



# 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

June was a busy month at Lord of Love, and some of the activities that have been completed are summarized in this issue of *The Love Letter*. In July, things are a bit slower, but there are still ways in which you can be involved, as described throughout this issue as well.

The **2011 Nebraska Synod Assembly** was held June 3-5. Lord of Love's voting delegates, Carol Novak and Deb Lund, share their experiences (see page 8, Nurture).

**Vacation Bible School** was held at Lord of Love June 13-17, and the SonSurf Beach Bash was a success (see page 7, Nurture)!

In July, planning for fall gets underway. A **Sunday school planning meeting** will be held on July 19, and anyone interested in teaching Sunday school in the fall is invited to attend (see page 7, Nurture).

In addition, work in our **Community Garden** will continue in July. Volunteers are needed to help weed, water, and harvest vegetables (see page 10, Outreach).

Finally, in August rehearsals will begin for Lord of Love's new **bell choir**! Anyone interested in playing bells can still sign up (see page 4, Worship).



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## PASTOR'S PAGE

### Making a Difference by Pastor Brad

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"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received." 1 Peter 4:10

During these summer months, many of us take a break from our daily work by taking a family vacation or a quick getaway to enjoy something different. As our family looks forward to enjoying some "quality" time together, I realized something.

I've encountered numerous people recently for whom escaping the "daily work" or taking advantage of getting away for a while isn't an option. For people from all walks of life who are not able to work either because of physical or emotional reasons or who have lost their jobs, a vacation isn't even a thought.

So how can we make someone else's life a little easier in the midst of the struggle? How can the church be a supportive and encouraging force? The reality is that we cannot solve every person's situation, but we can do something, and we do.

These are a few to highlight:

On the first Sunday of every month, the loose offering is contributed to the Lord of Love Deacon's Fund. I am glad to let you know that some of the needs in the community are being met by your giving. Since the beginning of 2011, we have sent \$500.00 from the Deacon's Fund to support Together, Inc. Together, Inc. is a local organization that assists clients with food, clothing, and/or financial assistance, while at the same time working with them to develop a financial plan or better understanding of their financial situation. This is one of the organizations that benefits from the Deacon's Fund.

The Lord of Love Garden, which is growing more each day because of the faithful dedication of volunteers, will supply needed nutritious vegetables to Project Hope.

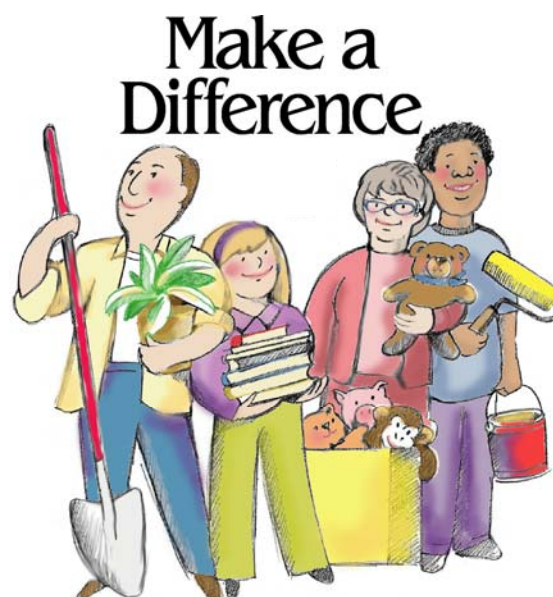
When rent was needed for a family whom no one knew, a simple request brought more money than needed to meet the need.

When crayons were needed to support Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries and Lutheran World Relief, the response was joyful and again the need was met.

These are only a few ways in which you've made a difference. But what I've noticed in my short time here at Lord of Love is that you are people with generous hearts who respond to the needs of others. I pray that we continue to give by how we have been blessed.

Enjoy your summer!

