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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

November will be a month of endings and beginnings at Lord of Love. We will say goodbye to Pastor Bob, who has been our interim pastor for the last 2 years, and we will say hello to Pastor Brad and his family as they become a part of our church family. Of course November is also the month when we make a special point to give thanks for all of the blessings God has given us! To celebrate all of these, we have several events planned.

On Sunday, **November 7**, there will be a **potluck lunch** following the 10:30 a.m. worship service to honor Pastor Bob and thank him for his service to us (see page 7, Nurture). Sunday, November 14 will be his last day with us.

Also on Sunday, **November 14**, our **semi-annual congregational meeting** will be held (see page 13, Council Report). We will be voting on our 2011 budget as well as electing members to the 2011 church council. Be sure to read about all of the **council nominees** in this issue of *The Love Letter* (see pages 11-12, Council Report).

On Sunday, **November 21**, Pastor Brad will be installed as our new pastor, and there will be a **potluck lunch** following the 10:30 a.m. worship service to celebrate (see page 7, Nurture). Then, in the evening, our **Thanksgiving worship service and pie fest** will be held at 7:00 p.m. (see page 4, Worship, and page 7, Nurture).

Finally, preparations for Advent and Christmas are underway! Take a look at the articles in the Worship, Nurture, and Women of Love sections of this issue of *The Love Letter* as well as under Mark Your Calendar (see page 20).

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Saying Goodbye by Pastor Bob

Dear Friends,

I have the sad task today of saying goodbye. This is difficult, for you are good friends.

Over the past 2 years that I have been with you as your interim pastor, I've seen the Holy Spirit at work. There is a "good feeling" within this church. I hear laughter again, and the church is looking brighter with the new lights that have made the sanctuary warm and welcoming. I have had the privilege of serving here at Lord of Love Lutheran Church, and I consider it a real privilege. Thank you so much.

The great thing for me about being an interim pastor is I get to know so many people that I never would have otherwise. We have grieved together, prayed together, laughed together, and gotten angry together from time to time. Slowly, over time, a new life has begun to emerge.

The hard part is always leaving those I have gotten to know and care about. But you have touched my life. For that I am thankful and will always carry you with me.



I also find myself thinking about Pastor Meyer, who will be starting in November. When Pastor Meyer accepted the call to your church, he made a commitment on behalf of his family as well. When Pastor Meyer arrives, he will be absorbing all the work that he needs to do, and often these new responsibilities can be overwhelming. There is also that fact that this is a new church home for him and his family.

Times like these can be hard.

You can help this transition, however. If you welcome Pastor Brad, his wife Heidi, and their teenage children Catie and Christopher with the same warmth that you have shown me, I am sure that they will come to know how glad you are to have them in your community.



Remember too, that Pastor Meyer and his family need your friendship, not only in the first days, but also over the long term. Just as the pastor's care for you will be given throughout the whole time of his pastorate, so too will he and his family need your continuing love and support.



Please remember that "some people come into our lives and quickly go, some stay awhile and leave footprints in our lives and we are never the same."

Thank you for leaving your footprint in my life!

God Bless,
Pastor Bob



MONTHLY CALENDAR

November 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:00pm LWT Bible Study @ Old Country Buffet 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	2 Election Day 9:00am Quilters 7:00pm Vision & Coordination	3 4:45pm Confirmation 5:30pm Supper 6:00pm Luther Kids 6:00pm LWT Bible Study 6:00pm Brass 7:30pm Chancel Choir	4 9:30am Text Study @ Guthrie's 7:00pm Boy Scouts	5 7:30pm AA	6 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 9:00am Omaha Suzuki Recital 9:00am Communications Ministry Mtg. 9:30am W/ELCA General Mtg.
7 Daylight Saving time ends 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship & Communion	8 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	9 7:00pm Sunnyslope/Sunnyview Neighborhood Assoc.	10 4:45pm Confirmation 5:30pm Supper 6:00pm Brass 6:00pm Luther Kids 7:30pm Chancel Choir	11 9:30am Text Study @ Guthrie's 7:00pm Boy Scouts	12 8:00am LoL Laughing Ladies @ Crane Coffee 7:30pm AA	13 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 9:00am Boy Scout Lock-in
14 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship & Communion 11:30am Congregational Mtg.	15 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	16 9:00am Quilters 7:00pm Church Council	17 4:45pm Confirmation 5:30pm Supper 6:00pm Brass 6:00pm Luther Kids 7:30pm Chancel Choir	18 9:30am Text Study @ Guthrie's 7:00pm Boy Scouts	19 7:30pm AA	20 Love Letter Deadline 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
21 Installation of Pr. Brad Meyer 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship & Communion 7:00pm Thanksgiving Worship & Pie Fest	22 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	23	24 4:45pm Confirmation 5:30pm Supper 6:00pm Brass 6:00pm Luther Kids 7:30pm Chancel Choir	25 Happy Thanksgiving!	26 Church office closed 8:00am LoL Laughing Ladies @ Crane Coffee 7:30pm AA	27 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
28 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship & Communion 1:00pm District 18 AA Mtg.	29 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	30				

