

# The Love Letter

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## Worship Schedule

Sun. 8 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

If you're browsing the proceeding pages and things don't seem to be where they normally are, you're right. A few things got shuffled around to fit and will be back to normal next month.

Please see page 2 for an important message from Brian Walther in place of the pastor's page. The "Nurture" section on page 5 includes an introduction from the new kitchen coordinators, Paul and Julie Concannon. Thank you for Paul and Julie for stepping up.

The youth are busy this spring with service, fun and fundraising for their trip to Detroit this summer. Heather Christensen recently returned from there and has some information to share on page 7 about what the youth can look forward to at the national youth gathering, and how we can all help.

Finally, don't miss Joe Combes' reflection on his and Jackie's vision trip to Tanzania a few weeks ago. It's on page 12--with photos!



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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

**Matthew 6:8** - *Do not be like them, for your father knows what you need before you ask him.*

Right now, we all are thinking so many things: things we need not only as a community called Lord of Love, but as individuals. I need a pastor, we need a call committee and a ministry site profile. But please remember, the most important thing we need is to trust in Him.

The process we are entering into can be unnerving. Where do we go next? Who will lead us? How long will this take? God will lead and guide us. Right now, what we need to do is trust God. We need time to grieve, to support each other, to love one another, to respect each other's perception of the situation, and encourage each other that He will continue to lead and guide us in this next chapter in our life at Lord of Love.

*Thy will be done.*

Peace,  
Brian Walther, Church Council President



## WORSHIP

### Lenten Worship

Please consider making time in your weekly schedule for a quiet Lenten midweek service at **7 p.m. on Wednesdays**, as we focus on hope and our faith.



# Lent

## Lord of Love's Worship Servants

	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22	March 29
Greeter(s)					
8 a.m.	Jesse & Pat Brewer	Harry Naasz		Brian & Deb Lund	Matt & Lisa Willard
10:30 a.m.	Paul & Ann Kroll	Dave & Susan Lueders	Dan & Ruth Manning	Doug & Karen Armitage	Kathy Christiansen/ Paula Foster
Liturgist					
8 a.m.	Kenn Garder	Dave Hild	Doug Aden	Heather Christensen	Judy Egr
10:30 a.m.	Dave Rieff	Tom Olson	Ruth Manning	Ashley Vandeventer	Karen Mullen
Communion Servers					
8 a.m.	Garder family	Volunteers please	Cathy Aden & Pat Brewer	Christensen family	Egr family
10:30 a.m.	Rieff family	Olson family	Bill & Nicole Quackenbush	Lynnette Nore & Chris Boarts	Edwards family
Altar Care					
8 a.m.	Ed & Marjorie Keiser	Cathy Aden & Sue Dieter	Connie Walther & Lisa Meyer	Mardi Fiske	Wayne & Joan Witt
10:30 a.m.	Rowen family	N. Quackenbush Karen Anderson	Janet Guthrie & Nancy Shinrock	Paul & Ann Kroll	Deb Quadhamer J. Messerschmidt
Ushers					
8 a.m.	Dave Hild, Paul Murphy, Mike Klos, Bob Christensen				
10:30 a.m.	John Edwards, Dan Manning, Rex Quadhamer, Gary Ramsay, John Ramsay				
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
Donut Pick-up/Clean-up					
Pick-up	Garders				
Clean-up	Garders				

