

# The Love Letter

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Sunday, 9 and 10:30 a.m.  
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

**March 1:** Ash Wednesday

**March 8:** Lenten Soup Suppers Begin

**March 8:** Aged to Perfection Luncheon

**April 16:** Easter Sunday, with Breakfast Hosted by Youth



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*Submit articles for The Love Letter in the Love Letter mailbox at church or by email at [loveletter@lord-of-love.org](mailto:loveletter@lord-of-love.org).*

*Articles (recipes or favorite poems, etc., are also welcome) must be received by the 20th of the month.*

## PASTOR'S PAGE

I have been here for almost a month, and I'm loving it here! I have been impressed at the way you care for and love one another. Sadly, we have already had to say "see you later" to some loved ones, as they have moved away, gone overseas to work, or have gone to be with the Lord. This place is full of fun-loving people who make it all happen, for which I am so thankful! I also had a great time "Bowling for Jesus" for the Machame Hospital in Tanzania.

March 1 is, of course, the kick-off to the season of Lent. It is always a good time for us to focus in on our relationship with God by adding something to help us do so, or by choosing to take something out of our lives either permanently or during the season of Lent to acknowledge that some of the things we have and spend time on are things we give more importance to than we should. Last year, I did the 40 bags of decluttering. (Sadly when I moved, it was evident I should have been doing the 365 bags of decluttering!) Whatever you do to honor this time of reflection and focus on our baptismal journeys, may Lent help you grow and have an impact on your spiritual lives.

During Lent, we will be focusing on the Nebraska Synod's theme of "We Are Church." In conjunction with this as our focus during Midweek Lenten Worship, it will also be that of the scriptures and questions we ponder and explore for Adult Education on Sunday mornings (in the North wing of the sanctuary).

Lastly, I have been asked to share with you a little bit about my boys, so the last few paragraphs are about the three boys in my life.

First there's my husband, James. He is originally from College Station, TX. All of his family still lives in Texas: His dad, his mom, his older sister, and his identical twin brother and their families live in suburbs of Houston. He is definitely the funny and musical one of the two of us. Somehow, he gets away with telling jokes I would never dream of! In college, he started as a band major, playing

clarinet and playing bassoon as his principal instrument, but switched after a year or so and graduated with B.S. in architecture from Texas Tech, before going sight unseen to Dubuque, IA, where we met. We are generally complete opposites, except for when it comes to our love of food, and camping/fishing. This June, we'll celebrate our seventh anniversary.

Next, there is my oldest son, John. He turns 4 on Feb. 28. He is currently attending preschool at Lord of Love in the afternoons, and will sometimes be found hanging out in my office after preschool and before I head home for the day. He loves the color red, playing Angry Birds, watching Paw Patrol, play with cars and airplanes, and just lately has been getting into things involving robots/transformers. He is a bit shy, sensitive, not great in big crowds, and is behind on his speech development, but is a super sweet kid who is generally concerned about whether others are okay and is pretty good at sharing, even with his little brother.

And then there's my youngest, Daniel (or Dan). He is 16 months old, and holds his own when it comes to getting what he wants. He loves to be outside, to play in our homemade ball pit at home, and to dance to music. He also is a Mama's boy and loves to laugh and play peek-a-boo these days.

And now to answer the question most asked about them, "Where are they?" Right now, the boys go with James to Resurrection in Gretna on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings because they have a fully staffed nursery at those times, which makes things convenient for these pastor parents. I do hope there will be occasions when they will get to come with me, but this is the arrangement that is most reliable and best for us at this time.