WORSHIP

Thanksgiving Worship Service

This year's Thanksgiving worship service will be held on Sunday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m.,



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followed by our annual pie fest. For additional details on the pie fest, see page 7, Nurture.

Midweek Advent Services Begin Dec. 1

Midweek Advent services will begin on Wednesday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for a quiet and contemplative Holden Evening Prayer Service.



Lord of Love's Worship Servants

	November 7	November 14	November 21	November 28
Greeter(s)				
8:00 a.m.	Doug and Rose Roberts	Paul and Peg Murphy	Jim and Jeri Morgan	Lyle and Shirley Bardsley
10:30 a.m.	Keith and Debra Gillespie	Rhett and Judy Messerschmidt	Clayton and Michelle Petersen	Paul Barnett, Gary Krause
Liturgist				
8:00 a.m.	Brian Lund	John Florea	Randi VenHuizen	Shawn Lorenzen
10:30 a.m.	Gary Krause	Claudia Rowen	Lori Vandeventer	Ruth Manning
Communion Servers				
8:00 a.m.	Lund family	Florea family	Brad and Randi VenHuizen	
10:30 a.m.		Rowen family	Vandeventer family	Keith and Debra Gillespie
Nursery Attendant(s)				
8:00 a.m.				
10:30 a.m.	Anne Yarger		Lisa Rieff	Pat Brewer
Altar Care				
8:00 a.m.	Mike and Christie Klos	Cathy Aden	Doug and Rose Roberts	Deb Christenson
10:30 a.m.	Concannon family	Diana Haye, Marcia Roads	Randi VenHuizen, Debra Gillespie	Brenda and Suzanne Mac
Ushers				
8:00 a.m.	David Hild, Paul Murphy, Claude Hall, Bob Christensen			
10:30 a.m.	Dan Manning, Rex Quadhamer, Gary Ramsay, John Edwards			

Tape Ministry: Getting to Know Evelyn Sacrider by Karen Pickens and Rachel Novak

The table was set with colorful Fiestaware and homemade cookies when Rachel and I came into Evelyn's cheerful kitchen to write her life story. Evelyn has a wonderful memory and remembers, in detail, every year and every event regarding her life, especially those that involve her children.

Godfred and Cristine Johns were nine and three when their parents (Evelyn's grandparents) migrated from Russia. Their families didn't even know each other, and Evelyn has no idea how her mother and father met because they settled in different places in the United States. Her father's family settled in Lincoln, Nebraska; her grandfather worked for the railroad. Her mother's family settled in Segwich, Colorado; they were beet farmers. Eventually, both families ended up in Lincoln. Though they all came from Russia, they are actually German, coming from a little town in Germany that was gobbled up by Russia.

Evelyn was born on January 4, 1927; she had an older brother, a younger brother, and two younger sisters. Her father worked for a florist doing potting and planting. Her mother both cleaned houses and did catering to bring in extra money. When the depression came along, her dad lost his job as people needed to spend their money on food instead of flowers and plants. He took his entire family to Wisconsin hoping to find employment, but that didn't happen, so they all came back to Lincoln where he got a job managing a beer tavern. Her mom also needed to work outside the home. Her dad left at 7:00 in the morning, came home for a little nap, and then went back to work. Her mom left at noon. Both parents came home at midnight. Evelyn took over being the Mom in 6th grade. She went to school, came home and fixed dinner, checked her siblings' homework, and got their school clothes ready for the next day. On Saturdays, she did the family wash and she did the ironing. There was no time for play for Evelyn. When asked if she resented having to be the mother at such a young age, she answered that it never occurred to her to be resentful. She just did what was expected of her.

