

The Love Letter

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Worship Schedule

Sundays 9 a.m. (through
Labor Day)

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

Looking Ahead

June 6-9: Vacation Bible School

June 13: Aged to Perfection Luncheon

June 17: Father's Day Breakfast

July 28: Family Picnic Day at Mahoney State Park

Sept. 22: NSWO Autumn Renewal



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Blow, Spirit, Blow, and be with us on the GO!

[Jesus said,] ¹³“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

-John 16:13-155

Summer activities are coming into full swing as lives are ever changing in a “summer” transitional way. Yet even as these transitions find us scattered to many different places, the gift of the Spirit speaking the truth to us is still the truth, no matter where we find ourselves. And this Spirit of truth cannot be contained in one place, especially within the four walls of a church building. Instead, the Spirit is found wherever faith is found, and wherever we witness to God’s love given to us through Jesus, and the grace of God that has been given to us.

If you missed the Pentecost worship (like I did), then you missed hearing that we are to **“Go out in the world and tell everybody the good news!”** This is what God declared to Jesus on Earth, and what Jesus turned around and declared to us: “Go!” And when it comes to the Spirit, “Go” is the perfect word, because the Spirit never stops moving! It is always up to things—many that we can see, but even more that we don’t see. It is constantly renewing our faith, transforming our hearts, our minds, and bringing about new ideas and ways in which God’s love can be made known to us in deeper ways, along with the many ways in which the Spirit is using us to declare the truth of God’s love to others.



The Lord of Love garden (*above*) is a prime example of this, as you grow food to feed others who cannot afford to purchase fresh produce for their families. The quilts of love are another great example of ways you share love, along with the high volume of Project Hope donations that some of you have requested in honor of your special events in your life, be it retirement, a birthday, etc. All of these things are God’s love and witness to the world at work through your lives!

However, as on the day of Pentecost, while actions often speak louder than words, words are also a powerful tool God has invited us to use. It was really powerful when the good news of Jesus Christ was shared on Pentecost and spoken in people’s native languages, and it is still powerful when we hear it spoken in ours and people witness the power of God at work in their lives still today.

While not many of you have been brave enough yet to share on Sunday mornings when I ask, “How have you have seen God at work in your lives during the week?” I know that just by asking that question, many of you have been more conscious of how God is at work in our lives and have shared your God sightings (*cont. on next*)

PASTOR'S PAGE

(cont. from previous) with me or in smaller group settings. Asking questions like this opens the door for us all to see the Spirit at work in new and exciting ways—as does praying for one another, serving others in the name of God’s love, gathering to hear God’s Word read and proclaimed to us anew wherever our summer adventures take us, and remembering to bless one another as people “go” on new adventures, even if it is in our sleep.

When we practice faith like this, we witness and help others also see the truth that God is with us always and is constantly at work in our lives. May the Spirit blow mightily through your lives and the lives of those whose paths you cross this summer and be found blowing in all the places you go!

Peace and blessings to you all,

Pastor Becky <><



WORSHIP

Summer Worship Schedule

There is only one weekly worship service this summer. Worship will start at 9 a.m. with breakfast following the service. This schedule goes through “Kick Off Sunday” when Sunday School also returns, after Labor Day in September.



Save the Dates

July 28: Worship service at Mahoney State Park during the Men's Group Picnic
August 19: The Pancake Man will be at Lord of Love after worship service.

Summer Music Needed

It gets quiet in the summer during that time after the prayer of the day when there’s no choir singing (choir and bell choir are now off for the summer). But wait! We could still listen to beautiful music every Sunday if lots of people would sign up for special music! We have several books of hymns that are just a little different from the hymnal, so they’re fun to sing and easy to learn.

Please share your musical talents with us this summer. Signup sheet is in the narthex.



NURTURE

Summer Family Movies

Save the date for family summer movies at Lord of Love:

- **Friday, June 22, 6:30 p.m**
- **Saturday, July 21, 6:30 p.m.**
- **Sunday, Aug. 5, 3 p.m.**

Details will follow.



Thanks to Sunday School Teachers!

The 2017-2018 Sunday School year came to an end on May 13. We would like to extend our gratitude to the many volunteers it takes throughout the year to support the various programs and presentations, including the Christmas program and special music.

