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Sun. 8:00 a.m. Worship Service
Sun. 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
Sun. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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

October is an exciting month as we consider **calling a new pastor to Lord of Love!** On October 10, we will have **one worship service at 9:00 a.m.**, when our candidate Pastor Brad Meyer will be preaching. The worship service will be followed by a **forum at 10:00 a.m.**, when the congregation will have an opportunity to talk with Pastor Brad. Finally, a **special congregational meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m.** to vote on whether to call Pastor Brad to Lord of Love. In this issue of *The Love Letter*, read notes from the call committee about Pastor Brad as well as information on the call process (see page 2, Pastor's Page, and pages 10-11, Council Report and Transition/Call Process Update).

Also in October, we celebrate **Thankoffering Sunday** and **Commitment Sunday**. On October 3, the Women of Love will share the thankofferings that they have collected throughout the year. Then, on October 10, all members of the congregation will make their pledges for giving for 2011.

On Saturday, October 23, our **Fall Festival Dinner** will be held (see page 6, Nurture). The theme is Oktoberfest, and tickets will be sold beginning on October 3.

Finally, from now through November 1, the Endowment Committee is accepting **Endowment Fund Grant Requests** (see page 8, Outreach). If you have an idea for a mission project, be it local, regional, national, or global, that could benefit from an Endowment Fund grant, please complete a grant request form!

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Introducing Pastor Brad Meyer by Kim Gust, Call Committee Secretary

The Lord of Love Lutheran Church Call Committee is pleased to introduce Pastor Brad Meyer to the congregation as our pastoral candidate! Pastor Brad is currently the Program Director at Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries. Prior to serving at NLOM, Pastor Brad served as Associate Pastor at Rejoice! Lutheran Church in Omaha for 12 years. Pastor Brad and his wife Heidi have two teenage children, Catie and Christopher.

The Call Committee is excited to recommend that Lord of Love call Pastor Brad because we believe that he is the candidate that God has planned for our congregation. During the interview and discernment process, the Call Committee used Lord of Love's Ministry Site Profile, which was compiled by the council with input from the congregation, as our guide. In particular, we often referred to the characteristics and skills of "The Pastor We Seek" when discussing each candidate. We believe that Pastor Brad has the majority, if not all, of the characteristics and skills that Lord of Love desires in our new pastor.



The following is a brief explanation of Pastor Brad's characteristics and skills for ministry; additional information will be shared on October 10 during the special congregational meeting (see additional information on page 4, Worship):

- Pastor Brad will soon be completing a 2-year program titled Seeking the Spirit Within, which is the Nebraska Synod Institute for Spiritual Direction Formation. Through this program, Pastor Brad has learned to be more attentive to where God is and how God is connecting with us.
- Pastor Brad shared leadership as an associate pastor at Rejoice! Lutheran Church. He loves working with a team and does not believe in a hierarchy.
- Pastor Brad understands the importance of communication. He enjoys talking with people in the narthex on Sunday mornings as well as visiting people of all ages.
- Pastor Brad enjoys working with children and youth. He likes to participate in Vacation Bible School activities with the kids and enjoys teaching confirmation.
- Pastor Brad has a great sense of humor and an upbeat personality. He values humor and laughter when working in the church.
- Pastor Brad has taught a variety of adult education classes, including topical studies, Bible studies, current events, and the Alpha course. He believes that education materials must be Christian based but do not necessarily have to be Lutheran to be acceptable.
- Pastor Brad believes that the church isn't the pastor, it's the community. He wants to lead a church involved in outreach and especially likes our community garden project.
- It is in Pastor Brad's nature to try to prevent conflict. However, when conflict does arise, he first finds out what the actual problem is. He prefers to talk with individuals in private to address an issue, he addresses the issue when people are calm, and he listens to people.
- Pastor Brad gets to know people individually, which helps him see their skills for ministry and where they might fit within the congregation to use their skills and develop their leadership abilities.
- Pastor Brad enjoys working with children and also has a passion for visiting shut-ins and elderly.
- Pastor Brad has served in an administrative role at Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, where he reorganized the Program department to function smoother and to bring new ideas and life to the program. He also supervised staff in his role at NLOM.

