



The Love Letter

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

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

A Look Ahead

Welcome to the 2011-2012 program year! With many activities resuming, there is so much to do at Lord of Love.

Kickoff Sunday is September 11! Our regular schedule resumes, with **worship** at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. and **Sunday school** at 9:15 a.m. (see page 4, Worship, and page 5, Nurture). In addition, everyone is invited to our **annual potluck luncheon** on Kickoff Sunday (see page 5, Nurture).

Before activities with our youth kick off, though, those working with youth are asked to attend **Youth Safety Training** on Saturday, September 10 (see page 5, Nurture).

Also coming soon are **Confirmation Sunday** on September 18 and **Wednesday night suppers**, which resume on September 21 (see page 5, Nurture).

There are several volunteer opportunities as summer ends and fall begins. Work in the **Community Garden** continues on Tuesday mornings, and there are **Nebraska Synod outreach projects** this month as well (pages 7-8, Outreach). If the scheduled outreach activities aren't your passion, then you have the opportunity to recommend outreach activities by submitting an **Endowment Fund request** (see pages 7-8, Outreach).

Finally, our capital campaign has been a success thus far, and an update is provided in this issue of *The Love Letter* (see page 9, Resources).

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Faithful Footprints by Pastor Brad

Micah 6:8 *What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.*

With school underway for another year, I find myself thinking about teachers and people who influenced my developing years in school and my personal faith life. School teachers like Miss Morris and Mrs. Shinohara who loved teaching and helping you understand. My Sunday School teachers Miss Thomas and Mrs. Bishop, who taught the Bible stories and songs of praise.

All these people and many more have made a permanent mark on my life.

While serving in my first parish, I received the gift of walking with a wonderful woman through what were the final years of her life. She was a woman of great faith and loved sharing her faith in words and actions. She wrote the poem below that has remained my favorite.

I'm sure all of us could write a long list of people who have left "Faithful Footprints" on our lives. My prayer is that we, too, are leaving good and faith-filled footprints upon the lives that we come in contact with.

God calls us all to share the good news of Christ. How we do that varies. "The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:11-12).

However we serve God, we do it faithfully, leaving loving footprints on those around us.

Peace,
Pastor Brad



Faithful Footprints

Most of us leave thousands of prints upon this earth each day.

The footprints of some are fast, frenzied and hurried, while the steps of others are slow, deliberate and carefully made.

Just like fingerprints, our footsteps are uniquely our own.

No one else creates the same path as we do each day.

Where is my path leading me today?

Is the road I'm following one that glorifies God?

And what are my most treasured footprints of the day?

Tomorrow I will leave a different set of prints in different places, and on a different mission.

With God's help, may my earnest steps be taken in love, gratitude and service, as He leads me daily to walk with Him.

Marlene Bachman (1941-1994)

MONTHLY CALENDAR

September 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:30am Text Study @ Guthrie's 6:30pm Living Your Strengths Journey 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Swingtones	2 8:00am LoL Laughing Ladies @ Crane Coffee 7:30pm AA	3 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
4 9:00am Summer Worship & Communion 6:00pm & 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	5 Church Office Closed for Labor Day 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	6 9:00am Quilters	7 5:00pm 9th gr Confirmand Mtg. 6:00pm LWT Bible Study 7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	8 9:30am Text Study @ Guthrie's 6:30pm Living Your Strengths Journey 7:00pm Boy Scouts 7:00pm Swingtones	9 7:30pm AA	10 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 9:00am Safeguarding God's Children Training
11 Kick-Off Sunday 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship & Communion 11:30am Potluck Lunch 2:00pm Sunnyslope Pool Assoc. Mtg. 6:00pm & 7:00 PM Bell Choir Rehearsal	12 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	13	14 5:00pm 9th Gr Confirmand Mtg. 6:00pm Brass Rehearsal 6:00pm Women's Ministry Team Mtg. 7:15pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	15 9:30am Text Study @ Guthrie's 6:30pm Living Your Strengths Journey 7:00pm Boy Scouts	16 8:00am LoL Laughing Ladies @ Crane Coffee 7:30pm AA	17 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
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WORSHIP

Kickoff Sunday and Confirmation Sunday Coming in September

Kickoff Sunday is September 11, which is when our regular worship schedule resumes and we celebrate the official start to our fall programs. Worship services will be at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m., and Sunday School will be at 9:15 a.m. Confirmation Sunday will be on September 18.