We especially thank our volunteer teachers: **Lori Vandeventer, Carissa Combes, Nicole Quackenbush, Lisa Willard, Shelby Lamoureux, Lynette Lueders, Tom Olson, Rex Quadhammer, Claudia Rowen, Karen Armitage, Carol Novak and Jon Novak.**

Breakfast Help Needed

Willing chefs are needed to make summer breakfasts! If you can help on a Sunday morning this summer, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.



If you have any questions, contact Joan Witt or Chris Rich. Thank you!

VBS: "Shipwrecked!"

Venture onto an uncharted island where we will learn that Jesus carries us through all life's storms. VBS will run **June 6-8**, 6-8 p.m. with dinner at 5:30 p.m., and 9 to 11 a.m. on **June 9** with lunch to follow.

Please register **by June 3**. Registration form are available in the narthex and at <http://lord-of-love.org/ministries/christian-education/vacation-bible-school>

For questions, contact Heather Christensen at heather@lord-of-love.org or Carissa Combes at jeckc402@gmail.com

ENDOWMENT FUND

Table Grace Cafe

In 2011, Table Grace opened their "Pay' What You Can Café", delivering a dignified and equitable platform to nourish the hungry.

Table Grace is expanding its ministry through a new and innovative mobile food truck and ministry for all people to serve one another. The food that will be prepared and served at the mobile food truck will offer the healthiest ingredients donated by organizations including Lord of Love's Community Garden.

TABLE GRACE
CAFE
Nourishing Hungry Bodies and Souls

Table Grace Ministries has established a two-year Capital Budget of \$108,375. At the end of 2017, over \$40,000 was raised. The Lord of Love Endowment Fund contributed \$1,000 in 2017. A dream is that when the Food Truck is operational, it will come to Lord of Love to serve a meal.

ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response



Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

We are a church that is a catalyst, convener and bridge builder. Lutheran Disaster Response collaborates with other disaster response organizations and religious entities in the U.S. and around the world to maximize impact. We are a welcome partner because we respect the perspectives and strengths of others.

We recognize that every disaster is local. Because of this, we believe every response needs to be rooted in the community; we work to accompany that community from immediate relief through long-term recovery. In our international work we partner closely with companion churches and other Lutheran and ecumenical relief agencies to make sure local needs are being addressed and met. In the United States, we work through our extensive affiliate network and other partners to address these same concerns.

Lutheran Disaster Response strives to help the church continue to be church in the midst of disaster — following Christ's call to

bring hope and healing to our neighbor in need. Some key areas of work include:

- Providing emotional and spiritual care for people who have been affected by a disaster and for leaders who respond to a disaster
- Coordinating volunteers through our local affiliates
- Assisting refugees in a holistic way by meeting the varied needs of the community
- Promoting disaster risk-reduction by helping communities build their assets thereby reducing the effects of likely disasters
- Providing long-term recovery efforts by addressing the unmet needs months or even years after a disaster strikes

Lutheran Disaster Response currently serves:

- Gaza Humanitarian Assistance
- U.S. Wildfires
- Hurricane Relief
- South Sudan Relief
- Louisiana Gulf Coast Flooding
- Africa Drought
- West Virginia Flooding
- Nepal Earthquake
- Middle East and Europe Refugee Crisis
- AMMPARO: Protecting Migrant Minors

Learn more at <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response>

MISSION

Community Garden

The garden is completely planted as of May 17. Planted vegetables include tomatoes, green beans, cabbage, sweet corn, potatoes, beets, turnips, onions, cucumbers, butternut squash, carrots, zucchini squash and more.

Regular garden work takes place on **Mondays and Thursdays at 8:30 a.m.**, weather permitting. Come join us! The main task in June is to weed, and anyone interested in helping out who knows the difference between plants we want to grow and weeds is welcome to weed any time.

Other areas of the church property, such as the island areas, and the memorial prayer garden, need regular weeding, too. Anyone interested in helping out, but needing some guidance, should talk to one of the regular garden gurus: Doug Aden, Dale Finck, Paula Foster, Brian Lund, Deb Lund, Jeri Morgan, and Gary Ramsay.

Thanks to all who helped in building the new fence! We hope to share even more produce with people, rather than critters!



Summer Breakfast Offerings

Offering monies received from this year's summer breakfasts are designated for ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response. Thanks to all of you who plan to come to enjoy good food and fellowship, and thanks for your generosity in giving financially to support our work in serving others in times of natural disaster.



