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Sun. 8 a.m. Worship Service
Sun. 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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

A Look Ahead

The air may be getting colder and the breeze brisker, but the good news is, Thanksgiving and Advent are right around the corner!

The annual Thanksgiving service will be Sunday evening, Nov. 23, followed by Pie Fest! Our congregational Advent Gathering will be the next Sunday afternoon, Nov. 30.

With these holidays coming up, parents, please remember that Sunday school goes on every Sunday as long as there is church. Many thanks to our dedicated Sunday school teachers!

One more piece of good news: it's time to "fall back" this weekend. Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, unless you want to be the first person at worship on Sunday.

And lastly, in the spirit of the season, thank you for the support you all have given me as your "new" Love Letter editor! I am thankful to be part of this faith community.



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Pastor's Page, by Pastor Brad Meyer

"Some research suggests that we see as many as 5,000 ads per day, while other studies think the number is closer to 300–500. The reality is that we see and hear so many messages that we don't even pay attention or have an awareness of them. Compare that to the number of daily reminders of our life of faith, and what that number might be."

(Seeds for the Parish, Fall 2014)

Indeed we are bombarded by information at a tremendous rate through television ads, smartphone apps and updates, webpages and even in print. So often it is not a choice to avoid it because ads are constantly in front of us.

We've experienced the increase in political ads and now are gearing up for the Christmas ads to hit us at full force. But, in the midst of the ads that we cannot avoid, I encourage you to try your best to "unplug" from the sources that grab our attention and set aside a few moments each day to spend it with God.

November is known as the "month to give THANKS to God" for so many things that we have in this life. This month, spend some time lifting gratitude to God. Each day, spend a few minutes listing three or four things (or 300–500) that you are grateful for from the previous day.

Spend a couple of minutes thanking God before beginning or ending your day with gratitude.

Maybe, as we practice giving thanks and living in gratitude, the ads that bombard us won't seem so overwhelming.

Peace,

Pastor Brad

New Telephone Number:

Pastor Brad and Heidi no longer have a landline. If you need to reach Pastor Brad in an emergency, please call his cell phone at 402-680-8592.



MONTHLY CALENDAR

November 2014						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 7:00am Men's Breakfast Ministry 8:00am Worship Planning 9:30am Metro East Spring Gathering Mtg.
2 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship & Communion 1:00pm Fellowship Hall Reserved 6:00pm Bell Choir	3 6:00pm Gather Bible Study 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	4 Election Day 7:00pm Vision & Coordination Mtg.	5 6:00pm Confirmation 6:00pm "Gather" Bible Study 6:00pm Brass Rehearsal 6:30pm Youth Group 7:15pm Sr. Choir	6 7:00pm Boy Scouts	7 8:00am Crane Coffee Fellowship 7:30pm AA Meeting	8 7:00am Men's Breakfast Ministry 12:00pm Matinee Musicales
9 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship & Communion 11:30am Congregational Mtg. 6:00pm Bell Choir 6:30pm Cub Scout Leaders Mtg.	10 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	11	12 6:00pm W/ELCA Ministry Team Mtg. 6:00pm Brass Rehearsal 6:00pm Confirmation 6:30pm Youth Group 7:15pm Sr. Choir	13 7:00pm Boy Scouts	14 7:30pm AA Meeting	15 7:00am Men's Breakfast Ministry 9:00am W/ELCA Event 10:00am Novak Sanct/Narthex 6:00pm Youth Group Lock-In
16 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship & Communion 6:00pm Bell Choir	17 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	18 9:00am Quilters 7:00pm Church Council Mtg.	19 6:00pm Confirmation 6:00pm Brass Rehearsal 6:30pm Youth Group 7:15pm Sr. Choir	20 7:00pm Boy Scouts	21 8:00am Crane Coffee Fellowship 7:30pm AA Meeting	22 7:00am Men's Breakfast Ministry
23 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship & Communion 1:00pm Messerschmidt Violin recital 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm Thanksgiving Worship and Pie Fest	24 8:00pm AA & AI Anon	25	26 6:00pm Brass Rehearsal 6:30pm Youth Group 7:15pm Sr. Choir	27 Happy Thanksgiving!	28 Church Office Closed 7:30pm AA Meeting	29 7:00am Men's Breakfast Ministry
30 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship & Communion 1:00pm District 18 AA Plng Mtg. 2:30pm Congregational Advent Gathering 6:00pm Bell Choir						

