admire the newly remodeled home and meet the new owners. Oscar and Maria Miramontes are an extremely nice and hard-working couple. The house turned out great, and they are excited to move in. The dedication ceremony we will be our opportunity to bless their home and wish them many years of happiness there. The address is 3327 N 40th Avenue. Hope to see you there! Please check the bulletin or the Lord of Love website to verify the date and time of the dedication in case of changes.



Lord of Love Community Garden Update

Remember that Lord of Love supports efforts to curb hunger through our community garden! The green bean harvest is in full swing, with bountiful bags brimming with beans for the Lutheran Pantry at Project Hope. Some summer squash and cucumbers are ready for the Lutheran Pantry. Thanks so much to those who have assisted in the harvest: Doug Aden, Paula Foster, Leah Klos, Deb Lund, Jim and Jeri Morgan, and Gary Ramsay. Thanks to Gary, too, for so faithfully taking the produce to the Lutheran Pantry.

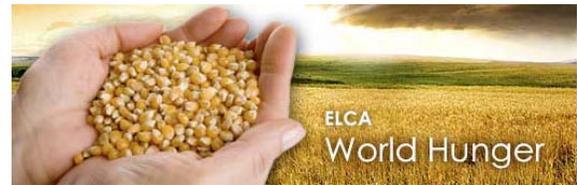


It's not too late to help! The regularly scheduled time for picking the produce is 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays. So anyone interested who has a little time to help, just meet us in the garden on the southeast area of Lord of Love's property to help reap the harvest and provide some wonderful, nutritious food for Omaha's poor!

Mission Interpreter Update by Deb Lund

ELCA World Hunger Supports Those in Need Around the Globe

A food shortage in Zimbabwe...earthquakes in Haiti... empty pantries in the United States. ELCA World Hunger is present in these crises around the globe. You are helping to mend lives and offer hope where it is needed most.



The ELCA has been remarkably faithful during a year of economic challenges. In 2009, the number of individual gifts to World Hunger rose 30 percent, with significant growth in total giving through ELCA Good Gifts and God's Global Barnyard. In total, your gifts put more than \$19 million to work for poor and hungry people during 2009.

Internationally, \$13.6 million supported immediate relief and long-term development projects. These funds provide income-generating programs and literacy classes for women. They support microfinance initiatives, health clinics, HIV and AIDS education, clean water systems, fish-farming projects, and lifesaving child nutrition. This work is guided by ELCA Global Mission and carried out through partnerships with Lutheran World Federation, Lutheran World Relief, ecumenical agencies, and ELCA companion churches around the world.

In the United States, the ELCA fights poverty through relief, development, community organizing, education, and advocacy. In 2009, ELCA World Hunger provided grants totaling \$800,000 to emergency food pantries and other projects in synods across the country. An additional \$567,000 in grants supported organizations using education and advocacy strategies to address the root causes of hunger.

An important illustration of hunger and disaster—hunger and hope—is told in the story of Haiti. ELCA World Hunger has maintained a long-term presence in Haiti, working for decades on the ground through the Lutheran World Federation, Lutheran World Relief, and Church World Service. Financial gifts given have been supporting clean water systems, food production, women's cooperatives, microcredit loans, disaster preparedness, reduction of infant mortality and child malnutrition, and advocacy for human rights and justice.

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OUTREACH

Mission Interpreter Update, continued

Because of these long-standing projects and relationships, the earthquake funds raised by ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal could be put to work immediately after the earthquake. As of February, special gifts to Haiti already exceeded \$5 million.

Looking ahead, ELCA World Hunger also will continue its work with the two new special initiatives: the ELCA Strategy on HIV and AIDS and the Lutheran Malaria Initiative. These are focused efforts to combat two of the world's deadliest diseases of poverty. During the next 5 years, the ELCA will work to raise \$10 million to support the goals of the ELCA Strategy on HIV and AIDS, and will pursue the Lutheran Malaria Initiative with its partners, Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, and the UN Foundation.

This is a churchwide effort in generosity and dedication. It is estimated that more than a million times during the year, someone, somewhere puts change into an ELCA World Hunger coin box, slips a check into an envelope, dedicates a Good Gift, responds to a special moment of giving in worship for ELCA World Hunger, goes online to contribute, or adds ELCA World Hunger to an estate plan. Combined, these individual actions are knit together to become the action of the church.

For more information on ELCA World Hunger, go to www.elca.org/hunger.