Evelyn attended Whittier School in Lincoln for 7th through 9th grades, and she started Lincoln High School in 10th grade. In the summer, she and her friend heard that Glove Laundry was hiring, so they applied for jobs and they got them. For the first time, she had money, which competed with 11th grade and won. Her next job was at Granger Brothers in the warehouse and then in the coffee department, which paid \$16.00 a week. Out of that money came \$10.00 for room and board at home. After one year in the coffee department, Mr. Granger asked her to work in the fruit department, where she gave orders to the warehouse men and routed the trucks for delivery...even more money! Evelyn apparently didn't suffer from not finishing her education. Her work ethics followed her throughout her life; whenever she could, she helped out financially.

At the age of 19, Evelyn met Frank. Frank was the son of neighbors from across the street and had just returned home from the military. The year was 1945. They started dating in January of 1946 and on June 16, 1946, they were married. They had to hoard sugar to take to the bakery for their small wedding cake. Frank, born on September 29, 1922, was somewhat older than Evelyn...he always said that he took her out of the cradle so that he could raise her right. He learned to be an electrician under the G.I. Bill, and he worked as an electrician in Lincoln until he was offered a job with Union Pacific Railroad.

Evelyn and Frank have four children: Cheryl, Patricia, Michael, and Mary. They were all born within six years. After Cheryl was born, Evelyn and Frank found a house in College View on Calvert Street in Lincoln but had to borrow the principle and the down payment. Frank was concerned about this kind of debt and asked the question as to what would happen should he become sick. He was told, "anybody who owes this kind of money can't afford to be sick." Evelyn again came to the rescue. Frank's Mom took care of Cheryl

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Tape Ministry: Getting to Know Evelyn Sacrider, continued

while Evelyn worked at Elgin Watch Company. She worked there for six months, saving all of her paychecks. When she quit to have Patricia, she paid off the down payment and had enough left over to buy a Singer sewing machine. Frank's job at Union Pacific took him out of the home from Monday morning until Friday evening, leaving Evelyn to care for the house and the children. Right after Mary was born, Frank was transferred to Omaha. They lived in a rented house and later bought a house on 41st and Wakely. Besides her own four children, Evelyn took care of three additional children for \$25.00 a month.

Life was very busy when the children became teenagers. All were at different schools, and all were very involved in various sports and activities. Evelyn and Frank went to all of their games and events, sometimes having to go separately. Cheryl was the first to graduate and the first to marry. Evelyn had gone to work for Kaufman's Bakery, working from noon to 6:00 p.m., when Mary went into 1st grade. Evelyn asked for time off prior to the wedding. It was Christmas, and there were many cookies to be boxed up for the holidays. Mr. Kaufman said no to time off, so Evelyn said goodbye to Kaufman's. She was a loyal worker and always willing to help out with finances, but not at the expense of her first priority...her children. All four children's wedding receptions were held at home, with Evelyn doing all of the food preparation. Frank also had his priorities, which included just one request of his children, and that was that they would wait until they were twenty-one to marry. They all honored his wishes, although most of them waited only a few days.

Cheryl became a full-time homemaker caring for twins, but later in life, she worked for Pan American Airlines. Patty became a nurse; she and her husband have two children. Michael got appointed to the Air Force Academy and made the Air Force his career; he and his wife have two children. Mary worked for the World Herald after graduation but eventually followed in her grandfather's footsteps as a florist; she and her husband have two children. Evelyn and Frank have seven great-grandchildren. Evelyn continued to work outside of the home after her children had families of their own, but she made sure of one thing. She had always said that if her children ever had children, she would take them one day a week, and she did. She gave them something she had never had.

Evelyn and Frank came to Lord of Love after being members of Shepherd of the Hills for many years. In 1970, just short of their 25th wedding anniversary, they built a house in the Mockingbird addition and didn't want to go so far to church. Ed Guthrie was of friend of Frank, and he invited them to come to Lord of Love. They found the church to be friendly with a lot of nice people, so they joined. Evelyn came to quilting on Tuesdays for a long time, but her poor eyesight has put an end to that. However, she rarely misses Thursday morning Bible Study with her good friends, and she regularly attends worship at 8:00 a.m.