God's peace be with you all, and may your Lenten journey bring you nearer to our God,

*Pastor Becky <><*



# MONTHLY CALENDAR

## March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Ash Wednesday 5:30pm Luther Kids 6:00pm Brass 7:45pm Choir	<b>2</b> 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>3</b> 9:30am Al Anon Mtg. 7:30pm AA Mtg.	<b>4</b> 7:00am Men's Breakfast Ministry
<b>5</b> 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:15am S S 9:15am Adult Forum 10:30am Worship & Communion 5:00pm Bell Choir	<b>6</b> 6:00pm Gather Bible Study @ Village Inn 8:00pm AA & Al Anon	<b>7</b> 9:00am Quilters 7:00pm Vision & Coordination Mtg	<b>8</b> 12:00pm Aged to Perfection Lunch 5:30pm Luther Kids 5:30pm Soup Suppers 6:00pm Gather Bible Study 6:00pm Brass 7:45pm Choir	<b>9</b> 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>10</b> 9:30am Al Anon Mtg. 7:30pm AA Mtg.	<b>11</b> 7:00am Men's Breakfast Ministry
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# SUNDAY SERVANTS

## Lord of Love's Worship Servants

	March 5	March 12	March 19	March 26
<b>Greeter(s)</b>				
8:00 a.m.	Josh & Carissa Combes	Dale & Karen Finck	Allison Vandeventer & Anne Yarger	Hansen family
10:30 a.m.	Ron & Nadine Salak	Paul Concannon & Mike Klos	Kathy Christiansen & Lynda McGraw	Doug & Karen Armitage
<b>Liturgist</b>				
8:00 a.m.	Heather Christensen	Kenn Garder	Judy Egr	Heather Hansen
10:30 a.m.	Ashley Vandeventer	Tom Olson	Don Rowen	Paul Christenson
<b>Communion Servers</b>				
8:00 a.m.	Tom & Beth Olson, Doug & Karen Armitage	Shari Garder, Sarah Eagen, Joe & Jackie Combes	Dave Egr, Brian & Connie Walther, Cathy Aden	Hansen family
10:30 a.m.	Lori Vandeventer, Paul & Ann Kroll, Charise Adams	Beth Olson, Avalos family	Claudia Rowen, Deb Quadhamer, Kathy Christiansen	Doug Armitage, Paul & Ann Kroll
<b>Altar Care</b>				
8:00 a.m.	Connie Walther, Lisa Meyer	Mardi Fiske	Joan Witt, Sarah Eagen	Angie Meyer
10:30 a.m.	Rosie Avalos	Paul & Ann Kroll, Shelby Lameroux	Deb Quadhamer, Judy Messerschmidt	Diana Haye & Marcia Roads
<b>Ushers</b>				
8:00 a.m.	Paul Murphy, David Hild, Bob Christensen, Mike Klos			
10:30 a.m.	Gary Ramsay, John Ramsay, Rex Quadhamer, Bill Quackenbush			
<b>CD Recording</b>				
	Pat Brewer	Paul Christenson	Dave Lueders	Paul Murphy



# WORSHIP

## Lenten Services

Midweek services will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 1 at 7 p.m. This service will be a traditional Ash Wednesday service with Communion and imposition of ashes.

The theme for the next five services will be "we are Church." Each week will also have a theme:

March 8:	We are Church
March 15:	We are One
March 22:	We are Holy
March 29:	We are Catholic
April 5:	We are Apostolic



For each theme, there are several questions that call for congregational discussion. Pastor Becky will use one of those questions during the Lenten service. The others will be discussed at the adult forum on Sunday between services, or Pastor Becky may use them for discussion as she interacts with various groups and committees of the congregation.

## March Worship Notes

During Lent, the liturgy on Sundays will be ELW3 with the Kyrie.

### March 5: First Sunday in Lent

The gospel lesson tells us of Jesus' temptation in the desert. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare for those to be baptized for Easter. We focus on the meaning of faith in our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter.

### March 12: Second Sunday in Lent

Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font, we are given new birth as daughters and sons of God. In baptism, God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship, we are sent forth to proclaim God's love.

### March 19: Third Sunday in Lent

In the gospel, the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water and Jesus offers living water. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal, offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

### March 26: Fourth Sunday in Lent

The gospel tells the story of the man born blind and healed by Christ. In baptism, God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved sons and daughters. We were blind, and now we see and we can bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.



## NURTURE

### Lenten Soup Suppers

Lenten soup suppers will begin on **March 8**. Please join us for food and fellowship between 5:30—6:30 on Wednesdays during the Lenten season.