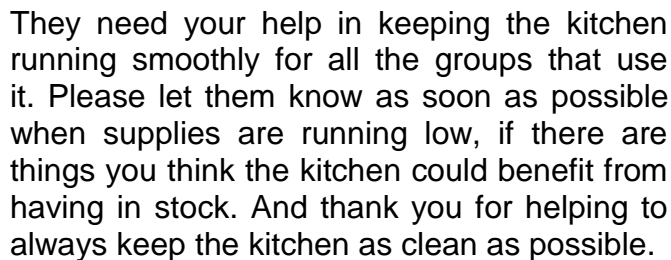
# MONTHLY CALENDAR

March 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship & Communion 6:00pm Bell Choir	<b>2</b> 6:00pm Gather Bible Study 8:00pm AA & Al Anon	<b>3</b> 9:00am Quilters 7:00pm Vision & Coordination Mtg.	<b>4</b> 6:00pm Brass Rehearsal 6:00pm Gather Bible Study 6:30pm Youth Group 7:00pm Lenten Worship 7:45pm Sr. Choir	<b>5</b> 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>6</b> 8:00am Crane Coffee Fellowship 7:30pm AA Meeting	<b>7</b> 7:00am Men's Breakfast Ministry
<b>8</b> Daylight Saving Time Begins 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship & Communion 1:00pm Fellowship Hall reserved 6:00pm Bell Choir	<b>9</b> 8:00pm AA & Al Anon	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6:00pm Ministry Team Mtg. 6:00pm Brass Rehearsal 6:30pm Youth Group 7:00pm Lenten Worship 7:15pm Sr. Choir	<b>12</b> 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>13</b> 7:30pm AA Meeting	<b>14</b> 7:00am Men's Breakfast Ministry
<b>15</b> 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship & Communion 6:00pm Bell Choir	<b>16</b> 8:00pm AA & Al Anon	<b>17</b> 9:00am Quilters 7:00pm Church Council Mtg.	<b>18</b> 6:00pm Brass Rehearsal 7:00pm Lenten Worship 7:45pm Sr. Choir	<b>19</b> 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>20</b> 8:00am Crane Coffee Fellowship 7:30pm AA Meeting	<b>21</b> 7:00am Men's Breakfast Ministry 9:00am W/ELCA General Meeting 7:00pm Girls Only Lock-In
<b>22</b> 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship & Communion 3:00pm Violin recital 6:00pm Bell Choir	<b>23</b> 8:00pm AA & Al Anon	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:00pm Brass Rehearsal 7:00pm Lenten Worship 7:45pm Sr. Choir	<b>26</b> 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>27</b> 7:30pm AA Meeting	<b>28</b> 7:00am Men's Breakfast Ministry
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Plan to serve about 60 people and have food available by 5:30 p.m. The meal ends when Lenten worship service starts at 7 p.m.

## KITCHEN COORDINATORS





# MISSION

## Easy Ways to Support the Mission

Remember that those with Thrivent Financial accounts may designate choice dollars to various charities, including Lord of Love and Lutheran Family Services.

For those who shop at Bakers, another way to help Lutheran Family Services is to designate LFS as the rewards recipient. Just log in or create an account on [bakersplus.com](http://bakersplus.com) and follow the prompts.



## Mission Possible Update

The Mission Possible Team designated the special Wednesday night Lenten offerings, proceeds from Soup Suppers, and the special Easter offering to **Lord of Love Youth attending the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering** and one of the giving focuses at the Youth Gathering--**ELCA World Hunger's Walk for Water**.

Walk for Water supports water projects around the world, providing water for drinking, growing crops, sanitation; and maintenance and training – all leading to healthier families and stronger economies. See more at [www.elca.org/Resources/ELCA-World-Hunger](http://www.elca.org/Resources/ELCA-World-Hunger)

## NE Synod sends \$100,000 to rebuild homes in Pilger *(from nebraskasynod.org)*

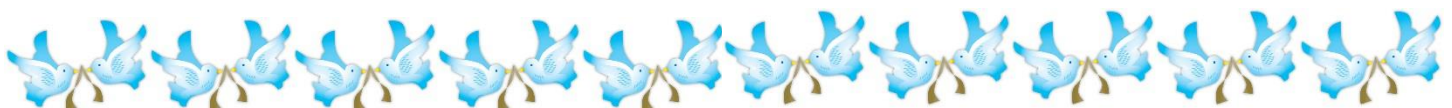
The Nebraska Synod said Friday that it is sending \$100,000 to assist in the rebuilding of homes lost in the June 2014 tornadoes that struck the town of Pilger.

Bishop Brian Maas said the gift is the result of funds collected by the Synod from individuals and congregations (such as Lord of Love!) throughout the state. “Nebraska Synod Lutherans have been eager to help the residents of Pilger in any way they can,” Maas said. “Helping our neighbors in their deepest time of need is a part of our calling and our congregations have responded well.”

The opportunity to provide assistance in rebuilding the homes is part of an effort by the Northeast Nebraska Long Term Recovery Team and the Mennonite Disaster Service. The Nebraska Synod’s gift, combined with other available funding, will support the construction of six or more replacement homes in the Pilger community.

The \$100,000 accompanies an ongoing response by the ELCA through the Synod and Lutheran Family Services that has also included financial assistance for mental health services and the donation of volunteer labor in the aftermath of the disaster.

Maas said that Nebraska Synod congregations will continue to support people in the area affected by last summer’s storms. “As Lutherans, we know that this journey of recovery and renewal is a marathon and not a sprint.”



