

The Love Letter

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Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.

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

A Look Ahead

October 2: Celebration of Faith Sunday

October 9: Thankoffering Sunday

October 12: "Aged to Perfection" Luncheon

November 5: Go Big Red: A Husker Tailgate Event

November 18-20: Lutheran Youth of Nebraska Assembly

November 20: Thanksgiving and Pie Feast at 7 p.m.



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Articles for The Love Letter can be submitted to the editor in the Love Letter mailbox at church or by email at loveletter@lord-of-love.org. Articles (recipes or favorite poems, etc., are welcome) must be received by the 20th of the month.

FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR'S DESK

Friends at Lord of Love,

What do we do when we experience God's silence in our lives? Because of the constant ringing in my ears, I no longer know what it is to experience total silence. Also I usually have background music playing to distract me from the high pitched buzz that is my ever-present companion. I mention this as a way to say that in a world where we experience very little silence I miss the silence.

My experience of God's silence has often been related to times in my life when I have been highly anxious because of my own fear, anger, grief or depression. In other words, my anxiety was at such a high level that I couldn't have heard God's voice even if God had been yelling at me. At other times I was listening so intently to my own anxiety, even

when it wasn't that high, that I wasn't able to hear God's voice.

Are we being fair to God when we say that God is absent or silent when it is our own anxiety which preventing us from listening for God's voice? Isn't it our responsibility to silence our own anxiety in order to hear God speaking?

In the midst of a political campaign filled with messages of fear, anger, hate, and despair, we need take time to silence the anxiety these messages are intended to create in order to listen to how God is calling us to move forward in faith, hope and love.

Peace,

Pastor Glenn



CALL PROCESS

Daytime Prayer Group

As we seek God's will in our search for a pastor, a prayer group will be meeting every Thursday from noon till 1 p.m. - starting Oct. 6 - in the Jonah room at Lord of Love. If you can join us for only part of the hour, that's fine.

If you have any questions, contact Carol Novak at carolnovak@cox.net. Hope to see you on Oct. 6.

Update from Call Committee

Presented to the congregation Sept. 18: Since our last announcement we have received the name of another candidate. We are now preparing for an interview. We are looking for a candidate whose gifts are compatible with Lord of Love.

Please keep the process in your prayers so that whatever decision is made is God's will. Thank you.

Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

-Psalm 27:14

MONTHLY CALENDAR

October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 7:00am Men's Breakfast Ministry 12:00pm Fellowship Hall reserved
2 Celebration of Faith Sunday 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:15am S S 10:30am Worship & Communion 5:00pm Bell Choir	3 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	4 Quilters 7:00pm Vision & Coordination Mtg.	5 5:30pm Luther Kids 5:30pm Confirmation 6:00pm Brass 7:00pm Youth Group 7:15pm Choir	6 7:00pm Boy Scouts	7 7:30pm AA Meeting	8 Lord of Love hosting Habitat Build 7:00am Men's Breakfast Ministry 10:30am Novak- Haar Rectial
9 Thankoffering Sunday 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:15am S S 10:30am Worship & Communion 12:00pm Fellowship Hall reserved 1:00pm District 18 AA Plng Mtg 5:00pm Bell Choir	10 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	11 7:00pm Sunnyslope Neighborhood Mtg.	12 12:00pm Aged to Perfection Lunch 5:30pm Confirmation 5:30pm Luther Kids 6:00pm Brass 7:00pm Youth Group 7:15pm Choir	13 7:00pm Boy Scouts	14 7:30pm AA Meeting	15 7:00am Men's Breakfast Ministry 9:00am W/ELCA General Meeting 10:00am NE Men in Ministry Mtg.
16 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:15am S S 10:30am Worship & Communion 5:00pm Bell Choir	17 Theological Conference 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	18 Theological Conference 7:00pm Church Council Mtg.	19 5:30pm Confirmation 5:30pm Luther Kids 6:00pm Brass 7:00pm Youth Group 7:15pm Choir	20 12:00pm Aged to Perfection Lunch 7:00pm Boy Scouts	21 7:30pm AA Meeting	22 7:00am Men's Breakfast Ministry
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WORSHIP

