

# The Love Letter

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## Worship Schedule

Sun. 8:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sun. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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

## A Look Ahead

Summer is flying by. It's already time to start thinking about Sunday School! Stayed tuned to the bulletin for the date of a parents' meeting later this month.

Ladies, remember to sign up for the mini-retreat Bible study at Deb Lund's home on **August 9**. I've heard a lot of good things about the cinnamon rolls that she will serve that morning!

After the retreat, women can stay to rehearse special music to be performed on **August 10**. Feel free to join them for rehearsal at 12:30 even if you can't make the retreat.

The congregation wants to send blessings to all the students and teachers heading back to school this month! Bring your bags for the "Blessing of the Backpacks" on **August 10**.

A last blast of summer has just been added to the calendar! The "Sundaes and Swing" adult fellowship event is planned for Friday, **August 22**, featuring ice cream and dancing. Keep checking your bulletin for details to come.



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# Autumn Renewal Event

## RejYOUvenate

A Day of Spiritual Renewal

For All Women

*What matters is not your outward appearance – the styling of hair, the jewelry you wear, the cut of your clothes - but your disposition.  
Cultivate inner beauty, the gentle, gracious kind that God delights in. 1 Peter 3:3-4*

**September 13, 2014**

Registration: 8:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church

1015 Lancaster Lane

Lincoln, NE

**October 4, 2014**

Registration: 8:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

First Evangelical Lutheran Church

305 W. 5<sup>th</sup> St.

North Platte, NE



Retreat Leader  
Jennifer Brown

Jennifer Brown is a child of God who is simply overwhelmed by God's goodness, saving grace, and glory. Her enthusiastic belief that the Word of God is the absolute truth for our lives spills into her heart-felt Bible studies and her energetic presentations. Jennifer founded Hope in the Lord ministries to encourage women to never lose their precious hope in Jesus and always trust God's perfect ways. Jennifer and her family live in Nebraska. You can learn more about Jennifer's ministry and Bible studies at [www.hopeintheLord.org](http://www.hopeintheLord.org).

The Autumn Renewal offering will go 1/2 to CWO and 1/2 to Nebraska Women Seminarians.

REGISTRATION FORM      REGISTRATION: \$18.00

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Sept. 5, 2014 - Lincoln      Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> - North Platte

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street or PO Box \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_

Church Town \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs (hearing or sight impaired, wheelchair, dietary, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Check the date you  
plan to attend:

Sept 13<sup>th</sup> ☐

Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> ☐

Please make check payable to NSWOW. Registration is transferable, but not refundable

Send registration form and \$18 to: JoAnn Rohrs

1409 10<sup>th</sup> Street

Auburn, NE 68305-1414

402-274-3058 (Home)

[joannrohrs1409@yahoo.com](mailto:joannrohrs1409@yahoo.com)

### Pastor's Page, by Pastor Brad Meyer

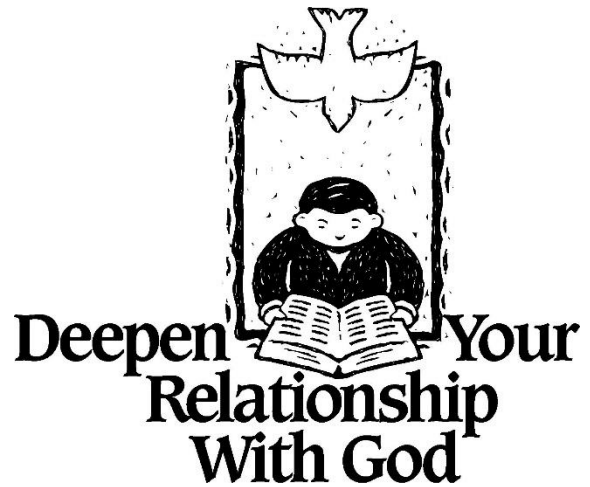
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I was shopping in a discount store the other day and noticed all of the brand new school supplies displayed for parents and children to purchase for the start of school. There were unsharpened pencils, pink erasers, and crisp white three-holed paper waiting to be bought. I noticed a few families picking out what would be needed for school and how excited they were. For me, it brought back feelings that no matter how new the stuff looked, I still disliked the beginning of school.