## Girls Only Lock-in

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All girls in grades 7-12 are invited to attend the "It's a Girl Thing" lock-in **Saturday, March 21, to Sunday, March 22**. We will meet Saturday evening at 7 p.m. for food, fun, crafts, service, laughter, friendship, devotion, breakfast and worship at 8 a.m. Sunday. This is our third year and we always have fun! Plan on joining and bringing a friend!



Questions? Contact Heather Christensen or Judy Messerschmidt.

## Youth Service at Siena Francis House

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The youth group will volunteer to serve dinner at the Siena Francis House on Saturday, **April 18**. We will meet at the church at 4 p.m. to carpool down to the site. Service commitment is from 4:30 to 7 p.m. and we will return to the church at about 7:30. Sign up on the Bulletin Board in the Youth Corner of the Narthex so we know how many will be attending. A few adults will need to help carpool and serve dinner. **We need at least 15 youth volunteers!**

Suggestions to follow from the Siena Francis House for volunteers:

- Volunteers are given a short orientation and job assignments at the beginning of the volunteer shift.
- Volunteers must be at least 12 years old.
- It is a requirement of the Health Department that all volunteers wear closed-toe shoes – no sandals or flip-flops are allowed in the kitchen or dining room. Dress comfortable but conservatively – no tank tops or shorts less than 3 inches above the knee.
- If community service hours for school are needed, have paperwork signed by kitchen manager before leaving for the evening.
- Please do not bring any personal items or anything of value with you to volunteer. Siena Francis House cannot take responsibility for lost or stolen items. We is an area to store coats, but not a space available to secure personal items. This includes phones.
- The dining room is located at 1111 North 17<sup>th</sup> Street in Baright Men's Shelter.

## Annual Garage Sale

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Ready to do some Spring Cleaning? We would be happy to accept your donations for our garage sale. The Annual Lord of Love Garage Sale will be held on **Saturday, April 25** to benefit our Youth Ministry Programs and those attending the National Youth Gathering in July.

Donations will be accepted **Sunday, April 19** through **Friday, April 24** in the fellowship hall. Unsold items will not be returned but will be donated to New Life Thrift. Youth attending the National Youth Gathering are expected to volunteer. Anyone else who loves working garage sales is encouraged to help us out!

Questions? Contact Heather Christensen at [heather@lord-of-love.org](mailto:heather@lord-of-love.org). Thank you in advance for your participation and support of our youth.

## “Rise Up” National ELCA Youth Gathering, from Heather Christensen

### So what’s this “Youth Gathering” we keep hearing about?

The ELCA Youth Gathering for high school-age youth takes place every three years. It is about faith formation, worship, study, fellowship, service and play. Youth have the opportunity to engage with peers from across the United States and the world who share a common commitment and faith in Christ. The next Gathering will be held **July 15-19**, in Detroit, Michigan. This year’s theme is: *Rise Up Together.*



During the week, young people rotate through a variety of service learning experiences in the surrounding community. They explore and strengthen their faith by studying God’s word, serving their neighbor, sharing bread and wine in worship, participating in lively faith discussions, all while broadening their experience of God’s world and diverse communities.

When the question “Why work so hard to gather so many young people in one place?” pops up, the response is simple: ***We were meant to be together, and we are a church that believes God is calling us into the world — together.*** So every now and then, the ELCA gathers young people and adults together to share their unique stories and to experience the larger story that makes up the ELCA. We gather to be inspired, encouraged, strengthened, connected and sent out to do God’s work in the world — together!

### Who is going?

We have 9 youth and 2 adult leaders heading to Detroit this summer. They are **Kyle Christensen, Aaron Edwards, and Adam Lueders**, along with **Katie Messerschmidt, Ellie Messerschmidt, Alexis Martinez, Emily Rodriguez, Julia Ritonya, Brittany Manuel, Carley Rieff** and **Heather Christensen**.

### How can we support them?

There will be many opportunities between now and July to financially help offset the cost of the trip to Detroit. There are registration, transportation, housing, and food costs for 11 to be covered. Your generosity is always greatly appreciated.

But more important than your financial giving is your faithful support through prayer and time of listening and engaging with these children of God. They are our church family that we have committed to raising up so that they may know the glory of God’s unconditional love and that they may build a closer relationship with God through this experience. Your prayers for safe travels and an experience they will remember for a lifetime, prayers for friendship and bonding and acceptance.