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RESOURCES

2010–2011 Stewardship Information and Schedule

As summer is flying past and fall is swiftly approaching, it is time for us to look forward to Lord of Love's new stewardship event based on the theme **Building on Faith to Serve**. Our response method this year will be an Every Household Visit.



Fellow members of Lord of Love will be personally contacting you for a visit. Each visitor will be trained and will visit 4 to 6 households in the congregation. The purpose of the visit will be to share faith, strengthen relationships, and build support for our shared ministry. Each visit will take 20 to 30 minutes in your home or a place that you choose. If you are asked to be a visitor, I hope you will respond positively. When you are contacted for a visit, I hope you will set aside the time to talk about our ministries at Lord of Love. The visits will start on Sunday, August 29 and will conclude on Sunday, September 19, Commitment Sunday. If you know you will not be home between these dates, please contact the church office.



Please join us in embracing the new stewardship theme **Building on Faith to Serve**. If you are so moved to volunteer to be trained as a visitor or know when you would appreciate being visited, please contact the church office or any member of the Stewardship Committee: Doug Armitage, Brad VenHuizen, Ron Thom, Lisa Meyer, Paul Barnett, or Doug Johnston.

COUNCIL REPORT & TRANSITION/CALL PROCESS UPDATE

July 2010 Council Report by Don Rowen, Council Vice-President

The Lord of Love council met on July 20, 2010. The minutes of this meeting are summarized as follows:

- **Update on Call Process.** Kenn Garder reported that the call committee has conducted a couple of practice interviews. The committee got positive feedback about our profile, and it seems several pastors have expressed interest in the position. The committee expects to soon receive a list of a 3 to 4 candidates from the synod to consider. It will take several weeks to consider the candidates and to conduct an initial interview of all the candidates.
- **Budget planning for 2011.** Council members received half year (June 30) status reports on their committees' expenditures and were asked to submit an initial budget request for their committee by August 24, 2010.
- **Committee Reports.** Each ministry committee discussed items on which they are working.
 - Property – Stewardship is making plans for its fall stewardship campaign that will include visits to every member. We had to repair a leak in the roof over the office area. Some other parts of the roof will need repair in a few years.
 - Outreach – Mission Possible is conducting a survey to help them find out what organizations members of the church would be interested in supporting.
- **Follow-up on Member Involvement Discussion from June Strategic Planning Meeting.** Each ministry committee was asked to list three things their committee could do to promote member involvement.
- **Financial Report.** Giving was down in June, so we are now behind for the year by about \$5,000 We have to be careful about big expenditures to make sure we have enough in our checking account.
- **Nominating Committee.** The council discussed who to ask to serve on this committee as the council-appointed members. We want three members: two to be the council-appointed members and one to replace Kenn Garder who is busy serving on the call committee. Five suggestions were given.
- **Nebraska Synod Feed the Roots Campaign.** At the last meeting, the council decided that the church should try to support this campaign, which is asking for extra giving to the synod to specifically support their ministries that help to develop new church leaders. A proposal was presented that would ask the church to pledge to give \$2,600 (about 1% of general fund income) to the fund for 3 years. Three options were presented for ways to obtain the funds for this pledge. All three options involved the majority of the money coming from the congregational mission fund.



2010 Lord of Love Church Council

Executive Committee: Brian Lund, President; Don Rowen, Vice-President; Brian Walther, Secretary; Lisa Meyer, Treasurer

Nurture: Heather Christensen, Angie Meyer

Outreach: Harry Naasz, Paul Christenson

Resources: Craig Pennell, Doug Armitage

Worship: Karen Mullen, Debra Gillespie



COUNCIL REPORT & TRANSITION/CALL PROCESS UPDATE

From the Council President – August 2010 by Brian Lund, Council President

1 Corinthians 1:4 (NRSV) *I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus*

Building on Faith to Serve

One of the Council's goals related to this year's theme is to *help each of us to share of the marvelous gifts God has given to us*. Maybe one of the first things needed is to consider how richly we have been blessed by God.

Sometimes our blessings are hard to recognize. We are consumed with the demands and pressures of our daily life. We check our bank account at the end of the month, and it is never enough. We review our "To Do" list and see the many things we did not complete. We struggle to do our best and fail to get the recognition and rewards we think are due.

When I was thinking about this, I remembered a song learned in Sunday School many years ago.