Evelyn says that she wouldn't give a plug nickel to live her life over, but she wouldn't take a million dollars to change a day of it. It has been a wonderful life, and she has learned from all of her experiences, both good and bad. She and Frank have traveled both within and outside of the United States. They have attended all of the important events of their children's, their grandchildren's, and their great-grandchildren's lives. They even took up farming for awhile (in Florence), which was Frank's dream. What he didn't count on was falling from a power poll while working for the railroad and crushing his right knee. Evelyn became the farmer, growing every vegetable imaginable. The benefits of country life, such as delicious fresh food, were short lived and Frank's days at the railroad became numbered. He no longer felt like he was carrying his share of the work, so he retired in September 1983. That allowed them to spend some winters in Texas, where Frank got to fish. Evelyn even tried her hand at fishing. One afternoon, Frank got her all set up then went down the lake a ways to tend to his own fishing line. He told Evelyn to yell "yoo-hoo" if she

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felt a fish on her line. It wasn't long before Evelyn was yelling "yoo-hoo." Frank came running. After six more "yoo-hoos," Evelyn decided she had had enough fun and went inside. The last motor trip they took was in 1985, and it lasted one month. After that, Evelyn was ready to come home and stay home.

Frank died on June 8, 2008, after asking his children to promise they would take care of their mom. They have kept that promise. The last time we visited Evelyn, her son-in-law had taken her shopping to buy a new washer and dryer. While she was at it, she bought a new storm door. She was looking forward to having lunch the next day with her daughter and her granddaughter from Kearney. Mary, being a nurse, came by daily after Evelyn's recent fall to tend to her cuts and bruises. Her phone rang each time we were there; calls from her children checking up on her. Evelyn is on the mend now and has been given permission to drive again. She enjoys her life in her comfortable condo, the one that she and Frank bought in 2000, and she plans on staying right there as long as she lives. She is an avid Nebraska Football fan, she enjoys baking and taking cookies to her neighbors and her favorite meal is pot roast, which she learned to cook on top of the stove because her very first oven was too tiny to hold a roast. She shared her recipe with us, and if you like, I am sure that she will share it with you.

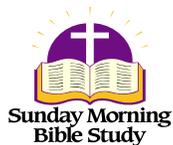
Rachel and I have loved getting to know Evelyn Sacrider, and we are so thankful to have her in our Lord of Love church family.

NURTURE

Bible Study on Galatians Coming Soon

Harry Naasz will lead a study on Galatians, likely beginning on Reformation Sunday, October 31, between services. The study will last 4 weeks. It is appropriate to begin on Reformation because Martin Luther called Galatians his "Katie von Bora." Who was she? His wife! What about Paul's letter to the churches in Galatia caused Luther to give it such praise?

Why was Paul so upset with the churches when he wrote it? Is the message of Galatians still relevant in our day? If St. Paul wrote a letter to Lord of Love, what might it say?



Sunday Morning Donut Fund

The Sunday morning donut fund is short. Please consider donating a little extra to get us out of the red! If you're not sure your children paid for their donuts, consider giving more. We may have to resort to glazed donuts to help manage the cost. Thank you in advance for your help!

Two Potlucks in November!

There will be potlucks on the following Sundays in November after the 10:30 a.m. worship service:

- **November 7** – in recognition of Pastor Bob's service as our interim pastor
- **November 21** – to celebrate Pastor Brad's installation



No meat dish will be provided. Please bring a dish, or even two dishes, to share! Drinks will be provided.

Pie Fest

It's pie time! We will be having a pie fest following the 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving worship service on Sunday, November 21. Please join us in the fellowship hall—and bring a pie!

Check with Ruth Manning (455-7221) if you have any questions or would be willing to help out in the kitchen at 6:00 p.m.



Christmas Market

A portion of the narthex will be turned into a Christmas Market on Sunday, December 12 for the final fundraiser of the “Fall Festival.” Proceeds from the market will be added to monies raised earlier through the Oktoberfest dinner and the sale of Christmas greens. The market will be open in between worship services and following the second service.

What will you find at the market?

- Lutheran World Relief fair trade coffee, tea, and chocolate. There also will be a coffee tasting featuring four different grinds of LWR coffee.
- Bake sale featuring all kinds of baked goodies. Bake sale items will not be priced but will be sold for a free will offering.
- Craft items from LOL crafters, including Manning Kitchen Konnection items.

How can you help us with the market?

- Bake sale – Bring baked goods for the sale: cakes, candies, quick breads, snacks, jellies/jams, and anything else to help make someone’s Christmas preparation easier. Please package items in smaller quantities, such as a half dozen cookies to a plate and small loaf sizes for breads. These may be brought in on Sunday morning. Please...no items that need to be refrigerated.
- Crafts – (1) Request a table (or ½ table) and sell your own items, donating a portion of your sales receipts. (2) If you have a few items to sell, offer them to the general craft table. You may give them to us to sell, or donate a portion of your receipts. If you’ve made items in the past for the silent auction, we encourage you to provide an item for this year’s sale!