MONTHLY CALENDAR

October 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 8:00am LoL Laughing Ladies @ Crane Coffee 7:30pm AA	2 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
3 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship & Communion	4 6:00pm LWT Bible Study @ Old Country Buffet 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	5 9:00am Quilters 7:00pm Vision & Coordination	6 4:45pm Confirm. 5:30pm Supper 6:00pm Stewardship Comte 6:00pm Luther Kids & Brass 6:00pm Mission Possible Comte 6:00pm LWT Study 7:30pm Choir	7 9:30am Text Study @ Guthrie's 7:00pm Boy Scouts	8 7:30pm AA	9 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
10 Commitment Sunday Pr. Bob vac. 9:00am Worship/Comm 9:15am Sunday School 10:00am Open Forum 11:30am Special Congre. Mtg	11 Pr. Bob vac. 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	12 Pr. Bob vac.	13 Pr. Bob vac. 4:45pm Confirmation 5:30pm Supper 6:00pm Brass 6:00pm Luther Kids 7:30pm Chancel Choir	14 Pr. Bob vac. 9:30am Text Study @ Guthrie's 7:00pm Boy Scouts	15 Pr. Bob vac. 8:00am LoL Laughing Ladies @ Crane Coffee 7:30pm AA	16 Pr. Bob vac. W/ELCA General Mtg. 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
17 Pr. Bob vac. 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship & Communion	18 Pr. Bob vac. 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	19 Pr. Bob vac. 9:00am Quilters 6:00pm Strategic Planning Comte 7:00pm Church Council	20 Love Letter Due 4:45pm Confirmation 5:30pm Supper 6:00pm Luther Kids & Brass 7:30pm Choir	21 9:30am Text Study @ Guthrie's 7:00pm Boy Scouts	22 7:30pm AA	23 Fall Festival 7:00am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 8:00am Worship Planning
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31 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship & Communion 1:00pm District 18 AA Mtg.						

WORSHIP

Special Schedule on Sunday, October 10

On Sunday October 10, we will celebrate Commitment Sunday as well as meet the pastoral candidate recommended by the Call Committee and the council, Pastor Brad Meyer. The schedule for Sunday morning will be as follows:

- 9:00 a.m. – Worship.** Pastor Brad will be presiding, preaching, and providing a children’s sermon.
10:00 a.m. – Forum for congregation members of all ages. There will be no Sunday School, and childcare will be provided. The Call Committee will introduce the candidate and his family, Pastor Brad will provide some general background, and the congregation will have the opportunity to talk with Pastor Brad about our potential ministry together.
11:30 a.m. – Special congregational meeting to consider calling Pastor Brad Meyer. The Call Committee will provide additional insight into their discernment process, the congregation will discuss Pastor Brad and his call to Lord of Love, and a ballot vote will be conducted to determine whether to call Pastor Brad Meyer as the next pastor of Lord of Love.

Lord of Love's Worship Servants

	October 3	October 10	October 17	October 24	October 31
Greeter(s)					
8:00 a.m.	John and Valerie Florea	Jesse and Pat Brewer	Josh and Carissa Combes	Paul and Sue Dieter	Harry Naasz, Marilyn Thomsen
10:30 a.m.	John and Gwen Edwards	Rex and Deb Quadhamer	Claude and Sandy Hall	Gary Ramsay, Don Rowen	Roger and Angie Meyer
Liturgist					
8:00 a.m.	Paul Christenson	Ron Thom		Karen Mullen	
10:30 a.m.	Karen Armitage	Rex Quadhamer	Ruth Manning	Gary Krause	
Communion Servers					
8:00 a.m.		Keith and Debra Gillespie			
10:30 a.m.	Armitage family		Lynette Nore; Dan and Ruth Manning	Rieff family	Edwards family
Nursery Attendant(s)					
10:30 a.m.	Anne Yarger			Pat Brewer	
Altar Care					
8:00 a.m.	Deb Christenson	Janet Guthrie, Nancy Shinrock	Cathy Aden, Sue Dieter	Connie Walther, Lisa Meyer	Ed and Marjorie Keiser
10:30 a.m.	Brenda and Suzanne Mac	Rowen family	Brewer family	Rob and Karen Anderson	Paul and Ann Kroll
Ushers					
8:00 a.m.	Joe Combes, Josh Combes, Ed Guthrie, and Brian Shinrock				
10:30 a.m.	TBD				

Scheduling Worship Servants

Brenda Mac has served our congregation for the last several years in an important role; she has scheduled the liturgists and communion servers for each worship service. This task is now being transitioned to Rosie Avalos. So, be expecting Rosie to ask for your help for these worship duties beginning with the November schedule. Our thanks to Brenda for her faithful service and to Rosie for graciously accepting this responsibility.



