



# The Love Letter

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## Summer Worship Schedule

Sun. 9:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Sun. 10:00 a.m. Breakfast and Fellowship

Mission Statement: Created by God's gracious love, we are called, as a community of faith, to be witnesses and servants of Jesus to the world.

## A Look Ahead

As we enter July, our summer schedule and activities continue at Lord of Love. Summer worship is at 9:00 a.m., followed by summer breakfast and fellowship at 10:00 a.m. In addition, work on the **community garden** is ongoing, and volunteers are always welcome (see page 6, Outreach).

We have been collecting items for **health kits** for a month or two now, and on July 21, the Women of Love will be assembling these kits. Donations will be accepted until July 18 (see page 12, Women of Love). The health kits will be delivered to Carol Joy Holling Camp, where they will be given a special blessing before being shipped to Haiti.

The blessing of the health kits will take place on July 31 during the annual **quilt auction at Carol Joy Holling Camp**. All are invited to the quilt auction and to enjoy a barbecue lunch and other fun activities at the camp (see page 6, Nurture).

Our **men's softball** team plays at the Kelley Softball complex every Monday evening, and all are welcome to attend the games and cheer them on! On July 26, everyone is invited to go out for pizza after the game (see page 10, Men's News Corner).

Finally, the **Call Committee** has been hard at work preparing for upcoming interviews with potential candidates this summer. Read about their activities in the "Call Committee Corner" (see page 10, Transition/Call Process Update).

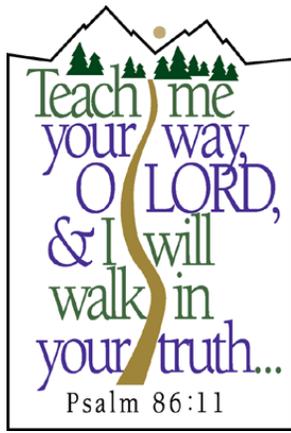
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### Walking Worthy of the Lord by Pastor Bob

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In an article in the In-Between Times, a publication for interim pastors, Paul Svingen talks about Walking Worthy of the Lord. Svingen quotes from a book, *Holy Work*, by Marsha Sinetar, where she talks about the movement towards the sacred and of the process of "being filled with the knowledge of the Lord's will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding."



Paul Svingen goes on to say that a vocation summons each one of us distinctively. You, too, may have discovered like I have that it is through our work that we can become whole individuals who walk by the light of faith, live in truth, and become supernaturally perfected (as Svingen says ... ); that is, we become a witness to the light of God.

I have discovered that it is easy, in the midst of all the change that happens in churches I serve, to forget my vocation to be a witness to the light (love) of God.

William Blake, who also is quoted by Paul Svingen, observed that with a vocation comes the insight that whatever lives is holy and that life delights itself in life. Svingen says that enables him to offer up his efforts to the Lord simply as praise, simply as gratitude, simply as joy in being alive and doing what "I've been born to do."

I feel the same way that Paul Svingen does. Interim ministry is a meaningful vocation for me because as someone once said, "We are a part of people's life, a chapter each day, by the things that we do and the words that we say. People read what we write, whether faithful or true." This is a role I gladly accept because I believe that I have been called to serve people in this specialized way.

Thank you for letting me be a part of your life these past two years. I feel in my heart that this is where God has chosen to have me shine as one of his lights. This is God's doing, and I am delighted to accept it. It gives me life and the daily opportunity to offer up my efforts to the Lord as praise.



At the end of his article, Paul Svingen asks each one of us, "and so, what is the claim that God has made upon you as you do your ministry out of the waters of your baptism?" So today, I ask you this same question!

I hope this is a question that you will all think about. And whatever that answer may be, now is your time to offer up your efforts to the Lord as praise.