Lord of Love's Worship Servants

	November 2	November 9	November 16	November 23	November 30
Greeter(s)					
8:00 a.m.	Ed & Marjorie Keiser	Roger & Angie Meyer	Doug & Rose Roberts	Jim & Jeri Morgan	Josh & Carissa Combes
10:30 a.m.	Art Behnkie & Gary Ramsay	Tom & Beth Olson	Bill & Nicole Quackenbush	Lynd McGraw & E.J. Shaner	Kathy Christiansen & Debra Gillespie
Liturgist					
8:00 a.m.	Kenn Garder	Heather Christensen	Jesse Brewer	Paul Christenson	Matt Garder
10:30 a.m.	Rex Quadhamer	Karen Mullen	Ruth Manning	Don Rowen	Rett Messerschmidt
Communion Servers					
8:00 a.m.	Garder family	Christensen family	Pat Brewer and Edwards family	Brian & Connie Walther	Garder family
10:30 a.m.	Deb Quadhamer & volunteers	Olson family	Lynnette Nore & Chris Boarts	Rowen family	Messerschmidt family
Altar Care					
8:00 a.m.	Brewer family	Ed & Marjorie Keiser	Cathy Aden & Sue Dieter	Connie Walther & Lisa Meyer	Mardi Fiske
10:30 a.m.	Brenda Mac & Rosie Avalos	Rowen family	N. Quackenbush Karen Anderson	Janet Guthrie & Nancy Shinrock	Paul & Ann Kroll
Ushers					
8:00 a.m.	Kenn Garder, Matt Garder, Paul & Deb Christenson, Craig Pennell				
10:30 a.m.	Rett Messerschmidt, Rob Anderson, Bill Quackenbush, Paul Barnett				
Nursery Care					
10:30 a.m.	Anne Yarger		Lisa Rieff	Ashley Meier	Pat Brewer
CD Recording					
10:30 a.m.	Pat Brewer	Paul Christenson	Dave Lueders	Paul Murphy	Jesse Brewer
Ushers					
8:00 a.m.	Kenn Garder, Matt Garder, Paul & Deb Christenson, Craig Pennell				
10:30 a.m.	Rett Messerschmidt, Rob Anderson, Bill Quackenbush, Paul Barnett				
Donut Pick-up/Clean-up					
Pick-up	Garders	P/D Christenson	Murphys	Rieffs	No donuts today
10:30 a.m.	Rex Quadhamer	Paula Foster	volunteer needed	Reiffs	holiday weekend

Worship Appreciation: Lord of Love Brass

Many congregations are lucky if they have one musician with a trumpet for their Easter service. We are extremely fortunate to have a talented and dedicated group of musicians to enhance our worship services several times throughout the year.

Lord of Love Brass includes **Kirk Conyers**, **Rex Quadhamer**, and **Chris Ramsay** on trumpet; **Helen Jordon** and **Mark Sorensen** on French horn; **Brian Lund** and **Andrew Lund** on trombone and **Josh Lund** on tuba. They rehearse weekly and usually play at least once a month for both services. **Brian Lund** serves as director and leader as well as doing some of the music arrangements.



Thank you to the Lord of Love Brass for sharing your musical talent gifts and for giving your time to make worship at Lord of Love meaningful and special.

Thanksgiving Service and Pie Fest

Please join us for our annual Thanksgiving worship service on **Sunday, Nov. 23** at 7 p.m.

Worship will be followed by the annual Pie Fest. Please sign up and bring a pie to share.



Help setting up and serving the pies will also be needed. See Deb Lund or sign up on the sheet in the narthex or via the Signup Genius link that will be coming in mid-November.

Advent Worship Services

Using Holden Evening Prayer, Advent worship will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, **Dec. 3, 10, and 17**. We will focus on the theme: "Comfort and Joy."

A few members of the congregation have been asked to share their thoughts about the comfort and joy that is brought to us during Advent as we feel the Power, Pardon, and Presence of Christ in the world.

Our special Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas offerings will be given to the Nebraska Synod Disaster Response in Pilger and to the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response.



Sunday School Reminders

Parents of Sunday school youth: Please remember to talk with your children and engage in the home activity sheets they bring home from Sunday School to reinforce the lessons and help your children thirst for more!

In addition, telling your child's Sunday School teachers how much you appreciate their time and talents to help you bring the Good News into your child's hearts and minds is always appreciated!