Nursery Helpers Needed

Additional volunteers are needed to care for our little ones during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Usually, two or three babies and toddlers spend this hour in the nursery. Two people are needed to take a turn in the nursery one Sunday per month, and another volunteer is needed as a substitute nursery care provider. Please contact Worship Committee member Debra Gillespie at 572-1297 if you are interested. Thanks in advance for considering this opportunity to offer your time in service to Lord of Love. Our appreciation goes out to Anne Yarger and Pat Brewer for their commitment to serve in the nursery another year.



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

Rachel and I had hoped to tell you all about **Evelyn Sacridier** this month, but Evelyn took a bad fall awhile back and has been focusing on recovering. We are visiting with her now and hope to have her story ready for you by next month. In the meantime, there are a few things I would like to pass on to you.

Agnes Wilson is still at the Good Samaritan Home and in need of your prayers. As I say this, I think of **Ann Christiansen**, who I know remembers Agnes in her prayers. Recently, I attended a retreat and heard Ann's daughter say that Ann goes to bed every night at 8:30 p.m. and prays until 9:00 p.m. Ann is a wonderful example of a prayer warrior.

Pearl Garnaas, who was once part of a trio, has found herself walking to dinner alone the past few weeks. Both of the apartments next to her have been vacant until recently. Her new neighbor's name is Avis, and Pearl once again has someone to keep her company. All of Pearl's daughters were in town this summer and all at the same time. The entire family spent many wonderful times together, and all four daughters attended "Women of Faith."

Next month, along with Evelyn's story, we will try to connect with other of our homebound members and tell you how and what they are doing.



Oktoberfest-themed Fall Festival!

Join us for our Oktoberfest-themed Fall Festival dinner at **5:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 23**. The dinner will be held in the Sanctuary and will be followed by a program (TBA). Tickets are \$15 for a meal consisting of pork loin with apples, oven-fried potatoes, cabbage slaw, and apple cake. We'll begin selling them on October 3 in the narthex.



Other fund-raising activities for this year's local mission outreach will be held in November and December. Watch the November issue of *The Love Letter* for details. New Hope Life Center for Women, located at 35th and Harney, will receive 50 percent of the profits, with the remaining divided between LOL Women's Ministry and Women on a Mission, a future trip to Tanzania for two of our women.

The New Hope Life Center for Women offers a six-month minimum program commitment that addresses focused physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual programming for their residents. They also offer non-residential evening programming and support for women who seek support in their recovery, but are not candidates for the residential program. Their wholistic focus includes the following four tracks:

- Track 1 encourages the participant to deal with life recovery and trauma healing through Bible-based small group engagement, focusing on maturing the thinking and spiritual/emotional processing of the individual. Restarting™ is utilized over an 18-week period, while engaging the broader support base of a variety of individuals in the community. This model assists in the recovery process by establishing mutual commitment between participants and creating a healthy relational community. (Life Model™)
- Track 2 provides a strong foundation of biblical knowledge from which residents can establish a Christian worldview that guides decision-making in all areas of life, and activates this learning through practical application. (Biblical Discipleship)
- Track 3 utilizes the 12 Steps of Recovery to maintain sober living and includes relapse prevention skills through the Genesis Process™.
- Track 4 provides for the integration of Tracks 1, 2, and 3, while learning and applying practical life skills in all areas: employment, relationships, family, parenting, co-dependency, managing emotions, advanced education and training, community life, personal health and wellness, entertainment, church attendance, budgeting time and money, setting goals, etc. (Life Skills)

Look for additional information on their website at <http://www.newhopelifecenters.com/index.html>.

Weekly Education Opportunities at Lord of Love

<p>Sunday 9:15 a.m. Sunday School (Preschool – High School) @ LOL Classrooms Adult Studies @ LOL Abraham, Mary, and Joseph Rooms</p>	<p>Wednesday 4:45 p.m. Confirmation (7th & 8th grades) @ LOL Abraham Room 6:00 p.m. Luther Kids (1st – 6th grades) @ LOL Preschool 6:00 p.m. <i>Lutheran Woman Today</i> Bible Study @ LOL Joseph Room (first Wednesday of month)</p>
<p>Monday 6:00 p.m. <i>Lutheran Woman Today</i> Bible Study @ Old Country Buffet (first Monday of month)</p>	<p>Thursday 9:30 a.m. Text Study @ Guthries</p>
	<p>Saturday 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast and Bible Study @ LOL Fellowship Hall</p>

Lord of Love Community Garden Update



According to chief gardener and transporter Gary Ramsay, we've given between 2,500 and 3,000 pounds of fresh vegetables to the Lutheran Pantry at Project Hope! The amount of produce is dwindling, but we continue to harvest potatoes, tomatoes, squash, and pumpkins. Thanks, again, to all those who have helped make this year's community garden such a success: Doug Aden, Paula Foster, Kenn Garder, Jason Garder, Matt Garder, Leah Klos, Deb Lund, Brian Lund, Jeri Morgan, Jim Morgan, Bill Pickens, Gary Ramsay, and Doug Roberts.

