

The Love Letter

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8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.,
Sundays

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

Looking Ahead

December 2: First Sunday of Advent

December 5: Mid-week services begin

December 9: Sunday School Christmas Performance

December 15: Goodie Tins and Project Linus

December 24: Christmas Eve Services



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ADVENT PLANS

Sunday, December 2 begins our season of Advent. Usually Advent is a time full of waiting for Christ to come to us anew at Christmas time. Each Sunday of Advent, we'll be lighting another candle as we work our way to Christmas Eve, and adding a new banner bought with funds from the memorial committee to help light the way to Christmas Eve, when we'll light the Christ Candle and celebrate God's coming in the flesh to be with us always.

This year, for Advent, we are trying a new adventure of providing an earlier and more interactive, family-friendly worship experience, from 6:15-6:45 p.m. in the preschool room, as to not interfere with children's bedtimes, and at the time we usually hold FISH. About 6:10 p.m., people gathered in the preschool room early can pick 2-4 of their favorite Advent or Christmas songs to sing together as a way to start. Then during the service, there will be words and actions to be repeated that will help to reinforce each night's theme. Then as our half-hour worship time comes to a close, families will be invited to take home a baggie that has questions to answer together as a family, while working on the craft in the bag to help reinforce and remember the evening's theme, of "God With Us," as promised through Isaiah, by Carol Geisler.

But, no worries for those of you who love the 7 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer Service. It will happen just as always in the sanctuary with a less interactive and more "adult" message. There will continue to be a meal served in the fellowship hall from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Please discuss these options with your family and feel free to join us in worshipping our great God, who through Christ, has come down to be with us.



Each Wednesday of Advent, this will be our schedule:

5:30-6:30 p.m. Free-will meal will be served in the Fellowship Hall

6:15-6:45 p.m. Interactive Family Worship held in the Preschool Room

7-7:30 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer Service in the Sanctuary

Midweek Advent Themes

Dec. 5 Verse: *We are the clay, and you are our potter. –Isaiah 64:8*

Dec. 12 Verse: *He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms. –Isaiah 40:11*

Dec. 19 Verse: *Come let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. –Isaiah 2:3*

Christmas Eve Worship Times

4:30 p.m. Family Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 p.m. Musical Prelude of many talented musicians being lifted up to God

11 p.m. Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

NURTURE

Upcoming Fellowship Opportunities

Please join us for nourishment and fellowship with a **meal prior to the Advent services, December 5, 12 and 19.** The meal serving begins at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome!

If you would like to participate by preparing a meal, indicate on the sign-up sheet in the narthex or contact Chris Rich or Joan Witt.



This month's "**Aged to Perfection**" luncheon will be on **Dec. 12** at noon.

Watch the calendar for another fun **Movie Night** coming soon in 2019.

Thanks from the Nurture Committee

Thank you to all who have participated in the FISH ministry on Wednesdays by preparing and serving the meals as well as doing the clean up after. Some of those participants were: **Rose and Doug Roberts, Renee and Chris Rich, Shawn Lorenzen, John Howell, Gary Ramsay, Paul and Deb Christenson, Carissa Combes, Joan Witt, Lynette Lueders, Susan Lueders** and others who helped when I was unable to attend.

The Pie Fest was delicious! Thank you to **Deb Lund** and her great team for a "sweet evening" following the wonderful Thanksgiving service.