### Lord of Love 45th Anniversary: Pass It On

#### Photos and Slide Show:

Check out the revamped bulletin board in the narthex (behind the coffee urns). Soon you will see two headings: THEN and NOW. As part of Lord of Love's 45th Anniversary, we are **asking members to post pictures of our church activities** from the past to the present. Please add these pictures to the bulletin board through the end of the summer.

In addition, Nicole Quackenbush will be putting together a digital slide show to display later this spring and into June. Please email her with any digital photos you may have from the past through the present: [nicole.quacke@gmail.com](mailto:nicole.quacke@gmail.com). If anyone is willing to scan photos to make them digital, also let Nicole know.



#### Save the Dates:

More anniversary celebration info to come, but mark your calendars for the evening of **June 10** as a Lord of Love potluck/picnic, and **June 11** as festival worship, with breakfast following, served by Matt Weber and folks from Table Grace Café.

## OUTREACH

### Blood Drive Success

Thank you to all the people who participated in the blood drive. Twenty-two pints of blood were collected. Sixty-six blood products can be derived from those 22 pints.

### Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity Omaha 2017 had their annual kick-off February 4, 2017. Our rehab house this year is located at 3412 Boyd Street. Lord of Love host dates are **May 13, 2017** and **August 26, 2017**.

In 2016, Habitat Omaha built or renovated 42 homes. There were over 64,000 volunteer hours served and \$450,000 in property taxes paid by Habitat Omaha homeowners. Plan on being involved in 2017.



# MISSION

## Mission Possible Update

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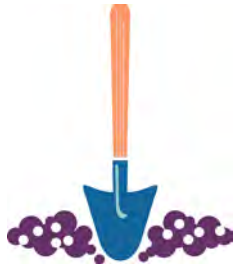
*We are Church! We go church not to get to heaven, but to help us be heaven to others. God's Work: Our Hands.*

We encourage you to be Christ to others in the special offerings for Lent and Easter. We will encourage "church" by giving a portion of these offerings to the Youth fund for their New Orleans trip and to the NE ELCA for first-call pastors' seminary debt. Thanks for your kindness and generosity!

## Lord of Love Garden

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Because of a late Easter in this year's calendar (hence a late Good Friday), we will most likely plant potatoes sometime later in March.



If you are interested in helping with tilling, planting, weeding, or harvesting any time this season, please talk to one of the regular garden gurus: Doug Aden, Dawn Burton, Dale Finck, Brian Lund, Deb Lund, Jeri Morgan, and Gary Ramsay. We look forward to another productive season!

## Presiding Bishop Addresses President Trump's Refugee Executive Order

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*Excerpt from ELCA.org*

CHICAGO (Jan. 30, 2017) – The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), has issued a pastoral message addressing President Trump's executive order to restrict entry by refugees and visitors into the United States from seven predominately Muslim countries.

Eaton's message follows.

*Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.* Yesterday, we heard these words in the Gospel reading from Matthew 5:1-12, the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. In the Beatitudes, Jesus lays out a vision for life in God's realm, characterized by seeing those who are often most disregarded, including the meek, the mourning and the peacemaker, as bearers of God's blessing. Over the coming weeks, we will continue to hear this Gospel, including Jesus' call for his disciples to be carriers of God's light and hope and reconciliation to a world deeply in need of them.

Earlier last week, I communicated with the Trump administration asking that it not stop the U.S. refugee admissions program or stop resettlement from any country for any period of time. The Bible calls us to welcome the stranger and treat the sojourner as we would our own citizens. I agree with the importance of keeping our country secure as the administration stated in its executive order last Friday, but I am convinced that temporarily banning vulnerable refugees will not enhance our safety nor does it reflect our values as Christians. Instead, it will cause immediate harm by separating families, disrupting lives, and denying safety and hope to brothers and sisters who are already suffering.

Refugees being resettled in the United States have fled persecution because of their race, religion, nationality, political views and/or associations. They wait for years for the chance to go home. But sometimes, there is no home for them to go back to. We know from our partners at Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) that only 1 percent of all refugees are chosen for resettlement.