Breakfasts begin June 3 and go through August 26.

YOUTH

"Fishing for Funds" Update, from Heather Christensen

FISHING for FUNDS was a HUGE success! Thank you for the continued support of the Youth of Lord of Love as we prepare to attend the National Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas. This fundraiser brought in excess of \$5,000! The final tally is still coming in.

This significant contribution to the Youth Fund will assist in the cost sharing of the Gathering for the 11 youth and 2 chaperones attending. It will also help to preserve funds in the account after the Gathering for future events. These funds will help to cover the cost of transportation and hotel rooms for the week plus some fun and Houston culture along the way.

Golden Ticket winners will be contacted shortly to make arrangements for your goodies or service work. Thank you for being a part of this journey with us. Lord of Love is a true blessing, so generous and supportive.



Webcast of Youth Gathering

Experience the 2018 National Youth Gathering along with us. Each evening and Sunday morning, there will be a Mass Gathering of 30,000+ participants praising and learning, worshipping and building their faith together.

Check out the following websites to see the Evening Mass Gatherings live via webcast at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 27 – Saturday, June 30 and Sunday, July 1 at 9:30 a.m.

<http://www.elca.org/YouthGathering/details/mass-gathering>
<http://www.elca.org/YouthGathering/about/schedule>



CHURCH COUNCIL

2018 Lord of Love Church Council

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

Nurture: Chris Rich and Joan Witt

Outreach: Paula Foster and Jesse Brewer

Resources: Brandon Zalesky and Paul Christenson

Worship: Rex Quadhamer and Heather Hansen



CHURCH COUNCIL

May Council Meeting Minutes

Lord of Love Church Council met on May 15, 2018 and the following are some of the discussions:

- Financial report for April 2018 improved from March.
- After several months of discussion and prayer, the Council voted not to participate in the Transformational Ministry program at this time.
- Members reviewed and made final edits on the job descriptions for the co-directors of faith formation (one with emphasis on youth ministry and the other on Christian education).
- Members were asked to get their committee's technology concerns to the council president by next month for a possible formation of technology team(s).
- Resources shared that asphalt repairs are about three weeks away because of weather issues. Thermostats in fellowship hall and narthex were donated and installed.
- Outreach reported that there will soon be a new banner for summer worship schedule.
- Worship discussed plans for a service in conjunction with the Family Picnic in July at Mahoney State Park planned by the Men's Group.

Next month's meeting will be June 19, 2018, at 7 p.m.



Input Needed: Preschool Room Use

The Lord of Love Preschool is closing as of the end of this school year. That allows us to consider reuse of the preschool space for other ministry



opportunities. We want congregation member input on this topic. Please take some time and check out the preschool room, think of the possibilities, and then provide the LOL council with your ideas on how best to use this space **by August 1**. A form will be available in the Narthex, or just email this information:

- your idea for preschool room use
- what days/times it would be used
- how many people may be involved/impacted in its use.

Send your ideas to brian.lund1@cox.net. Thank you for helping us to make the best use of our church building.

Giving Status

General Fund financial information for April 2018:

Actual Income - \$31,792.50
Actual Expense - \$27,567.42

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

Actual Income - \$113,901.50
Actual Expense - \$108,913.94

As of the end of April, the available cash balance is \$5,678.21. Weekly offerings of \$6,927 are needed to meet budgeted expenses. The weekly offering average at the end of April was \$6,582. Thank you for your continued support.

RESOURCES

Teaching Stewardship to Kids, by Heather Hansen

A year ago for Christmas, my kids received \$20 each from their aunt and uncle – this was to spend not on themselves but to give to a charity of their choice. After much thought and searching, they found out there were many charities or places they could put the money towards good use. My daughter has a friend who has Type 1 Diabetes and decided she wanted to help in the search for a cure, so she made a donation to the JDRF foundation. My son decided to help the homeless and used the money to purchase items to be donated to the Siena Francis House.

For our neighborhood cleanup day, we volunteered to help pick up trash and debris around the neighborhood pond. The kids were surprised about how much trash they collected and were good about crawling into shrubs to get what was stuck underneath them. They enjoyed seeing the turtles, frogs, ducks and geese that had made the pond their home. I think that made them feel good that they helped make it a better place for them to live.

When we teach kids about stewardship it pushes them away from the "give me" mentality and puts them on track to caring for other people and the world.