**For all the ways in which you show your support, we are grateful!**





## 2015 Lord of Love Church Council

**Vision and Coordination:** Brian Walther, President; Dave Hild, Vice-President; Judy Messerschmidt, Secretary; Jackie Combes, Treasurer

**Nurture:** Susan Lueders and Lisa Willard

**Outreach:** Mardi Fiske and Scott Reinhardt

**Resources:** Craig Pennell and Bill Quackenbush

**Worship:** Heather Hansen and Joan Witt



## Giving Status

General Fund financial information for January 2015:

Actual Income - \$24,323.00

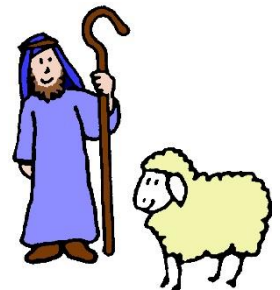
Actual Expenses - \$30,242.42

As of the end of January, the available cash deficit has fallen to (6,257.61). Weekly offerings of \$6,799 are needed to meet budgeted expenses. The January average was \$6,080.75. **Thank you for keeping your pledges current.**

## Stewardship, by Kathy Christensen

*The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep." John 21:17*

Although we are in a time of transition at Lord of Love, some things remain constant. The guidance and steadfastness of our God and the love and support we have for each other as a community of faith. And so we will continue on in our calling of following Christ.



And what is it that we are we called to do? "Feed my sheep." Just as He asked Peter, Jesus asks each of us to love Him and feed his sheep. We do that by using the gifts we were given to further Jesus' work, to show His love to others, and grow God's kingdom.

We all tend to be concerned about managing our paper currencies, but we need to remember all the other currencies we were blessed with. Maybe it is our passion for a certain cause like the Lord of Love summer gardeners. Perhaps it is our ability to welcome others, as the greeters and ushers do on Sunday morning. Possibly it is our willingness to spend time with our youth such as the Sunday school teachers and Confirmation mentors. There are many ways to "spend" your currency and gifts at Lord of Love.

So although we are in the middle of a challenging time, I would challenge all of us to find one or two ways to share our gifts in the next few months. I think that we will find that sharing our generosity translates to being surrounded by people that lift us. And I think all of us will be fed.

## MEN'S NEWS

### Men's Report, from Gary Ramsey

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Every Saturday morning, there is a Men's Group that meets in the fellowship hall at 7 a.m. We take turns providing a good wholesome breakfast, and we stay for about one to one and a half hours. We always have some good fun conversation and catch up on current events, sports events, and other happenings. Some teasing usually happens.



Men's Group

We send a coffee can around for an offering and put in whatever amount we want to. The collection might go to a service project or giving away the funds from the coffee can for a worthy cause, for example. We seem to be there whenever there is a need.

Following our study, we bring up any prayer concerns and close with a prayer. You are missing out if you are not a part of Saturday mornings Men's Group. Getting involved in something at church is important, as it makes one feel more a part of our Lord of Love's body of believers. Take a chance, come and see what we are all about.

### Men's Softball Looking for Players

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Men from Lord of Love have played together on a softball team for many years for fun and fellowship. Any man (16 and older) is invited to play on the team. You do not to be a great player. We will play on **Monday nights beginning on April 13**. On Sunday, April 12, we will practice in the afternoon.



If you are interested in playing, contact Don Rowen at [402-965-8977](tel:402-965-8977) or [drowen@unomaha.edu](mailto:drowen@unomaha.edu).

## WOMEN OF LOVE

### Crane Coffee Fellowship

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Enjoy the ladies' coffee fellowship at Crane Coffee, 77<sup>th</sup> and Cass at 8 a.m. on **Friday, March 6 and 20**. All ladies are invited for food and conversation.

### Women's Ministry Team Fellowship

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You are invited to attend the women's ministry team planning session on the second Wednesday of each month. We will meet at 6 p.m. in the Mary Room on **March 11**.

### Lord of Love Women of the ELCA Event

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You are invited to attend a fun event at Lord of Love at 9 a.m. on **Saturday, March 21**. Cost is \$5. And we encourage you to bring a guest. Joy Johnson, author of *The Boob Girls* (Burned Out Old Broads) series, will be our guest speaker. See the insert with details.