Peace,  
Pastor Brad

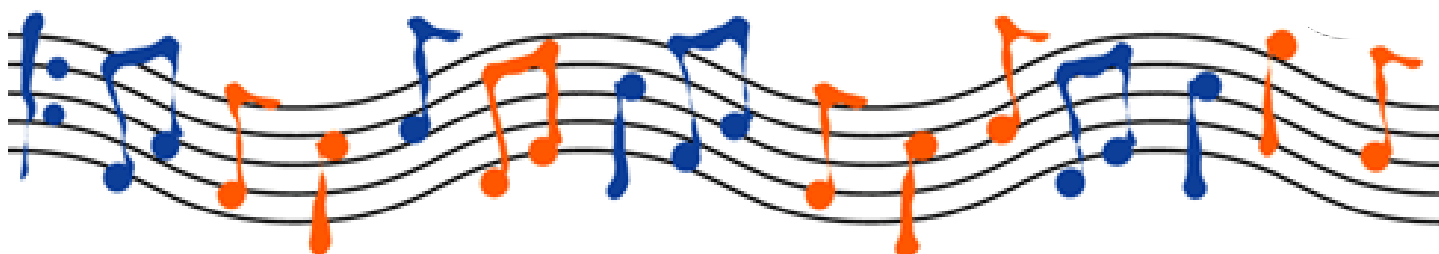


# MONTHLY CALENDAR

July 2011						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> 7:30pm AA	<b>2</b> 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
<b>3</b> 9:00am Summer Worship & Communion 10:00am Breakfast	<b>4</b> Church Office Closed 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	<b>5</b> Mary Lou out of office 9:00am Quilters 7:00pm Vision & Coordination	<b>6</b> Mary Lou out of office	<b>7</b> Mary Lou out of office 9:30am Text Study @ Guthrie's 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>8</b> Mary Lou out of office 8:00am Ladies at Crane Coffee 7:30pm AA	<b>9</b> 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
<b>10</b> 9:00am Summer Worship & Communion 10:00am Breakfast	<b>11</b> Mary Lou out of office 8:00pm AA & AI Anon 9:30pm Men's Softball	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:30am Text Study @ Guthrie's 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>15</b> 8:00am LoL Laughing Ladies @ Crane Coffee 7:30pm AA	<b>16</b> 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 8:00am Worship Planning
<b>17</b> 9:00am Summer Worship & Communion 10:00am Breakfast	<b>18</b> 7:30pm Men's Softball 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	<b>19</b> 9:00am Quilters 7:30pm Church Council	<b>20</b> Love Letter Deadline	<b>21</b> 9:30am Text Study @ Guthrie's 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>22</b> 8:00am Ladies at Crane Coffee 7:30pm AA	<b>23</b> 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
<b>24</b> 9:00am Summer Worship & Communion 10:00am Breakfast	<b>25</b> Pr. Brad out of office 7:30pm Men's Softball 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	<b>26</b> Pr. Brad out of office	<b>27</b> Pr. Brad out of office	<b>28</b> Pr. Brad out of office 9:30am Text Study @ Guthrie's 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>29</b> Pr. Brad out of office 7:30pm AA	<b>30</b> Last Splash Bash 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
<b>31</b> 9:00am Summer Worship & Communion 10:00am Breakfast 1:00pm District 18 AA Mtg.						

## Bell Choir Update

Exciting News! Three octaves of Schulmerich handbells have been ordered! They are expected to arrive in late July. Rehearsals are slated to begin Sunday evening, August 14, at a time to be decided. If you are interested in playing bells and have not signed up yet, please do so on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. No prior music training is required. If you have any questions, please speak with Heidi Meyer. Questions regarding bell financing can be addressed to Karen Mullen.



## Lord of Love's Worship Servants

	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31
<b>Greeter(s)</b>					
9:00 a.m.	Paul and Ann Kroll	John and Gwen Edwards	Paul and Peg Murphy	Jim and Jeri Morgan	Brian and Nancy Shinrock
<b>Liturgist</b>					
9:00 a.m.	Brad VenHuizen	Doug Aden	Paul Christenson		
<b>Communion Servers</b>					
9:00 a.m.	Brad and Randi VenHuizen	Doug and Cathy Aden, Lynda McGraw, Paula Foster	Paul and Deb Christenson, Barb Haskins and Jessica and Julia		
<b>Nursery Attendant(s)</b>					
9:00 a.m.	Hayley Yarger			Laura Armitage	Ashley Meier
<b>Altar Care</b>					
9:00 a.m.	Mike and Christie Klos	Pauline Shaffer, Randi VenHuizen	Cathy Aden	Diana Haye, Marcia Roads	Doug and Rose Roberts
<b>Ushers</b>					
9:00 a.m.	David Hild, Paul Murphy, Claude Hall, Bob Christensen				



### Tape Ministry: The Faith Journey of Karen Pickens

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I can't remember when I wasn't part of a church family or when I didn't believe in God. My first church memories were when I was about five years old. We were living in Leavenworth, Kansas, because my dad had been stationed there during World War II. My mom got a job in the school cafeteria at the Lutheran School, and I was in kindergarten. We attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and that was where I was baptized with a small group of other children.