In Christ,  
Pastor Bob

# MONTHLY CALENDAR

July 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 9:30am Text Study @ Guthrie's 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>2</b> 7:30pm AA	<b>3</b> 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
<b>4</b> 9:00am Worship & Communion 10:00am Summer Breakfast	<b>5</b> Office Closed for holiday 8:00pm AA & AI Anon 8:30pm Men's Softball	<b>6</b> Youth to World's of Fun 8:00am Census Training 9:00am Quilters 7:00pm Vision & Coordination	<b>7</b> 8:00am Census Training 6:00pm LWT Bible Study	<b>8</b> Pr. Bob vacation 8:00am Census Training 9:30am Text Study @ Guthrie's 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>9</b> Pr. Bob vacation 8:00am Laughing Ladies at Crane Coffee 8:00am Census Training 7:30pm AA	<b>10</b> 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
<b>11</b> 9:00am Worship & Communion 10:00am Summer Breakfast	<b>12</b> 7:30pm Men's Softball 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 9:00am Quilters 9:30am Text Study @ Guthrie's 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>16</b> 7:30pm AA	<b>17</b> 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
<b>18</b> New Member Orientation 9:00am Worship & Communion 10:00am Summer Breakfast	<b>19</b> 8:00pm AA & AI Anon 8:30pm Men's Softball	<b>20</b> 9:00am Quilters 6:00pm Nominating Comte Mtg. 7:00pm Church Council	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9:30am Text Study @ Guthrie's 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>23</b> 8:00am Laughing Ladies at Crane Coffee 7:30pm AA	<b>24</b> 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 8:00am Worship Planning
<b>25</b> New Members Received 9:00am Worship & Communion 10:00am Summer Breakfast	<b>26</b> 6:30pm Men's Softball followed by Pizza 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:30am Text Study @ Guthrie's 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>30</b> 7:30pm AA	<b>31</b> 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

## Tape Ministry: Updates on Our Members by Karen Pickens and Rachel Novak

“Created by God’s gracious love, we are called, as a community of faith, to be witnesses and servants of Jesus to the world.”

This is our mission statement. We do take it out into the world, but doesn’t it start right here in our own church family? Lately, I have been aware of people taking care of each other in small, quiet ways—small, maybe, to the people doing the caring, but huge to the people being cared for.



Just recently, **Ruth Cooley** moved out of the home she and her family lived in for many years into an apartment in Immanuel Village: her address is 6801 N. 67th Plaza. Of course, she wanted to continue coming to Lord of Love. Within the week, she had a committee of three (Marilyn Thomsen, Ruth Manning, and Sandy Hall) volunteering to take turns bringing her to church during the summer months. While this is a difficult transition for Ruth, the fact that she can still be a part of her church family is a tremendous comfort. The need for transporting is likely to increase as more and more of our older members encounter changes in their life environments.

Last month, I told you about **Esther Welliver**, who was moving to Crowell Memorial Home in Blair. Last night I talked with her and received the good news that she will be returning to her home next Tuesday. She said that she cried when they told her...tears of joy. Her first day home includes a trip to the College World Series accompanied by her son, Roger. There will be changes for her at home;

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### Lord of Love's Worship Servants

	July 4	July 11	July 18	July 25
<b>Greeter(s)</b>				
9:00 a.m.	Brian and Deb Lund	Doug and Karen Armitage	Todd and Lisa Meyer	Karen Mullen and Shawn Lorenzen
<b>Liturgist</b>				
9:00 a.m.	Marilyn Thomsen	Karen Mullen	Claudia Rowen	Shawn Lorenzen
<b>Communion Servers</b>				
9:00 a.m.	Edwards family	Combes family	Rowen family	Barb Haskins, Jessica and Julia Ritonya
<b>Nursery Attendant(s)</b>				
9:00 a.m.	Laura Gehringer	Laura Armitage	Kimi Lueders	Casey Florea
<b>Altar Care</b>				
9:00 a.m.	Mike and Christie Klos	Concannon family	Cathy Aden	Diana Haye, Marcia Roads
<b>Ushers</b>				
9:00 a.m.	Joe, Josh, and Jason Combes, Ed Guthrie, Brian Shinrock			

## WORSHIP

### Tape Ministry: Updates on Our Members, continued

one of them will be...no more driving. She, too, will need a ride to church, and I have no doubt that her church family will take care of her. Her address is 9208 Parker; if you live in her neighborhood and find it convenient to pick her up, please let me know. She will be ready and waiting at her door when you arrive, I can tell you that. We take care of our own and that alone is one small witness to the world. It will be so good to see Esther in church again!

Brad and Randi VenHuizen had been bringing **Pauline Shaffer** to choir, so when Pauline decided it was time for her to stop driving her car, getting to church on Sunday mornings was already in place. Besides having transportation, she has acquired good new friends.