Book Club

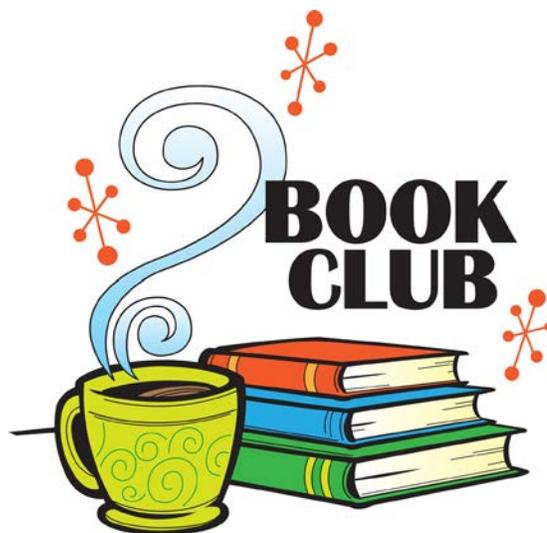
Our LOL monthly book has enjoyed meeting on the fourth Tuesday afternoons of the past three months. We share and listen to each other's faith journeys as we discuss our personal responses to some bestsellers.

Past titles are:

Hallelujah Anyway by Anne Lamott, *Here If You Need Me* by Kate Braestrup, and *Original Grace* by William Kent Krueger. After discussion, at least a couple copies will continue to be placed on the west wall of the church library for you to borrow.

Due to Christmas, we aren't meeting in December. Our next meeting will be **Jan. 22 at 1 p.m.** to discuss *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr.

No need to make a long term commitment; you are welcome whenever your schedule permits or if an upcoming title grabs your attention. If you need help obtaining a current club selection, contact Jane Gehringer or Pastor Becky.



NURTURE

Potluck Chili Lunch and Caroling

All are welcome to join the choir for a potluck chili lunch on **Sunday, December 16** at 11:30 a.m. Bring some chili by early that Sunday morning to add to the pot—or bring something to go with chili.

We'll get organized and head out to go caroling no later than 12:30 p.m., and be back to the church by 2:30-3 p.m.



OUTREACH

Blood Drive: Save the Date

December is always a busy time of the year. But it is also a time for giving. Our annual Lord of Love blood drive is scheduled for **Sunday, February 24, 2019** from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. More sign-up details will be given after the first of the year.

You can donate blood every 56 days. If you wish to participate in the Lord of Love blood drive, you cannot donate blood after December 28, 2018.



MEMBER CARE

Handwashing Awareness Week: December 2-8

Keeping hands clean is one of the most important steps we can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. Many diseases and conditions are spread by not washing hands with soap and clean, running water. As we gather to celebrate the holidays with friends and family, please remember the importance of hand washing.

As a reminder, the four principles of hand washing are:

- Wash your hands when they are dirty and before eating.
- Do not cough into hands.
- Do not sneeze into hands.
- Above all, do not put your fingers in your eyes, nose or mouth!

Handwashing with soap is an easy, effective and affordable do-it-yourself protection that prevents infections and saves lives.



MISSION

Mission Possible Update

Thanks to all of you who have so generously supported the ELCA AMMPARO program, Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities. Special offerings collected during the Wednesday Advent Services, as well as the special Christmas offering, will also go to AMMPARO.



Various activities through the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response and the ELCA Global Mission take place to bring hope to violent, poverty-stricken communities in Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador. In addition, through ELCA efforts, many of our ELCA Synods are doing what they can by serving as Welcoming Congregations and recruiting Guardian Angels, who accompany migrant minors to immigration court. (Lord of Love currently has four.)

Young Adults in Global Mission

The following is an excerpt from a letter from Leah, a volunteer with ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission called to serve in Mexico for this year. Photos are from Leah. Her blog is <https://lmoat2.wixsite.com/mexico>

"I've been away from home for three months now. The initial high has worn off, the end is nowhere in sight. I often feel homesick, missing my family, friends, home, and the comfort of changing fall leaves and the first snowfall. There are certain things I wish I

YAGM, continued

had brought with me to Mexico, but that I left behind because they didn't fit in my luggage allowance. I nearly always stick out; my identity has become the tall, white girl from the place with the snow. I long for familiarity.