Mission Update by Deb Lund

Coins are being collected for "Pennies for Peace" through November. Monies raised will be used to help build schools in rural Afghanistan and Pakistan through the Central Asia Institute. Containers for the coins are located in both the Narthex and on top of the piano in the Fellowship Hall.



Lord of Love purchased and delivered *Spark* Story Bibles for preschoolers and *Spark* Bibles for grade school children for Iglesia Cristo Rey in South Omaha. The Bibles are being used for the weekly Sunday school classes, which are now being held for children of all ages. We plan to do some of the teaching of the classes in March so will be seeking more involvement from Lord of Love folks as the year progresses.

Remember that you are encouraged to consider second mile gifts to Lutheran World Relief specifically for funds for victims of the floods in Pakistan. For more information, check out the Lutheran World Relief website at <http://www.lwr.org/>.

Here's an example of God's Work, Our hands in another part of the world.

Malawi – Meet Gladys



A few years ago, Malawi was hit hard by drought. At least half of the families in the village of Chakwela were facing severe hunger. But now community members are passing along gifts of animals and seeds to others in need. How did this happen? It started with a few "good gifts."

Several years ago, the village of Chakwela received a gift of 12 goats from a neighboring community that benefited from an ELCA World Hunger partner in Malawi.

The goats provide families with fresh milk and fertilizer for the land. Extra milk, cheese, butter, or yogurt can be sold for added income, making it easier for families to escape the cycle of hunger and poverty. As the goats multiply, families often pass the offspring along to help others.

Gladys received her first goat as a gift. Now that her goat has given birth, Gladys knows the importance of giving back. She plans to give her new baby goat to her neighbor and good friend, Vernas. "Life has really improved for us," Vernas said. "Everyone has their own goats now."

Endowment Fund Accepting Grant Requests

The Endowment Fund is “Mission” driven. The purpose for the money from this fund is to share God’s love and word with others.

Did you know that the Endowment Fund accepts extra-mile giving? Some of you do, and give to the Endowment fund periodically as a means of giving extra-mile gifts. Others have given gifts from estates. The money that is given to this fund is invested in a range of investment options, and a percentage of the fund is to support various missions such as providing schooling for students in Tanzania and to other individuals or organizations for other Mission purposes.



The Endowment Fund is accepting Grant Requests to be reviewed by the Endowment Committee. To apply for grant money, please complete the Lord of Love Endowment Grant Request form, which will be in Mary Lou’s office and in the Service Center area of the Narthex. When you are indicating the “purpose of the grant,” please state how this funding will be “Mission” driven. Missions take place locally, regionally, nationally, or globally. All requests for grants must be submitted by November 1, 2010. The committee members will review the grant request and determine if the request will be approved.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the committee members: Doug Roberts, Doug Aden, John Florea, Barb Haskins, or Paula Foster.

Habitat Construction Supervisor



Are you looking for an opportunity to use your skills to make a difference and have job stability? If yes, Habitat for Humanity of Omaha has a Construction Supervisor position open. We are looking for someone who loves people and has residential construction experience.

Habitat is looking for an experienced Construction Supervisor to be a hands-on leader for our house builds. A qualified individual has years of framing experience, has several built houses, has a wide range of construction skills, a strong aptitude for leading volunteers and excellent organizational skills. If you enjoy working with your hands and mentoring others, we want to hear from you! Send cover letter and resume to vewing@habitatomaha.org.

Nebraska Lutheran Campus Ministry Getaway Auction

Do you know any college students? Are they staying active in their faith walk while away? Imagine those students at a Bible study or serving at a homeless shelter. If they are part of NeLCM-Omaha, they have these opportunities and more! Join us for a benefit dinner and auction to support this ministry in Omaha. The Getaway Auction will highlight numerous travel auction items as well as an elegant buffet dinner. The event will be held Sunday, November 7 at 5:00 p.m. at Immanuel Lakeside Village Assisted Living Community. Tickets are \$35 each and are available by contacting Tim Moser, Campus Ministry Associate, at 402-552-4488.



RESOURCES

Building on Faith to Serve – Being a Challenged Steward by Doug Armitage

...the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. II Corinthians 9:6

Being a challenged steward recognizes the dynamic nature of our faith. As our faith grows, so will our blessings and responsibilities. Our role as God's steward is one of many dimensions: grateful, responsible, self sacrificing, willing, sharing, proportionate, committed, regular, genuine, and challenged. Through our giving, we are to share the JOY of Christ—giving first to Jesus, then to others, then to yourself.