*Count your blessings, Name them one by one
Count your blessings, See what God has done
Count your blessings, Name them one by one
Count your many blessings, See what God has done.*



When I take this simple tune to heart, what a difference it makes! I remember that I am loved, no matter what; not just by God, but by a loving wife and children. We enjoy good health, plenty to eat, a nice home to live in (cool in the hot summer, warm in the cold winter), opportunities to enjoy the wonders of God's nature; we are amazed by the inventiveness of man; and the list continues.

When I take this simple tune to heart, many of the cares of the world are lifted. My outlook on life is changed, at least temporarily. I realize my blessings outweigh the difficulties of my life. Even when things don't go as planned, I can rejoice in many things. And in response, I give thanks!

1 Peter 4: 10 (NRSV) *Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.*

Gone fishin', campin', travelin'?

It is summer. When the kids are out of school and the weather is nice, why not take off and enjoy the pleasures of life? I know that we are trying to squeeze in visits with relatives and friends, enjoying the outdoors, and just plain relaxing. Of course, there is this wedding in Chicago we just had to attend.

Hopefully you are making time for God and engaging in worship wherever you may go. Even though being out in nature may bring us closer to God, it is still important to hear the Word, share in His meal, and raise our voices in thanks and praise to Him who created us and sustains us throughout each day. Taking time each week for worship helps keep us connected to God and the whole Christian church.

And, while enjoying the summer, please remember that the financial needs of Lord of Love continue throughout the year. Paying our staff, operating the building, and supporting our ministry programs continue each month. If you are unable to attend worship at Lord of Love, please make an effort to keep current with your pledge.

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COUNCIL REPORT & TRANSITION/CALL PROCESS UPDATE

From the Council President – August 2010, continued

Farmer Gary and others have been faithfully tending the garden, and it has started to bear good fruit (well, vegetables) and deliveries are being made to the Lutheran Pantry. Many hands make light work. Additional volunteers are welcome. See Lord of Love Community Garden Update on page 7 for details on how you can help this ministry of Lord of Love.

Please continue to pray for our congregation, and especially for our Call Committee, in this important time of the pastoral call process.

In faith and service, Brian Lund

Call Committee Corner by Kim Gust, Call Committee Secretary

In July, the Call Committee conducted two practice interviews in preparation for our upcoming interviews with candidates. This was a great learning experience, and the committee members now feel more comfortable with the interview process. Following the practice interviews, we refined our interview questions and are continuing to review Lord of Love's Ministry Site Profile to ensure that we understand what the congregation is looking for in "the pastor we seek."

Now we've received a slate of five candidates and are in the process of scheduling interviews! Please remember that the call process is confidential to protect the privacy of the candidates. Therefore, members of the Call Committee cannot share information about the candidates who are under consideration at Lord of Love.

Please continue to keep the Call Committee in your prayers as we begin interviewing candidates. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a member of the Call Committee: Kenn Garder, Kim Gust, Karen Armitage, Barb Haskins, Paul Murphy, or Chris Rich.



MEN'S NEWS CORNER

Fellowship and Service

The best part of Lord of Love's Men's Ministry is fellowship (for some) and service (for others). Whichever your preference, we need your participation!



As part of Men's Ministry, Men's Breakfast group gathers at 7:00 a.m. every Saturday to share breakfast and discuss our faith. We use various informational formats. Presently, we are using a book that studies the evolution of current Christianity and compares it with other religions.

We are searching for ideas for fellowship and service events (yet to be decided). We help provide financial support of various other LOL ministries. This support includes helping send congregational members to Tanzania. We are continuously looking for new ideas and your increased participation. Please feel welcome to join us whenever you are able and share in Christian fellowship. Peace.

WOMEN OF LOVE

Lutheran Woman Today Summer Bible Studies

The August meetings of the *Lutheran Woman Today* Bible study groups are described below.

Monday Evening Bible Study

The Monday evening Bible Study group will meet on August 9 at 6:00 p.m. for dinner (no study) at Hong Hing Restaurant, 5411 N. 90th Street.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study

The Wednesday evening Bible Study group will hold a mini-retreat/summer Bible study on Saturday, August 14 at 8:45 a.m. at Deb Lund's home, 4720 N 136 Street. *All women are invited to attend, but if possible, sign up at the Information Center in the narthex so Deb will have an idea of how many chairs to set up!*

Deb will serve coffee, juice, and homemade cinnamon and caramel rolls at 8:45 a.m. The Bible Study will start at 9:00 a.m. Bring a salad to share for lunch after the study is over.