Thanks for donating...and for shopping!

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	Wednesday 4:45 p.m.	Confirmation (7 th & 8 th grades) @ LOL Abraham Room
		6:00 p.m.	Luther Kids (1 st – 6 th grades) @ LOL Preschool
		6:00 p.m.	<i>Lutheran Woman Today</i> Bible Study @ LOL Joseph Room (first Wednesday of month)
Monday 6:00 p.m.	<i>Lutheran Woman Today</i> Bible Study @ Old Country Buffet (first Monday of month)	Thursday 9:30 a.m.	Text Study @ Guthries
		Saturday 7:00 a.m.	Men’s Breakfast and Bible Study @ LOL Fellowship Hall

NURTURE

LOL's Personal Connection with New Hope Life Center for Women by Ruth Manning

Thanks to all of you who supported, and will continue to support, New Hope Life Center for Women through our Fall Festival projects. I picked up the following letter addressed to all the members at Lord of Love from our mailbox Sunday morning. Please pray for Jennifer as she moves into a new phase in her life with Christ.

Dear Lord of Love,

My name is Jennifer Applegate. I am Lynda McGraw's granddaughter. My grandma wrote me to inform me that Lord of Love has chosen New Life Hope Center for Women as the recipient of the Fall Festival. I am paroling to this house where I plan to grow in my recovery and in my relationship with the Lord and myself. I'm just writing to say thank you so much for this. The Lord has blessed me in so many ways since I have regained my relationship with God, and he has opened many doors for me and will continue to open more doors.

When I am released, I do plan to go to college to become a drug and alcohol counselor to help kids and teens heading down the wrong path before they end up in prison or worse. I want to help people, and I enjoy helping others. You all will be in my prayers and my thoughts. Wish me luck as I go in front of the parole board on October 22, 2010, and again, thank you for this opportunity.

God bless with much love,
Jennifer Applegate

OUTREACH

Lord of Love Community Garden Update

Thanks so very much to all of you who made the 2010 garden an awesome success! Nearly 3,000 pounds of food have been taken to the Lutheran Pantry this season. As of this writing, there are still plenty of tomatoes to pick and deliver, so the growing season is not over. Thanks to those who have started doing the clean-up and will take care of the tilling to prepare the soil for the next season, too. The Lord of Love community garden has definitely been a visible symbol of *God's work, our hands*.

Thank You!
THANK YOU!

Pennies for Peace

Pennies for Peace continues through November. Two jugs (1 in narthex and 1 in fellowship hall) await your coins to support education for children in rural Afghanistan and Pakistan through the Central Asia Institute, begun by Greg Mortenson, author of *Three Cups of Tea* and *Stones into Schools*.



Mission Update: ELCA Global Barnyard by Deb Lund

Are you thinking about your Christmas list and what to get that certain someone who has everything? How about a gift of love and hope for someone through the ELCA Global Barnyard?



How you can help:

\$500 Cow

buys a high-yielding cow

\$250 Fish

builds and stocks a community fish farm

\$50 Goat

provides a goat for a family

\$30 Pig

buys a pig for a family to break the cycle of poverty

\$25 Turkey

adds a turkey to a family's yard

\$10 Chicks

provides 10 chicks to build an egg business

Animals provide families with food, funds, and fertilizer—all for a better future. Cows are especially valued. In some parts of Africa, cows are a family's security and bank account. Animal-related development projects are an important part of ELCA World Hunger's comprehensive and life-saving efforts.

How can a goat change a life? Zipporah, a widowed mother of seven children, lives on a one-acre farm in Kenya. Hunger, made worse by drought, threatened her family. ELCA World Hunger and partner the Lutheran World Federation support a program that provided Zipporah with a breeding goat and trained her to care for it. As one goat became many, Zipporah is able to provide for her family.

Goats are a helpful part of God's global barnyard because they are hardy, multiply rapidly, are easy to care for, and produce nutritious milk. Goats can survive in drought-stricken areas by eating drought-resistant shrubs and grass. Children can care for goats, which is especially helpful when families are dealing with a serious illness like HIV/AIDS.

Goats and other animals, part of God's global barnyard, provide families with food, funds, and fertilizer, breaking the cycle of hunger and poverty. Your gifts to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal for God's global barnyard go beyond livestock to provide training, access to safe water sources, help securing markets, and much more.