"The refugees in the Central American caravan have also left their homes. They surely have lost the initial energy that spurred them to start their journey, but still have so much left to go. They must be missing their homes, their families, their cultures, their food, their language. Most have at best a small backpack with only few belongings, not even a change of clothes. They face a future of always being labeled as "different", "criminals", "illegal", "unwanted", "unwelcome".

"My journey does not, and will never, compare to those seeking asylum in the caravan traveling north. However, our journeys have now crossed paths. More than half of the group has passed through Mexico City. They were lodged in a large *deportiva*, or sports stadium. Every day there were pleas for more donations; shoes, beans, air mattresses, and baby formula. Baby formula... for the precious, small, innocent humans who are wrapped in shawls and carried on backs for long, hot, exhausting days of walking.



Migrants from the "caravan" passing through Mexico in fall 2018

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Young Adults in Global Mission: News from Mexico

"I spent last week in the deportiva with the group of roughly 5,000 refugees with one of the organizations I work for in Mexico City. The NGO is called IMUMI (Instituto para las Mujeres en la Migración/ Institute of Women in Migration), and while our work usually focuses on legal advocacy for mothers of transnational families (family members born in more than one country), victims of abuse, and reintegration of female migrants to Mexican society, when there are 5,000 refugees in your city, it's all hands on deck.

"Our days were spent making rounds through the tents and meeting areas in the stadium to speak with the weary travelers about seeking asylum in the U.S. The most difficult part of these long days were speaking with someone fleeing violence, abuse, corruption, fear, and unemployment... and after listening to their tragic story, informing them that it probably "wasn't enough" to make a strong case for asylum. Throughout these conversations, the common question of "why don't they just come "legally"?" rattled around in my head.



Inside one of the massive tents where hundreds sleep on thin mats. There were about 8 of these tents in the stadium, all crowded with men, women, and children.

"The answer? Because it's nearly impossible. Because the wait time is so incredibly long. Because doing so doesn't eliminate the fear of family separation. Because there is so much misinformation about the complicated process of immigration. Because asylum cases are granted arbitrarily. Because immigration is numerically restricted and based on relationships with people in the U.S., which not everyone has.



Tent city near the official sleeping locations. A baby stroller holds the belongings of the young family occupying a tent.

"I propose several new, and perhaps more productive, questions. How can we best accompany our Central American brothers and sisters, who are fleeing for reasons we might never understand? How can we show them compassion and dignity? How can we use the privileges we carry as U.S. citizens to advocate and stand up for the rights of migrants? How do we make sure that our attitudes, actions, votes, and conversations bring peace and justice to the marginalized?"

[Learn more about YAGM at https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Global-Church/Global-Mission/Young-Adults-in-Global-Mission](https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Global-Church/Global-Mission/Young-Adults-in-Global-Mission)

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Lutheran Disaster Response: Wildfires

The Situation

Wildfires are raging across California, destroying thousands of homes and wiping out the town of Paradise, located north of Sacramento. Multiple deaths have been confirmed and large-scale, mandatory evacuations are in place for multiple communities across the state's impacted areas as first responders work to gain control of the fires.

Our Response

Lutheran Disaster Response is working with Lutheran Social Services of Southern California, Lutheran Social Services of Northern California and the California synods to respond to this fire. We continue to assess the ever-changing situation to determine the best ways to respond. Your gifts will help us deliver a robust response to address needs in the devastated communities.

What You Can Do

Pray: Please pray for the communities who are in the path of wildfires in California. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need. Pray that God will deliver comfort to those who mourn the loss of loved ones and strength to those who are working diligently to contain the fires and care for affected communities.

Give: Gifts to "[U.S. Wildfires](#)" will be used to assist those affected by the wildfires until the response is complete.

Connect:

- Sign up to receive Lutheran Disaster Response [alerts](#).
- Check the Lutheran Disaster Response [blog](#).
- Like Lutheran Disaster Response on [Facebook](#) and follow [@ELCALDR on Twitter](#).