Schedule: if there is church, then there is Sunday school from Sept. 7 through May 17, holiday weekends included! It may be a group movie or craft, but we will still gather from 9:15 to 10:15 for our children and youth to hear God's word in a fun and engaging way.

Faith Formation Updates

Grades K-4 are utilizing Augsburg's newest product, *Whirl*. *Whirl* is a lectionary-based curriculum that has teachable moments about the church year as well. It includes various ways to engage the children in the lesson, including video vignettes and handouts with take-home sheets.

The children seem to really be enjoying the material and are able to share what they learned about in class. This learning is reinforced in worship through the lessons, gospel, or sermon.



Grades 5 and 6 are utilizing another Augsburg product called *Connect*. This program is geared towards tweens with quirky videos and hands-on activities that bring learning to life.

The curriculum takes a theme and “connects” it throughout the Bible. For example we learn of Creation in Genesis 1. But what does the Bible say about Creation in John 1, Psalm 104, and Revelation 21?

Sunday School Christmas Program

The Christmas Program will be during second service on **Sunday, Dec. 14**. Dress Rehearsal will be **Saturday, Dec. 13**, 9-11 a.m.



Christmas Program

We are working on scripts and set decorations are underway for the annual Sunday School Christmas program and are excited about the preparations.

It will be important for children to attend Sunday school as often as possible in November to assist with preparations. (The Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend will be a fun lesson and not a preparation week).

Contact Heather Christensen with questions.



NURTURE

Congregational Advent Gathering

Sunday, Nov. 30, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m

Kick off the season of Advent in an event for fellowship with all ages. Spend the afternoon in preparation for the coming of our Lord. Expect fellowship, food, crafts and fun. Stop by for a bit or spend all afternoon. We'll see you there!

For questions or to volunteer to help, contact Heather Christensen at heather@lord-of-love.org or 402-206-9205.

Join Us at the
Advent Gathering



Donut and Coffee Volunteers



Thank you to all the faithful folks who pick up donuts and clean up after the refreshments each week. Please note a volunteer to clean up after the Nov. 16 service is still needed. Contact Paula Foster to help.

Nov. 2: Pick Up: Kenn and Sheri Garner | Clean Up: Rex Quadhamer
Nov. 9 Pick Up: Paul and Deb Christenson | Clean Up: Paula Foster
Nov. 16 Pick Up: Paul Murphy | Clean Up: VOLUNTEERS PLEASE!!
Nov. 23: Pick Up and Clean Up: Dave and Lisa Reiff
Nov. 30: NO DONUTS, BLESSED THANKSGIVING!

YOUTH

National ELCA Youth Gathering July 15–19

The ELCA Youth Gathering, or The Gathering, as it is known, is a triennial event that takes place over five days and includes opportunities for worship, service, fellowship, study and holy play.

We are excited that we have 8 confirmed registrations for participation in this event! We are starting to plan logistics for travel, housing and funding. Stay tuned for more information on how you can support our youth and “Rise Up” (to meet God in his plan for our lives).

#GodIsWorkingInOurYouth #RiseUp

Youth Lock-In

Sat., Nov. 15' 6:30 p.m.–9 a.m. Sun.

Youth grades 7-12 can spend the night in a lock-in eating, laughing, and having fun! We will go to 8 a.m. worship together on Sunday morning and then to Sunday school. This is always a great time and sleep is encouraged at some point. Bring a snack to share - see you there!



ELCA Provides \$100,000 to Support Containing Ebola in Africa

To help contain the Ebola outbreak in Africa, provide food assistance and more, members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) have committed an initial \$100,000 as of Sept. 25. These funds support the response efforts of partners and Lutheran companion churches in Africa.

Through Lutheran Disaster Response, the following allocations are underway:

- \$25,000 to the Lutheran Church of Liberia, which is providing food assistance to nearly 1,000 households in six territorial areas.
- \$15,000 to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone, which is overseeing the distribution of oil, rice and fish to 3,000 individuals.
- \$50,000 to ACT Alliance (Lutheran Development Service in Liberia), working to raise awareness and share messages about Ebola symptoms and prevention methods to 4,500 individuals (2,000 males and 2,500 females) in Liberia. Lutheran Development Service hired a contractor to ensure that the construction of the isolation center at Phebe Hospital and School of Nursing meets World Health Organization standards.
- This past summer, \$10,000 was given to Global Health Ministries at the request of the Lutheran Church in Liberia. Global Health Ministries provides medical supplies and funding for health care programs in Lutheran churches in 20 countries.