Share Your Faith Story

In the past few months, members of Lord of Love have written their "Faith Stories" in *The Love Letter*. The honest way in which they have written their stories has been an inspiration both for the writers and for the readers. We are often unaware of the struggles and doubts others go through just as we are reluctant to tell of our own questions concerning our deepest feelings about God. Sharing our stories with others gives us a deeper sense of community and opens up pathways of understanding and healing. I will continue to ask for the Holy Spirit's guidance in seeking out those who will tell us their stories; however, if you so feel led to tell us "your story," please let me know. I will be grateful to have you write it, or we will write it together. Please contact Karen Pickens at GRMAKAREN2@cox.net or 402-551-2918.

Lord of Love's Worship Servants

	September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25
Greeter(s)				
8:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m. Roger and Angie Meyer	Josh and Carissa Combes	Doug and Cathy Aden	Ed and Marjorie Keiser
10:30 a.m.		Rhett and Judy Messerschmidt	Barb Haskins, Kathy Christiansen	Paula Foster, Gary Ramsey
Liturgist				
8:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m. Shawn Lorenzen	Ron Thom		Kenn Garder
10:30 a.m.		Ruth Manning		
Communion Servers				
8:00 a.m.				Garder family
10:30 a.m.		Dan and Ruth Manning		
Nursery Attendant(s)				
8:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m. Anne Yarger			
10:30 a.m.		Sarah Horan	Lisa Rieff	Pat Brewer
Altar Care				
8:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m. Rowen family	Cathy Aden, Sue Dieter	Connie Walther, Lisa Meyer	Janet Guthrie, Nancy Shinrock
10:30 a.m.		Brewer family	Karen Anderson, Mardi Fiske	Paul and Ann Kroll
Ushers				
8:00 a.m.	Paul Dieter, John Florea, Steve Liston, Brian Walther, Bill Baker			
10:30 a.m.	Lund family, Brian Shinrock, John Edwards			

Youth Safety Training

A Safeguarding God's Children workshop will be held Saturday, September 10 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon in the Fellowship Hall. The class will be lead by trainer Sue Halvorson. All adults who will be Sunday school teachers, youth leaders, and anyone interested in learning about keeping our children safe are asked to attend this important educational event. This class is in support of Lord of Love's Youth Safety Policy.

Lord of Love Library

Library usage has increased. This is a gentle reminder for all of us to look around our dwellings (and cars!) to see if we have books or videos that should be returned to the library.

Wednesday Night Suppers

Wednesday Night Suppers are scheduled to begin on September 21 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. A free-will offering will be accepted; a suggested minimal donation of \$3.00 per meal is being asked of those who enjoy this time to gather and eat dinner.



Kickoff Sunday is September 11

Join us for Kickoff Sunday on September 11! Sunday school and donuts resume between worship services at 9:15 a.m. Then, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service, we will have our annual potluck luncheon. Mark your calendars and read the details below!

Sunday School. All children age 3 years old (and potty trained!) through 103 are welcome and encouraged to attend.



Church-wide Potluck. Bring your favorite dish to share with the congregation! Ruth Manning will be in charge of this fellowship event. The main dish will NOT be provided, so if we have only potato salad, enjoy!

Donuts Resume! We need volunteers to pick up and clean up the coffee cups. Lori Vandevanter has volunteered to pick up donuts in September. See the bulletin board in the Narthex to sign up. Having one person pick up and another clean up is a great way to share this duty, and "many hands make light work."



Weekly Education Opportunities at Lord of Love

Sunday

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

Monday

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

Wednesday

5:00 p.m. Confirmation (7th & 8th grades) @ LOL Abraham Room
6:00 p.m. Luther Kids (1st – 6th grades) @ LOL Preschool
6:00 p.m. *Lutheran Woman Today* Bible Study @ LOL Joseph Room (first Wednesday of month)

Thursday

9:30 a.m. Text Study @ Guthries

Saturday

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

Fall Festival Fiesta!