Read the rest of the text at: <http://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/7873>

# CHURCH COUNCIL

## 2017 Lord of Love Church Council

**Vision and Coordination:** Brian Walther, President; Don Rowen, Vice-President; Kathy Christiansen, Secretary; Jackie Combes, Treasurer

**Nurture:** Laurie Heavey and Chris Rich

**Outreach:** Paula Foster and Jesse Brewer

**Resources:** Craig Pennell and Paul Christenson

**Worship:** Doug Aden and Heather Hansen



## Meeting Minutes from the Secretary

The Lord of Love Church Council met on February 21, 2017 and the following are some highlights of the meeting.

- Members approved to trial an automated notification system called "One Call Now." Pastor Becky and several members have had good experiences with notifying large groups of people with this system. More details to come.
- Lenten services theme and format have been planned. Soup suppers will begin on March 8, 2017 prior to the Lenten services.
- Resources are looking at long-range plans on maintaining our building in addition to the plans approved for this year.
- Doug Aden was appointed to another term on the Endowment Committee.
- Building Use Policy was reviewed and updated. Council will continue to review and update the additional Lord of Love policies this year.
- Next meeting will be March 21, 2017 at 7 p.m.

## Giving Status

General Fund financial information for January 2017:

Actual Income - \$41,535.00

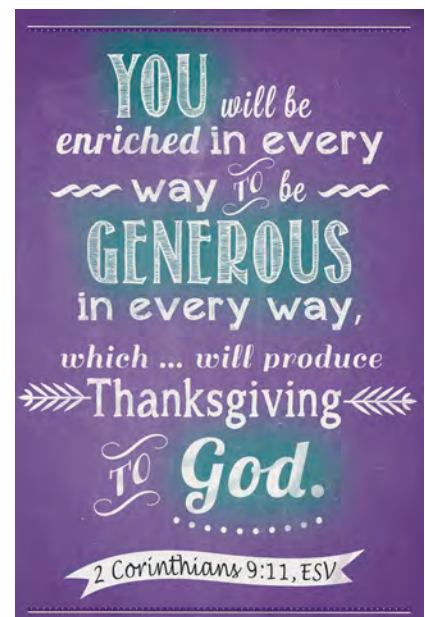
Actual Expense - \$26,713.12

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

Actual Income - \$41,535.00

Actual Expense - \$26,713.12

As of the end of January, the available cash balance is \$17,458.92. Weekly offerings of \$7,223 are needed to meet budgeted expenses. The weekly offering average for the end of January was \$5,307. This average does not include a one-time generous gift of \$15,000. Thank you for your continued support as we begin 2017.





# STEWARDSHIP

## Stories of Faith In Action

By Kathy Christiansen

In the upcoming year, the Stewardship Committee will periodically focus on our stories as a community of faith at Lord of Love. We hope that these stories will remind all of us to think about our relationship with God and our neighbors and what God has entrusted to our care. As we solicit these stories, you might be approached by someone from the Stewardship Committee and asked some simple questions. Please consider sharing your story of faith.

So on to the first story (the storyteller's identity will be revealed at the end):

**Q: Is there one thing Lord of Love does in helping or supporting our neighbors that really touches your heart?**

A: The fact that our building is available to so many community groups for their use has probably helped more people than any of us could imagine. From AA to Boy Scouts to neighborhood groups, there is rarely an evening when our building isn't being used by someone to do good for our community.

**Q: What is your favorite Bible verse? Why?**

A: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." John 1:1 or maybe, Genesis 1:1 ("In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth"). The reason these verses are my favorites are because if the world wasn't created by God, or if the Word (Jesus) wasn't God, then nothing else makes sense in our lives.

**Q: What gifts has God given to you?**

A: Good friends.

**Q: How have you seen God's love in your life?**

A: When He let the Huskers win the National Championships in 1994, 1995 and 1997. (:

And yes, my friends, this story was brought to you by our friend, Harry Naasz. Much appreciation given to Harry for his time and words.