Some other changes include a new address for **Ellen Nore**. She has moved to a different location at Heritage Pointe, and there she is quite happy! She, too, is able to join us for worship and fellowship thanks to her daughter, Lynnette.

Please remember our caretakers in your prayers as their lives also take on new challenges in caring for their loved ones.

Another month with no Lord of Love life story! Summer brings on so many activities but no added hours. I find myself wishing for one day of rest. Then, I remember that God already given us that; all I have to do is take it. My goal for this month is to alter a few of my activities so that I have time for getting to know, a little better, one more of our church members whose story I will pass on to you. Thank you for all that you do in loving and caring for another.



## NURTURE

### Weekly Education Opportunities at Lord of Love

<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.    Worship Service	<b>Wednesday</b> 6:00 p.m. <i>Lutheran Woman Today</i> Bible Study @ LOL Mary Room (first Wednesday of month)
<b>Monday</b> 6:00 p.m. <i>Lutheran Woman Today</i> Bible Study @ Old Country Buffet (first Monday of month)	<b>Thursday</b> 9:30 a.m.    Text Study @ Guthries
	<b>Saturday</b> 7:00 a.m.    Men's Breakfast and Bible Study @ LOL Fellowship Hall

# NURTURE

## Quilt Auction at Carol Joy Holling Camp

The Carol Joy Holling Camp Quilt Auction will be held on Saturday, July 31, and it's a great place to spend the day. More than 300 quilts will be auctioned off (Amy Kragnes is donating one), and many other activities will be going on as well. You can get a look at what quilts will be auctioned off online at [www.caroljoyholling.org](http://www.caroljoyholling.org) and can arrange to bid on a quilt even if you're not there. You give a maximum price, and someone is assigned to do the bidding for you. This quilt auction is a major fundraiser for the camp and allows them to keep offering their important, faith-filled programs to children.

- Quilts on display ..... 9:00 a.m.
- Silent Auction bidding ..... 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Live Auction begins..... 10:00 a.m.
- Barbecue Lunch..... 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
(Adults \$6, Kids \$3)
- Swimming/waterfront ..... 12:00–5:00 p.m.
- Hayrack rides/tours.....All day



*Please join us in welcoming  
the newlyweds  
Richard and Rebecca Sheridan  
at our home, 4720 N 136 Street  
for an open house dessert reception  
Saturday, August 21, 2010  
1:30-4:30 pm.  
No gifts, please.*

*Brian and Deb Lund*

# OUTREACH

## Lord of Love Community Garden Update

Lord of Love's community garden is off to a great start. The bountiful rains have been great for the plants, including an abundance of weeds that come up quite readily. One really cool thing about our community garden is witnessing so many in our congregation stepping up to care for the garden!

Thanks so much to everyone who has put in time and energy to plant and to water (prior to the rains of June), and for those who have taken care of the weeds by hoeing, tilling, pulling, etc. There have been a couple of mystery workers who have done some weeding, but in addition to them, we want to thank Doug Aden, Paula Foster, Kenn Garder, Matt Garder, Jason Garder, Jeri Morgan, Deb and Brian Lund, Gary Ramsay, Doug and Rose Roberts, and Connie Walther for their hard work.

We look forward to taking our produce to feed hungry folks who pick up food at the Nebraska Synod's Project Hope on 42nd and Boyd. It will be a while before that happens, but the beans and tomatoes should be ready for harvesting sometime in July.

Anyone interested in helping with weeding, the upcoming harvest, or taking produce to Project Hope should contact Deb Lund at 493-3721 or [bdlund55@cox.net](mailto:bdlund55@cox.net).



### Mission Interpreter Update by Deb Lund

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Remember that a portion of our tithes and offerings goes to the Nebraska Synod, and from the Synod to the ELCA as mission share support. The following are highlights of our mission share dollars at work.

#### OUR MINISTRY WITH THE ELCA

##### Lutheran World Relief in Haiti

Through mission share support, the ELCA assists Lutheran World Relief so it may bring hope to areas of our world in need, including the devastated areas of Haiti that are still struggling to recover from a massive earthquake earlier this year.

A video of Lutheran World Relief's work in Haiti is available for viewing and download on the [NebraskaSynod.org](http://NebraskaSynod.org) website.