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, November 12 for a 5:30 p.m. dinner in the sanctuary. This is your opportunity to help Omaha's local food bank, Food Bank of the Heartland. The meal will be prepared by our sister congregation, Iglesia Cristo Rey in South Omaha. We are in the process of firming up a musical program that will be very entertaining.



Returning to the Fall Festival is an old favorite, the silent auction. We will be asking members of the congregation to offer services, theme baskets, and other donations for the auction. So far, we have a Pennsylvania Dutch design quilt and matching pillow from LOL quilters, a Women of Faith tote with a devotional book and 3 other books, and a Vera Bradley handbag. We also can use smaller items for door prizes.

We also are inviting LOL crafters to participate in a craft fair. Tables will be open at 4:00 p.m.

Watch for additional details in *The Love Letter*, the bulletin, and in your mailboxes. Ruth Manning is the contact person.

Rebecca Lund Sheridan to be Ordained

Dear Lord of Love,

After months of waiting, I have received a call to Calvary Lutheran Church of Swede Home in Stromsburg, Nebraska, and Zion Lutheran Church in Benedict, Nebraska. My first day will be August 29, and my ordination is at Lord of Love on September 24. My husband Rich is considering a part-time call opportunity while also seeking clinical social work jobs in the area. For those of you who may be less familiar with central Nebraska geography (as I admittedly was), we will be living about 20 miles between York and Columbus, where Highways 92 and 81 meet. I am deeply grateful to the members of Lord of Love for guiding me in my faith journey and supporting me thus far. I am excited to embark on the next leg of the journey as a full-time pastor, and I know that I would not be who I am today without you. Thank you for taking the time to encourage me and help me discern my gifts for ministry. I pray that Lord of Love continues to be the place where all people, lay and ordained, are able to more deeply discern their God-given gifts and use them for God's glory.

In Christ,
Rebecca Sheridan

By the grace of God and the call of the Church

***Rebecca Christine Lund
Sheridan***

*will be ordained to
the Ministry of Word and Sacrament
at*

Lord of Love Lutheran Church

10405 Fort Street

Omaha, NE 68134

Saturday, September 24th, 2011

4:30 p.m.

*Bishop David L. deFreese, Nebraska Synod,
will preside.*

*Rebecca has been called to serve as Pastor at
Calvary Lutheran Church of Swede Home,
Stromsburg, NE*

and Zion Lutheran Church, Benedict, NE.

*Clergy are invited to vest. The color of the day
is red.*

A dinner reception will follow the service.

OUTREACH

Fair Trade Coffee Sunday

Because of Kickoff Sunday on September 11, the Fair Trade **clearance sale** will be between services on September 18. Coffee, which sold from \$7.75 to \$8.25, will be sold for \$7 a bag. Tea is \$2 a box, and light and dark chocolate bars are \$1 each (a 50% discount).



Lord of Love Community Garden

Beans, sweet corn, summer squash, winter squash, carrots, onions, tomatoes, eggplant, peppers, cucumbers—all have produced fruit that has been given to the Lutheran pantries at Project Hope and Iglesia Cristo Rey. The bush bean plants are about through for the season. We're still trying to determine whether we'll get beans from the pole bean plants, but the plants look great, anyway! The potatoes will be dug in the near future and should be plentiful. Thanks so much to those who have been so faithful in giving of their time and energy to harvest the beautiful produce: Doug Aden, Leah Klos, Amy Kragnes, Deb Lund, Jeri Morgan (and her nephew Matthew and his wife Jessica), and Gary Ramsay. Special thanks to Gary and Jeri for taking the produce to the pantries. More harvesting is to be done—Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. each week—so feel free to join in!



Mission Possible Update

Thanks so much to everyone who has been so generous with their breakfast donations to the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response. Know that all gifts are greatly appreciated and assist folks in dire need following natural disasters throughout the world.

Another organization that has been chosen for support is the Nebraska Synod's Lutheran Family Services. Proceeds received at the Wednesday evening meals that are beyond those needed to fund the dinner will be donated to Lutheran Family Services. (Remember to give generously on Wednesday nights!) The Mission Possible Team is working on plans for other areas of support the rest of this year, and we will keep you updated. You may contact any member of the Mission Possible Team with suggestions and ideas at any time: John Florea, Paula Foster, David Hild, Deb Lund, Brenda Mac, Carol Novak, Beth Olson, and Pastor Brad.