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Garden Update, from Doug Aden

The ground is resting and frozen hard. Maybe worms or some other bug are eating and digesting the corn stalks that were ground and worked back into the soil or the stalks are slowly rotting away, all of which will provide organic matter to the soil.

Last month, I noted that the tiller we had been using broke and could not be repaired. Because of that, the garden group decided to buy a new tiller. That purchase has been made. The tiller will belong to Lord of Love and will be paid for by the garden group. The cost of the tiller is around \$480.

If you would like to make a small contribution, you may do so by placing a check identified for the garden tiller in the offering plate or giving it to the church secretary.



For we are God's fellow workers.
You are God's field, God's building.

1 Corinthians 3:9. ESV

YOUTH

High School Class Collection for Siena/Francis House

The high school group is collecting items for Siena/Francis house. This is from the "Critical Needs List" on their web site:

- Men's deodorant
- Toothbrushes
- Bar soap
- Twin size blankets
- Men's hoodies or winter coats
- Flannel shirts
- Women's hygiene products

Please place items in the collection box in the Youth Corner in the Narthex. Thanks so much!

Youth Ugly Sweater Friendsgiving Gathering

Sunday, December 16, 6 p.m.

All Lord of Love youth and friends are invited to an ugly Christmas Sweater Friends-giving. Please plan to bring a snack to share. We will also do a white elephant exchange. If you'd like to participate, please bring a new/old/re-gifted item with a \$10 or less value. If you have questions, please see Lynette Lueders.



YOUTH

Carol Joy Holling High School Retreat: Registration Due

December 28th & 29th at Carol Joy Holling

Those high-school aged youth who are interested in going, please register online at <https://www.cjhcenter.org/hs-retreat> no later than **December 20**. Please note that LOL will be covering the cost of all high school youth who are attending.



Middle School Gathering: Registration Due

January 19 & 20, Kearney, NE

The Middle School Gathering is a highly interactive experience for youth in 6th through 8th grades and their adult leaders. Each year, the MSG lasts only about 24 hours, but the memories last a lifetime. Please turn in registration forms to Lynette no later than **December 12**.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Scandinavia Trip, from Karen Erickson Mullen

If visiting Scandinavia is on your bucket-list, read on:

I have been working with Firebird Tours, who spend much of their time organizing trips in northern Europe, on this exciting travel opportunity. Imagine 2 delightful weeks in the capitals of Sweden, Denmark and then Norway. Visit the Vasa, the amazing preserved 17th Century ship that was resurrected from Stockholm's harbor, ride the train through Sweden all the way to Copenhagen, view the 'Little Mermaid' and walk the cobblestone streets, experience the majestic fjords of Norway and see the Oseberg Viking ship and the Kontiki in Oslo.

For those of you with special interest in one country – fly earlier for more time in Sweden, or delay your return for extra time in Norway. If Denmark is your goal, take the overnight ferry from Oslo to Copenhagen and add time there. By planning your own flights, you can accommodate these needs.

I have custom-tailored the itinerary for just such a journey, June 1-14, 2019. Per person cost is \$4,220 (double occupancy) plus international airfare. Details are available at <https://www.firebirdtours.com/client/itinerary-a080h00000zONST-0061A000015rueE>

Feel free to pass this on to any one of your friends who might be interested! Of course, if you have questions, please email me at pkmullen@cox.net or call 402.312.6067.

From the Council President, Brian Lund

Isaiah 40:3-5 (MEV) The voice of him who cries out, "Prepare the way of the Lord in the wilderness, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Let every valley be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low, and let the rough ground become a plain, and the rough places a plain; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it."

The season of Advent is here. Many of us know it as a time of busy-ness, a time when we frantically prepare for the "holidays". There are so many things to do: cards and letters to write, gifts to buy and wrap, cookies and bread to bake, gatherings to organize, parties to attend, dinners to host, travel plans to finalize, and the list continues.