When the war ended, we moved back to Omaha very close to Our Savior's Lutheran Church—so close that my sister and I could walk to church. One of the first times we attended church (and it must have been without our parents), a lady named Clara Boien came to our house to deliver the coat that I had forgotten. She introduced herself to our parents. She remained a close loving friend even after I was married and had children. Our Savior's was my second home. It was where I learned about God and where I met my best friends. On Sunday evenings, when there was a wonderful church meal, we would play in the halls, hiding in the tiny places of the church during hide and seek. When trouble came my way, the pastor was there to see me through it. Summers were spent at Bible Camp, and that is when God seemed to be closest. I was confirmed at Our Savior's and I was married there. My children were baptized there and grew up with the same church family as I was blessed to be part of. We remained there until its closing when we moved to Lord of Love, bringing along many of the members and bringing in new church family.

I also can't remember when I didn't have questions about God and heaven. As a child, I feared going to hell, and I tried to prepare for it when I burned the trash. I was sure that I would burn eternally. Even though I felt loved at church by the people and love from my family, I didn't know where God was and I didn't feel so loved when I was alone. I couldn't understand why God wouldn't reveal himself to me and wrap his arms around me. Later on in life, my faith was shattered by certain tragic events—events that I prayed about, but that were not answered the way in which I had prayed. When my grandson, Tim, took his life, I longed to know that he was in God's loving arms. Again, I felt the familiar childhood loneliness, and I finally told God that I was not talking to Him anymore because He never talked to me.

One day, I voiced my doubts about God and the fact that He seemed absent and comfortless to Carol Novak, especially in regards to Timmy. She said that that was the job of the church family and maybe they didn't do a very good job. That wasn't true. My church family surrounded me with their love and supplied so many of our needs during that time of grieving.

This year, I have learned that I have some health issues, and for awhile I kept that to myself. I felt alone and as if I had a secret that I was keeping from the people meaning so much to me. Finally, I asked for prayers, not really knowing how to pray or what to pray for. Love came knocking at my door and was all around me. It was then I realized that I was looking for God in the wrong place. I had expected him to open up the skies and show himself to me. Instead, God was right next door, right where I worship and play, right in my very own family. God is everywhere! I have been overwhelmed with all of the prayers, the love, and the helpful gifts that have come my way at this time, and I am eternally thankful.

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### Tape Ministry: The Faith Journey of Karen Pickens, continued

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I received the following via email from Lynda McGraw and wanted to share it.

#### Touch Me

The man whispered, "God, speak to me"  
and a meadowlark sang.

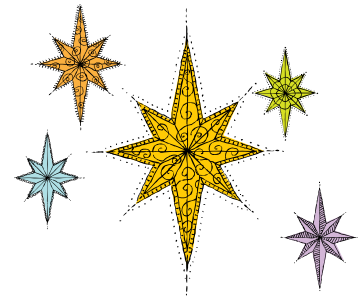


But the man did not hear.

So the man yelled, "God, speak to me"  
and the thunder rolled across the sky.

But the man did not listen.

The man looked around and said, "God, let me see you"  
and a star shone brightly.



But the man did not see.

And, the man shouted, "God, show me a miracle"  
and a life was born.

But the man did not notice.

So the man cried out in despair, "touch me God,  
and let me know you are here."



Whereupon, God reached down and touched the man.  
But the man brushed the butterfly away and walked on.

I found this to be a great reminder that God is always around us in the little and simple things that we take for granted... Even in our electronic age... so I would like to add one more:

The man cried "God, I need your help"  
and an email arrived  
reaching out with good news and encouragement.

But, the man deleted it and continued crying.

Don't miss out on a blessing because it isn't packaged the way that you expect.