Endowment Fund

Do you know of a Mission project that needs funding? The Lord of Love Endowment Fund may be the answer! The Lord of Love Endowment Fund provides a source of funding for a variety of Mission-related projects. Each year, the Endowment Committee oversees the distribution of 3 to 5 percent of the fund balance on September 30, as long as the balance remains above \$50,000. This past year \$3,600, equivalent to 5 percent of the fund, was distributed to a handful of projects ranging from tuition support to students in Tanzania as well as a seminary student from Lord of Love, to tuition for low-income children to attend Day Camp provided by Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, and more. Projects can be local, national, or international as long as the funds are used for a viable "Mission Driven" project. The committee makes the final decisions on which projects are funded.

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OUTREACH

Endowment Fund, continued

In September, the Endowment Committee will be accepting grant requests for this year. If you would like to submit a request, the forms are available in the Narthex or from Mary Lou. If you have any questions, feel free to ask a member of the Committee. Doug Aden, John Florea, Paula Foster, Gary Krause, and Paul Kroll are the current members, and we welcome your requests. The deadline for submitting requests is November 1, 2011.



Nebraska Synod Outreach Projects

The Nebraska Synod has two outreach projects coming in September. The first opportunity is the Fall Doing at Morning Star Lutheran Church here in Omaha. It is a one-evening event on Thursday, September 29, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. Care Packages for College Campus young adults will be assembled and sent to distribution sites. Youth and adults are both invited to participate in this event. If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Jeri Morgan at 402-415-4976 or jerrymorgan@ymail.com.



The second event is a Field Trip to Lexington, Nebraska. This is a service/worship/fellowship experience in support of the Synod Mission ministries. The event starts on Thursday evening September 29, 2011, and ends with a worship service on Sunday, October 2, 2011. The cost of participating, which includes housing, all but one meal, and supplies will be: \$95.00 for 3-night stay (Sept. 29-Oct. 2) or \$70.00 for a two-night stay (Sept. 30-Oct. 2). If several people are interested in participating, we can car pool and share the expense of rooms. Again, please contact Jeri Morgan as soon as possible to make arrangements for the trip.

Project Interfaith to Hold Event at Joslyn Commemorating September 11 Anniversary

The Nebraska Synod is helping to sponsor a gathering that will take place in Omaha as a part of Project Interfaith's observance of the September 11th attack 10 years ago. This action was approved at last June's Nebraska Synod Assembly held in Fremont.



The purpose of the gathering is to "engage the community in visioning what the next 10 years might look for interfaith relations in our communities and world." Civil rights attorney, author, and Georgetown Law Center professor Sahar Aziz will address the impact September 11, 2001, had on civil rights in the United States and how these rights interplay with national security.

The gathering will be held from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the Witherspoon Concert Hall, located in the Joslyn Museum, 2200 Dodge Street in Omaha.

To learn more about the Project Interfaith September 11 event, go to <http://911omaha.eventbrite.com>.

RESOURCES

Capital Campaign Update

As of August 21, 2011, the Capital Campaign has received 56 gifts for \$65,695.00. Of that amount, we have received \$32,751 in cash and have remaining pledges of \$32,944.00.



Thank you for your generous support of this campaign.

Stewardship All Year Long: Be Faithful by Paul Kroll

The stewardship word for this month is “faithful.” If we look at James 2:14-17, it says:

“What good is it my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him ‘Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,’ but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.”

Faith by itself and for one’s self does little good for God’s children. We as Christians must move from our comfort zone so we can say to God, “Your will be done.”

The 1999 reconciliation between the World Lutheran Council of Churches and the Vatican says, “We are saved by grace alone, but the love of God compels us to do good works.” Do you feel compelled?

On October 9, 2011, Lord of Love will have the Celebration of Faith Sunday. Pray and be ready to see what you can do.