As Christians, we know that Advent is a time of waiting and a time of preparation. We wait for the coming of the one who frees us from sin, death, and the power of the devil. We prepare by hearing and reading Scripture that reminds us of God's promise of a Savior and the miraculous birth of Jesus. The Advent candles remind us that Jesus brings light to a world in need of hope and healing. May you make time to be calmed and comforted during this busy season.

Like most churches, I believe we have a desire to grow, especially in our younger adult age group. For the past few months, some members of the executive committee have been reading about innovative churches and the ways they engage youth and young adults. From my perspective, we follow many of the "strategies" employed by growing young churches. There are some adjustments needed and we can do a better job reaching out into the community to help

people learn more about us. Pastor Becky and I will be working together over the next couple of months to discern how to move forward in this area. My hope is that we can develop some discussion topics and a preliminary strategy to take up with the council at our orientation retreat. Next would be focused discussion in a visioning activity by the congregation following our February semi-annual meeting.

Philippians 1:9-11 (NCV) This is my prayer for you: that your love will grow more and more; that you will have knowledge and understanding with your love; that you will see the difference between good and bad and will choose the good; that you will be pure and without wrong for the coming of Christ; that you will be filled with the good things produced in your life by Christ to bring glory and praise to God.

As of November 20, there was a total of \$3,600 given in support of new chairs for the fellowship hall. This exceeds the goal and gives us some additional options for consideration. Thank you for sharing God's blessings with Lord of Love through service, prayer, and financial giving.

Please continue to pray for the ELCA, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, our Nebraska Synod, Bishop Brian Maas, Pastor Becky, our staff, our members, our ministry together, and for all of those who are in need.

Blessings in faith and service,
Brian Lund



COUNCIL AND RESOURCES

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



Council Meeting Minutes, from secretary Kathy Christiansen

The Lord of Love Church Council met on November 20, 2018 and the following are some highlights from the meeting:

- The Fellowship Hall Chair Replacement project is nearing completion with more funds than expected. Because of the congregation's generosity, motion made, seconded and approved to order 2 racks for the circular tables in the Fellowship Hall.
- Larry Czalpa has resigned from his handyman position effective the end of November. Resources is looking at distributing his duties to volunteers for the immediate future and then will evaluate if the position needs to be filled.
- The Council approved an action item from the V & C committee to purchase a listening device system for congregation members that have some hearing impairment and a new wireless microphone headset.
- Reviewed another chapter of the new Safety Policy plan put together by the Safety Committee.
- The Council also approved a resolution from the Endowment Committee to move their funds from TD Ameritrade to the ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust (Fund A).
- Next council meeting will be **December 18, 2018 at 7 p.m.**

Giving Status

General Fund financial information for October 2018:

Actual Income - \$24,186.00

Actual Expense - \$20,762.57

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

Actual Income - \$265,161.26

Actual Expense - \$256,748.54



As of the end of October, the available cash balance is \$4,309.93. Weekly offerings of \$6,927 are needed to meet budgeted expenses. The weekly offering average at the end of October was \$6,069. Thank you for your continued support.

RESOURCES

Vocations, Time and Talents as Gifts

Martin Luther believed that each of us has a vocation—that we are called to do and be as God created us. We may not realize it, but we often come into things that use our gifts amazingly well, or may stretch and challenge us beyond what we thought we could do. I truly believe our vocations are the work of God.

In addition to using our talents and abilities to fulfill vocations as meaningful employment in our lives, we may utilize these gifts to serve others. Our vocations may directly serve others, but sometimes our service activities are completely apart from our work, or in addition to our work.

I am grateful that we have so many folks at Lord of Love who give so generously in so many wondrous ways—not just of their finances, but of their time and talents. Many things get done with the building and grounds, and in preparing and carrying out events and activities. We don't always think about it. To witness a well-oiled volunteer machine, attend a funeral/memorial service and the lunch that follows. That same vocational and volunteer effort takes place for each worship service. Without such efforts, our worship would not be as meaningful or rich.