"South African Presiding Bishop N.P. Phaswana once said that 'if we are all part of the body of Christ and if one part of the body is suffering from HIV and AIDS, then we must say that the body of Christ is HIV positive.' This startling observation brought home to me the realization that what happens to one part of the church is not something distant or separate from our (ELCA) part of the church. This is true now about the Ebola crisis," said the Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton, presiding bishop of the ELCA.

"St. Paul tells us, 'If one member suffers, all suffer together with it.' 1 Corinthians 12:26," she said. "But we are not without hope. God has given us all that we need to contain and overcome this crisis. It is up to the whole body to respond. The second part of 1 Corinthians 12:26 is '... if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it,'" said Eaton.

"We need food," said the Rev. D. Jensen Seyenkulo, bishop of the Lutheran Church in Liberia. "There is a saying (here) now: 'If we don't die of Ebola, we will die of starvation.'"

According to the Rev. Andrea Walker, ELCA area program director for West Africa, the "West Africa and Diakonia teams of ELCA Global Mission have had regular communications with our companions in Liberia and Sierra Leone since the Ebola outbreak began early this year.

The Ebola outbreak "is truly unprecedented," said Dr. Rebecca Duerst, ELCA program director for global health. "The outbreak is not only causing an extraordinary number of deaths but also from other treatable diseases, childbirth and starvation."



MISSION

ELCA Ebola Response, continued

"There are really two stories here," said the Rev. Daniel Rift, director of ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal. "One is the immediate need and response. But the second is about the long-term commitment and the difference it makes that so many generously support the church's efforts to address poverty, hunger and health year in and year out through the ELCA."

"When a situation like this arises, the importance of the church's commitment to be present in a community, with ministry of health and hunger, become clear. It is because of this ongoing work that the ELCA is able to confidently encourage support through health centers and programs in Liberia and Sierra Leone. These churches have experience, through good times and difficult days, to provide food and build for sustainability. And it is our privilege to stand with them now as they work in this most difficult situation," said Rift, who also expressed his gratitude to ELCA members "who are responding to this special invitation for support."

Information about the ELCA's response is available at www.ELCA.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/Ebola.

Gifts to support these efforts will be used 100 percent to assist those impacted by the outbreak. See <http://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/7699#sthash.DjuUyAH6.dpuf>.

Mission Possible Update

The Mission Possible team has designated the Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas offerings to the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response (2/3), and 1/3 of offering to the Nebraska Synod for disaster response. These designations were chosen based upon the feedback gathered in our congregation survey conducted last year.

By providing funds through the Nebraska Synod, our donations will assist local families affected by disasters, such as the tornado that hit Pilger last year. In addition to providing assistance to those within our own community, our donations to the ELCA will go a long way to assist people nationally and abroad.

The ELCA website states, *"Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world."* Areas where the ELCA is responding include: U.S. tornadoes, U.S. flooding, Gaza Humanitarian Assistance and the Ebola Outbreak Response

Please prayerfully consider those in need with your offering.



MISSION POSSIBLE

Read about the disaster response efforts of each organization at:
www.elca.org/disaster/
and
www.nebraskasynod.org/category/disaster/.

OUTREACH

Freezing Race for Table Grace 5K

Ignite Student Ministries at Nebraska Methodist College is hosting a race on **Saturday, Dec. 6** to raise money in support of Table Grace Café. Table Grace Café is a restaurant at 1611 Farnam Street in Omaha that *strives to nourish bodies and souls* regardless of economic status.



With no cash register, Table Grace thrives off of donations and/or the hard work of its patrons for compensation for their meals. This is a first annual event by Ignite Student Ministries to support a great local organization.

The race will begin at the riverfront property at Miller's Landing along the Missouri River. The 5K Run/Walk will start at **9 a.m.** Awards will be given to top qualifiers of the 5K and there will be a best dressed holiday theme contest for which participants will receive awards. Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/freezing-race-for-table-grace-tickets-13266880597>.

Deacon's Fund Green Envelopes

Lord of Love has a "Deacon's Fund" that is used to assist people who contact the church in need of emergency help for utility bills, gas, or food. In the past, the loose plate offering on the first Sunday of each month was designated for the Deacon's Fund.