COUNCIL REPORT

Our Giving Status by Barb Haskins, Council Treasurer

Our financial picture for the month of July 2011 is as follows:

- Income: \$23,786.00
- Expenses: \$21,772.00



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 – September 2011 by Brian Lund, Council President

Galatians 23:26-28 (NIV) *So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

Our August council meeting focused on worship as the Strategic Planning topic. This meeting reflected a change in our planning process as we looked at aspects of the chosen topic using SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats). The Worship committee did a great job collecting input from various people to provide an initial basis for council discussion.



The things that showed up in Strengths were similar to perceptions in the Congregation Profile that we prepared in our search for a pastor. But, Pastor Brad's impact on worship was noted.

In the review of the Weaknesses and Threats, we took two approaches: considering how others may view the "concern" and identifying how to address the "concern". We discussed ways to reduce the prominence of the concern or to move it into a more positive category (like Strength or Opportunity). In some situations, we noted that sharing information, providing training, and clarifying responsibilities can really help mitigate the areas of concern. For me, it especially reinforced the importance of clear and concise communication.

All council committees have some follow-up activities driven out of the worship discussion. This result further highlights how we need to work together to be the church in support of each other. The Worship committee will take their notes from the discussion and update the SWOT document with additions and revisions and the action steps that were identified. The Worship SWOT will be periodically reviewed by the committee to monitor progress in the areas of concern. Additional items may be added to the document as well. A more intense Worship SWOT review will occur again in 2 or 3 years.

Romans 8:14-16 (NIV) *For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.*

Kickoff Sunday, the official start of our fall programs, is September 11. There are many ways for members to grow in faith and participate in the life of our congregation. Be sure to read the bulletin announcements, *The Love Letter*, and eNews so you are informed of all planned events.

I am thankful for all our members. We have been richly blessed in so many ways. Thank you for the sharing of your time, talent, and treasures in support of the ministries and mission of Lord of Love Lutheran Church.

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

Blessings in faith and service,
Brian Lund

MEN'S NEWS CORNER

Men's Softball



The men's softball team had a very good season, finishing with a winning record (8-6) for the first time in many years and playing many close and exciting games. The team consisted of nine members of Love of Love (Bill Baker, Dave Hild, Roger Meyer, Nick Olson, Tom Olson, Tyler Price, Eric Quadhammer, Scott Reinhardt, and Don Rowen) and five non-member friends.

WOMEN OF LOVE

Gather Bible Studies

Bible study groups using the Women of the ELCA magazine *Gather* (formerly known as *Lutheran Woman Today*) will kick off the new study in September. "To Follow and to Serve: The Gospel of Mark" emphasizes what it means to follow Jesus Christ today. We are called to a living faith, to a deeper and more courageous understanding of what it means to follow the one we first meet in Mark's Gospel at his baptism in the Jordan River.

Session 1 is "Jesus of Nazareth" based on the theme verse, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near, repent and believe in the good news." (Mark 1:15)

All women are invited to attend one of two groups that normally meet on the first Monday and Wednesday of the month. The Wednesday group will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Mary Room on September 7. Dinner is available at 5:30 p.m.. Because of Labor Day, the Monday group will meet on September 12 at the Old Country Buffet, 145th & West Center Road, at 6:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please check with Gwen Edwards or Ruth Manning.

Women's Ministry Team

Would you like to see the inner workings of the ministry team as they work out details for Lord of Love's women's ministry? They meet in the Mary Room at 6:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month (September 15), and all women are invited to attend.

Soon the nominating committee will begin recruiting members for the 2012 team. Please pray about your involvement in this area.

Lord's Laughing Ladies

This name aptly describes what happens every other Friday morning at 8:00 a.m. at Crane Coffee at 77th and Cass. We meet this month on September 2, 16, and 30. Non-coffee drinkers are invited to attend (Crane Coffee has a variety of beverages and pastries). Please come and join the fun!



WOMEN OF LOVE

Sunday Adult Women's Bible Study

You are invited to join other women in a great Bible study starting October 2, 2011, at 9:15 a.m. in the Mary Room. The group will use the book *Esther: Becoming a Woman of Beauty and Strength* by Elizabeth George.

"Esther was definitely in the right place at the right time, but she didn't get there on her own. God's loving guiding hand was on her life. Because she was a willing instrument, God could work powerfully through her. You, too, can be like Esther and become a woman of beauty and strength by...cultivating an abiding trust in God...waiting patiently and seeking wise council...preparing for and persisting in the assignments God gives.