...you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.... II Corinthians 9:7

Wow – giving just got more complex. I need to be ready to give. How do I become ready to give? One of the ways is to 'sow bountifully'. For me, this means that we need to look beyond ourselves as individuals, look beyond our small groups in the church, and look beyond the walls of the church. Sowing bountifully implies 'inviting in an intentional manner.' We are to ask Christ to work in us and in our community. We are to expect Christ to work in us and in our community. We, as the 'Hands of Christ' are to work for Christ in our church and in our community.

Another way to get ready to give is to recognize what God has done for us. Giving cheerfully requires that we recognize that we have been blessed by God. When we think of giving, we usually start with what can I afford? That does not lend to being motivated to give. The approach that we need to get to is 'what has Christ done for me'? Marveling in His grace and bountiful blessing, we should then ask 'what is Christ asking me to give'? Using this approach, we give to Christ's church willfully, lovingly, and most certainly, we give cheerfully.

God has blessed me through many things. One of those blessings is the gift of being part of His community at Lord of Love. We have worshiped together, worked together, mourned together, and celebrated together. My prayer for all of you is to get a glimpse of how much Christ Loves you, cares for you, and provides for you.



Capital Campaign Update

The current status of the Capital Campaign is as follows:

Cash Received	\$22,904
Remaining Pledges	\$2,075
Total Pledged and Paid	\$24,979
Total Giving Units	55



Our original goal was to raise \$20,000, which we have exceeded in cash received. If all outstanding pledges are paid, the total amount raised will be close to \$25,000.

All of the projects—new sanctuary lights, organ repair, and repair of a portion of the parking lot—are completed. If you have not completed payment on your pledge we ask that you please do.

COUNCIL REPORT & TRANSITION/CALL PROCESS UPDATE

September 2010 Council Report by Don Rowen, Council Vice-President

The Lord of Love council met on September 21, 2010, when the call committee recommended a candidate (Rev. Brad Meyer) to the council, and council voted to recommend that candidate to the congregation. Brad Meyer is currently the Program Director of Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries. Prior to becoming the Program Director, Pastor Brad had been an Associate Minister at Rejoice! Lutheran Church in Omaha for 12 years. Pastor Brad is married and has two teenage children. Here is a review of the call process.

The call committee interviewed five candidates who had been recommended by the Synod office. The committee then met to discern if any of the candidates was the right person for Lord of Love. Two of the candidates were well liked, but at the end of the discussion, everyone on the committee felt that Pastor Brad is the one for Lord of Love. Pastor Brad is also very interested in serving at Lord of Love. The call committee then forwarded the candidate's name to Brian Lund, Congregational President, in the early part of the month. The Vision and Coordination/Executive Committee met with Pastor Brad in mid-September to get to know him and to discuss salary and compensation. They were able to easily reach an agreement on a salary and compensation package. The compensation falls within the bottom end of the Synod-recommended amounts for an individual with Pastor Brad's experience (19 years).

The council then met with Pastor Brad and his wife, Heidi, on September 21, 2010. Before the meeting, each council member received a copy of the Rostered Leader Profile completed by Pastor Brad. At the beginning of the meeting, the call committee shared how the process went and what they liked about Pastor Brad. Then Pastor Brad and Heidi joined the meeting, and everyone introduced himself or herself. Pastor Brad then answered questions from council members and asked a few questions of the council. After the question period, Pastor Brad and Heidi left, and the council and the call committee discussed the candidate. A vote was conducted, and everyone voted to recommend Pastor Brad to the congregation.

The council then discussed when to have the special congregational meeting to vote on the recommendation and decided on October 10, 2010. The council decided to have a single worship service at 9:00 a.m. that day, followed by a forum at 10:00 a.m., and then the congregational meeting at 11:30 a.m. The council thought this would be the best way to give the most members a chance to learn about Pastor Brad and to vote at the congregational meeting.

Other council activities include the following:

- The council is working on the budget for next year and will meet on September 28 to discuss the budget and to conduct any other council business that was superseded by the pastoral candidate meeting.
- The various ministry committees are working to supervise their activities that usually pick up in the fall. The Stewardship committee is prepared for the annual Stewardship Campaign, which will include visits with all confirmed members. The congregational picnic on Kickoff Sunday had good attendance, with about 120 people attending, and Sunday school has started well.
- On October 19, the council will hold a strategic planning meeting, and the major topic of discussion will be the youth program.