As a child, the beginning of school only meant the end of summer and returning to the daily schedule of going to class rather than playing down the street with my friends or going on a family vacation. It meant more reading, studying geography, and my least favorite: MATH! It meant the return of HOMEWORK!

Homework was that nightly chore of endless math problems to solve and lengthy book reports to write. Having to sit down long enough to accomplish the task was hard because there were so many other distractions.

Now – years later – I think there are even more distractions than ever before. This time it isn't pulling me away from homework, but rather from finding time to spend with God. Sometimes I think we look at spending time with God like I looked at my math homework. It was painful took way too much time, and there were so many other things I could be doing.



But if I didn't do my math homework, I certainly wouldn't learn it. It's the same with spending time with God. If we don't spend concentrated time with God – we don't learn about God and our relationship with God doesn't get any closer.

So maybe this year as I watch parents buy new school supplies and children going back to school for a new year, I can look at it as an opportunity to renew the time that I spend with God. Not by seeing it as dreaded homework, but rather as an opportunity to learn more about my ongoing relationship with God.

*Peace,*

*Pastor Brad*



# MONTHLY CALENDAR

August 2014						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> 7:30pm AA Meeting	<b>2</b> 7:00am Men's Breakfast Ministry
<b>3</b> 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:00am Summer Breakfast 10:30am Worship & Communion	<b>4</b> 6:00pm Gather Bible Study 8:00pm AA & Al Anon	<b>5</b> 9:00am Quilters 7:00pm Vision & Coordination Mtg.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>8</b> 8:00am Crane Coffee 7:30pm AA Meeting	<b>9</b> 7:00am Men's Breakfast Ministry 8:45am "Gather" Bible Study @ Lund's
<b>10</b> Blessing of the Backpacks 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:00am Summer Breakfast 10:30am Worship & Communion 3:00pm Chouniard Sr. Recital	<b>11</b> 8:00pm AA & Al Anon	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6:00pm Ministry Team Mtg.	<b>14</b> 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>15</b> 7:30pm AA Meeting	<b>16</b> 7:00am Men's Breakfast Ministry 8:00am Worship Planning Mtg.
<b>17</b> 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:00am Summer Breakfast 10:30am Worship & Communion	<b>18</b> 8:00pm AA & Al Anon	<b>19</b> 9:00am Quilters 7:00pm Church Council Mtg.	<b>20</b> 6:00pm Mission Possible Mtg.	<b>21</b> 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>22</b> 8:00am Crane Coffee 7:00pm Sundaes & Swing ACF event 7:30pm AA Meeting	<b>23</b> Grill & Chill TBA 7:00am Men's Breakfast Ministry 1:00pm Christensen Shower
<b>24</b> 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:00am Summer Breakfast 10:30am Worship & Communion	<b>25</b> 8:00pm AA & Al Anon	<b>26</b> 5:30pm Stewardship Mtg.	<b>27</b> 7:15pm Sr. Choir	<b>28</b> 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>29</b> 7:30pm AA Meeting	<b>30</b> 7:00am Men's Breakfast Ministry 3:00pm District 18 AA Talent Show
<b>31</b> 8:00am Worship & Communion 10:30am Worship & Communion 1:00pm District 18 AA						