Stewardship activities teach kids how to use time, money and skills responsibly. In a religious sense, children learn that they are caretakers of the gifts given by God. Donating money (tithing) to the church is a major form of stewardship, but you can also take a universal approach to helping others and the Earth by being a good steward.



This Month's Project Hope needs:

Coffee
Sugar
Meat Seasoning Packets
BBQ Sauce, Ketchup, Mustard & Relish
Dressings and Marinades
Cake and Brownie Mixes
Applesauce
Dried Fruit - Raisins, Cranberries, etc.
Insect Repellent
Sunscreen

MEN'S NEWS CORNER

Men's Breakfast Group

Men's Breakfast Group meets every Saturday morning at 0700. All men are welcome to attend for Christian study, fellowship and breakfast. Come and join us!



Men's Fellowship

MEN'S NEWS CORNER

Men's Softball

All are invited to come and cheer on the men's softball team. We play on **Mondays** at Kelley Softball Complex (124th and Fort) on Field 5 (last one along the entrance road) or Field 4 (back left field in the back complex). We also go out for pizza after 6:30 p.m. games, and anyone is welcome to join us.

For questions, contact Don Rowen at 402.965.8977 or drowen@unomaha.edu

2018 Schedule for Men's Softball

June 4	6:30 p.m.	Kelley 4 & Pizza
June 11	8:30 p.m.	Kelley 5
June 18	9:30 p.m.	Kelley 4
June 25	7:30 p.m.	Kelley 5
July 2	9:30 p.m.	Kelley 5
July 9	6:30 p.m.	Kelley 4 & Pizza

Picnic and Family Day

Mark your calendars for **July 28!** The men's group picnic will be at the Wild Turkey picnic shelter at Mahoney State Park. Food will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will have games for everyone!

There will be a short worship service mid-afternoon as we take Lord of Love to the community. And yes, there will still be worship at Lord of Love on Sunday. Take advantage of all that Mahoney has to offer, or just hang out at the picnic shelter for food, fellowship and games. Enjoy fun for the family and bring a friend!

More info is to come in the July Love Letter and bulletins.



WOMEN OF LOVE

Father's Day Breakfast

Women of the ELCA will be offering up breakfast on Father's Day, **June 17** after church. All men eat free at this breakfast, so come and enjoy.



Women's Team Meeting

Years ago, we had only one "Gather" Bible Study. Originally, the group met in a fast food pizza restaurant called "The Snappy Tomato." It closed and a Chinese restaurant filled the space: the Hong Hing, or as Karen Armitage called it, "The Snappy Snow Pea." After the one group became two groups, we have had periodic reunions. Well, it's time to have another reunion!

All are invited to meet at Hong Hing, at 90th and Fort in the Plaza North shopping center, at **6 p.m. on Monday, June 4**. See you there! If you have questions, please visit with Rose Roberts or contact her at dougroberts@cox.net.

WOMEN OF LOVE

Autumn Renewal Event

Save the date for the Nebraska Synodical Women's Organization Autumn Renewal 2018, **Sept. 22** at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Hastings.

The event features singer, songwriter and retreat leader Jill Miller on "Writing the Song of Your Life." Miller will give a "concert keynote" that infuses music into her speaking. Don't miss her uplifting message on how we can tap into our God-given creativity and live with clarity and purpose.



OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

Concannons' Challenge Walk MS

Julie & Paul Concannon are preparing for their 4th Challenge Walk MS. This is a three-day, 50 mile walk, September 28-30, 2018, in Green Lake, WI to raise funds for research towards a cure, better treatments and services for those affected by MS. Julie's sister has MS, several members of our Lord of Love family have MS or are affected by it, and worldwide this disease affects over 2.3 million people.

Your prayers for beautiful training days (you don't just walk 50 miles over a total of only about 18 hours without training *hard*), cool breezes and maybe some clouds (the kind without lightning) on walk weekend, few blisters, laughter and strength when the roads seem endless and hope for what about 100 everyday people coming together with one goal and passion have in mind, a world free of MS for all, will be greatly appreciated.

We can also truly use your donations.

Without funds, a cure will not be found and far too many will go on to suffer.

You can email Paul and Julie at happyinmykitchen@gmail.com and they can send you a link to their online fundraiser, or you can write a check payable to Paul Concannon and write "Challenge Walk MS" in the memo line. Checks can be left in their mailbox at church or sent to 6008 Manderson Street, Omaha, 68104, and they will get them to the National MS Society.