#### OUR MINISTRY WITH THE NEBRASKA SYNOD

##### Seeking the Spirit Within

The Nebraska Synod, ELCA seeks to respond to an increasing request for spiritual direction and spiritual retreats by preparing those who are experiencing a call from God for this ministry.

*Spiritual Direction* is an ancient form of strengthening and encouraging one another in our personal relationship with Jesus Christ. *Spiritual Direction* seeks to attend to God's activity in the lives of both director and directee.

While we recognize and honor other faith's spiritual beliefs and practices, this is a Christian program.

The following Statement of Ecumenism describes the Institute and its participants: Steeped in the Christian spiritual tradition and consistent with the values of the ELCA and Nebraska Synod, Seeking the Spirit Within, the Institute for Spiritual Direction Formation, is an ecumenical institute welcoming people of all Christian faiths. We recognize the gifts of other denominations and benefit from how we make each other better by growing the Body of Christ together.

For more information, check out the website: <http://www.seekingthespiritwithin.org/>.



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# COUNCIL REPORT & TRANSITION/CALL PROCESS UPDATE

## June 2010 Council Report by Don Rowen, Council Vice-President

A Strategic Planning Meeting was held on June 15, 2010. Council members and a member of the women's and men's groups attended. The minutes of this meeting are summarized as follows:

- The group discussed the topic of member involvement. A summary of the questions that were asked and some of the answers that we given to each question is provided below. Following this discussion, council members were asked to consider how their committees could help in improving member involvement and to report at the council meeting in July.
  - 1. What is the problem with member involvement?**
    - Q: What do we mean by member involvement?
    - A: *Participation in worship and activities; contribution of time, talent, and finances*
    - Q: What is our current level of member involvement?
    - A: *Varies; a few (core) do a lot, and majority do only a little*
    - Q: What level of member involvement are we seeking?
    - A: *Members involved in one more thing besides worship; need to mentor new leaders*
    - Q: What are the barriers to increasing member involvement?
    - A: *No time (too busy); nobody asked; lack of relationship with other members*
  - 2. How do we address the barriers we identified?**
    - Q: How do we clearly express the need for member involvement?
    - A: *Need to communicate in multiple different ways*
    - Q: What may be some effective ways to engage our members in our ministry?
    - A: *Tabulate and use Spiritual Gifts Inventory effectively; build a relationship and then ask to increase involvement; mentor*
    - Q: What leadership do we need to effect changes in how we engage members?
    - A: *Be intentional about our invitation; make council members aware of members' spiritual gifts*
  - 3. How do we integrate new members into the life of our congregation?**
    - Q: Should the Spiritual Gifts Inventory be part of the new member orientation process?
    - A: *Yes*
    - Q: If so, what is the best way to introduce the Spiritual Gifts Inventory to new members?
    - A: *During two-week new member orientation*
    - Q: What alternative methods could be used to learn of new member interests, vocations, and avocations?
    - A: *Ask about vocation and interests during two-week new member orientation program*
    - Q: What approach should we take to make stronger connections to our new members and to invite them into the life of the congregation?
    - A: *Assign a sponsor to each new member; invite to participate in a short term event; communicate info about new members to current members*
- Council members were reminded to send Brian Lund upcoming events for the council planning calendar.

### 2010 Lord of Love Church Council

Executive Committee: Brian Lund, President; Don Rowen, Vice-President; Brian Walther, Secretary; Lisa Meyer, Treasurer

Nurture: Heather Christensen, Angie Meyer

Outreach: Harry Naasz, Paul Christenson

Resources: Craig Pennell, Doug Armitage

Worship: Karen Mullen, Debra Gillespie



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From the Council President – July 2010 by Brian Lund, Council President

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I Peter 4:10 (NRSV) *Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.*

## ***Building on Faith to Serve***

The council established a number of objectives at the beginning of the year (see the February 2010 issue of *The Love Letter*). There is a lot in this one objective:

- Support a variety of experiences to build stronger connections among people within our church community (study, worship, prayer, service, fellowship, outreach).
  - To strengthen the connection of newer members to the congregation.
  - To involve members in a variety of outreach ministries.
  - To enable spiritual growth; to know Jesus on a more personal level.