## The Lord Is My Shepherd

By Rex Quadhamer

*The Lord is my shepherd....  
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his  
name's sake.*

For us at Lord of Love, church is where God leads us in paths of righteousness. Looking over the last months' Love Letters, you see many ways we're being led:

- The annual blood drive on Sunday, Feb. 5
- Aaron Edward's Eagle Scout project, in which Lord of Love contributed 80% of the 3517 diapers and 68 pair of shoes going to Lutheran Family Services.
- The youth mission trip next summer to New Orleans and the youth lock-ins and state gatherings.
- The Mission Possible money from advent/Christmas going to Nebraska Synod prison ministries. Pastor Bob Bryan is using the money to help prisoners gain a sense of dignity by helping others.
- The endowment committee handing out five grant requests totaling \$4200. Putting the endowment fund in your will keeps this generosity possible.

Many other ways are the stewardship articles, prayer lists, Women of the ELCA and Men's groups, and church council and committees that enrich our faith lives.

Thank you to everyone at Lord of Love who helps make our faith lives richer and nurtures our families.



# KIDS AND YOUTH

## Easter Breakfast Hosted by Youth

Join us for a delicious breakfast this Easter specially prepared for the congregation by the youth. You can enjoy a potato and ham or veggie egg casserole, fresh fruit, and various muffin/quick bread selections. Your free-will donation will go to the Youth Fund as we look to a Mission Trip to New Orleans in July and to the National Youth Gathering in Houston in 2018.



Breakfast will be served from 9 until 10:30 a.m. on Easter Morning, **Sunday, April 16.**

## Love of Love Sweatshirts or T-Shirts

Sweatshirts and T-shirts feature the Lord of Love logo on the front and Luther's Rose on the back. You liked the ones the youth received last summer so we've now made them available to you for order. Hooded pullover or zippered sweatshirts and T-shirts are available. Youth sweatshirt sizes are available.

For each item ordered, \$10 will go towards the youth fund for the New Orleans mission trip in July 2017. T-shirts start at \$19. Find order forms in the youth corner

of the narthex and please make checks payable to Lord of Love.



## Upcoming Youth Activities



## YOUTH SERVICE DATES

All youth, mark your calendars to participate in the following service dates to help us go to New Orleans and the National Youth Gathering in Houston in 2018.

Saturday, March 11, 8:30 a.m.

- Meet at Lord of Love
- Will do yard work and deck tear down for Paul Barnett
- Parents, we will need adult supervision and assistance.

Saturday, April 15, 9–10 a.m.

- Meet at Lord of Love
- Will prep Easter Breakfast for the Congregation
- Parents, we will need adult supervision and assistance.

Sunday, April 16, 8:45–11 a.m.

- Serve Easter Breakfast to Congregation
- Serve breakfast, keep food items filled, cleaning and dishes duty
- Please bring 2 dozen of a bakery item, muffin, quick bread etc.

Saturday, May 5, 8:45 a.m.

- Meet at Lord of Love
- Will do yard work, pull up bricks, lay down rock, lay wood chips for the Reinhart family
- Parents, we will need adult supervision and assistance.

## KIDS AND YOUTH

### Luther Kids Update



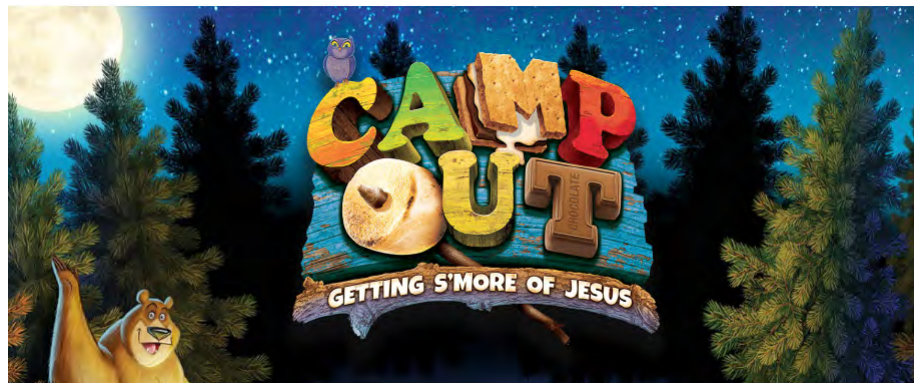
**During Lent:** Luther Kids will meet from 6–6:45 p.m. We encourage families to join in the meal/soup offered starting at 5:30 p.m. (No meal on Ash Wednesday, March 1). Then Lenten worship begins at 7 p.m. This schedule will run Wednesdays **March 1 – April 5**.