## Lord of Love's Worship Servants

	August 3	August 10	August 17	August 24	August 31
Greeter(s)					
8 a.m.	Harry Naasz & Caroline Tessin	Ed & Marjorie Keiser	Roger & Angie Meyer	Doug & Rose Roberts	Wayne & Joan Witt
10:30 a.m.	Art Behnkie & Gary Ramsay	Tom & Beth Olson	Bill & Nicole Quackenbush	Lynd McGraw & E.J. Shaner	Kathy Christiansen & Paula Foster
Liturgist					
8 a.m.	Doug Aden	Judy Egr	Jesse Brewer	Paul Christenson	Matt Garder
10:30 a.m.	Don Rowen	Tom Olson	Ruth Manning	Rex Quadhamer	Tom Olson
Communion Servers					
8 a.m.	Cathy Aden and Tessin family	Egr family	Pat Brewer	Brian & Connie Walther	Garder family
10:30 a.m.	Jane Hawkins & Claudia Rowen	Olson family	Lynnette Nore & Christopher Boarts	Deb Quadhamer and Ann & Paul Kroll	Olson family
Altar Care					
8 a.m.	Connie Walther Lisa Meyer	Mardi Fiske	Wayne & Joan Witt	Deb Christenson Angie Meyer	Doug & Rose Roberts and Caroline Tessin
10:30 a.m.	Janet Guthrie Nancy Shinrock	Paul & Ann Kroll	Deb Quadhamer Judy Messerschmidt	Diana Haye Marcia Roads	Debra Gillespie & Karen Armitage
Ushers					
8 a.m.	Kenn Garder, Matt Garder, Paul & Deb Christenson, Craig Pennell				
10:30 a.m.	Rett Messerschmidt, Rob Anderson, Bill Quackenbush, Paul Barnett				
Nursery Care					
10:30 a.m.	Anne Yarger		Lisa Rieff	Ashley Meier	Pat Brewer
CD Recording					
10:30 a.m.	Pat Brewer	Paul Christenson	Dave Lueders	Paul Murphy	Jesse Brewer



## WORSHIP

### Blessing of the Backpacks

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It's back to school time! Teachers and students, bring your backpacks, lunch bags, or tote bags to the Blessing of the Backpacks on **Aug. 10**.

It's a reminder that we take Jesus with us wherever we go.



### Summer Music: Last Chance to Sign Up!

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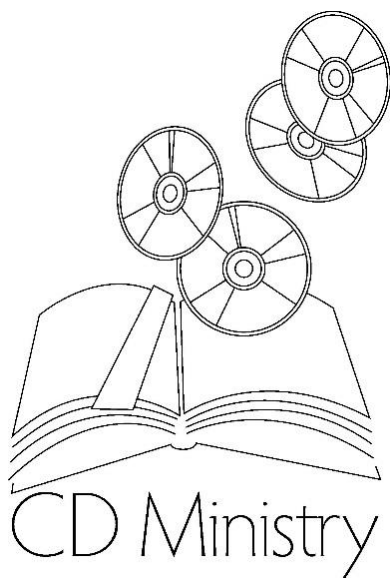
There's still time to share your musical talents with the congregation for summer music.

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex; or call the office.



### Ministry Appreciation: CD Recording, by Kathy Christiansen

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This month, we would like to highlight the ministry of CD recording of the worship service. We want to express our appreciation to the folks that take time to record our services so that those who are not able to take part in person can still worship.

Both of my parents were recipients of this service during the last months of their lives and it was definitely one of the highlights of their week! Although their vision was limited, it didn't stop them from singing along with the familiar hymns and liturgy, and praying the prayers of the church.

Thank you to Pat Brewer, Paul Christensen, Dave Lueders, Jesse Murphy and Paul Brewer for serving this ministry in August. If you would like to assist with this ministry, please feel free to contact Joan Witt, Kathy Christiansen or the church office.

## MISSION

### Mission Possible Update

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Thanks so much to all who have participated in the summer breakfasts and given so generously to provide funds for Lutheran Family Services' program for children using play therapy. You have helped us profoundly touch lives and have been God's hands in doing ministry.

The Mission Possible Team will meet mid-August to determine the recipients for funds from the special Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas offerings. As always, all comments and concerns may be shared with any of those serving on the Mission Possible Team: Karen Anderson, Paul Christenson, Jackie Combes, Mardi Fiske, Paula Foster, Deb Lund, Brenda Mac, Jeri Morgan and Caroline Tessin.

## WORSHIP

### Community Garden Update, by Deb Lund

Cucumbers, onions, zucchini, summer squash and potatoes are going to pantries at Project Hope, First Lutheran and Table Grace Café. The sweetcorn is maturing rapidly, but unfortunately, the local raccoons can't wait to eat it!

The gardeners have spent lots of time weeding areas in addition to the vegetable garden. One area recently revitalized is the Memorial Prayer Garden to the east of our building. This special garden is now fairly weed-free and filled with perennials that should flourish with relatively little care.

Even if you don't have time to help with the gardening, take time to check out these gardens. Just sit on the bench and reflect on God's goodness. How wonderful it is that we can help feed the hungry!