This past June, the council had its bi-monthly meeting for Strategic Planning. At this meeting, we had some great discussion concerning member involvement: what do we mean by member involvement, what are the obstacles, and how can we inspire our membership to be more involved. Hopefully in the coming months, our council committees can take some of the thoughts coming from this discussion and work them into the ministry efforts of our congregation. What would that look like? Our hopes for member involvement can be summarized by this list:

- All of our members attending worship sometime during the year
- All of our members praying for our congregation, the Call Committee, and each other
- All of our members supporting the ministries of our congregation through the sharing of financial gifts
- Over half of our members participating in some form of bible study/Christian education
- Over half of our members participating in a fellowship event
- An increased number of members assisting with the ministry activities (mission/service, worship, education, care of our buildings and grounds)

Involvement is faith in action. Involvement of members is key to a vibrant, energetic congregation. Involvement grows out of and results in the building and strengthening of relationships between our members. And involvement helps us to build future leaders of our congregation.

The ELCA publishes *Seeds for the Parish*, a resource paper for congregations, six times per year. It provides a number of suggestions for individual and group study on a variety of topics. Often times the topics are related to worship, Christian education, and mission. The latest issue highlighted “How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord,” a hymn from the Vocation/Ministry section of the ELW. The first verse of this hymn reminds us that our clear Christian vocation is to “live according to your word and daily learn, refreshed, restored, that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.”

Summer worship is well underway. The single church service and breakfast fellowship time afterwards is providing opportunities to strengthen our relationships. All are invited to partake. Be fed first by the word of God and then be fed by a wonderful brunch. If you are able, sign up for an open date and share your own breakfast special.

Our Lord of Love community garden is doing well with the moisture we have enjoyed the past month. Thank you to all those who helped plant, water, and weed so far this year! Many hands make light work. All are welcome to bring a hoe sometime and to share in preparing for a bountiful harvest.

Please continue to pray for our congregation, and especially for our Call Committee, as we continue with the pastoral call process.

In faith and service, Brian Lund

# COUNCIL REPORT & TRANSITION/CALL PROCESS UPDATE

## Call Committee Corner by Kim Gust, Call Committee Secretary

The Call Committee has been meeting on a regular basis since mid-April. We have met with the Vision and Coordination Committee of the council; with Pastor Lee Griess, Assistant to the Bishop of the Nebraska Synod; and with the congregation through an Adult Forum on Sunday, May 23, 2010. In addition, Kenn Garder, Call Committee president, has met with a few individuals to hear their concerns and suggestions.

The congregation profile that was developed by the council with input from the congregation has been submitted to the synod office. The synod will use this information to help identify candidates whom it feels would be good matches for Lord of Love.

In the meantime, the Call Committee has been busy developing a list of interview questions for potential candidates. In addition, we are currently working with the synod to schedule a few practice interviews with local pastors. The practice interviews will allow the Call Committee to do the following:

- Ask our questions and see if they elicit the type of information we're looking for or if we need to modify the wording of any questions.
- Work through logistics and timing of the interview to see if we have too many or too few questions.
- Practice listening and taking notes during the interview.

We want to be prepared to interview our first candidate so that we don't miss out on someone just because they were the first.

Please keep the Call Committee in your prayers as we move forward in the call process. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact a member of the Call Committee: Kenn Garder, Kim Gust, Karen Armitage, Barb Haskins, Paul Murphy, or Chris Rich.



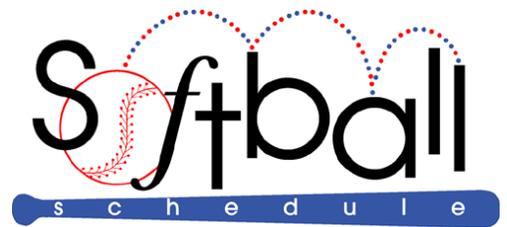
## MEN'S NEWS CORNER

### Men's Softball

The Lord of Love men's softball team almost won its last game on June 14, losing 19 to 17 with the tying runs on base. All are welcome to come out on Monday nights and cheer on the team at Kelley Softball complex (124th and Fort) on Field 3 (one of four fields at the north end of the complex). Our next game times are listed below.

July 5	8:30 p.m.
12	7:30 p.m.
19	8:30 p.m.
26	6:30 p.m. (We'll go out for pizza after the game.)

August 2	Rainout makeup (We'll probably play at 9:30 p.m.)
9	Rainout makeup (We'll probably play at 8:30 p.m.)