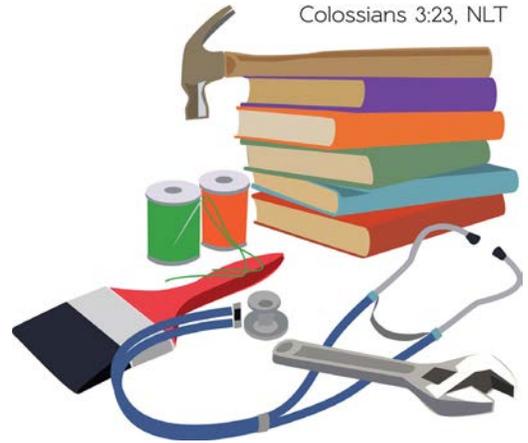
In this season of giving, consider taking some time to reflect on how you use your gifts to serve others. Perhaps those talents and abilities may be your Christmas gifts to others this year! Many of us are perfectly happy with gifts of time or invited to a special activity with a loved one.

In lieu of monetary gifts, one can find a plethora of organizations that need our dollars to fulfill their missions, and it may be more meaningful and beneficial to give the money away that we would ordinarily spend on material gifts. One example of a most worthy ministry is the [ELCA Good Gifts](#). Purchasing “items” for others from the ELCA Good Gifts catalog is a way to help others with a hand up, and honor those for whom we wish to give something.

May each of you have a blessed Advent and a holy Christmas season!

Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people.

Colossians 3:23, NLT



ENDOWMENT

Grants Awarded

The Endowment Committee met on November 13 for the purpose of making grants for 2018. We received eleven requests for grants. According to the parameters in LOL's constitution, we had \$3,459 to \$5,765 available for grants. The requests far exceeded that total. After a review of the requests, the following grants for a total of \$5,100 were awarded:

Faith Partners Substance Abuse \$500
This is a new program designed to help congregations deal with substance abuse.

Followers of Christ Prison Ministries \$500
Followers of Christ is a worshipping community established within the walls of the Nebraska State Penitentiary in Lincoln.

Machame Lutheran Hospital

- **Scholarship Fund \$1,000**
This fund provides scholarships for nursing students in Tanzania.
- **Poor Persons Orthopedic fund: \$300**
This fund provides funds for individuals that cannot pay for their surgery.
- **DeWalt rechargeable drill \$250**
This grant provides for a much-needed tool for the hospital.

Lutheran Campus Ministry \$500
This grant provides ministry to college-aged students in the Omaha area.

Lutheran Service Corps \$500
This grant provides support for five full time volunteers for a year of service in the Omaha area.

ELS Students \$400
This grant provides snacks for ELS students in their after-school classes.

NLOM \$1,150
This grant to Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries provides support for camp counselors at Camp Carol Joy Holling.

In another item of business, the Committee voted to close the brokerage account and move the funds to the ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust. This move will remove the investing responsibility from the Endowment Committee and use the professional investment knowledge of the Pooled Trust. As of December 31, 2017 the Trust had over \$735,000 in assets.



MEN'S NEWS CORNER

Men's Breakfast Group

Men's Breakfast Group meets every Saturday morning at 0700 in the fellowship hall. All men are welcome.



WOMEN OF LOVE

Cookie Tins and Blankets

December 15, 9 a.m., Fellowship Hall
Join us to fill goodie tins for those who need some extra love this season. (Most of them will be delivered the next day by the carolers.) If you know someone who should be added to the list, contact Amy Kragnes at 402.697.9165. Please bring two dozen cookies for the containers. Extra containers are also helpful.

Following that, you are invited to help make fleece blankets for "Project Linus." Their mission is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need. Bring two pieces of coordinating fleece for each blanket, each two yards by 60 inches, if you can. Thank you for participating!