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IN OUR PRAYERS AND LOVE NOTES

Dick Bell
Connie Bennett (cousin of Karen Armitage)
Jerry Boylan (father of Saylor Boylan)
Jason Combes
Larry Czapla
Krysta Figga (friend of Dave & Lisa Rieff)
Babette Garder (mother of Kenn Garder)
Olivia Griffin (daughter of Scott & Dana Griffin)
Ed Guthrie
Pr. Joe Hernandez – Missionary in the Middle East (cousin of David & Chris Boarts)
David Hojnacke (neighbor of the Armitage family)
Jan Hughes (aunt of Paula Foster)
Julie (friend of Pat Brewer)
Jim Jacobson (friend of Jon & Carol Novak)
Kristen Kuhn (friend of Todd & Lisa Meyer)
Izzy Lightle (relative of Kim Gust)
Ken Lineweaver (step-dad of Gwen Edwards)
Lisa Lueders (sister-in-law of Dave Lueders)
Ruth Manning
Eileen Nagle (mother-in-law of Tara Novak)
Lee Pennell (father of Craig Pennell)
Leona Piehl (mother of Deb Lund)
Judy Quest (friend of Jane Gehringer)

Paul Rumbaugh
Sarge Schuchard
Peggy Seck (cousin of Ann Kroll)
Brian & Nancy Shinrock
Pauline Shaffer
Roslynn Thom (sister of Ron Thom)
Nancy Thoman (stepmother of Ann Kroll)
Alan Walther (brother of Brian Walther)
Steve Wiitala (friend of Karen Mullen)
Brenda Thom

Caregivers and those who suffer with depression. Those seeking employment, those seeking to adopt.

Those Who Mourn:

The family and friends of George Ramsay, brother of Gary Ramsay, uncle of John Ramsay

The family and friends of Merle Grable, brother-in-law of Ron Thom

Those Who Are Deployed:

Zach Gehrig, grandson of Sarge & Shirley Schuchard

To add a name to the "In Our Prayers" section, email marylou@lord-of-love.org, contact the office at 402.493.2946, 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

"We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, telephone calls, cards and concern regarding the death of my younger brother and John's uncle. It was appreciated."

Peace,
Gary Ramsay and John Ramsay



"Thanks to all for your continued love, support, prayers, visits, food and telephone calls over the past few weeks as I recovered from a serious gall bladder infection that hospitalized me for over a month. I finally was able to have surgery removing my gall bladder a little over a month ago. I was discharged from home health care a couple of weeks ago...no more occupational or physical therapy. My strength continues to improve each day. Thanks be to God for His healing power and the many blessings He has provided me."

Ruth Manning

SUNDAY SERVANTS

June 3	
Greeters	Doug and Rose Roberts
Liturgist	Brian Lund
Communion Servers	Deb Lund
	Joan Witt
	Paul Concannon
	Bill Baker
Altar Care	Joan Witt (setup)
	Deb Quadhamer, Judy Messerschmidt (service & cleanup)
CD Recording	Pat Brewer
Ushers	Josh Combes, Brian Walther, Brandon Zalesky, Dale Finck
June 10	
Greeters	Joe and Jackie Combes
Liturgist	Shawn Lorenzen
Communion Servers	Joe and Jackie Combes
	Carissa and Payton Combes
Altar Care	Angie Meyers (setup)
	Diana Haye, Marcia Roads (service & cleanup)
CD Recording	Paul Christenson
Ushers	Josh Combes, Brian Walther, Brandon Zalesky, Dale Finck
June 17	
Greeters	Paul and Ann Kroll
Liturgist	Lori Vandeventer
Communion Servers	Paul and Ann Kroll
	Matt and Lisa Willard
Altar Care	Doug & Rose Roberts, Karen & Dale Finck (setup)
	Karen Armitage, Gwen Edwards (service & cleanup)
CD Recording	Dave Lueders
Ushers	Dave Lueders, Adam Lueders, Miguel Avalos
June 24	
Greeters	Paul and Sue Dieter
Liturgist	Don Rowen
Communion Servers	Claudia Rowen
	Pat and Jesse Brewer
	Kelly Duffy
Altar Care	Pat & Jesse Brewer (setup)
	Ann & Paul Kroll (service & cleanup)
CD Recording	Paul Murphy
Ushers	Dave Lueders, Adam Lueders, Miguel Avalos