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



COUNCIL REPORT & TRANSITION/CALL PROCESS UPDATE

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

Jeremiah 29:11 (NRSV) *For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.*

We have been on a journey of discernment for over 2 years now. In that time, we have said goodbye to the Wrights, welcomed our interim Pastor Bob Oleson, talked about our history, and discussed who we are as a congregation and what we want to be. In April, we elected a Call Committee and charged them with identifying a candidate to be the next pastor for Lord of Love.

The Nebraska Synod provided an initial list of five candidates. Each one was interviewed in person and evaluated on how he or she may share with us in ministry. Interviews and candidate evaluations were driven by our own ministry profile developed earlier this year with input gathered from all congregation members. The Call Committee has recommended and the Council has affirmed that Pastor Brad Meyer be considered for call as pastor of Lord of Love.

Searching for a New Pastor



The Call Committee has met regularly since their election, and each member has prayerfully and faithfully undertaken their task. The Executive committee and Council received regular updates on the activity of the committee and answered questions that came up as they prepared for interviews and then as the interviews progressed. The Call Committee did a great job in maintaining the confidentiality of the candidates. Only in the past few weeks upon selection of a candidate for presentation to the congregation was the Council more actively brought into the call process. I commend the Call Committee for working so effectively throughout this process.

When I talk with the Call Committee members, they often express how God has been with them. Rather than being a burden, the process has provided an opportunity to strengthen and grow their faith. Surely the Holy Spirit has been working through all those involved in the process.

The members of the Call Committee are excited about Pastor Brad and his gifts for ministry. After the Council visit with Pastor Brad, I believe that excitement is spreading. I encourage all of our members to come on October 10 to be a part of the call process. Come to experience worship led by Pastor Brad and to hear his message of the good news of God's grace in our lives. Come to listen to the discussion with Pastor Brad of his gifts of ministry and our potential ministry together. Come to participate in the special meeting to consider Lord of Love's call to Pastor Brad.

Congregational Meeting



Please continue to pray for our congregation and Pastor Brad that we continue to be guided by the Holy Spirit as we continue on our journey through the call process.

In faith and service,
Brian Lund

Sunday Adult Women's Bible Study

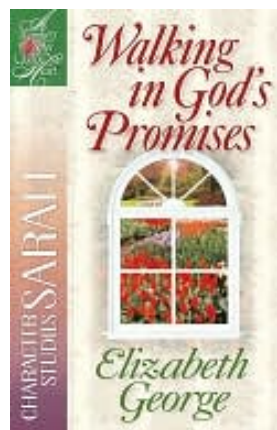
You are invited to join other women in a great Bible Study starting on Sunday, October 3 at 9:15 a.m. The group will use the book on Sarah titled *Walking in God's Promises* by Elizabeth George.

"The hardest parts of facing difficult circumstances are letting go of our worries and waiting for God's answers. Sarah knew what it was like to wait with uncertainty—she endured trying times and had nowhere to go with her tears but to God. And though she made mistakes along the way, she willingly allowed God to stretch her and shape her. As a result, she became a woman of great faith who can help us learn how to...

- rest in confidence no matter how uncertain life becomes
- wait patiently on God's timing, and not our own
- replace our problems with God's promises

As you learn to trust in God's promises, you'll find your fears and anxieties melting away, and discover a new courage and confidence that can carry you through all that happens in your life."

Interested? Please join, even if you can't attend each Sunday. Contact Lynette Nore for more information about this study.



Bible Study for Women

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, 77th and Cass, on October 1, 15, and 29.

Fall Festival: Save the Date

Our annual Fall Festival Dinner will be held on Saturday, October 23. Women are busy with preparations, and more details are provided on page 6, Nurture. Look out for more information as it becomes available.



2010 CROP Walk



On October 10, 2010, Omaha will again be participating in the CROP Hunger Walk. Every year, the CROP walkers raise money to help fight hunger all around the world. One-third of the monies raised stay right here in Omaha to help local agencies fight hunger here at home. Individuals can easily participate by walking on October 10. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. at First Christian Church, 66th and Dodge Streets. Walkers may choose a 1-, 2-, or 5-mile route. If you need additional materials or have any questions, please contact Leslee O'Bradovich at 556-3664 or omahacropwalk@cox.net.