Little chicks bring big hope. Gifts to the ELCA World Hunger—God's global barnyard helped our long-time partner in Mexico, Amextra (Mexican Association for Rural and Urban Transformation), alleviate economic struggles. In the remote village of Nuevo, Jerusalém (New Jerusalem), Amextra provided 46 families with flocks of baby chicks.

For Juana and Miguel, who have four teenage boys, those little chicks made a big difference. In just a few months, the chickens were laying eggs that helped satisfy the appetites of their growing boys. Juana and Miguel's chicken business will provide stable nutrition and a sustainable income source.

Nominees for the 2011 Church Council

The following individuals have accepted nominations for positions on the 2011 church council.

Vice President – Kenn Garder

I work at National Property Inspections, Inc. in Omaha. I help train and provide technical and report-writing-software support to 250 franchised property and home inspectors across the U.S. and Canada. I am married to Shari, and we have two sons, Jason and Matthew. I am active in Boy Scouts. I enjoy attending swim meets, woodworking, spending time with my family, and hanging out at church. I have served on the LOL council on the resource committee and as vice president. I sing in the choir and served as the chair of the call committee. I look forward to serving the congregation and to working with Pastor Brad as we start our ministry together. I hope to be a sounding board for the members of the congregation and pray for your support and God's guidance.

Treasurer – Barb Haskins

I was a charter member of Lord of Love in 1972. Over the years, I have been on church council several times, served Wednesday night suppers for 9 or 10 years, and participated in many other ways. I work full time for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and part time for H&R Block. I have three sons and a married daughter, and two granddaughters. I'm looking forward to working with the council and our new pastor as we continue to seek ways to bring Jesus Christ to our world.

Worship – Randi Vanhuizen

I retired from being a Superior Court Clerk when Brad and I moved from California to Omaha in 2004, although I currently do part-time office work. Between the two of us, we have four adult children and two grandsons. We got involved immediately upon joining Lord of Love soon after moving here. I am involved in the choir and the women's group (both as a past officer and a member), am a Stephen Minister, and am on Worship planning. This is an exciting time in the life of our congregation, and I look forward to helping our congregation move forward with our new pastor and the ministries we are involved in.

Nurture (1-year term) – Lori Vandeventer

My husband Brian and I have 3 daughters, Ashley Allison, and Sarah, who all attend Lord of Love. I work at Mutual of Omaha as a business systems analyst in the Retirement Plans Division. Our family joined Lord of Love 7 years ago. Since then, I have been involved in many areas: choir, confirmation mentor, Sunday School teacher for the 3- to 5-year-olds, participant in several Bible studies, and a member of the Preschool Board. I am looking forward to working with the members of the council and learning more about the internal workings of the church.

Nurture (2-year term) – Paula Foster Well

I am over 21 ;), married to Dale for 8 years, and have two boys: Chad, who is 30 and married for 1 year to Ruthie, and Andy who is 23 and still at home. I am a RN, currently working at an insurance company helping people with mental health issues. I was born and raised a Lutheran and went to St. Paul Lutheran school from K-8th grade (Missouri synod). I have been a member of Lord of Love for 20 years. I am becoming more involved with Lord of Love, currently serving on the Mission Possible and Endowment committees. As part of the Nurture committee, I am looking forward to getting more people involved in serving not only Lord of Love, but outreaching to others in our community and the world, fulfilling God's wish for all of us to be His Heart and Hands and provide Service to others.

Outreach – Jeri Morgan

I have been a member of Lord of Love for over 30 years. I have served on the church council in different capacities in the past, and look forward to the opportunity to serve again. On the Outreach committee, I hope to provide opportunities for congregational members of all ages to serve at the local, regional, and international levels. We have so many gifted and talented members of Lord of Love. We need to continue to find avenues to share all the unique gifts God has given us.

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Nominees for the 2011 Church Council, continued

Property – Josh Combs

I am married to my wonderful wife, Carissa, and we have two wild fur kids that keep us entertained. I am an electrician, currently working on the new Ameritrade ballpark downtown. My past involvement with Lord of Love includes serving for six years as Youth Group leader, ushering, serving communion, and stepping in to help out when needed. What I am looking forward to most while working with the church council is the opportunity to be involved on a deeper level as we welcome a new pastor and begin a new chapter in Lord of Love's history.



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

The Lord of Love council has held three meetings since the last issue of *The Love Letter* was published. These meetings are discussed below.