### Bishop Eaton to Visit Nebraska in August

ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will be visiting the Nebraska Synod **Aug. 17-18.**

Two public events - both including a meet-and-greet, presentation, devotion and Q&A are scheduled:

- Sunday, Aug. 17 - 6:30 p.m.: Southwood Lutheran Church, Lincoln
- Monday, Aug. 18 - 10:30 a.m.: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Grand Island
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The events are open to the public. If you have questions, please contact the Nebraska Synod office at 402-896-5311.



*From Nebraska Synod E-News*

## NURTURE

### Summer Breakfasts

Summer Breakfasts continue through Aug. 24. See the sign-up sheet in the kitchen for open Sundays. Plan to serve about 50 people.

There is a free will donation to cover the cost of food. The proceeds go to Lutheran Family Services Play Therapy program.



## Sunday School Planning

Sunday School starts on Kick Off Sunday, **Sept. 7**. A small group met to review the goals and curriculum for Sunday school, based on the Lord of Love mission statement: *"Celebrating and Sharing God's Love in a welcoming community of faith, while serving others."*

There will be a new curriculum this year. The program is still "Spark," through the publisher "Spark." All lessons are based on the lectionary. Each grade level is the same topic, but with age-appropriate activities. This way, if a family has children in different grades, the family will have the same topic to discuss with all of their children.

Pastor Brad and Heather Christensen will conduct one Faith Formation Class for each level with parents and children from every grade.

**Pr-K** will remain the same program, but the skill to develop is to participate and learn to listen. The Faith Formation is "Baptism: Child of God." The concept is "God Loves You, Jesus Loves You, and Jesus is God's Son."

**Grades K-4** will use the Whirl program.

**Grades K-2:** the Skill is to learn to pray. The Faith Formation is "Praying 101"; family, table and bedtime prayers will be shared. The Concept is "Lord's Prayer, How to pray and for whom, when and what to pray for and about."

**Grade 3:** the Skill is to memorize books of the Bible. The Faith Formation is "Bible 101". The Concept is "Faith: What I Believe". Third graders will receive their own Bibles to use.

**Grade 4:** the Skill is to memorize books of the

Bible. The Faith Formation is "Baptism 101" The Concept is again: "Faith: What I Believe."

**Grades 5 and 6:** the Skill is to memorize scripture. The Faith Formation for 5th grade is "Communion 101" and for 6th grade the Faith formation is "The Apostle's Creed 101" or "Luther's Small Catechism 101." The Concept for both grades is Salvation and Grace. Fifth and 6th grade will use "Connect" from "Spark."

**Junior High** will continue to use "Faith Incubator" and will attend Confirmation Class.

**Senior High** will continue to discuss ways to manifest their faith in school, as jobs and as they go about their days.



**Adult Education** will have a variety of topics. Heather Christensen will teach the congregation about "Safe Guarding God's Children". Other topics will be discussed, so look for information in the bulletin for details.

A parent meeting will be held in late August with parents of Sunday School youth to review the curriculum. There is a cost of \$10 for the handouts. Parents will be asked to contribute \$5 per child if able to help defray the cost of the program.



### Sunday School Teacher Openings

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A great way to serve is to become a Sunday School teacher! Openings in elementary and senior high exist. Substitute teachers are always welcome, too! If you are interested, see Heather Christensen, Paula Foster or Lisa Willard



### Kick Off Sunday Pot Luck – Sept. 7

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The tradition of the Kick-Off Sunday Potluck continues. No special foods are assigned. Just bring a main dish, and either a salad or dessert to share.

Last year's prediction of having only potato salad was missed by a mile! Our creative congregational cooks shared many delicious foods.



### Donuts Return Sept. 7

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Kick-Off Sunday also marks the start of donuts. Volunteers are needed to pick up donuts at Hy-Vee or to wash coffee cups after the Sunday School hour. Sign-ups will be available starting August 24. This year, in addition to being emailed when you are going to volunteer, look for your name in the Sunday bulletin and monthly *Love Letter* for reminders.

The cost of coffee and a donut is going up. Please consider 50 cents for a cup of coffee and \$1 for each donut. Thank you!