Lord of Love's Worship Servants

	October 2	October 9	October 16	October 23	October 30
Greeter(s)					
8:00 a.m.	Mike & Christie Klos	Josh & Carissa Combes	Dale & Karen Finck	Anne Yarger, Allison Vandeventer	Jim & Jeri Morgan
10:30 a.m.	Doug & Karen Armitage	Tom & Beth Olson	Mike & Christie Klos	Rieff family	Paul & Ann Kroll
Liturgist					
8:00 a.m.	Matt Garder	Heather Hansen	Judy Egr	Heather Christensen	Doug Aden
10:30 a.m.	Ashley Vandeventer	Tom Olson	Rex Quadhamer	Dave Rieff	Don Rowen
Communion Servers					
8:00 a.m.	Sarah Eagen, Mike Klos	Hansen family & Mike Klos	Dave Egr, Matt & Lisa Willard, Mike Klos	Christensen family, Tom & Beth Olson	Cathy Aden, Jim & Jeri Morgan
10:30 a.m.	Lori Vandeventer, Doug & Karen Armitage	Beth Olson, Messerschmidt family	Deb Quadhamer, Joan Witt, Miguel & Rosie Avalos	Rieff family	Claudia Rowen, Paul & Ann Kroll, Charise Adams
Altar Care					
8:00 a.m.	Joan Witt & Sarah Eagen	Angie Meyer	Doug & Rose Roberts, Dale & Karen Finck	Brewer family	Ed & Marjorie Keiser
10:30 a.m.	Deb Quadhamer, Judy Messerschmidt	Diana Hays & Marcia Roads	Karen Armitage, Gwen Edwards	Rosie Avalos	Rowen family
Ushers					
8:00 a.m.	Josh Combes, Brian Walther, Brandon Zalesky, Dale Finck				
10:30 a.m.	Dave Lueders, Adam Lueders				
Nursery Care					
10:30 a.m.					
CD Recording					
10:30 a.m.	Pat Brewer	Paul Christenson	Dave Lueders	Paul Murphy	Jesse Brewer

Donut Pick-up: Pick-up by Doug and Rose Roberts
 Clean-up by Laurie Heavey and family

WORSHIP

Upcoming Dates

Save the dates for special worship services:

- **Thanksgiving, Pie Feast:** Nov. 20, 7 p.m.
- **Christmas Day:** One service, 10 a.m.
- **New Year's Day:** One service, 10 a.m.

Celebration of Faith Sunday

Freed in Christ to Serve and Love Our Neighbor—Celebration of Faith Sunday—happens on **Oct. 2**.

On that Sunday, we will return our intention of giving cards as our continued response to God's gifts of love and grace. Rev. Rich Sheridan, pastor at Bethel Lutheran Church and Synod Evangelist, will preach and lead the adult forum.

We will also celebrate together after second service with a special luncheon catered by Mangia (two kinds of lasagna, salad, rolls, beverages and dessert). Please be sure to **RSVP on the list in the narthex**.



Thankoffering Sunday

October 9 is Thankoffering Sunday for the Women of the ELCA. The tradition dates to the 1800s, when women formed "cent societies" to collect offerings at home to support the ministry of the church. Women collect their offerings in different ways – some keep a collection box and add to it throughout the year to show gratitude. Others make a yearly offering to support the work of the churchwide group. Offerings support the life-changing ministries of the Women of the ELCA.

There will be a time during **both services on Oct. 9** to bring your thanksgiving offering forward.

NURTURE

Preschool Garage Sale

Lord of Love Preschool is planning a garage sale, **Saturday, Oct. 29, 8 a.m. to noon**. We will need your items by Friday, Oct. 28. Thank you for your donations!



Questions? Ask Lori Vandeventer at 402.616.7332 or Susan Lueders at 402.571.4252.

Luther Kids

Elementary kids grades 1–6 are invited to join us for a mid-week opportunity to gather with our Bibles and each other to enhance what we learn on Sundays in a fun and engaging way. Luther Kids meets **Wednesdays from 5:30–6:30 p.m.**



Questions? Contact Heather Christensen at heather@lord-of-love.org

OUTREACH

Habitat for Humanity

Our second host weekend for Habitat for Humanity is **Saturday, Oct. 8**. We start at 8:30 a.m. and finish at 3:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. We will be doing finish work and clean-up.



Come for an hour or two or all day. The address is: 3901 North 17th St. For questions, contact Jeri Morgan at jerrymorgan@gmail.com or at 402.415.4976 (cell).

Stuff a Truck Update!

Lord of Love is such a blessing to Heartland Hope Mission! Thank you so very much for all your hard work! You came in 5th place out of 11 stores and raised enough funds to feed 33 families of 4, or 132 individuals for a month at our food pantry! Way to go!

Below are the numbers for the 108th and Fort Street Hy-Vee store.