September 28 – September Council Meeting

The council held its September business meeting on September 28, 2010, and the minutes of this meeting are summarized as follows:

- The council discussed potential transition plans, such as when Pastor Bob would leave and when Pastor Brad might start.
- Pastor Bob reported that the Deacon Fund is depleted as he has had several requests for help in the last month.
- The council reviewed the latest version of the 2011 budget being developed.
- Each committee gave a report of its activities. Highlights included the plans for visits to all members as part of the stewardship campaign and a report that 26 youth attended the lock-in held on September 25.



October 10 – Special Congregational Meeting

The council called a special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, October 10, 2010, to vote on whether to extend a call to Pastor Brad Meyer, who had been recommended by the Call Committee and the Council. Before the congregational meeting, there was a single worship service at 9:00 a.m. at which Pastor Brad presided and preached. Then there was a forum at which Pastor Brad introduced himself and his family and answered questions from the congregation. At 11:30 a.m., the special Congregational Meeting was called to order. There was not a lot of discussion, so the question was called. The vote to call Pastor Brad passed by a wide margin, with 99 for and 1 against. Then a compensation package for Pastor Brad was presented for approval. The annual compensation was about \$55,978, which with benefits would be a total cost of about \$80,000. The total cost would be a few thousand dollars more than what we paid Pastor Bob. The compensation package was approved.

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COUNCIL REPORT

October 2010 Council Report, continued

Pastor Bob will serve at Lord of Love through Sunday, November 14. We will hold a potluck on Sunday, November 7 after the 10:30 a.m. worship service to honor his service to us. Pastor Brad will start at Lord of Love around Monday, November 15 and will be installed on Sunday, November 21. There will be a congregational potluck on November 21 after the 10:30 a.m. worship service to celebrate his installation.



October 19 – Strategic Planning Meeting

A Strategic Planning Meeting was held on October 19, 2010, and the minutes of this meeting are summarized as follows:

- The main topic of the meeting was the Youth program. Adam Lueders, the youth director, and members of the Youth Support Team attended the meeting. The attendees discussed the goals of the youth program, the activities that the youth program should be doing to meet those goals, and the help that Adam and the youth program need to reach those goals. Adam reported that the youth lock-in went well and that they are making plans for the rest of the year. He did need help with planning and executing some events. He was getting help from some college-aged adults. We discussed how the Youth Support Team could help and that Adam could seek some more members to act as youth sponsors. Another item that needed improvement was communication about youth activities to the congregation in *The Love Letter* and on the website.
- Brian Lund discussed the need to get new computers for Pastor Brad and Mary Lou as our current computers are 8 to 10 years old. He proposed that we buy two new computers and software and accessories at a cost not to exceed \$2,000. The motion carried.
- A congregation meeting will be held on Sunday, November 14. The budget approval and council election will be held. The nominating committee has found a nominee for each open position (see pages 11-12, Council Report).



LORD OF LOVE YOUTH GROUP



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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

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

1 Chronicles 29:13 (NRSV) *And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name.*

We certainly have been blessed throughout the Call Process by God's working through the Holy Spirit. I join all of our members in thanking the Call Committee and members of the Council for their time and commitment to this important activity in the life of our congregation. I eagerly anticipate the transition events of November, saying thank you and farewell to Pastor Bob and providing a joyful welcome to Pastor Brad and his family.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NRSV) *So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!*

We are at the end of our journey of the Call Process and ready to begin a new chapter in the life of our congregation. This gives us another opportunity to reflect on who we are, where we have been, the gifts we have been given, and how we can continue to respond to God's great love for us. Although I don't see any specific, immediate changes occurring, change will likely happen. I trust that as we begin our partnership in ministry with Pastor Brad, we will continue to be Christ to each other and to build up the family that we call Lord of Love. I ask that we all be open to new ideas and opportunities while staying true to the expression of faith that defines Lord of Love and our ministries.

Luther's Explanation to the First Article of the Apostles Creed (paraphrased)

We believe that God has created us and all that exists. ...All this he does out of fatherly and divine goodness and mercy, though we do not deserve it. Therefore we surely ought to thank and praise, serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

Our response to God's love is reflected in good stewardship of our time, talent, and treasures. I thank all of our members for the generous sharing of their gifts in support of the ministries at Lord of Love. Financial giving has remained steady through the entire year. However, over the past several months, we have seen a small but growing deficit between our expenses and income. At this time, additional giving of \$25 to \$50 per month per family during November and December would help eliminate the current deficit. Thank you for considering a small increase in your giving through the end of this year in support of our ministries and pastoral transition expenses.