~Author Unknown~

## SonSurf Beach Bash VBS Recap!

We had a very exciting week of Vacation Bible School June 13–17! Lord of Love offered VBS in the evenings this year, starting with kid-friendly meals. After dinner, approximately 30 children, ages 3 through 11, enjoyed beach-themed storytelling, crafts, and games. The children learned the answers to four big questions: Who is Jesus? Why should I trust Jesus? Why should I open up to Jesus? and What does Jesus want me to do? We ended the week with a picnic and pool party at Sunny Slope pool. The kids had a great time!

None of this would have been possible without many dedicated volunteers, from the planning committee all the way through to the parents who pitched in and helped as needed. THANK YOU to all who helped make VBS such a success this year! We hope to see you back again next year.



## Sunday School Planning Meeting

It is time to start planning for fall classes. Anyone interested in teaching Sunday School (preschool to high school) in the fall is invited to attend a short meeting (1 hour) on Tuesday, July 19 at 6:00 p.m. At this meeting, we will finalize the Sunday School calendar, discuss the current curriculum to see if changes are needed, and review job descriptions. If you have questions, please contact Lori Vandeventer or Paula Foster.



### 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 Joseph 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

### 2011 Synod Assembly by Carol Novak and Deb Lund

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#### Thoughts from Carol:

Pastor Brad, Deb Lund, and I were the voting delegates representing Lord of Love at the 2011 Synod Assembly. I would like to give you my top three experiences and memories of this event:

- “We Do Mission” is the underlying theme and purpose of our Nebraska Synod. We see it in the work we do for the people of Tanzania, for the young parents in north Omaha, in the youth’s mission trip to Denver.
- David Lose, a professor at Luther Seminary (and one of Paula Lawhead’s favorites) spoke twice. Here are a few quotes from his presentations:
  - “Worship isn’t the performance, it’s the rehearsal. It isn’t the big game. Life is the game.”
  - “It’s important for the church to tell God’s story.”
  - “Seeing God in church should help us see God in life.”
- I attended a workshop held at one of Lutheran Family Services’ Centers for Healthy Families. They are making a tremendous impact on the lives of many young children and their parents. Makes me proud. And makes me want to do more to serve.

Lord of Love people were visible throughout the assembly—Bob Kasworm and his work in Tanzania, Ruth Manning and Gwen Edwards serving throughout the assembly in many capacities, Gwen as President of Nebraska’s Women of the ELCA, Allison Vandeventer as one of the NLOM counselors, Pastor Brad as chair of the 2012 Assembly.

Of course, we spent lots of time listening to discussions about controversial topics, but when it’s all said and done, we are all Christians who want to love and respect each other and serve God and others.

#### Thoughts from Deb:

The theme of this year’s assembly was “Faith 2 Grow,” which is so very connected to “We Do Mission.”



A highlight was hearing Rev. Becca Stevens, an Episcopalian priest who heads up Thistle Farms in Tennessee. Thistle Farms is the social enterprise that is run by the women of Magdalene, a residential program for women who have survived lives of violence, prostitution, and addiction. The women create natural bath and body products by hand that are as good for the earth as they are for the body. Purchases of Thistle Farms products directly benefit the women who made them. Women learn skills in manufacturing, packaging, marketing and sales, and administration. Women acquire the skills they need to earn a living wage. Through Thistle Farms, the women of Magdalene gain much needed job skills and learn responsibility and cooperation.

I was inspired by both of the workshops I attended. The first was about Table Grace, a non-profit restaurant in downtown Omaha, headed up by a former chef at Camp Carol Joy Holling, Matt Weber, and his wife Simone. They serve gourmet soups, salads, and pizza to anyone for anything that the customer can give—money and/or time. Most of the food for the items served is donated from places like Trader Joe's, Wohlner's Grocery, and local vegetable farmers. Anyone can volunteer for any period of time. The restaurant is open for lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and is located at 16th and Farnam.

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## NURTURE

### 2011 Synod Assembly, continued

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The second was an overview of the recent Synod trip to the Holy Land, focusing on the need for our support of Palestinian Christians. It was most educational and, again, inspiring. Main points I gleaned from this workshop are:

1. The issue is land, and the Palestinians have lost lots of land.
2. Most Palestinians and Israelis want to settle things peaceably, and there are folks on both sides who do not support the actions of their leaders.
3. We must listen to those on both sides who are right there in the midst of the struggle, not just what we hear in the U.S. media. It takes effort to find and hear other sources.