Lutheran Woman Today Fall 2010 Bible Study

Session 2: The People of God: Body of Christ

Theme verse: That there be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 1 Corinthians 12:25-27

The following two groups meet for these studies, both starting at 6:00 p.m.:

- Monday, October 4 at Old Country Buffet at 145th and West Center Road
- Wednesday, October 6 in the Mary Room at Lord of Love

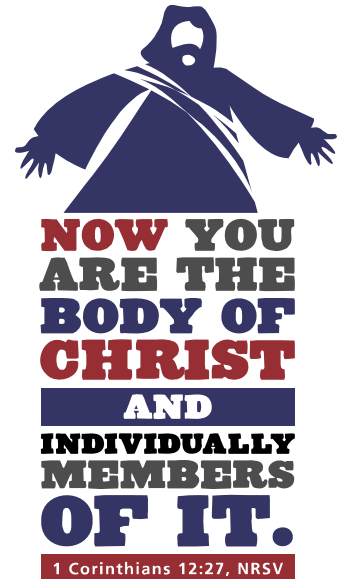
This year, as a part of the Bible Study, we are using rules of engagement and invitation method of discussion, as described below.

The rules of engagement are adapted from the Sojourners online community. Sojourners is a Christian community that works for social and political justice, while inviting conversations about issues. Their guidelines are based on Bible references, and the purpose is to invite discussion while maintaining respect for each other.

- I will express myself with civility, courtesy, and respect for every member of the community, especially toward those with whom I disagree—even if I feel disrespected by them. (Romans 12:17-21)
- I will express my disagreements with other community members' ideas without insulting, mocking, or slandering them personally. (Matthew 5:22)
- I will not exaggerate others' beliefs nor make unfounded prejudicial assumptions based on labels, categories, or stereotypes. I will always extend the benefit of the doubt. (Ephesians 4:29)
- I will participate in community accountability by not talking about others' responses outside of the group and by listening respectfully to others whose opinions may differ from mine. (Proverbs 12:18)

The invitation method of discussion from Eric Law's book, *The Wolf Shall Dwell With The Lamb*, is a way to conduct discussion to that everyone gets a chance to participate.

- I will speak for myself and let others speak for themselves, listening to them when they do.
- We will practice the invitation to speak method of discussion. Everyone gets invited to speak once before others can speak.



STUDY GROUP

WOMEN OF LOVE

Project Hope

Thank you for your generosity to Project Hope! **The needs for October are canned soup and beans.** Other most needed items include canned vegetables, canned fruit, peanut butter, baked beans, bathroom tissue, and bar soap. Please place items in the containers under the Information Center in the Narthex.

During this past summer, Project Hope had some extra help from youth groups. The youth went with willing hands and hearts ready to do whatever they asked.

Please pray for the ministry of Project Hope and consider helping them this winter and holiday season. Currently, they are looking for someone to help on Friday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. for procession clients. They also could use someone to drive their truck on Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to around 1:00 p.m. If you can help, please call 453-7649.

Project Hope Current Statistics

Month	Families	People
January	266	676
February	213	423
March	383	904
April	338	749
May	338	916
June	330	845
Totals	1,868	4,513



Safe Trick or Treat

Project Hope is having a safe Trick or Treat on Saturday, October 31 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. All clients' children are invited to enjoy games and treats in a safe environment. **Gently used costumes would be greatly appreciated as would candy or trinkets to give out.** Volunteers are needed to help at the event. This would be an excellent youth service project. Call 453-7649 to volunteer.

Calendar of Events

October

1	8:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship, Crane Coffee, 77th and Cass
3		Thankoffering Sunday
3	9:15 a.m.	Sarah Bible Study begins during Sunday School
4	6:00 p.m.	LWT Bible Study, Old Country Buffet, 145th and West Center Road
6	6:00 p.m.	LWT Bible Study, Mary Room
5	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
15	8:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship, Crane Coffee, 77th and Cass
16		General Meeting
19	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
23	5:30 p.m.	Fall Festival Dinner
29	8:00 a.m.	Coffee Fellowship, Crane Coffee, 77th and Cass