Coffee Fellowship

All women are invited to weekly fellowship at Crane Coffee, 77th and Cass. Enjoy a variety of beverages and goodies, and good conversation! We meet **every Friday at 9 a.m.** Come whenever you can, and feel free to bring a friend!



Lutheran Women of Omaha

Tuesday, December 11

Lutheran Women of Omaha will meet at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 6099 Western Avenue. Luncheon (\$7) will be served at noon. A musical program will be presented by the Mission Belles of Divine Shepherd Church. A free will offering will be received for the Salvation Army Heat Fund.

Please make your reservations with Ruth Manning, 402.451.0221 by 2 p.m. Sunday, December. 9. All women are invited to attend.

*"I want to see into the heart of a thing ... I want the God-given way of seeing life, not to possess and to control, but to stand back in wonder and gratitude."
— Esther de Waal*

IN OUR PRAYER

Janet Baker
Dick Bell
Connie Bennett (cousin of Karen Armitage)
Brooke (friend of Rose Roberts)
Gloria Chalkley (friend of Ann Kroll)
Jason Combes
Pat Edwards (mother of John Edwards)
Krysta Figga (friend of Dave & Lisa Rieff)
Babette Garder (mother of Kenn Garder)
Olivia Griffin (daughter of Scott and Dana Griffin)
Ed Guthrie
Pr. Joe Hernandez – Missionary in the Middle East (cousin of David & Chris Boarts)
Dennis Hindemith
David Hojnacke (neighbor of the Armitage family)
Julie (friend of Pat Brewer)
Juanita Kiesel (friend of Mary Lou)
Ken Lineweaver (step-dad of Gwen Edwards)
Lisa Lueders (sister-in-law of Dave Lueders)
Ruth Manning
Jon Meier (son of Carolyn Meier)
Eileen Nagle (mother-in-law of Tara Novak)
Bill Pickens
Judy Quest (friend of Jane Gehringer)

Richard Ramsay (brother of Gary)
Paul Rumbaugh
Peggy Seck (cousin of Ann Kroll)
Pauline Shaffer
Brenda Thom
Roslynn Thom (sister of Ron Thom)
Sarge Schuchard
Alan Walther (brother of Brian Walther)
Nancy Shinrock
Jo Ward (mother of Christie Klos)
Steve Wiitala (friend of Karen Mullen)
Lara Anne Willard (daughter of Matt & Lisa)

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

Those Who Mourn

The family and friends of Marvelyn Peterson
The family and friends of Brian Shinrock

Those Who Are Deployed

Zach Gehrig, grandson of Sarge & Shirley Schuchard
Tom Wilson, son of Jackie Wilson (friend of Gwen Edwards)

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.