## LOL YOUTH

### Youth Group to Meet on Wednesday Evenings

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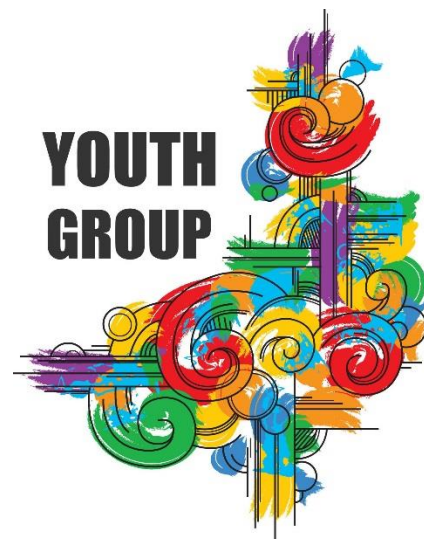
We are adding to our youth ministry this year. We will meet on most **Wednesday evenings from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.** Youth Group is for grades 7 through 12.

Our time together will consist of

- Bible Study
- Devotion
- Service

We'll plan these and fun monthly youth events as a group. Meeting regularly and sharing in the planning will strengthen our youth group. Please plan to join us! (If you need study hall, there is plenty of quiet space before youth group to get your studies done first).

Contact Heather Christensen with any questions at 402-206-9205 or [heather@lord-of-love.org](mailto:heather@lord-of-love.org).



## RESOURCES

### Stewardship in Action: Serving Our Neighbor, by Kathy Christiansen

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As Lutherans, we believe that we are freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. How can we respond to this call from God? Here is one example:

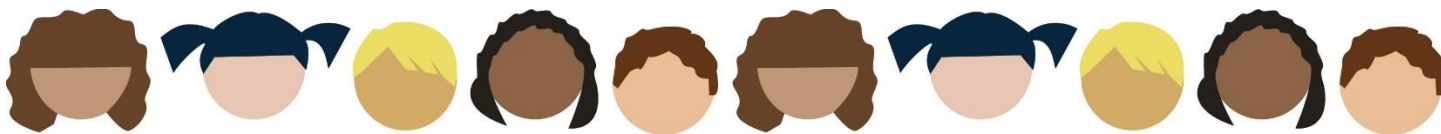
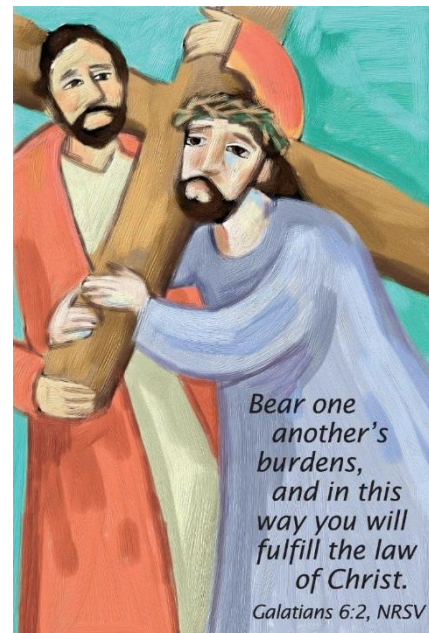
Imagine coming home at the end of the day and having your home in pieces or completely destroyed. Many of our neighbors in Pilger and Stanton started the morning of June 16 as usual, heading off to work or activities. Then as late afternoon came, their worlds were upended by the devastating tornadoes and storms.

The Nebraska Synod has partnered with Lutheran Disaster Response to provide assistance to the community of Pilger and the surrounding area that suffered so much devastation. We have heard recently that these needs will continue for some time, so please consider giving to the Synod Disaster Fund for our neighbors that are bearing some very heavy burdens.

You can put your check in the offering plate with “Pilger Tornado” on the memo line or by mailing your check to:

Nebraska Synod, ATTN: Lutheran Disaster Response  
4980 S. 118<sup>th</sup> Street, Ste. D  
Omaha, NE 68137

You can also [give online](#).



### Will Our Children be Generous? By Rex Quadhamer

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As parents, we know how egocentric our children can be at times. Does “I want this...” and “me, me, me” seem to be a theme in your house too often? Generosity is a beautiful virtue and an important one to teach our children. Here are some more ways to reinforce generosity with your children:

- 1) Teach your children how to write thank you notes. (Email and text messaging notes count.) Talk about how expressing gratitude helps us grow and thrive.
- 2) Positively reinforce your generous children. Praise them when you see them being generous and encourage their generous acts.
- 3) Take children with you to visit new neighbors, residents of special care facilities, or those from your faith community who may need some extra TLC for some reason (after asking if this would be a welcome visit). This way, your children can learn the value of nurturing a wide variety of relationships as part of being faithful stewards.