2010 Summer Bible Study: Pray Always

The summer study, "Pray Always," is written by the Rev. Gladys Moore, an ordained pastor in the ELCA. It is a three-session Bible study that explores the following three aspects of prayer:

- Session One: *Persistence* (Luke 18:1-8)
- Session Two: *Waiting with Patience and Hope* (Isaiah 40:28-31)
- Session Three: *Power* (Ephesians 3:14-21)

The studies are available online at <http://www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Ministry/Women-of-the-ELCA/Lutheran-Woman-Today/Bible-study/Summer-studies.aspx>.



Project Hope

Thank you for continuing to support Project Hope! **The needs for August are tomato products/soup.** In addition, the following personal care items are always appreciated: bar soap, bathroom tissue, can openers, conditioner, deodorant, diapers, dish soap, feminine hygiene products, hair products (combs, brushes), Kleenex, laundry soap, mouthwash (without alcohol), razors, shaving cream, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. Please place items in the containers under the Information Center in the Narthex.

Coffee Fellowship

All women are invited to join the Lord's Laughing Ladies! We meet at 8:00 a.m. for fellowship at Crane Coffee, 77th and Cass, on August 6 and 20.

Ministry Team Meeting

The Women of Love Ministry Team will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 11 in the Mary Room at church. The following items are up for discussion: nominating committee, Fall Festival dinner, and Advent by Candlelight. Volunteers are needed for all of these areas.



WOMEN OF LOVE

Autumn Renewal 2010

Nebraska Synodical Women's Organization presents...
Autumn Renewal 2010 – Together, we live love with Tanzania
Ephesians 5:1-2 (NRSV) *Therefore be imitators of God...
and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us.*

September 18, 2010 – Bethlehem Lutheran – Wahoo
September 25, 2010 – American Lutheran – Gothenburg



Hear the stories, learn about the mission, and decide how you can “live love” with our sisters and brothers in Tanzania. Break away from your routine for a fall day focusing on Tanzania and featuring inspiring presentations by Bob Kasworm, member of Lord of Love and operations leader for Alegent Health Tanzania, and Pastor Martin Russell, assistant to the Bishop in the Nebraska Synod.

The cost is \$18. This includes refreshments at 8:30 a.m. before the event begins at 9:00 a.m. and lunch. Please register before September 8 for the East and before September 15 for the West. Registration Forms are available on line at www.nebraskaelcawomen.org. Some forms will also be available at the Information Center in the narthex.

Offerings for the day will be divided equally between two Tanzania missions—Houses for Health and the Ngarony Youth Camp. Houses for Health is a program to build homes for poor individuals with severe health problems that are further threatened by their seriously substandard living situations. The Ngarony Youth Camp is a mission to provide experiences for the Christian growth and spiritual development of young people.

Lutheran Woman Today Fall 2010 Bible Study

The People of God: Unity in the Midst of Diversity is the theme of the 2010-2011 *Lutheran Woman Today* Bible study. The authors of the study are the Revs. Linda and Jensen Seyenkulo, who met as seminarians in Minnesota, married, and moved to Jensen's home in Liberia. War drove the couple back to the United States, where they settled in the Chicago area. Now the parents of three teenagers, Linda and Jensen have served the church as parish pastors, educators, and administrators. Linda is currently pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Park Forest, Illinois, and Jensen is Director for Rostered and Authorized Ministries in the ELCA's churchwide Vocation and Education unit.

This study is based on the Book of Faith initiative of the ELCA. It brings us into intentional conversation around issues that divide us from each other. Session 1 focuses on *The People of God: Reading the Bible* (Theme verse Romans 15:4.)



Currently there are two groups using the LWT study. One meets at 6:00 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Old Country Buffet at 145th & West Center Road. The other one meets at 6:00 p.m. in the Mary Room at church on the first Wednesday of each month. However, in September the group will meet at Hong Hing, 90th and Fort, at 6:00 p.m. on September 1.

The Gift of Hope by Brenda Thom



The hustle and bustle of the school year is here. As I am rushing madly from place to place trying desperately to be all that I can be, I have to stop and wonder what is the best that I can be? I have been struck lately that often the best gift I can offer to those around me is hope.