So that you may contribute to the fund any time during the month, special **green** envelopes have been placed in the narthex specifically labeled for contributions to the Deacon's Fund. Thank you for supporting this ministry for those in our community.

God's Work, Our Hands, By Deb Lund

On Oct. 18, 14 Lord of Love folks transported 1751 food item and some non-food donations to the new Project Hope location at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church. We shelved the items and heard about the Project Hope Food Pantry. We then traveled to tour the Lutheran Family Services North Omaha Center for Healthy Families, seeing firsthand the facility that provides parenting classes and social services to young parents in North Omaha.

Thanks to everyone who brought food as a response to our "Abundant Harvest" for the Fall Festival, and thanks to those who loaded and unloaded the items and took time to find out more about two wonderful organizations that do so much to be Christ to others.



CHURCH COUNCIL AND RESOURCES

2014 Lord of Love Church Council

Executive Committee: Brian Walther, President; Kenn Garder, Vice-President; Judy Messerschmidt, Secretary; Lisa Meyer, Treasurer

Nurture: Paula Foster, Lisa Willard

Outreach: Karen Anderson, Mardi Fiske

Resources: Paul Concannon, Rex Quadhamer

Worship: Kathy Christiansen, Joan Witt



Giving Status

General Fund financial information for Sept. 2014:

- Actual Income - \$28,359.43
- Actual Expenses - \$20,192.19

General Fund financial information YTD through Sept. 2014:

- Actual Income - \$233,090.63
- Actual Expenses - \$234,884.23



Expenses for September and year to date are understated by approximately \$3,400. A monthly bill that would normally have been paid in September will not be paid until October. Both September and October's bills will be paid in October.

Stewardship, by Clay and Kelly Schroeder

When I was asked to write about the stewardship of the church, I immediately thought of Gary Chapman's book, *The Five Love Languages*. If you are familiar with this book, he references the fact that we as human beings receive love in five basic ways: *words of affirmation, acts of service, receiving gifts, quality time, and physical touch*.

My family was affected by the illness of our youngest son, Isaac. We first found out about this illness during a routine ultrasound during an otherwise normal pregnancy. Of those first few minutes, all we can remember is the fear and uncertainty of what the future may hold. After consultations with doctors and lots of reading, we came to understand that our son would likely need a kidney transplant. Getting him to that transplant was not going to be an easy task.

After making this realization, it was unbelievable the amount of fear, sadness, anger and shame that came with bringing a child into this earth that was going to bear significant need.



Stewardship, continued

Isaac was born about two months early because of his illness. At that time, we shared the news with Pastor Brad. Our baby boy spent 26 days in the neonatal ICU and in this time we begin to see what love a church family can unveil. Almost immediately, we were offered multiple meals, which continued well through the time that our son was hospitalized. These gifts were so greatly appreciated at a time when we were still spending many hours in the hospital, working and trying to keep some sort of normalcy for our other three children. If you have ever been in such a stressful situation, just having a meal prepared with love is something that shows support of the community. All of this came with no questions asked and unbelievable thankfulness for us.

During these trying times, we were offered babysitters and volunteers to help transport our children to their events when everyone knew that we were stressed and having to spend significant time in the hospital watching over our little boy. Trusting our friends to help us maintain our “normal life” was an unbelievable benefit to our children. No one had to miss a dance practice or piano lesson as others were able to help us with our scheduling. These acts of service did not go unnoticed.

After we were able to bring him home and attend one of the church services, I was reading the back of the bulletin and saw my son’s name on the prayer list. This meant that many strangers, who would never meet him, were placing him in their thoughts and prayers. When we came into church, we were met with so many kind words and words of encouragement. These words of affirmation, that God’s love was present without asking, are a perfect example of how our congregation is a steward of the word that God proclaims.

Throughout our journey, our son was hospitalized on a couple of different occasions and received his transplant when he was a year and a half old. During those times, Pastor Brad spent hours with me in waiting rooms. It was always a pleasure to have him present during those endless minutes. The time would go so fast when I didn’t have to use all of my energy thinking about the situation that put me there. That quality time is something that I hope I can give back someday. His conversations were such that the time could move so quickly.



While I was writing this, I was having some difficulty thinking of how the church shows its love by physical touch. And then, it “hit” me. When we walk into the church, there are so many people that reach out to shake our hands.