As children see God’s grace and generosity in their lives, they will be grateful. Look for more suggestions next month.

## CHURCH COUNCIL

### 2014 Lord of Love Church Council

**Executive Committee:** Brian Walther, President; Kenn Garder, Vice-President; Judy Messerschmidt, Secretary; Lisa Meyer, Treasurer

**Nurture:** Paula Foster, Lisa Willard

**Outreach:** Karen Anderson, Mardi Fiske

**Resources:** Paul Concannon, Rex Quadhamer

**Worship:** Kathy Christiansen, Joan Witt



### Our Giving Status

General Fund financial information for June 30, 2014:

Actual Income - \$27,323.75

Actual Expenses - \$24,508.13

General Fund financial information **year to date** through June 2014:

Actual Income - \$155,028.95

Actual Expenses - \$160,866.95



There was some improvement in the deficit situation during June, partly because there were 5 Sundays during the month. Thanks to all for your continued offerings during the busy summer months.

## MEN'S NEWS

### Building Projects Completed

In June, several men met at Tom and Beth Olson's house to assemble and finish 36 baptism boxes. These boxes were donated and blessed at services July 13.

Nebraska Lutheran Men in Mission asked the Lord of Love men if they would help with a special project for camp Carol Joy Holling and Mosaic. Another team got together to build 12 hole-toss boxes that will be used for campers involved with their joint camping events. These boxes were also built and delivered in July.

### Saturday Morning Breakfast

Join us each and every Saturday morning at 7 a.m. for fellowship, food for the spirit and nourishment for the body. Held in Lord of Love's fellowship hall, we always will have a seat open for you. Don't wonder what it's all about; wander on in and find out what we're about.



Men's Fellowship



### Lord of Love Men Represent at Triennial Gathering, by Ron Thom

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July 18-20, the National Lutheran Men in Mission triennial gathering was held in Nashville, Tenn. Three members from Lord of Love were voting delegates from area 4. In all, Pastor Brad and a total of eight Lord of Love members attended. It was an exciting event, a great venue, and Nashville was a marvelous town. Those who attended had a lot of bonding and celebrating.

Talk to any of those who attended for details of this event: Gary Ramsay, Rex Quadhamer, Ron Thom, Miguel Avalos, Don Rowen, Dave Lueders, Tom Olson and Paul Christenson.



### Softball Season Wrapping Up, by Ron Thom

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The Lord of Love is not only fun to watch - they bring great joy to each other. The best part of this team, led by Don Rowen, is that we have young guys who can hit the ball a long way. In turn, this helps Tom (Olson) make it to the next base. And they run fast, when Tom is not in front slowing them down. But Tom still has to show them how to get hits.

It happens at Kelley Softball complex (124<sup>th</sup> and Fort) on Field 8 (the field closest to Fort St.). Contact Don Rowen at with any questions. Final games are:

Monday, August 4	8:30 p.m.
Monday, August 11	7:30 p.m.



### Sign up for Summer Mini-Retreat

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Don't forget the annual summer mini-retreat at the home of Deb Lund, 4720 N. 136<sup>th</sup> St., on **Saturday, August 9**. Follow your nose to the smell of freshly baked cinnamon and caramel rolls at 8:45 a.m. and then we'll go through the three summer Bible studies, "Of Many Generations." These are free at <http://www.womenoftheelca.org/gather-bible-study-pages-55.php>

Please bring a salad to share for the lunch. A sign-up sheet is located at the Information Center in the narthex.

The morning ends with a rehearsal for all women desiring to sing that Sunday morning, **August 10** at worship. All women are welcome to join us. We will rehearse from 12:30-1 pm on Saturday, August 9 at the Lund home; then at 7:30 a.m. before the worship services on August 10.



### Crane Coffee Fellowship

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Coffee and tea, laughter, conversation, and praying over prayer shawls are the normal order of the morning when the ladies' coffee fellowship meets at Crane Coffee at 8 a.m. every other Friday morning.