DECEMBER WORSHIP SERVANTS

8 a.m. Service

10:30 a.m. Service

| December 2 | | |
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| Greeters | Josh and Carissa Combes | Gary Ramsay and Ron Salak |
| Liturgist | Judy Egr | Susan Lueders |
| Communion Servers | Dave Egr | Dave Lueders |
| | Brian and Connie Walther | Kathy Christiansen |
| | Kelly Duffy | Charise and Maykala Adams |
| Altar Care | Karen & Dale Finck | Karen Armitage, Gwen Edwards |
| CD Recording | | Pat Brewer |
| December 9 | | |
| Greeters | Jim and Jeri Morgan | Doug and Karen Armitage |
| Liturgist | David Hild | Karen Mullen |
| Communion Servers | Jim and Jeri Morgan | Rex and Deb Quadhamer |
| | Nathaniel and Levi Gust | Doug and Karen Armitage |
| Altar Care | Pat & Jesse Brewer | Ann & Paul Kroll |
| CD Recording | | Paul Christenson |
| December 16 | | |
| Greeters | Paul and Deb Christenson | Dave and Susan Lueders |
| Liturgist | Shawn Lorenzen | Ashley Hamik |
| Communion Servers | Ron Thom | Lori Vandeventer |
| | Chris, Caleb, and Lorelei Rich | Miguel and Rosie Avalos |
| | | Julie Thompson |
| Altar Care | Connie Martin | Rowen family |
| CD Recording | | Dave Lueders |
| December 23 | | |
| Greeters | Jesse and Pat Brewer | Mike and Christie Klos |
| Liturgist | Jesse Brewer | Claudia Rowen |
| Communion Servers | Pat Brewer | Don Rowen |
| | Jason and Bailee Shupp | Paul Concannon |
| | Mike Klos | Joan Witt |
| | | Gwen Edwards |
| Altar Care | Cathy Aden, Sue Dieter | Nicole Quackenbush, Karen Anderson |
| CD Recording | | Paul Murphy |
| December 30 | | |
| Greeters | Paul and Peg Murphy | Tom and Beth Olson |
| Liturgist | Paul Murphy | Tom Olson |
| Communion Servers | Peg Murphy | Beth Olson |
| | Matt and Lisa Willard | Paul and Ann Kroll |
| | Brandon Zalesky | Judy Messerschmidt |
| Altar Care | Connie Walther, Lisa Meyer | Rosie Avalos |
| CD Recording | | Jesse Brewer |
| Ushers | | |
| | 8 a.m. Kenn Garder, Craig Pennell, Paul Christenson | |
| | 10:30 a.m. Rett Messerschmidt, Rob Anderson, Paul Barnett, John Edwards | |

MONTHLY CALENDAR

December 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | 1 Boy Scout Lock-In Memorial Service for Brian Shinrock TBA 7:00am Men's Ministry |
| 2 Pancake Breakfast 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:15am S S 10:30am Worship & Communion 3:00pm Recital 5:00pm Bell Choir | 3 8:00pm AA & Al Anon | 4 9:00am Quilters 7:00pm Vision & Coordination | 5 6:00pm Brass Rehearsal 7:00pm Advent Worship 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal | 6 7:00pm Boy Scouts | 7 9:00am Crane Coffee Fellowship 9:30am Al Anon Mtg. 7:30pm AA Mtg. | 8 7:00am Men's Ministry 9:00am Christmas Program Practice 10:00am Worship Planning Mtg. |
| 9 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship & Christmas Program 1:00pm Dist. 18 AA Mtg. 5:00pm Bell Choir | 10 8:00pm AA & Al Anon | 11 7:00pm Church Council Mtg. | 12 12:00pm Aged to Perfection Lunch 6:00pm Brass Rehearsal 7:00pm Advent Worship 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal | 13 6:00pm Escalante Hills Mtg. 7:00pm Boy Scouts | 14 9:00am Crane Coffee Fellowship 9:30am Al Anon Mtg. 7:30pm AA Mtg. | 15 7:00am Men's Ministry 9:00am Cookie Tin Prep & Project Linus |
| 16 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship & Communion 12:00pm Chile lunch & Caroling 5:00pm Bell Choir 6:00pm Youth Event | 17 8:00pm AA & Al Anon | 18 9:00am Quilters | 19 6:00pm Brass Rehearsal 7:00pm Advent Worship 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal | 20 7:00pm Boy Scouts | 21 9:00am Crane Coffee Fellowship 9:30am Al Anon Mtg. 7:30pm AA Mtg. | 22 7:00am Men's Ministry |
| 23 8:00am Worship & Communion 10:30am Worship & Communion 5:00pm Bell Choir | 24 4:00pm Christmas Eve Worship 8:00pm AA/Al Anon 10:30pm Christmas Prelude Music 11:00pm Candlelight Worship | 25 Merry Chrstmas! | 26 | 27 7:00pm Boy Scouts | 28 9:00am Crane Coffee Fellowship 9:30am Al Anon Mtg. 7:30pm AA Mtg. | 29 7:00am Men's Ministry |
| 30 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship & Communion 5:00pm Bell Choir | 31 8:00pm AA & Al Anon | | | | | |