"As you follow the leading of God's hand, you'll see God guiding and working through you...giving you a special beauty and strength that touches everyone around you!"

Interested? Please join, even if you can't attend each Sunday. Contact Lynette Nore for more information about this study.



Thankoffering Sunday

Lord of Love women will have the opportunity to bring their Thankofferings to either worship service on Sunday, October 16. Thankofferings are sent to Church-wide Women of the ELCA to support their mission and ministry. Thankoffering boxes are available at the information center in the narthex.



Quilters

Do you have your mornings free on the first and third Tuesdays of the month? Lord of Love quilters can use your help. They gather at 9:00 a.m. and make quilts for Lutheran World Relief (they also take a coffee break with coffee and goodies). You don't need to be a seamstress. People are needed to lay out and pin the quilt layers together for the sewers and also to tie the quilts. Contact Nancy Shinrock or Marilyn Thomsen for information.

Dates to Remember

September

2	8:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship, Crane Coffee, 77th and Cass
6	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
7	6:00 p.m.	Gather Bible Study, Mary Room
12	6:00 p.m.	Gather Bible Study, Old Country Buffet, 145th and West Center Road
14	6:00 p.m.	Women's Ministry Team, Mary Room
16	8:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship, Crane Coffee, 77th and Cass
20	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
23-25		NSWO Tenth Biennial Convention, Kearney
30	8:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship, Crane Coffee, 77th and Cass



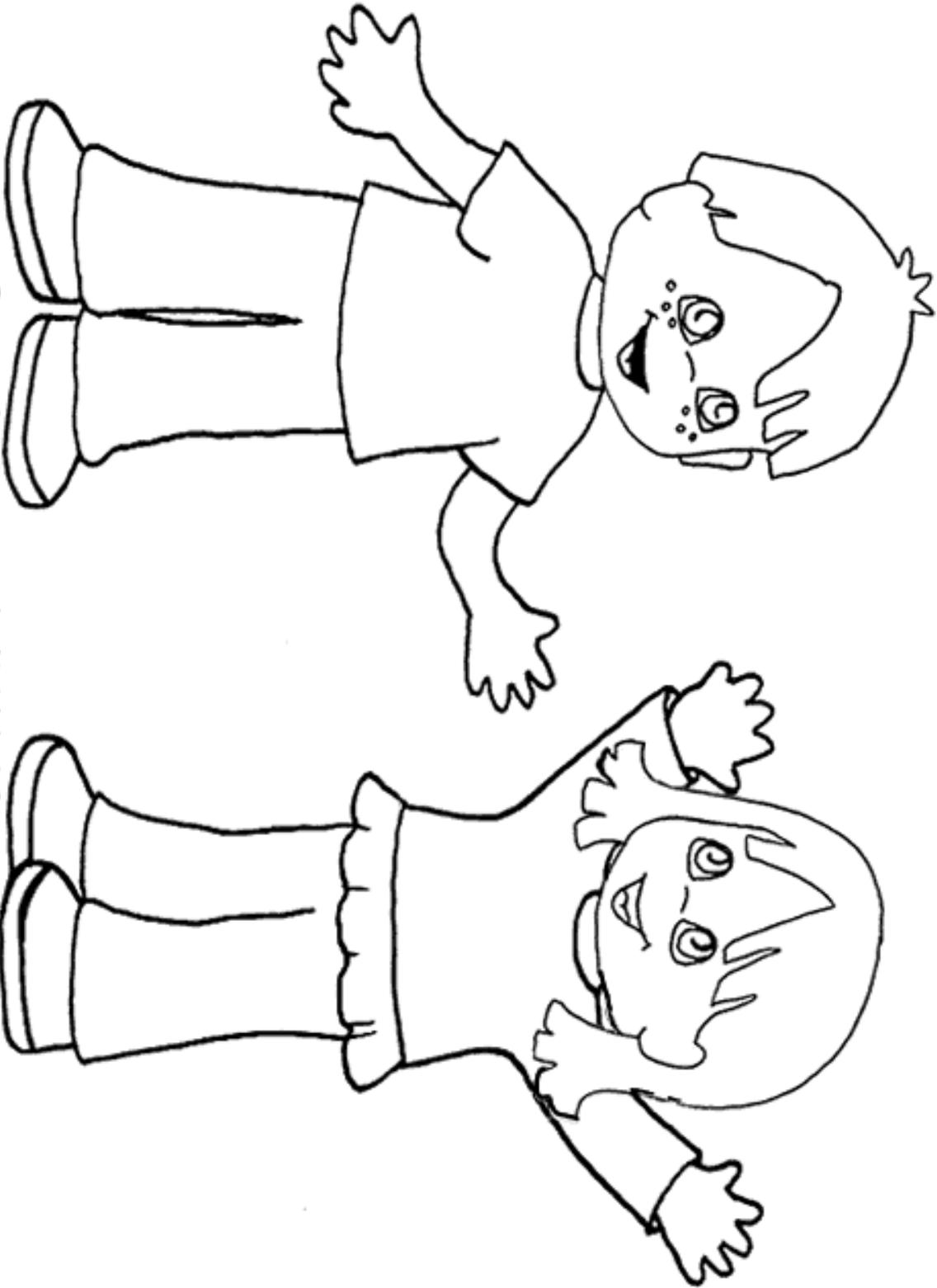
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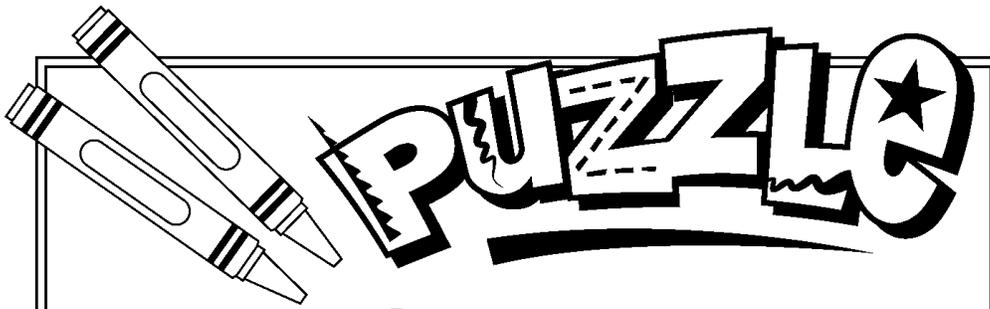
October 18	Thankoffering Sunday
November 6	General Meeting and Election of 2012 Ministry Team
November 12	Fall Festival Fiesta