## Lutheran Woman Today Summer Bible Studies

There will be no meeting in July for either the Monday or Wednesday evening Bible Study group. Details for the August meetings are provided below.

### **Monday Evening Bible Study**

The Monday evening Bible Study group will meet on August 9 at 6:00 p.m. for dinner (no study) at Hong Hing Restaurant, 5411 N. 90<sup>th</sup> Street.

### **Wednesday Evening Bible Study**

The Wednesday evening Bible Study group will hold a mini-retreat/summer Bible study on Saturday, August 14 at 8:45 a.m. at Deb Lund's home, 4720 N 136 Street.

Deb will serve coffee, juice, and homemade cinnamon and caramel rolls at 8:45 a.m. The Bible Study will start at 9:00 a.m.

Bring a salad to share for lunch after the study is over.

### **2010 Summer Bible Study: Pray Always**

The summer study, "Pray Always," is written by the Rev. Gladys Moore, an ordained pastor in the ELCA. It is a three-session Bible study that explores the following three aspects of prayer:

- Session One: *Persistence* (Luke 18:1-8)
- Session Two: *Waiting with Patience and Hope* (Isaiah 40:28-31)
- Session Three: *Power* (Ephesians 3:14-21)

The studies are available online at <http://www.elca.org/Growing-In-Faith/Ministry/Women-of-the-ELCA/Lutheran-Woman-Today/Bible-study/Summer-studies.aspx>.



## Coffee Fellowship

All women are invited to join the Lord's Laughing Ladies! We meet at 8:00 a.m. for fellowship at Crane Coffee, 77<sup>th</sup> and Cass, on July 9 and 23.



## Project Hope

Thank you for your continued generosity to Project Hope!

**The needs for July are cereal and crackers.** In addition, the following personal care items are always appreciated: bar soap, bathroom tissue, can openers, conditioner, deodorant, diapers, dish soap, feminine hygiene products, hair products (combs, brushes), Kleenex, laundry soap, mouthwash (without alcohol), razors, shaving cream, toothbrushes, and toothpaste.

Please place items in the containers under the Information Center in the Narthex.



## Campers and Congregations Care with Kits

Lutheran World Relief provides essential supplies to those who have to flee their homes, and their supply of Health Kits is critically low. We are encouraging donations this summer because we have an opportunity to save on shipping—a truck will be out at Carol Joy Holling Camp on July 24 to collect donations, and our donations will be on board!

The truck will be at the camp because kids at camps in Nebraska and Kansas will take part in an unprecedented partnership to fill an entire ocean freight container with some 32,000 health kits to be distributed to families living in poverty. The health kits are destined for Haiti.



To further the impact of the partnership, Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries is encouraging congregations like **Lord of Love** to also assemble health kits to be sent to Lutheran World Relief along with the 32,000 kits assembled by campers.

A blessing of the health kits, led by President John Nunes of Lutheran World Relief and Bishop David deFreese of the Nebraska Synod ELCA, will take place during NLOM's annual quilt auction fundraiser at Carol Joy Holling on July 31.

Please bring items for health kits by July 18 and place them in the marked container under the Information Center in the narthex. Health kits will be assembled at the church on July 21 at 7:00 p.m. The following supplies for health kits are needed:

- Hand towels, dark color recommended
- Washcloths, dark color recommended
- Bath-sized bars of soap (4 to 5 oz.), any brand, in original wrappers
- Adult-sized toothbrushes, in original packaging
- Sturdy combs
- Metal nail files or clippers with file attached (no cardboard emery boards)
- Band-Aids, preferably ½ to ¾ inch