Rev. Dr. Mary E. Jensen, an ELCA pastor in Lincoln, has lived and worked in the Holy Land and is a fantastic resource. She was assistant to the current Lutheran Bishop there. She is heading up another Synod vision trip in 2012.

Pastor Bob had been on this vision trip and attended this workshop.

Yes, some time at assemblies is spent on resolutions on which we disagree. But, as in the past, it is stressed that we are one church—the ELCA and the Nebraska Synod through many individual mission centers and congregations who do mission and focus on our unity in Christ, not uniformity.

## OUTREACH

### Mission Possible Update

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Thanks to everyone who gave so generously to the Pastor Maimu family fund during Advent, Christmas, and Lent. We are working with the Synod to get the family those funds, primarily for education costs for the children. The special Easter offering and \$500 set aside from budgeted mission funds will be used to pay the costs (\$1,400 per student per year) for a female student at the Machame Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing in Tanzania.

Remember that our gifts for summer breakfasts (above the costs of preparing the meal) will go to the ELCA Disaster Response. With all of the recent storms and natural disasters, this fund is being stretched more than ever. Thanks, again, for your kindness and generosity in doing God's work through our hands.



### Feed the Roots Campaign Update

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For the first quarter of 2011 the amount given to the Nebraska Synod Feed the Roots Campaign is \$878.89.



## OUTREACH

### Cristo Rey Project Embrace VBS

A portion of our budgeted mission funds for 2010-2011 went last fall to our Hispanic mission congregation, Iglesia Cristo Rey Luterana, in South Omaha for children's Bibles for their new Sunday School program. In addition, Deb Lund led a 3-day vacation Bible school session on "Fully Rely on God" June 7-9, assisted ably by Leah Klos and Katie Messerschmidt. Cristo Rey has offered Project Embrace for many years, through which area children in preschool through sixth grade have summer day care and activities that include weekly morning vacation Bible school led by various Nebraska Synod congregations. Deb and the young ladies truly enjoyed their time with the children and hope that they learned more about God and grew in their faith.

### Lord of Love Community Garden Update

The potatoes recovered from the cold weather leaf fungus, and plants are now looking splendid in the community garden. Regular weeding and watering has taken place, and to date, the vegetables are ahead of the weeds. Thanks to those who have worked diligently to weed and water so far this season: Doug Aden, Brian Lund, Jeri Morgan, Gary Ramsay, Doug Roberts, and Deb Lund. Anyone who knows the difference between the plants and the weeds is welcome to spend some time in the garden, as many hands make light work. Unless the rains come often enough, watering will need to take place more frequently, so talk to Jeri Morgan or Deb Lund if you're willing to lend a hand. We look forward to harvesting some vegetables later in the month, so please let us know if you have some time to harvest or take produce to Project Hope's pantry. If nothing else, be sure to take a peek at the beauty outside the back Fellowship Hall door sometime!



## COUNCIL REPORT

### Our Giving Status by Barb Haskins, Council Treasurer

Our financial picture for the month of May 2011 is as follows:

- Income: \$27,565.67
- Expenses: \$26,277.03



### 2011 Lord of Love Church Council

Executive Committee: Brian Lund, President; Kenn Garder, Vice-President; Brian Walther, Secretary; Barb Haskins, Treasurer

Nurture: Lori Vandeventer, Paula Foster

Outreach: Paul Christenson, Jeri Morgan

Resources: Doug Armitage, Josh Combes

Worship: Karen Mullen, Randi VenHuizen



## COUNCIL REPORT

**From the Council President – July 2011** by Brian Lund, Council President

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All the river systems in this region of the country are experiencing record water levels due to the large amount of snow from last winter and spring rains. The resulting flooding affects thousands of businesses and people. We are fascinated by the pictures and stories of flooding.

This flooding is at the same time awful and awe inspiring. Mountains of snow and oceans of water aren't the result of one big snowflake or one large raindrop. Millions and billions of flakes and drops pool together before we see such an immense result. Isn't that one of the marvels of nature?

I'm reminded of the adage "many hands make light work." Falling rain joins into trickles, into rivulets, into streams, into rivers. When people work together, they can complete wonderful things as well.