Another example is during the service, when we each give peace to each other. That sensation of touch is another way that the church shows love as well: with a gentle hand on the shoulder, or a handshake when we leave the sanctuary or when my little boy gives me a gigantic hug before he goes to bed.

I am reminded of how we have been helped in so many ways: many ways that I know I can’t repay, but I can hope to give back through the stewardship of the church.



MEN'S NEWS

Men's Saturday Morning Breakfast

Join us each and every Saturday morning at 7 a.m. for fellowship, food for the spirit and nourishment for the body. Held in Lord of Love's fellowship hall, we always will have a seat open for you.



WOMEN OF LOVE

Gather Bible Study

"It Takes Time" is the theme for the November *Gather* Bible study. Just as Moses and the Israelites gradually came to believe in God and obedience to God's covenant, our beliefs and practices develop over time. Session 3: "Transformation Takes Time," focuses on the theme verse from John 20:30-31: *"Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name."*

The Monday group will meet at 6 p.m. on **Nov. 3** at the Village Inn near Oakview Mall. The Wednesday group meets at 6 p.m. on **Nov. 5** in the Mary Room. All women are invited to attend either study group. You do not need to commit to the full 9-month study; just attend whenever you can.

Thankoffering Service

Thanks to all who participated in the thankoffering service in October to support the ministry of Church-wide Women of the ELCA. Financial coordinator Gwen Edwards will be giving us a report on the amount we collected.

Lord of Love Quilters



You're invited to help make quilts for Lutheran World Relief on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Starting time is 9 a.m. and there is always coffee and goodies! No talent required other than to be able to pin and tie. Quilters are in need of crochet thread to tie the quilts. You can drop your donation off in the church office.

Women's Ministry Team

Due to the fall general meeting for Lord of Love Women of the ELCA, the Women's Ministry Team will **not** hold a separate meeting this month.



Crane Coffee Fellowship

You don't need to be a coffee drinker to enjoy the ladies' coffee fellowship at Crane Coffee, 77th and Cass (think tea, chai lattes, or smoothies). We meet at 8 a.m. on Friday, **Nov. 14** and **28**. All ladies are invited for food and conversation.

Lutheran Women of Omaha

Lutheran Women of Omaha will meet Tuesday, **Nov. 11** at noon at Rejoice Lutheran Church at 2556 S. 138th St. Nancy Johnson from Rejoice Lutheran will speak on her recent trip to Turkey.

Cost is \$6. Please make your reservations with Ruth Manning at 402-451-0221 by Nov. 9.

WOMEN OF LOVE

LOL Women of the ELCA Fall Meeting

All women are encouraged to participate in the general meeting of Lord of Love Women of the ELCA. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee at 9 a.m., **Saturday, Nov. 15**. At this time, we will elect the 2015 Ministry Team members as well as setting up our 2015 program.

As we plan, we focus on the mission and purpose of the Women of the ELCA: *As a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society and the world.* Come and help shape our women's ministry opportunities, which include service, fellowship, fun and food!



Save the Date: Epiphany Luncheon



The Wednesday evening *Gather* Bible study group will be hosting the Epiphany luncheon on **Sunday, Jan. 11**, 2015, following second service. Mark your calendars now, and watch for additional information in the December *Love Letter*.

"Do Unto Others" Service Event

Saturday, Dec. 13 is another opportunity to "do for others." You are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and then prepare "goodie" containers for the elderly, shut-ins and those with special needs. Please bring 2 dozen cookies for the containers.

Following that, you are invited to help make fleece blankets for "Project Linus." Project Linus is a national organization with local chapters within each state. Their mission is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need, through the gifts of new, handmade blankets and afghans created by volunteer "blanketeers."

Volunteers at Lord of Love make fleece blankets for this project (the local fabric stores have been having great sales on fleece!). Finished size is 1-1/2 yards X 60". You will need 2 pieces of coordinating fleece for each blanket. Contact Jackie Combes at 402-498-4283 for further information.



Nebraska Synodical Women's Organization

The Nebraska Synodical Women's Organization has announced two important dates:

- The annual Winter Retreat is scheduled for **Saturday, Jan. 24**, 2015, from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Grand Island, NE. Details and registration form will be in the December issue of the *Love Letter*.
- Metro East Conference Spring Gathering will be held on **April 25** at Rejoice Lutheran in Omaha.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Tenth Triennial Convention

It's not too early to begin to plan to attend for the Tenth Triennial Gathering to be held **July 13-16** in Minneapolis. Since that's only a hop and a skip from Omaha, we would like to have a great representation from Lord of Love. To date, more than 500 women have pre-registered for this Gathering!