MONTHLY CALENDAR

June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Synod Assembly 9:00am Crane Coffee Fellowship 9:30am AI Anon Mtg. 7:00pm Vision & Coordination Mtg. 7:30pm AA Mtg.	2 Synod Assembly 7:00am Men's Ministry 11:00am Avalos Graduation Party 4:00pm Granada Townhomes Mtg.
3 9:00am Summer Worship & Communion 10:00am Breakfast	4 6:00pm W/ELCA reunion @ Hong Hing 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	5 9:00am Quilters 7:00pm Vision & Coordination	6 5:30pm Vacation Bible School	7 5:30pm Vacation Bible School 7:00pm Boy Scouts	8 9:00am Crane Coffee Fellowship 9:30am AI Anon Mtg. 5:30pm Vacation Bible School 7:30pm AA Mtg.	9 7:00am Men's Ministry 9:00am Vacation Bible School
10 LoL 46th Anniversary 9:00am Summer Worship & Communion 10:00am Breakfast 1:00pm District 18 AA Plng Mtg	11 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	12	13	14 7:00pm Boy Scouts	15 9:00am Crane Coffee Fellowship 9:30am AI Anon Mtg. 7:30pm AA Mtg.	16 7:00am Men's Ministry
17 9:00am Summer Worship & Communion 10:00am Breakfast	18 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	19 9:00am Quilters 7:00pm Church Council Mtg.	20	21 6:30pm Swingtones 6:30pm Safety Planning Mtg. 7:00pm Boy Scouts	22 9:00am Crane Coffee Fellowship 9:30am AI Anon Mtg. 6:30pm Movie Night 7:30pm AA Mtg.	23 7:00am Men's Ministry
24 9:00am Summer Worship & Communion 10:00am Breakfast	25 Mary Lou on vacation 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	26 Mary Lou on vacation 6:30pm Endowment Comm. Mtg.	27 Mary Lou on vacation Youth Leave for Youth Gathering	28 7:00pm Boy Scouts	29 9:00am Crane Coffee Fellowship 9:30am AI Anon Mtg. 7:30pm AA Mtg.	30 7:00am Men's Ministry

Nebraska Synodical Women's Organization AUTUMN RENEWAL 2018

September 22, 2018

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd - Hastings, NE
Jill Miller - singer, song writer, and retreat leader from Sioux
City, Iowa

"Writhing the Song of Your Life"

Imagine you're sitting on the deck having a cookout with your friends and the song of your life starts playing on the radio. Your life is a song, and it's playing for the world to hear. Do you want to turn it up or turn it off? Do you like how it sounds, or is it time to do some rewriting? Are you singing the song God has given you to sing, or are you singing a solo?

In this fun, uplifting message, Jill explores how we can tap into our God-given creativity, listen to our inspiration, and take the risks necessary to sing the unique song God has given each of us to sing. We will explore how we can live our lives with clarity and purpose, understanding that God has created us on purpose for a purpose, and it's up to us to live out that purpose. When we are singing the song God has written just for us, we can be assured the song of our life will be a hit!

Nashville recording artist Jill Miller recently released her 6th CD, "Twelve, the Freedom Soundtrack." Jill has opened for the legendary Loretta Lynn and Brian Littrell (of the Backstreet Boys), performed a duet with the Christian group, NewSong, and sang the national anthem for President Bush and 11,000 people when he was in Sioux City. Jill has also performed at the legendary Bluebird Café in Nashville.

Jill fuels her sound with liberal doses of uninhibited emotions that authenticate her lyrics and captivate her audience. Jill's genuine warmth, engaging smile and joyful energy are contagious.

Jill Miller is an award winning speaker and author of the book, "Grace Finds Wings - A Journey in Song." She is not your typical keynote speaker, but offers what she calls a concert keynote where she infuses music into her speaking. She has been featured in Siouxland Woman magazine, and she travels extensively speaking and singing at events that inspire others to live creatively and think outside the box.

Jill lives in Sioux City with her husband, John, and their two rescue dogs. They have four adult sons.

To learn more about Jill on her website jillmillermusic.com or listen to her sing on YouTube. She also has a blog @ <https://butterflynationblog.wordpress.com>