How can I, an uneducated lay person, offer hope to those around me? As with most of the really good stuff, it is the little things. It is the small word of encouragement. It is praying for the leaders of our nation instead of simply complaining about what they do. It is looking for the answer and not the problem.

One of my friends recently stopped with me and shared his great blessing. He had been in the park listening to the birds. He wasn't hurried or worried or bustling about, and in that moment, he knew God was with him. Sometimes, the gift I can offer is to be still and listen.

We are in the great recession. In these difficult economic times, it is easy to get distracted and afraid. I find myself placing more of my family members and their burdens in God's hands because their problems are more than I can handle on my own. When I have the opportunity to talk with others who are feeling afraid, I have the opportunity to share my faith, my hope.

The gift given to us in this great recession is the opportunity to be the example of a people free from fear. Our great gift is the chance to share our faith and our hope to show God's great blessings to others.

Calendar of Events

August

3	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
6	8:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship, Crane Coffee, 77th and Cass
9	6:00 p.m.	LWT Bible Study Dinner, Hong Hing Restaurant
11	6:00 p.m.	Ministry Team Meeting, Mary Room
14	8:45 a.m.	LWT Bible Study Mini-retreat, Deb Lund's home
17	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
20	8:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship, Crane Coffee, 77th and Cass

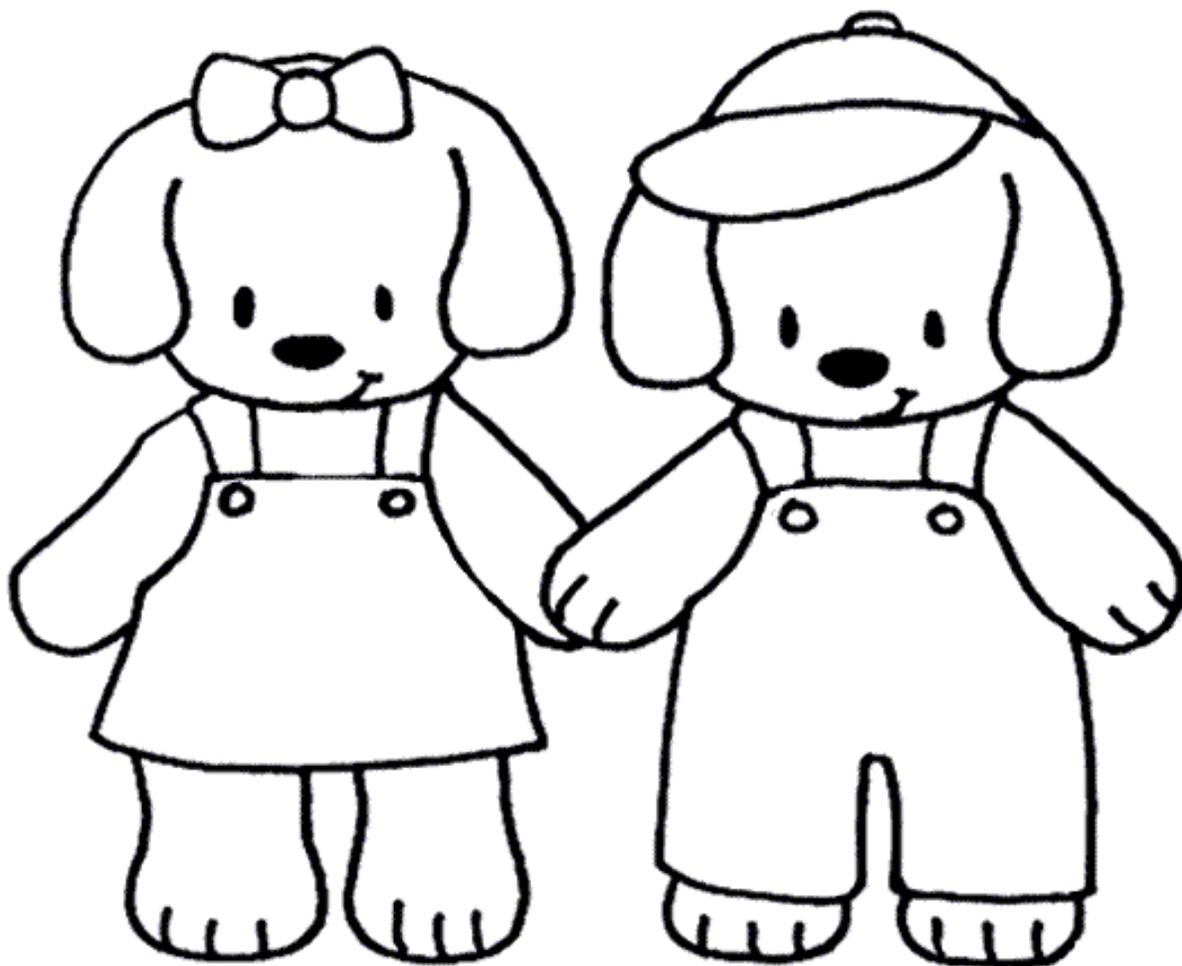
Coming Soon

September 18, 2010	Autumn Renewal, Bethlehem Lutheran, Wahoo, NE (presentation by Bob Kasworm)
October 3, 2010	Thankoffering Sunday
October 16, 2010	General Meeting
October 23, 2010	Fall Festival
December 5, 2010	Advent by Candlelight
December 11, 2010	Cookie Tins
July 12-14, 2011	W/ELCA Triennial Convention, Spokane, WA
July 14-17, 2011	W/ELCA Triennial Gathering, Spokane, WA



Women of the ELCA 

Thank you, God,
for good friends!



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Who were Jesus' friends?

Jesus spent a lot of time with his friends.
Whom did Jesus consider his friends?

Beginning at the arrow and moving clockwise,
write every other letter on the spaces below.