Cash Total: \$246
\$5 bags: 1,557.06
\$10 bags: 2,310.00
Grand Total: \$4,113



MISSION

ELCA Approves Lutheran-Catholic Ecumenical Document – excerpt from elca.org

NEW ORLEANS (Aug. 10, 2016) – The 2016 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) Churchwide Assembly took several significant steps Wednesday moving forward the mission of this church as a church for the sake of the world.

The assembly overwhelmingly accepted the "Declaration on the Way," a unique ecumenical document that marks a path toward greater unity between Catholics and Lutherans. Following the vote, an emotional assembly stood to applaud the momentous decision.

At the heart of the document are 32 "Statements of Agreement" that state where Lutherans and Catholics do not have church-dividing differences on topics about church, ministry and the Eucharist. More tentatively, the document also explores differences that remain.

"Dear sisters and brothers, let us pause to honor this historic moment," said ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton addressing the assembly following the vote. "Though we have not yet arrived, we have claimed that we are, in fact, on the way to unity. After 500 years of division and 50 years of dialogue, this action must be understood in the context of other significant agreements we have reached, most notably the 'Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification' in 1999."

The assembly expressed gratitude for the pioneering ecumenical text and commended the declaration as a resource "for the common life of the church as we approach 2017 and beyond."

[Read more in the news release at elca.org/News and-Events.](http://elca.org/News-and-Events)

MISSION

Mission Possible Update

Thanks to all who helped in any way, including preparing, planting, weeding, watering, tilling and harvesting in this year's Lord of Love Garden. We're still getting tomatoes, peppers, carrots, and squash—all taken to Project Hope or one of the area Lutheran pantries.

Because of the efforts of our faithful gardeners, many fresh, nourishing vegetables have fed the hungry in our community. Thanks be to God!



YOUTH

Youth 9–12th Grade are Invited to Join us for the 2016 LYON Assembly!

Friday, Nov. 18, 2016 at 7 p.m. through Sunday, Nov. 20 at noon - Camp Carol Joy Holling Ashland, NE

Highlights this year include guest musician Peder Eide!

Participants will have the chance to take part in a low ropes course, watch the movie "The Force Awakens" and have conversations about how this movie's themes tie into the LYON theme of "The Faith Awakens." The LYON Assembly will once again invite adults from around the area who have intellectual disabilities to join in the Saturday night dance and this year's new addition—a talent show

Early bird (submitted on or before Oct. 14): \$125
Regular registration (submitted Oct. 15-Oct. 30): \$145
Late registration (submitted after Oct. 30): \$165

Registration Forms are in the Church Narthex on the YOUTH Board. Please register **by Wednesday, Oct. 12** so we can get the early bird pricing!!



We want YOU to register for LYON 2016!

Questions? Contact Miss Heather at heather@lord-of-love.org or 402.206.9205.

Reminder

Youth group meets on Wednesdays from 7-8.

CHURCH COUNCIL/STEWARDSHIP

2016 Lord of Love Church Council

Vision and Coordination: Brian Walther, President; Dave Hild, Vice-President; Kathy Christiansen, Secretary; Jackie Combes, Treasurer

Nurture: Laurie Heavey and Susan Lueders

Outreach: Paula Foster and Scott Reinhardt

Resources: Craig Pennell and Bill Quackenbush

Worship: Doug Aden and Heather Hansen



Giving Status



General Fund financial information for August 2016:

Actual Income - \$24,021.00

Actual Expense - \$22,339.21

Financial Information Year-To-Date as of the end of August:

Actual Income - \$214,860.15

Actual Expense - \$208,803.07

As of the end of August, the available cash deficit has decreased. It is (8,206.86). Weekly offerings of \$7,217 are needed to meet budgeted expenses. The weekly offering average through the end of August was \$6,039. The monthly offering average was \$26,418.63 at the end of August down from \$26,799.71 at the end of July. Thank you for your continued prayers and contributions.

Freed In Christ to Serve and Love Our Neighbor, by Rex Quadhamer

Being a mailman, I get a smile when I pick up a letter being sent to a charitable organization: The Open Door Mission, Omaha Home for Boys, Siena Francis House, and on and on. I doubt my customers think I notice those things, but I do. Many generous acts occur every day quietly and without fanfare. It just picks me up to see that people care for others.

When some of our members were working the "stuff a truck" at Hy-Vee (for Heartland Hope Mission to provide food for the holidays for people in need), just the evening we worked we raised around \$450 [see page 6]. It's really amazing the interaction with people when you ask them to consider donating. I'm so glad I had the opportunity to do it, and hope you will consider doing it in the future.