Psalm 139:14a NIV
How you made me is amazing and wonderful.



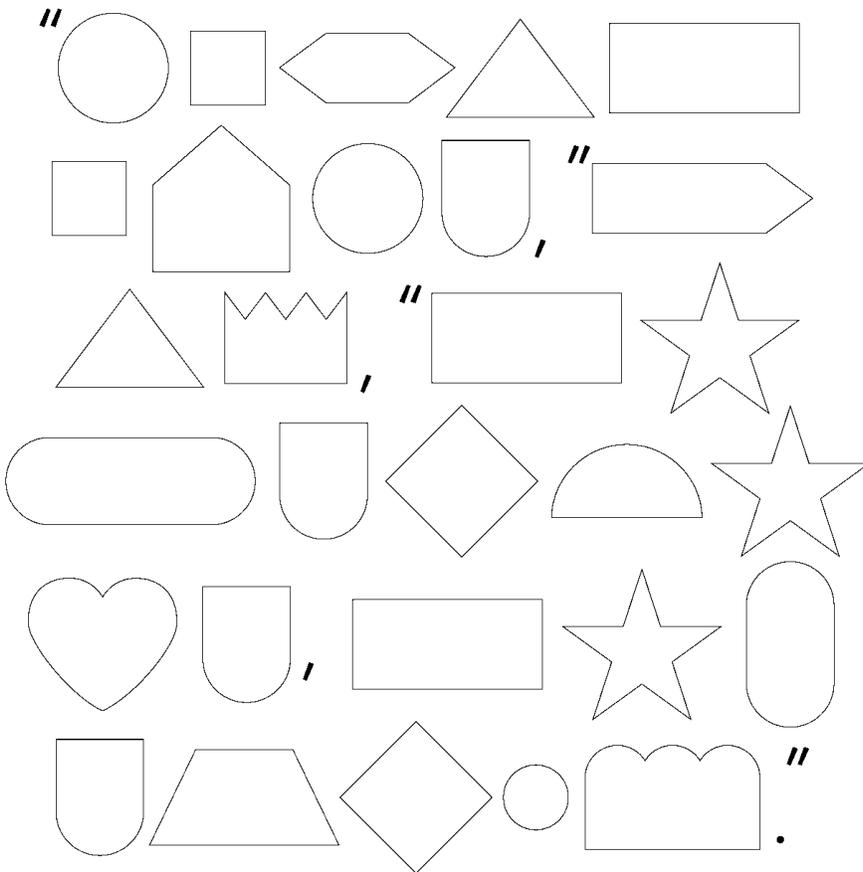
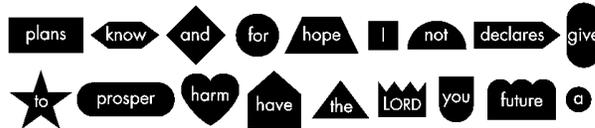
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GOD'S PLAN