A circular word search puzzle is centered on the page. The letters of the alphabet are arranged in a ring around a central area. An arrow points to the letter 'Y' at the top left. The central area contains a quote: "Y _____

_____". Below the quote is the reference "John 15:14".

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IN OUR PRAYERS & LOVE NOTES

In Our Prayers

Catherine
Avery Akeman (friend of Kim Gust)
Ryan Bolen (nephew of Sandy Hall)
Katie Brink (friend of the VenHuizens)
Miranda Brown (friend of the Shinrocks)
Portia Bruning (cousin of Shirley Schuchard)
Jan Davis (aunt of Paula Foster)
Laura and Jeremy DeWitt
Colin Farbotka (nephew of Tom and Beth Olson)
Emma Finken (student of Deb Lund)
Patty George (friend of the Rieffs)
Machelle Gross (niece of Lynda McGraw)
Gary Hall (brother of Claude Hall)
Amber Hartin (granddaughter of the Shinrocks)
Matthew Hayek (nephew of Sandy Hall)
Marj Holbrook (mother of Judy Messerschmidt)
Cathy Johnson (friend of Marilyn Thomsen)
Bob Kasworm and his ministry in Tanzania
Ken Kellogg (father of Karen Armitage)
Paula Lawhead (at seminary)
Carl Lueders (uncle of Dave Lueders)
Irene Lund (aunt of Brian Lund)
Rebecca Lund (at seminary)
Brenda Mac
Abbie Mahler (niece of Jane Hawkins)
Marj Mahler (mother of Jane Hawkins)
Bob McKnight (grandfather of Ann Kroll)
Merlin Meyer (father of Todd Meyer)

Pastor Elibariki Mtui and all the saints of TPC Lutheran
Parish, Tanzania
Clarence (Swede) Nelson (brother of Pauline Shaffer)
Lloyd Neve (LOL Brass member)
Johanna Olson (niece of Tom and Beth Olson)
Dan Piehl (brother of Deb Lund)
Joe Policky (grandfather of Tamra Johnston)
Bill and Bev Pugh (former members)
Berniece Reitan
Angel Restivo (friend of Marilyn Thomsen)
Don St. Ours (brother-in-law of Lynda McGraw)
Pauline Shaffer
Brenda Thom
Nancy Thoman (stepmom of Ann Kroll)
Joey Thompson (friend of the Murphys)
Marilyn Thomsen
Brody Vermilyea (grandson of Brian and Nancy
Shinrock)
Rachel Wapelhorst (niece of Brenda Mac)
Agnes Wilson
Julie Wolf

Lord of Love Call Committee
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 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 Lord of Love family,

Thank you so much for all of your thoughts, prayers, and kind words after the sudden loss of Del's mother. We especially appreciate the cards and memorials we received and the women who prepared and served cookies and cake for the reception held at Lord of Love following the graveside service in Omaha. During this difficult time, it is comforting to know we have such a loving church family!

Del, Kim, and Nathaniel Gust