**After Lent:** April 5–May 10, Luther Kids will resume Wednesday nights, 5:30-6:30 p.m. May 10 will be the last session for the year.

### Vacation Bible School

Have an un-bear-ably fun adventure at VBS this summer! At Camp Out VBS, kids will discover an important truth – that Jesus is the light!

**Save the Date:** Thurs., June 8 & Fri., June 9, 6-8 p.m. and Sat., June 10 9-11:30 a.m.



### Save the Date: May 14

- Confirmation (Caitlyn Ulferts, Emily Quackenbush, Taylor Johnson)
- Last Day of Sunday School
- Mother's Day



## WOMEN OF LOVE

### Lutheran Women of Omaha

Lord of Love will host Lutheran Women of Omaha for a luncheon at noon on **Tuesday, March 14**. Volunteers are needed for kitchen help, serving and clean-up. Please contact Ruth Manning (402-451-0221 or [ruthypoo1938@gmail.com](mailto:ruthypoo1938@gmail.com)) by Monday, March 6 if you can help. Also if you would like to attend the luncheon and program, reservations must be sent to Ruth Manning by noon, Sunday, March 12.



## IN OUR PRAYERS

Leona Anderson & Scott Wells (friends of the Novaks)

*Dick Bell*

Connie Bennett (cousin of Karen Armitage)

*Syd Brinkman*

Gail Conyers (wife of Kirk Conyers)

*Ruth Cooley*

Julie Craig & Candee Brandon (friends of Dave & Lisa Rieff)

*Olivia Griffin (daughter of Scott and Dana Griffin)*

Earl Hansen (Brandon's Dad)

*Sgt. Dean & Erin Hansen (Delina Wiater's son & his wife)*

Jan Hughes (aunt of Paula Foster)

*Julie (friend of Pat Brewer)*

Kristen Kuhn (friend of Todd & Lisa Meyer)

*Izzy Lightle (relative of Kim Gust)*

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

*Ruth Manning*

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

Dave Piehl & Dan Piehl (brothers of Deb Lund)  
*Peggy Seck (cousin of Ann Kroll)*

Pauline Shaffer

*Nancy Shinrock*

Brenda Thom

*Nancy Thoman (stepmother of Ann Kroll)*

James Thompson (son-in-law of Lynda McGraw)

*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 Dale Foster, husband of Paula Foster

The family and friends of Dan Manning, husband of Ruth Manning

*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 also let the office know when a name can be removed from the list.*

## LOVE NOTES

Thank you for your love, prayers, memorials and other support on the recent loss of our husband, father and grandfather, Dan Manning. Special thanks to Pastor Becky for your personal comfort to us and for your uplifting message during the service; to Jon Novak and the choir for singing Jon's arrangement of *Jesus Loves Me* and to the communion servers as well as to Deb Lund for home made communion bread.

Thanks also to Deb, the awesome kitchen crew, the providers of the wonderful salads and dessert to provide nourishment for our bodies. If your name is not listed, know that we hold all of our Lord of Love family in our hearts and in our prayers.