## Calendar of Events

### July

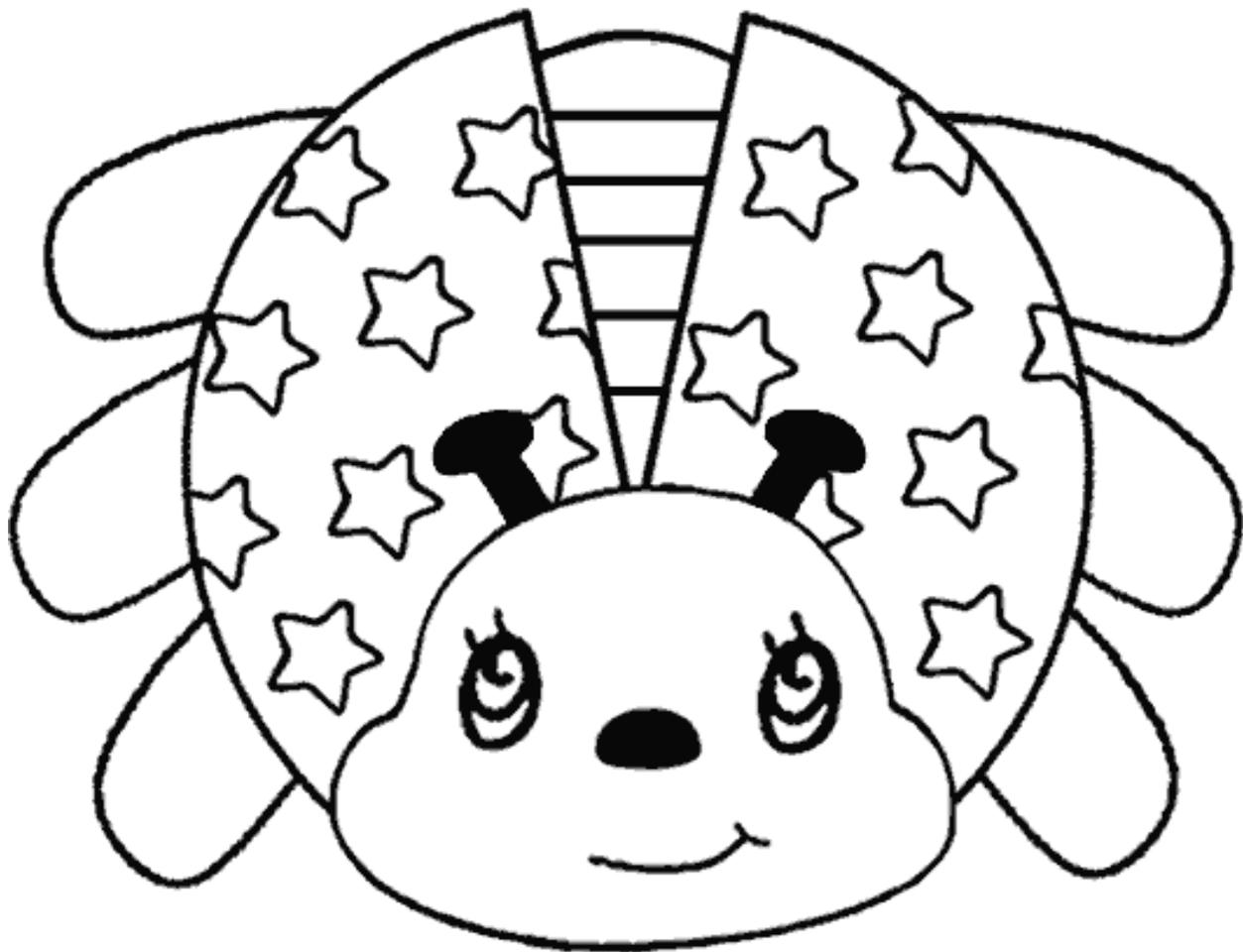
6	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
9	8:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship, Crane Coffee, 77th and Cass
20	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
21	7:00 p.m.	Assemble Health Kits
23	8:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship, Crane Coffee, 77th and Cass
31	9:00 a.m.	Carol Joy Holling Camp Quilt Auction

### Coming Soon

August 9, 2010	LWT Bible Study Dinner, Hong Hing Restaurant
August 14, 2010	LWT Bible Study Mini-retreat, Deb Lund's home
September 18, 2010	Autumn Renewal, Bethlehem Lutheran, Wahoo, NE (presentation by Bob Kasworm)
October 3, 2010	Thankoffering Sunday
October 16, 2010	General Meeting
October 23, 2010	Fall Festival



# Happy Independence Day!



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**Vacation Time**

Where do you like to go on vacation? Check out these places from the Bible. Use the Scripture verses below to find these places in the puzzle. (If a verse has more than one place, only one is in the puzzle. Figure out which one.) Circle each place in the puzzle.