The one thing I know from everything I've heard and read in the Bible is that Jesus cared for those in need. At Lord of Love, we are constantly doing things to help others. Your offerings enable us to renew ourselves in Him

and become the "body of Christ" to those in need. As we consider our commitments to our church, this is what we're committing to.

Thank you for prayerfully making your commitment to Lord of Love.



PSALM 100:2, ESV

MEN'S NEWS CORNER

Men's Breakfast

All men are invited to join other Lord of Love men for breakfast, fellowship and study every Saturday morning at 7 a.m. in the fellowship hall.



WOMEN OF LOVE

"Gather" Bible Study

The Monday Night Gather Bible Study will meet on **Oct. 3, 6 p.m.**, at the Village Inn 1 block north of 144th & L Street (3304 S 143rd Plaza Oakview Mall). The Wednesday Night Gather Bible Study group will meet at the church at **6 p.m. on Oct. 5.**

The church now receives a copy of the *Gather* magazine, which is placed on the round library table at church for your reading pleasure. Please talk to Ruth Manning (cranecoffeekick@gmail.com) if you are interested in the Wednesday group or to Rose Roberts (dougroberts@cox.net) if you are interested in the Monday group.



Lutheran Women of Omaha

Lutheran Women of Omaha will meet at Bethel Lutheran Church, 1312 S. 45th St. at **noon on Tues., Oct. 11.** The program will be Project Hope. The free-will offering will be presented to Project Hope. Tangible personal items are also requested.

Contact Ruth Manning, 402.451.0221, by Sunday, Oct. 9 with your reservation.

NSWO: Go West, Woman – Go West

The NSWO (NE Synodical Women's Org) Autumn Renewal is being held in Hastings on **Sat., Oct. 8 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.**, at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. The theme will focus on "the many generations of women" in the Lutheran church of Nebraska.

Registration forms have been pinned on the Women's Ministry Team Bulletin board for those who require a copy. The forms need to be filled out and sent in by Oct. 1. If you are interested in joining the carpool to Hastings, please contact Rose Roberts at 402.689.4802 or dougroberts@cox.

Women's Team Planning Meeting

All women of Lord of Love are invited to attend the Women's Team annual planning meeting on **Sat., Oct. 15 at 9 a.m.** in the church fellowship hall. The agenda will include refreshments, devotions, a short business meeting, and a brainstorming session of activities for 2017. Please come and share your ideas.

If you are unable to attend but would like to provide input, email your thoughts to Rose Roberts at dougroberts@cox.net.



WOMEN OF LOVE

Go Big Red! A Husker Tailgate Event

The Women's Ministry Team and the Nurture Committee will be hosting a fellowship event at Lord of Love starting at **5:30 p.m. on Nov. 5**. The theme for the evening has been changed from "A Night Out By Candlelight" to "Go Big Red! A Husker Tailgate Event". Tailgate in the comfort of the indoors with the camaraderie of your friends while eating your favorite tailgate fare.

The entertainment for the evening will be watching the Ohio game en masse. Big Red attire is encouraged! Does anyone have any other fun ideas for this evening? If you do, please share with either Susan Lueders or Rose Roberts.



Coffee Fellowship

The Crane Coffee dates for October will be the 7th and 21st.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Antoinette Anania (cousin of Deb Lund)
Leona Anderson & Scott Wells (friends of the Novaks)
Dick Bell
Connie Bennett (cousin of Karen Armitage)
Syd Brinkman
Elizabeth (student of Carol Novak)
Sgt. Dean & Erin Hansen (Delina Wiater's son & his wife)
Jan Hughes (aunt of Paula Foster)
Kristen Kuhn (friend of Todd & Lisa Meyer)
Izzy Lightle (relative of Kim Gust)
Lisa Lueders (sister-in-law of Dave Lueders);
Bill Morris
Vi Neu (stepmother of Carol Novak)
Don St. Ours (brother-in-law of Lynda McGraw)
Cynthia Palmer (friend of Dave & Lisa Rieff)

Dave Piehl & Dan Piehl (brothers of Deb Lund)
Pauline Shaffer
Nancy Shinrock
Georgene Sones (mother of Dayla Miller)
Nancy Thoman (stepmother of Ann Kroll)
Brenda Thom
Pam Todd
Ted Whitfield (former co-worker of Brian Shinrock)
Steve Wiitala (friend of Karen Mullen)
Caregivers and those who suffer with depression
Those seeking employment

Those Who Mourn

The family and friends of Theoris Christenson, mother of Paul Christenson

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, or fill out a prayer request note available in the narthex and place it in the basket.