Coming Soon

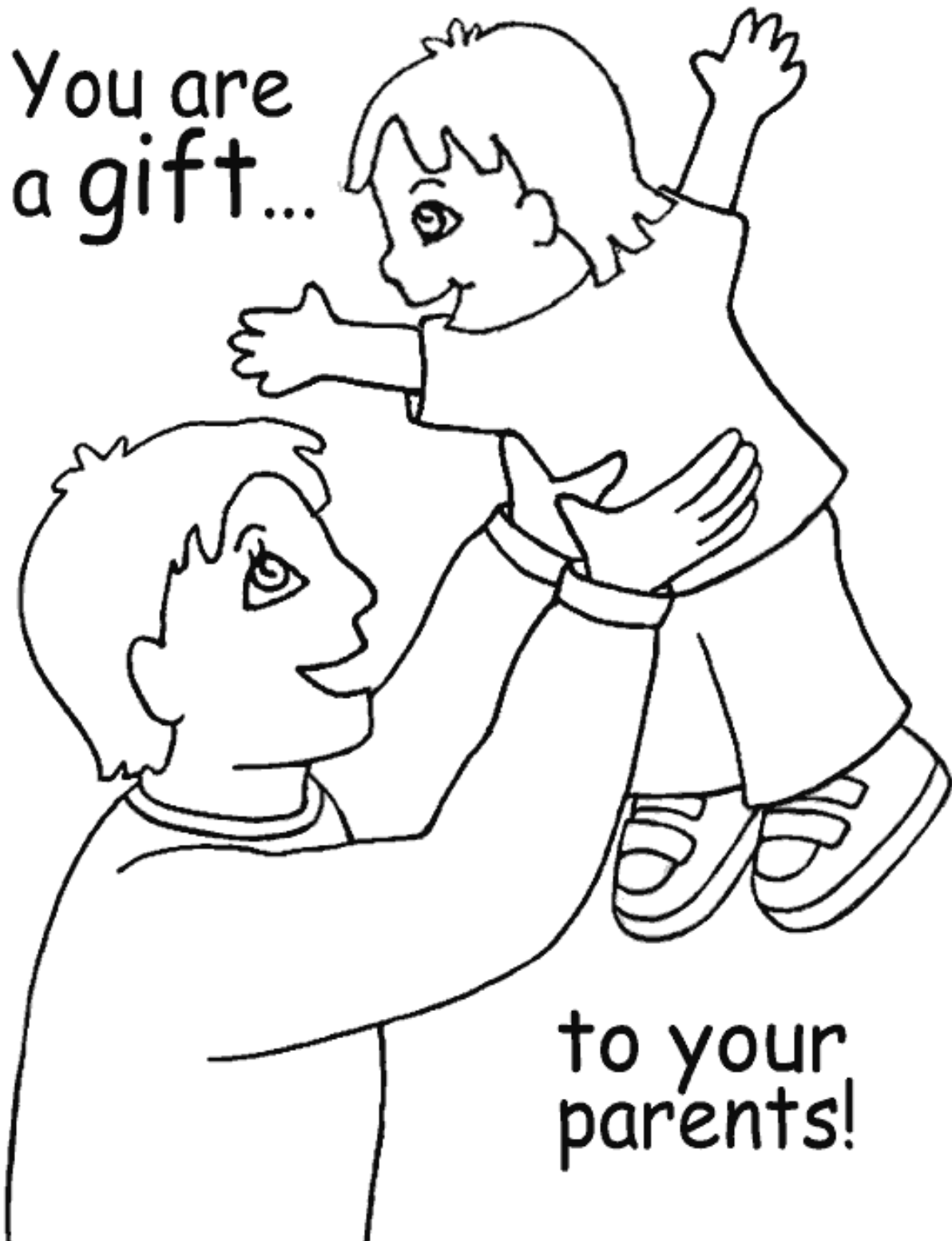
December 5, 2010	Advent by Candlelight
December 11, 2010	Cookie Tins
July 12-14, 2011	W/ELCA Triennial Convention, Spokane, WA
July 14-17, 2011	W/ELCA Triennial Gathering, Spokane, WA



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IN OUR PRAYERS & LOVE NOTES

In Our Prayers

Avery Akeman (friend of Kim Gust)
Dick Bell
Ryan Bolen (nephew of Sandy Hall)
Barb Breazier (friend of the Egrs)
Katie Brink (friend of the VenHuizens)
Miranda Brown (friend of the Shinrocks)
Connie Czaplá (wife of Larry Czaplá)
Jan Davis (aunt of Paula Foster)
Laura and Jeremy DeWitt
Colin Farbotka (nephew of Tom and Beth Olson)
Emma Finken (student of Deb Lund)
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)
Ralph Hild
Cathy Johnson (friend of Marilyn Thomsen)
Bob Kasworm and his ministry in Tanzania
Ken Kellogg (father of Karen Armitage)
Brenda Kukouly (friend of the Garders)
Paula Lawhead (in her first call)
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
Clarence (Swede) Nelson (brother of Pauline Shaffer)
Lloyd Neve (LOL Brass member)
Johanna Olson (niece of Tom and Beth Olson)
Dan Piehl (brother of Deb Lund)
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)
Marilyn Thomsen
Brody Vermilyea (grandson of Brian and Nancy
Shinrock)
Rachel Wapelhorst (niece of Brenda Mac)
Leo Williams (father of Connie Walther)
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

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, 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