In this month of Thanksgiving, please take time to show your appreciation to others in our congregation, within your family, and where you work. Let gratitude be a part of your response to God's love by showing concern, friendship, and appreciation to those you encounter daily.

Please continue to thank and praise God and to pray for our congregation, Pastor Bob, Pastor Brad, and for all those with special needs.

In faith and service,
Brian Lund

WOMEN OF LOVE

Advent by Candlelight by Debra Gillespie

We loved it in December 2008 when Kelly Duffy organized our first one, and we are thrilled to announce that Advent by Candlelight will happen again on Sunday, December 5 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall!

Women and girls, you are cordially invited to join us for an inspirational program, Christian fellowship, and delectable desserts while seated at tables set with pretty dishes, tablecloths, center pieces, and candles. Admission is \$5 per person. Profits will be donated to Women of Love to help fund a future mission trip to Tanzania for two of our women.

Now, **here is the really fun part of this event.** You, or perhaps you and a friend or family member, get to “create the mood” in the Fellowship Hall by setting a lovely table. Bring in your favorite dishes, center pieces, candles—whatever you’d like—to set one of the round tables. Use a Christmas theme or something else. Every table will be unique. Every table will be beautiful.

Find the sign-up sheet for this event posted at the Information Center in the Narthex. Register to set a table and attend or just sign up to attend this special Advent gathering.

Do come! We promise you will enjoy it.



Calendar of Events

November

1	6:00 p.m.	LWT Bible Study, Old Country Buffet, 145th and West Center Road
2	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
3	6:00 p.m.	LWT Bible Study, Mary Room
6	9:30 a.m.	General Meeting, Fellowship Hall
10	6:00 p.m.	Women’s Ministry Team Meeting, Joseph Room
12	8:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship, Crane Coffee, 77th and Cass
16	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
26	8:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship, Crane Coffee, 77th and Cass



Coming Soon

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



Draw some food in the basket, then color and hang for a Thanksgiving Picture!

I'm so thankful, God gives me everything
I need...and more!



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Multiply your thanks

We have so many reasons to give thanks to God. When we take time to count our blessings, we realize they just keep multiplying and adding up.

Use your multiplication or addition skills to answer each equation. Then use the word key below to write out Psalm 100:4 (NIV).

WORD KEY

22= him 16= courts 4=gates 24=name 9=praise 8=and 2=to
12= his 18= give 6= with 10= Enter 20= thanks 15= thanksgiving

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$$\frac{\quad}{3 \times 3 \text{ or } 3 + 3 + 3}$$

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IN OUR PRAYERS & LOVE NOTES

In Our Prayers

Avery Akeman (friend of Kim Gust)
Dick Bell
Ryan Bolen (nephew of Sandy Hall)
Barb Breazier (friend of the Egrs)
Katie Brink (friend of the VenHuizens)
Miranda Brown (friend of the Shinrocks)
Connie Czaplá (wife of Larry Czaplá)
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)
Jim Gunter
Gary Hall (brother of Claude Hall)
Elaine Hansen (aunt of Deb Lund)
Amber Hartin (granddaughter of the Shinrocks)
Matthew Hayek (nephew of Sandy Hall)
Ralph Hild
Cathy Johnson (friend of Marilyn Thomsen)
Bob Kasworm and his ministry in Tanzania
Ken Kellogg (father of Karen Armitage)
Brenda Kukouly (friend of the Garders)
Paula Lawhead (in her first call)
Gerry Loscher (friend of Rex Quadhamer)
Carl Lueders (uncle of Dave Lueders)
Irene Lund (aunt of Brian Lund)
Rebecca Lund (at seminary)
Brenda Mac
Jim Mahler (brother 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)
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)
Evelyn Sacrider
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)
Glenn Wapelhorst (brother of Brenda Mac)
Rachel Wapelhorst (niece of Brenda Mac)
Agnes Wilson
Julie Wolf

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

Thank you to everyone who helped put together the reception for the meet and greet with Pastor Brad Meyer on Sunday, October 10: Doug and Cathy Aden, Karen Armitage, Kenn and Shari Garder, Deb Gillespie, Shawn Lorenzen, Deb Lund, Dan and Ruth Manning, Lisa Meyer, Carol Novak, Rose Roberts, Pauline Shaffer, Nancy Shinrock, Marilyn Thomsen, Randi VenHuizen, and Connie Walther. Your help is much appreciated!
The Lord of Love Council