Answers go: → ↓ ↘

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| Genesis 2:15      | Isaiah 23:1   | Luke 24:13  |
| Genesis 11:9      | Isaiah 23:2   | John 2:1    |
| Genesis 35:1      | Isaiah 23:3   | Acts 8:5    |
| Exodus 13:18      | Jonah 1:2     | Acts 11:22  |
| Ruth 1:1          | Matthew 3:6   | Acts 17:16  |
| 1 Kings 18:19     | Matthew 4:18  | Romans 1:15 |
| 1 Chronicles 11:4 | Matthew 26:36 |             |

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 J J O R D A N R I V E R  
 E S G A A R C A N A A M  
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 I J E M B N A H M H E E  
 T O W E R O F B A B E L

## IN OUR PRAYERS & LOVE NOTES

### In Our Prayers

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Catherine  
Avery Akeman (friend of Kim Gust)  
Dick Bell  
Ryan Bolen (nephew of Sandy Hall)  
Katie Brink (friend of the VenHuizens)  
Miranda Brown (friend of the Shinrocks)  
Portia Bruning (cousin of Shirley Schuchard)  
Jan Davis (aunt of Paula Foster)  
Laura and Jeremy DeWitt  
Colin Farbotka (nephew of Tom and Beth Olson)  
Patty George (friend of the Rieffs)  
Machelle Gross (niece of Lynda McGraw)  
Jim and Norma Gunter  
Gary Hall (brother of Claude Hall)  
Amber Hartin (granddaughter of the Shinrocks)  
Matthew Hayek (nephew of Sandy Hall)  
Marj Holbrook (mother of Judy Messerschmidt)  
Cathy Johnson (friend of Marilyn Thomsen)  
Bob Kasworm and his ministry in Tanzania  
Ken Kellogg (father of Karen Armitage)  
Paula Lawhead (at seminary)  
Carl Lueders (uncle of Dave Lueders)  
Irene Lund (aunt of Brian Lund)  
Rebecca Lund (at seminary)  
Brenda Mac  
Abbie Mahler (niece of Jane Hawkins)  
Marj Mahler (mother of Jane Hawkins)  
Bob McKnight (grandfather of Ann Kroll)  
Merlin Meyer (father of Todd Meyer)

Pastor Elibariki Mtui and all the saints of TPC Lutheran  
Parish, Tanzania  
Harry Naasz  
Clarence (Swede) Nelson (brother of Pauline Shaffer)  
Lloyd Neve (LOL Brass member)  
Johanna Olson (niece of Tom and Beth Olson)  
Joe Policky (grandfather of Tamra Johnston)  
Bill and Bev Pugh (former members)  
Berniece Reitan  
Angel Restivo (friend of Marilyn Thomsen)  
Don St. Ours (brother-in-law of Lynda McGraw)  
Evelyn Sacrider  
Pauline Shaffer  
Brenda Thom  
Nancy Thoman (stepmom of Ann Kroll)  
Joey Thompson (friend of the Murphys)  
Brody Vermilyea (grandson of Brian and Nancy  
Shinrock)  
Rachel Wapelhorst (niece of Brenda Mac)  
Agnes Wilson  
Julie Wolf

Lord of Love Call Committee  
Children waiting to be adopted & those seeking to adopt  
Men's servant ministry  
Stephen Ministers and their care receivers  
Those deployed around the world  
Those seeking employment  
Those who mourn

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### Love Notes

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Dear Lord of Love,

Thank you for all who attended our shower on June 13 and for all of the gifts we received. A special thank you to Ruth Manning and Amy Kragnes for organizing and planning this special event for us! It was good to relive memories of growing up at Lord of Love and be reminded of the loving support we have here. We were overwhelmed by your generosity and well wishes!

In Christ,  
Rebecca Lund & Rich Sheridan





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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**This Month**

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- July 5 Church office closed
- July 6 Youth Group trip to Worlds of Fun in Kansas City
- July 18 New member orientation
- July 21 Assemble health kits for Haiti
- July 25 Receive new members during worship service
- July 26 Men’s Softball Game and pizza

**This Month, continued**

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- July 31 Carol Joy Holling Camp Quilt Auction and Barbecue

**Upcoming Events**

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- August 14 Women’s Mini-retreat/Summer Bible Study
- August 21 Open House Dessert Reception for Richard and Rebecca (Lund) Sheridan
- October 23 Fall Festival

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