Please join us on **August 8 and 22** at the 77<sup>th</sup> and Cass location.

### Women's Ministry Team Meeting Again

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After a 2-month break, the women's ministry team will resume its monthly meetings. We will meet at 6 p.m. on **Wednesday, August 13**, in the Mary Room at Lord of Love.

The Women's Ministry Team consists of the elected members of our local unit of the Women of the ELCA (Women of Love). However, all women are invited and encouraged to participate in this monthly

### Quilting Group Wants You

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The quilting group has grown in numbers! But they still have room for more helpers. You do not need to be a "quilter" to participate. Tasks include cutting, pinning, and tying!

Most of the quilts are shipped to Lutheran World Relief in October. At the discretion of the quilters, some are given to local mission and outreach. They also make quilts to be auctioned off at Fall Festival Silent Auction. Besides quilting, they have a "coffee break" with goodies!



Quilters meet from 9 to noon the first and third Tuesdays of the month in the Fellowship Hall. Check with Nancy Shinrock or Ann Kroll if you have any questions.



## WOMEN OF LOVE

### Transforming Life and Faith Bible Study

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A new life partner, a new child, a new job, a new home: most of us recognize how our lives are changed by these experiences. In *Transforming Life and Faith*, we will consider how our lives and faith journeys are transformed by the events we experience and the people we meet.

In both the Old and New Testament, and especially in Acts of the Apostle, we will read about people who have life-changing experiences: Paul on the road to Damascus, Moses in the wilderness of Midian, Lydia praying by a river in Macedonia, an Ethiopian man traveling from Jerusalem to Gaza. We will watch them turn to God as their minds, hearts and daily lives are altered. We will reflect on the ways we, too, have been and will be transformed and called by God to serve His mission in the World.

The author of the study is Carol Schersten LaHurd, a lifelong teacher: Red Cross swimming lessons, high school English, parish education, and, for the past 30 years, biblical studies, Islam, and interfaith relations in colleges, seminaries, the church and wider community. After earning degrees from Augustana College (Illinois) and the University of Chicago, she received a Ph.D. in New Testament from the University of Pittsburgh and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

"Gather" Bible study groups will resume in September.

### Women of the ELCA News and Info

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Did you know that "Interchange," the newsletter of Women of the ELCA, is available free at [www.womenoftheelca.org](http://www.womenoftheelca.org)? It's published 6 times a year and is an excellent way to find out what our Lutheran women are doing! The July/August issue is now available.

### Autumn Renewal: "RejYOUvenate"

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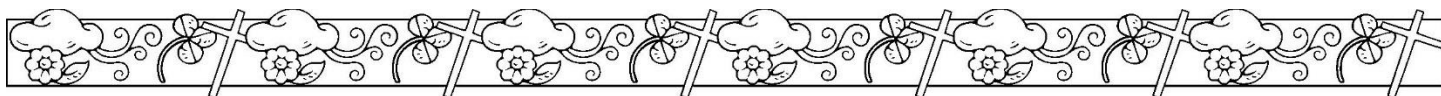
An amazing day is planned for NSWO's Autumn Renewals this year. This day-long retreat, titled "RejYOUvenate," is all about renewing your spirit. There is no business meeting, so you are encouraged to invite friends of all faiths to attend.



Two events are scheduled: one for Eastern Nebraska and one for Western Nebraska. St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Lincoln will host the eastern group on **September 13, 2014** from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Jennifer Brown of Blair will be the retreat leader. Jennifer founded Hope in the Lord ministries to encourage women to never lose their precious hope in Jesus and always trust God's perfect ways.

The registration form is attached and is **due September 5**. Cost is \$18 (includes lunch).



## Women of the ELCA, continued

Last month, we noted that 18 months ago Women of the ELCA set a goal to grow Katie's Fund, an endowment fund, to grow to \$1 million, but that goal has been surpassed by \$14,000! The more the fund grows, the more interest is available to support ministry in three areas: leadership development, global sharing and living theology. More information on these ministries is available at [womenoftheelca.org](http://womenoftheelca.org) on the Katie's fund page.

If you are a Thrivent member, you may designate your Thrivent Choice dollars to women of the ELCA. As of June 1, W/ELCA had received \$2,508 in Thrivent dollars compared to a total of \$2,905 in all of 2013.