In Christ's Love,

*Ruth*

*David, Lisa, Lauren, Cate, Sean and Colin  
Jody, Brian, Aliya and Zach*

## 2017 Calendar for W/ELCA Team

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>January</u></b></p> <p>8<sup>TH</sup>: Secret Angel Reveal between services</p> <p>21<sup>st</sup>: NSWO Winter Retreat in Grand Island</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>February</u></b></p> <p>Bowling for Jesus Event With the Youth Group 12-2PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>TBA</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>March</u></b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup>: Ash Wednesday</p> <p>14<sup>th</sup>: Host Lutheran Women Of Omaha Luncheon/Meeting</p> <p>29<sup>th</sup>: General/Monthly Meeting 6:00 PM</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>April</u></b></p> <p>8<sup>th</sup>: Metro East Spring Gathering at St. John's in Bennington</p> <p>16<sup>th</sup>: Easter</p> <p>29<sup>th</sup>: "Progressive Dinner" Fellowship Event with Nurture Committee</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>May</u></b></p> <p>7<sup>th</sup>: Confirmation Service</p> <p>10<sup>th</sup>: Women's Ministry Team Monthly Meeting 6:00 PM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>June</u></b></p> <p>5<sup>th</sup>: Bible Study Hing Hong Reunion At 6:00 PM (90<sup>th</sup> &amp; Fort) supper only no bible study</p> <p>18<sup>th</sup>: Serve Father's Day Breakfast</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>July</u></b></p> <p>W/ELCA 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Triennial Gathering in Minneapolis July 13-16, 2017 "All Anew"</p> <p>(Scholarships &amp; Transportation available, please see Women's BB.)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>August</u></b></p> <p>Gather Bible Study Half-Day Retreat at Deb Lund's Sat., 12<sup>th</sup> 9AM-1PM Pot- Luck Salad Luncheon</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>September</u></b></p> <p>13<sup>th</sup>: Monthly Meeting 6:00 PM</p> <p>28-30: NSWO's Fall Retreat at Carol Joy Holling Camp at Ashland</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>October</u></b></p> <p>15<sup>th</sup>: Thankoffering Sunday</p> <p>21<sup>st</sup>: "Game Night" Fellowship Event with Nurture Committee</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>November</u></b></p> <p>11<sup>th</sup>: General/Monthly Meeting &amp; Planning Event 9AM Fellowship Hall</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>December</u></b></p> <p>9<sup>th</sup>: Assembly of Cookie Tins Fellowship Hall 9AM Project Linus?</p>

# WOMEN OF THE ELCA (W/ELCA)

## **Mission Statement**

To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

## **Purpose Statement**

As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society and the world.

## MEMBERS OF THE WOMEN'S TEAM

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If you would like to join the team or volunteer for a special project, please talk to Rose. Extra hands are always appreciated!

## MONTHLY EVENTS

***Gather Bible Study:*** One group meets on the first Monday of the month at Village Inn at 3304 S.143rd Plaza. Please talk to Rose Roberts if there are questions. The second group meets on the first Wednesday of the month at Lord of Love. Please talk to Ruth Manning (402-451-0221) if you have questions. The Bible study group meets from September to May. The resource used for the Bible Study is the Gather Magazine which contains not only the Bible study, but also devotions and inspirational articles. The annual subscription is \$15.00 and can be ordered by going online to the W/ELCA website listed below. Subscribers can view Gather on a computer and with apps in iTunes, the Google Play store and on Amazon for your Kindle Fire.

***Crane Coffee Fellowship:*** This group meets every other Friday at the 77th & Cass location at 8:00 AM. You don't have to drink coffee to join us. Please talk to Ruth Manning (402-451-0221) if you have questions.

***Quilters:*** The women meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at Lord of Love at 9:00 AM. Being able to sew is not a prerequisite in joining the group. Projects may also be done at home if you are unable to join us at the church. Please talk to Ann Kroll (402-496-3772) if you have questions.

## Websites

**[www.womenoftheelca.org/](http://www.womenoftheelca.org/)** Provides a wealth of information, resources and how to subscribe to the Gather magazine.

**<http://www.nebraskasynod.org/welca/>** Up-to-date information on NE Women of the ELCA.

**Mark Your Calendars:** The National W/ELCA Triennial Convention will be held in downtown Minneapolis on July 13-16, 2017. Theme: All Anew Registration begins in September 2016.