When we ask God for guidance, he will show us his perfect plan for our lives.

Directions: Use the shape code to the right to write out Jeremiah 29:11, NIV.

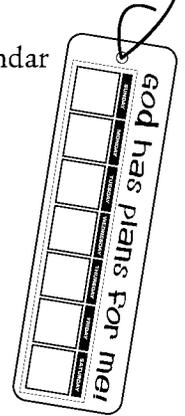


A daily reminder

Make this bookmark to remind you that God is with you every day.

What you need:

- An old calendar
- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Glue stick
- Pencil or marker
- Stickers
- Hole punch
- Ribbon or yarn



What you do:

1. Cut out the first line of squares from an old calendar, including the days of the week along the top.
2. Cut the cardstock into a rectangle a little larger than the calendar section.
3. Glue the calendar section onto the cardstock.
4. Write "God has plans for me" (Jeremiah 29:11) on the bookmark.
5. Add stickers or other decorations on the back.
6. Punch a hole on one end of the bookmark.
7. Loop some ribbon or yarn through the hole.



IN OUR PRAYERS & LOVE NOTES

In Our Prayers

Karen
Layla Diane (infant born at 25 weeks to friend of Lisa Rieff)
Dick Bell
Marty Beutler (son of Gary and Connie Beutler)
Ruth Cooley
Janet Duckworth (friend of Marilyn Thomsen)
Brian Flores (friend of Brenda Mac)
Claire Foral (friend of Dave and Lisa Rieff)
Patty George (friend of Dave and Lisa Rieff)
Cory Heumann (friend of Cathy Petrick)
Dennis Hindemith
Cheryl Jones (friend of Nancy Shinrock)
Gene Jordan (uncle of Paula Foster)
Jim Mahler (brother of Jane Hawkins)
Marj Mahler (mother of Jane Hawkins)
Debbie Michalak (co-worker of Jackie Combes)
Luana Salerno (friend of Sandy Hall)
Roslynn Thom (sister of Ron Thom)
Marilyn Thomsen
Esther Welliver
Elizabeth Werthman (mother of William)
Agnes Wilson

Those affected by the flooding
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



Add to
your
prayer
list

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

We want to thank you very much for your loving support and sympathy these past weeks, expressed in so many ways; your prayers, cards, visitation, memorials—they've all sustained us as we mourn the death of Hank Clausen. We know that God gives us comfort and strength to go on through friends here on earth, and we so appreciate you.

Barbara Haskins, Cassy Clausen, and our families



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

This Month

- September 10 Youth Safety Training
- September 11 Kickoff Sunday; Regular worship schedule resumes
Congregational Potluck
- September 18 Confirmation Sunday
Fair Trade clearance sale
- September 21 Wednesday Night Suppers resume
- September 24 Rebecca Lund Sheridan’s ordination

Upcoming Events

- October 16 Thankoffering Sunday
- November 1 Deadline for Endowment Fund requests
- November 12 Fall Festival Fiesta



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