# WOMEN OF LOVE

## Lutheran Women of Omaha

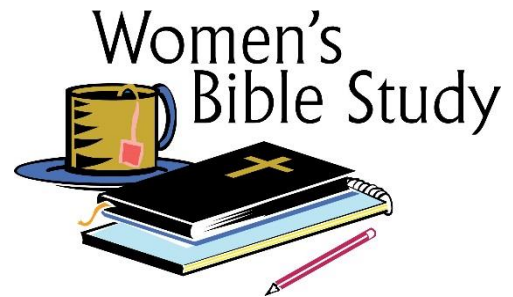
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Lutheran Women of Omaha will meet **Tuesday, March 10** at noon at Immanuel Lutheran, 2725 N. 60th Ave. The program is "Under the Kitchen Sink." The monetary project is the Heartland Food Bank. Cost is \$6. Please make your reservations with Ruth Manning at 402-451-0221 **by March 8**.

## Gather Bible Study: March and Beyond

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Although the weather thwarted both the January and February Wednesday night Bible studies, we're hoping the weather will be more cooperative in March. The Monday group will meet at 6 p.m. on **March 2** at the Oakview Mall Village Inn. The Wednesday group meets at 6 p.m. on **March 4** in the Mary Room at church. All women are invited to attend one of these study groups.



The theme for March is "**Trust and Understanding.**" We do not seek suffering, but it is inevitable in human life. How we deal with suffering can lead us to new trust and understanding.

Session 7: Suffering and Endurance theme verses: "...we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." (Romans 5:3-5)

## What is coming up in our 2015-16 Bible studies?

In 2015-16, *Gather* is offering Bible study in a different way. We will offer more Bible studies all year, and the leader guide will be included in the magazine. With this new format, we can use a variety of new writers who might not have agreed to write a nine-month study and separate leaders guide.

### Here is the format:

**Summer:** Three sessions (June, July, August)

**Fall:** Three sessions (September through November)

**Advent/Christmas:** Short devotional (December)

**Winter:** Four sessions, probably a book of the Bible (January/February through April)

**Spring:** One session, and intergenerational lesson (May)

## Dates to Remember

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<b>March 2</b> , 6 p.m.	Gather Bible Study, Village Inn, 3304 S.143rd Pl.
<b>March 3</b> , 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
<b>March 4</b> , 6 p.m.	Gather Bible Study, Mary Room
<b>March 6</b> , 8 a.m.	Crane Coffee Fellowship
<b>March 11</b> , 6 p.m.	Ministry Team, Mary Room
<b>March 17</b> , 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
<b>March 20</b> , 8 a.m.	Crane Coffee Fellowship, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
<b>March 21</b> , 9 a.m.	LOL Women of the ELCA General Mtg., w/ Joy Johnson

## Our Trip to Tanzania, by Joe Combes

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Jackie and I left for Africa on Feb. 2, the day after the snowstorm. It was a 16 day trip. We had never left our family for a trip this long. We had waited about 16 months. The first trip was cancelled and I was not going on that trip. The second trip I was convinced, though still apprehensive about going.

So we left, and the journey to our destination was uneventful. Upon arriving, we stepped off the plane to a hot wind and an acrid smell that would not leave our nostrils until we left the city. It stunk.

Through the course of our stay, many things happened. Sometimes we had no water, and sometimes no electricity. There was no air conditioning – ever. We had no ice and drank very few cold drinks, even though it was hot – over 90 degrees!

### Serengeti Safari

As we headed for the safari, 5 of us had to stay at a different hotel. This meant we had to get up earlier to go to the other hotel for breakfast.

The lodge we were going to stay at for the safari had a fire before we arrived – so we stayed at a lodge two hours further away, in the northern part of the Serengeti, rather than at the center.

We visited schools, hospitals, parishes, seminaries, bible colleges, and an orphanage.

We had two game drives that were fantastic – we saw all the animals you could ever want to see. We sat through a 5 and a half hour retirement ceremony for the bishop, all spoken in Swahili.

### Travel Troubles

When it was time to come home, the ticketing equipment was down and we stood for several hours in line while they hand wrote the boarding passes and luggage tags. In Amsterdam we had to get the rest of our boarding passes, another glitch with the kiosk. After some actual human interaction, we were on our way.

When we were leaving Atlanta, we all boarded the plane, then the pilot announced that we





## VISION

had a bad engine so we needed to deplane. An hour later we were boarding another plane and finally on our way home.