Please be generous in our offerings at LOL's "Gather" Bible studies and special occasions, your Thankofferings, and offerings at Nebraska synodical events. These go towards leadership training; "Gather" magazine and Bible study; support for new units; spiritual gifts and discipleship programming; program resources on women's health, spiritual practices, church history, human trafficking and more; "Café" e-zine and podcast; racial justice network and trainings; advocacy for women and children; outreach through social media; and partnering with other Christian women's organizations.

And speaking of Thankoffering, continue to set aside your dollars in appreciation for God's blessings, as we will be bringing them to the altar on **Thankoffering Sunday, October 12.**

## Women of Love Dates to Remember

August 5	9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
August 8	8 a.m.	Crane Coffee Fellowship
August 9	8:45 a.m.	Gather Mini-Retreat
August 13	6 p.m.	Women's Ministry Team, Mary Room
August 19	9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
August 22	8 a.m.	Crane Coffee Fellowship
August 23	TBA	Grill and Chill Fellowship Event

## Looking Ahead

September 13		NWSO Autumn Renewal, St. Andrews Lutheran, Lincoln
October 3-4		Women of Faith Conference, Lincoln
October 11		Lord of Love Fall Festival, "Abundant Harvest"



# LORD OF LOVE

## In Our Prayers

All of those affected by the recent storms and tornadoes

*Antoinette Anania (cousin of Deb Lund)*

Chris Beckman (friend of Jane Gehringer)

Dick Bell

*Connie Bennett (cousin of Karen Armitage)*

Patricia Connolly (friend of the Thoms)

*Pearl Garnaas*

Mike Gillotte (neighbor of the Pickens)

*Ken Gustafson (husband of Mary Lou)*

Vicky Hays (friend of Ann Kroll)

*Verna Kragnes (sister of Amy Kragnes)*

Matt Kreikimeier (friend of Brenda Mac)

*Glenna Lee*

Ken Lineweaver (Aaron Edward's Papa)

*Lisa Lueders (sister-in-law of Dave Lueders)*

Marj & Jim Mahler and Sue, Terry & Keith (mother, brother and friends of Jane Hawkins)

*John Mather (friend of the Lueders)*

Rett Messerschmidt

*Charles Meyer (father of Pr. Brad)*

Dayla Miller

*Debbie Michalak (former co-worker of Jackie Combes)*

Dawn Neumann

*Brenda Nobles (friend of Gwen Edwards)*

*Don St. Ours (brother-in-law of Lynda McGraw)*

Cynthia Palmer (friend of Dave & Lisa Rieff)

Karen Pickens

*David Pippin (nephew of Lynda McGraw)*

Isaac Schroeder

*Jill Sheridan (sister-in-law of Rebecca Lund Sheridan)*

Brenda Thom

*Cheryl Jones (friend of Nancy Shinrock)*

Roslynn Thom (sister of Ron Thom)

*Brian Shinrock*

Georgene Sones (mother of Dayla Miller)

*Jennifer & Chuck Santori*

Diane Sullivan & Alice VanHoosen (friends of the Egrs)

*Scott Swigert & Jeanna Steppuhn (nephew & niece of the Shinrocks)*

Juanita Kiesel & Drew VanWinkle (friends of Mary Lou Gustafson)

*Bill Wallway (uncle of Kenn Garder)*

Al Weibusch

*Ted Whitfield (former co-worker of Brian Shinrock)*

Those who are deployed: Matt Lueders, Veronica Barnes, Jake Harmon & Steve Slone

Caregivers and those who suffer with depression.

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](mailto: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 for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers. I really appreciate all the support and sending cards during the passing of my father.

*-Pat and Jesse Brewer and family*



## Return Service Requested

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

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### This Month

- August 9** Gather Bible study half-day retreat and potluck luncheon
- August 10** Blessing of the Backpacks
- August 22** Sundaes and Swing Event
- August 23** Grill and Chill Fellowship Event

### Save the Date

- September 7** Kick-off Sunday – Potluck
- September 13** NWSO Autumn Renewal, St. Andrews Lutheran, Lincoln
- October 3-4** Women of Faith conference
- October 11** Fall Festival



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