Romans 8:28 (NIV) *And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

We can and do make a difference! Members tend to our garden for the benefit of people who are not sure how they will feed their families. Our ELF Coalition joins Lord of Love with other Omaha churches in the rehab of a home for a family in need. Donations to the ELCA Disaster Fund by Lutherans all over the U.S. help churches and others displaced by flooding, tornados, and fires. Lutheran World Relief, funded through additional gifts from the ELCA, and other Lutheran church organizations join together to find solutions to disease and hunger all over the world.



Romans 5:1-2 (NIV) *Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.*

Thank you to everyone who participated in the life of our congregation in June. The special congregation meeting resulted in a unanimous vote to move forward with needed property repair projects. On Pentecost Sunday, we joined in celebrating the gifts of the Holy Spirit, thankfulness for 39 years of ministry of Lord of Love, and for the role of music in our worship. Our evening Vacation Bible School sessions, led by fantastic volunteers, were attended by a wonderful group of kids and their parents.

In a way, special events like these continue to happen each Sunday and every time that we gather as God's people to worship, study, pray, praise, help others, and share with others in fellowship. When we gather as God's people, we are fed by His Word and Sacraments, forgiven and blessed at the table, and encouraged by the Spirit for service to those in need.

Please continue to pray for Lord of Love, Pastor Brad, our ministry together, and for all those in need.

Blessings in faith and service,  
Brian Lund



# Freedom in Christ

*This Independence Day, remember  
that our true freedom comes from faith in Jesus.*

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**Directions:** In each set of letters, determine the pattern. Then write the letter that completes the pattern, to reveal Galatians 5:1, niv.

**A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z**

F	Q	L	V	C	R	O
G	R	K	U	D	Q	P
H	S	J	T	E	P	Q
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## PATRIOTIC PARFAIT

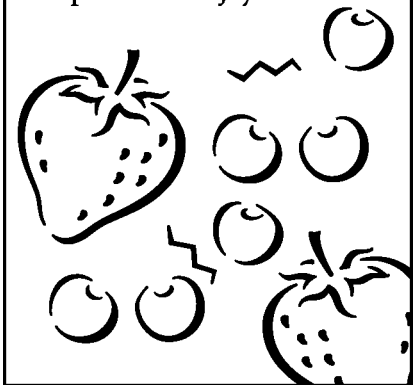
On the 4th of July, make this healthy, festive dessert to share with family and friends.

### What you need:

- Clear glasses or plastic cups
- Spoons
- Vanilla yogurt
- Cut strawberries
- Fresh blueberries
- Coconut, whipped cream, red and blue sprinkles (optional)

### What you do:

1. Place a couple of spoonfuls of vanilla yogurt at the bottom of each glass or cup.
2. Add cut strawberries to cover the yogurt layer.
3. Add more yogurt over the strawberries.
4. Add a layer of blueberries.
5. Repeat the layers until you reach the top of the glass or cup.
6. For extra fun, add coconut, whipped cream and sprinkles. Enjoy!



## IN OUR PRAYERS & LOVE NOTES

### In Our Prayers

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Karen  
Layla Diane (infant born at 25 weeks to friend of  
Lisa Rieff)  
Cathy Aden  
Dick Bell  
Ruth Cooley  
Patty George (friend of Dave and Lisa Rieff)  
Dennis Hindemith  
Cheryl Jones (friend of Nancy Shinrock)  
Jim Mahler (brother of Jane Hawkins)  
Marj Mahler (mother of Jane Hawkins)  
Debbie Michalak (co-worker of Jackie Combes)  
Luana Salerno (friend of Sandy Hall)  
Roslynn Thom (sister of Ron Thom)  
Marilyn Thomsen  
Esther Welliver  
Agnes Wilson



# IN NEED OF PRAYER

Those affected by the flooding  
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

If you would like to add a name to the In Our Prayers section of *The Love Letter*, please contact the office at 402.493.2946, send an email to [marylou@lord-of-love.org](mailto:marylou@lord-of-love.org), or fill out a prayer request note available in the narthex and place it in the basket. **Please help keep this list current by informing us when a name can be removed.** Thanks!

### Love Notes

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# INDEPENDENCE Day





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## Return Service Requested

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.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### This Month

July 19      Sunday School Planning  
Meeting for 2011-2012  
program year

### Upcoming Events

August 14      Bell Choir Rehearsals begin



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