### Experiencing the People of Tanzania

So that was what happened. But what follows is the experience:

God called 38 of us to Africa. We came with gifts, many gifts: money, medical supplies, ourselves, Christian love, compassion, knowledge, true desire to help, and our faith.

God has given these gifts to us, to bring and share with the people of Tanzania. The people of Tanzania responded with their gifts: They opened their arms and welcomed us. They gave of themselves – all they had. They showed us joy and happiness. They allowed us to worship with them.

Even though we didn't understand, we could feel the presence of God in their powerful singing.

We could feel it when the kindergarten class sang "You Raise me Up", in perfect English. The parish choir sang the "Hallelujah Chorus" again in perfect English.

They took time to speak with us, to show us special things they had to share: a waterfall, a cave, a museum, a store where they sold items made by the women of the parish.

They fed us with the best they had. They opened their homes for us to sleep in. They were a wonderful and gracious people. Most of the people had almost nothing, yet they gave us what they had. We came away greatly enriched by the gifts God had given us all to share.

Even though we didn't speak the same language, a handshake, a touch, a smile, a facial expression, often conveyed the message between us. Yes, God gave us all these gifts and we did truly share with each other. And when we left they told us they would miss us.

This was the experience.  
It was what we sought.  
It was what we found.  
Glory to God, Amen.

For more on our trip, including more photos, **watch for a bulletin announcement for an Adult Sunday school presentation in March.**



## IN OUR PRAYERS

Thank-you to all the people who donated blood during the February blood drive. Twenty-four units of blood were collected, which has the potential for helping 72 people who need blood products.

—James Morgan, Outreach

On behalf of my children and myself, I thank my Lord of Love family for all the care, kindness, understanding, gifts, hugs, food, cards, encouragement and continued support that I and they received during the illness and death of my husband Ken.

My kids have been vaguely aware of my love of my job over these past 23 years, but they now fully understand that love. Pastors have come and gone and I deal with the emotional roller coaster that comes with change, but the people here at Lord of Love have been my rock. Thank you!

—Mary Lou

We wish to express our deepest thanks and gratitude for our farewell on Sunday, February 15th. The cards and notes were appreciated along with the wonderful potluck following worship.

Heidi and I are grateful for the four years that we were with you and pray that God continues to bless the ministry of Lord of Love.

Peace, Pastor Brad & Heidi



This is my 'I miss you' letter! And also to let you know I am happy to be here with Kristi, Chris, Charlie and Lucy. OK, I did not escape the nasty cold weather, but the love is very warm here.

'Here' is at 7927 Tartan Fields Dr., Dublin, Ohio 43017. My phone number is still my cell number: [402-214-4721](tel:402-214-4721). My email address is [shall6450@gmail.com](mailto:shall6450@gmail.com)

To all you wonderful men that came to load and pack my 'stuff' on the moving truck, please know that you did a fantastic job. The driver that came to hook up to the van praised the great and neat job that was done. Everything arrived in perfect condition. Thank you so much for your loving care.

I miss you all and keep Lord of Love in my daily prayers. I obviously haven't asked for the right things in my prayers or Pastor Brad would not be moving! But, I defer to God's wisdom. My wish for everyone involved with change is to trust in God's plans.

—Love and prayers, Sandy Hall



## IN OUR PRAYERS

Chris Beckman (friend of Jane Gehringer)  
*Dick Bell*  
Connie Bennett (cousin of Karen Armitage)  
*Syd Brinkman*  
Allyson & Tom Conhartoski  
*Patricia Connolly (friend of the Thoms)*  
Everingham family (friends of the Reinhardts)  
*Jim Hansen & Antoinette Anania (uncle & cousin of Deb Lund)*  
Vicky Hays (friend of Ann Kroll)  
*Mary Howard (friend of Carol Novak)*  
Matt Kreikimeier (friend of Brenda Mac)  
*Glenna Lee*  
Lisa Lueders (sister-in-law of Dave Lueders)  
*Brian Lund*  
Charles Meyer (father of Pr. Brad)  
*Debbie Michalak (former co-worker of Jackie Combes)*  
Mark Miller  
*Vi Neu (stepmother of Carol Novak)*  
Don St. Ours (brother-in-law of Lynda McGraw)

Cynthia Palmer (friend of Dave & Lisa Rieff)  
*Jill Sheridan (sister-in-law of Rebecca Lund Sheridan)*  
Brian Shinrock  
*Georgene Sones (mother of Dayla Miller)*  
Ted Strasser  
*Kay Terwilliger (sister of Tom Olson)*  
Brenda Thom  
*Drew Van Winkle*  
Ted Whitfield (former co-worker of Brian Shinrock)