November Dates to Remember

Nov. 3, 6 p.m.	Gather Bible Study, Village Inn, 3304 S.143rd Pl.
Nov. 4, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
Nov. 5, 6 p.m.	<i>Gather</i> Bible Study, Mary Room
Nov. 11, noon	Lutheran Women of Omaha, Rejoice Lutheran
Nov. 14, 8 a.m.	Crane Coffee Fellowship
Nov. 15, 9 a.m.	General Meeting
Nov. 18, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
Nov. 28, 8 a.m.	Crane Coffee Fellowship

Looking Ahead

- **Dec. 13** "Goodie" containers/Project Linus
- **Jan. 24** Nebraska Synodical Women's Retreat, Grand Island



IN OUR PRAYERS

Antoinette Anania (cousin of Deb Lund)
Chris Beckman (friend of Jane Gehringer)
Dick Bell
Connie Bennett (cousin of Karen Armitage)
Newborn twins Gracie & Jacob Christensen
Patricia Connolly (friend of the Thoms)
Dale Foster (husband of Paula Foster);
Ken Gustafson (husband of Mary Lou)
Mary Howard (friend of Carol Novak)
Mike Gillotte (neighbor of the Pickens)
Cheryl Jones (friend of Nancy Shinrock)
Juanita Kiesel & Drew VanWinkle (friends of Mary Lou Gustafson)
Matt Kreikimeier (friend of Brenda Mac)
Glenna Lee
Ken Lineweaver (Aaron Edward's Papa)
Lisa Lueders (sister-in-law of Dave Lueders)
Marj & Jim Mahler (mother and brother of Jane Hawkins)
Debbie Michalak (former co-worker of Jackie Combes)
Dayla Miller
Mark Miller
Charles Meyer (father of Pr. Brad)
Dawn Neumann
Wally Cummings & Brenda Nobles (friends of Gwen Edwards)

Don St. Ours (brother-in-law of Lynda McGraw)
Cynthia Palmer (friend of Dave & Lisa Rieff)
Chuck Santori
Isaac Schroeder
Jill Sheridan (sister-in-law of Rebecca Lund Sheridan)
Brian Shinrock
Georgene Sones (mother of Dayla Miller)
Scott Swigert & Jeanna Steppuhn (nephew & niece of the Shinrock's)
Brenda Thom
Roslynn Thom (sister of Ron Thom)
Bill Wallway (uncle of Kenn Garder)
Ted Whitfield (former co-worker of Brian Shinrock)
Caregivers and those who suffer with depression.

THOSE WHO ARE DEPLOYED:

Steve Slone
Travis Menzie
Paul Wendzel

THOSE WHO MOURN

Family and friends of Karen Pickens

If you would like to add a name to the In Our Prayers section, 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.

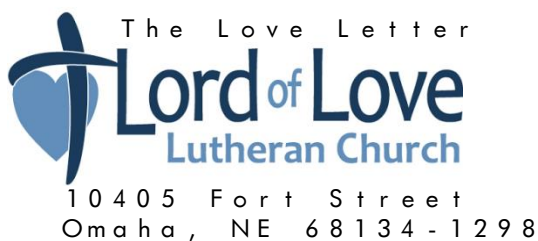
Please help keep this list current by informing us when a name can be removed. Thanks!

LOVE NOTES

Fall Clean-Up Day was a success! A big **Thank You** to everyone who contributed their time and energy to the clean-up day efforts. We were able to get through our to-do list of tree cutting, wood chipping, shrubbery trimming, old plant removal, landscaped area clean up, raking and mulch spreading. The number of people attending made for an easier workload and the chance to be done a little ahead of schedule.

Thanks again for helping to keep our church and its grounds looking as nice as it does and we look forward to seeing you in the spring.

From Doug Roberts:



Return Service Requested

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

This Month

Nov. 15	Women of Love General Meeting
Nov. 15	Youth Lock-In
Nov. 23	Thanksgiving Service and Pie Fest
Nov. 30	Advent Gathering

Save the Date

Dec. 3, 10, 17	Advent Worship
Dec. 13	Women of Love Project Linus Service Project
Dec. 14	Sunday School Christmas Program

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