Caregivers and those who suffer with depression

### **Those Who Mourn**

The family and friends of Ken Gustafson

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

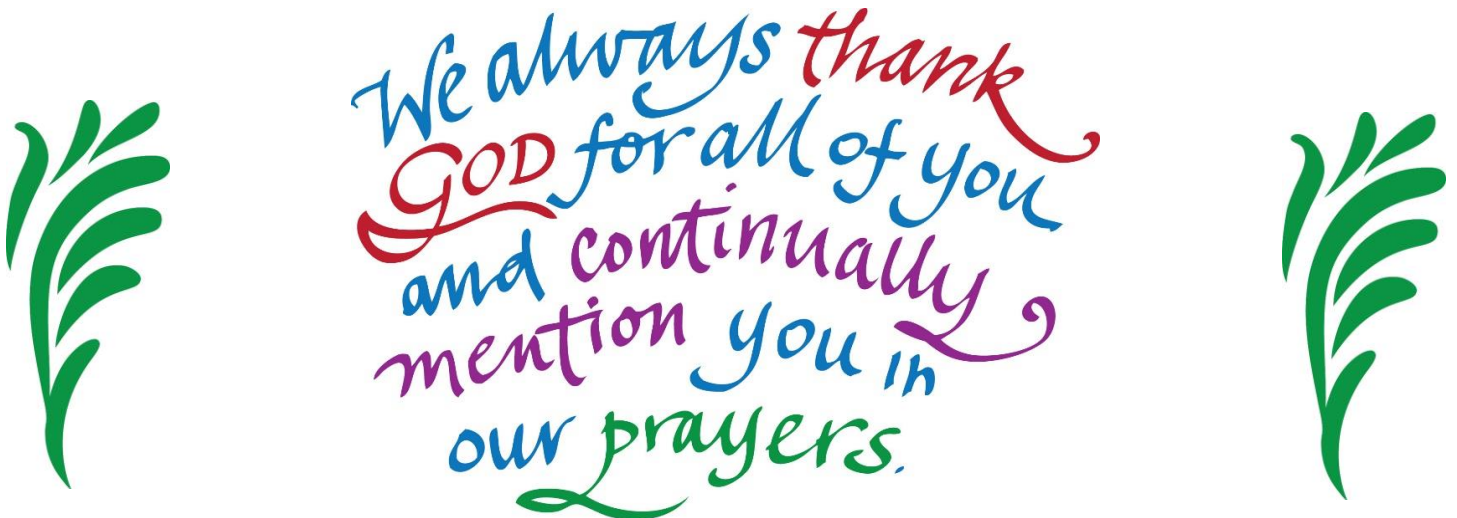
For the safe return from deployment of Travis Menzie, and safe return from Africa of Jackie and Joe Combes

### **Those who are deployed**

Jeremy Vest, Steve Slone, & Paul Wendzel

If you would like to add a name to the In Our Prayers section, 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!**



I Thessalonians 1:2, NIV



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

- March 8 Daylight savings time begins
- March 21 Youth Girls Lock-in
- March 21 LOL Women of the ELCA General Meeting with Guest Speaker Joy Johnson

Save the Date

- April 5 Easter Breakfast
- April 15 Youth Garage Sale
- June 8 – 12 Vacation Bible School
- July 15-19 Youth National Gathering in Detroit



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Lord of Love Women present:

# Burned Out Old BROADS

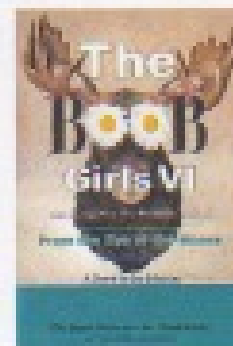
Join us for an inspiring time with local author, presenter and philanthropist Joy Johnson.

Joy is a nationally known author of a 6-book series. Along with her late husband, Dr. Mary Johnson, she co-founded two nonprofits in Omaha: the Centering Corporation and Ted E. Bear Hollow.

Saturday, March 21, 2015  
9:00 a.m.

Lord of Love Fellowship Hall  
10405 Fort St., Omaha, NE 68134  
\$5.00/person at the door

Coffee and pastries will be provided



For more information about Joy visit [www.theboobgirls.com](http://www.theboobgirls.com)  
or view her books on [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).