

# The Love Letter

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Sun.: 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

9:15 a.m. Sunday School

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

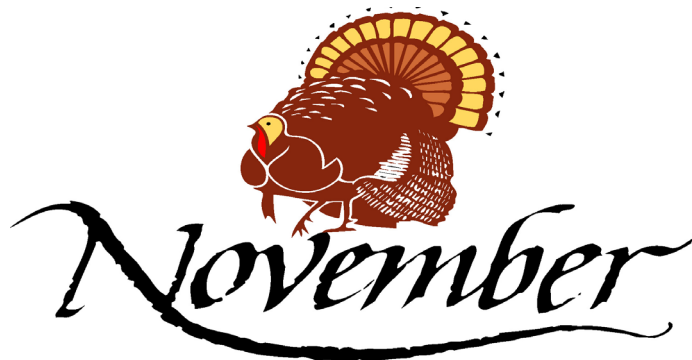
## A Look Ahead

I hope this issue finds you in a thankful mood. After all, we have the Fall Festival on Nov. 7 and Thanksgiving evening service and pie fest tradition on Sunday, Nov. 22 to look forward to! Hope to see you there.

Christmas preparations have already begun as well. Save the date for the children's Christmas program on Dec. 13. See page 7 for a Christmas outreach project in which you're invited to participate, and see page 14 for a gift idea exclusive to Lord of Love.

The Youth are planning for several special events over the next few months. See page 11 for details and remember that your tips given at the Fall Festival go to support their faith-filled activities.

And finally, a word of gratitude is due for all those who have served in our armed forces who we recognize this Veterans' Day. Thank you and happy Thanksgiving to all!



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## FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR'S DESK

### Greetings from your interim pastor,

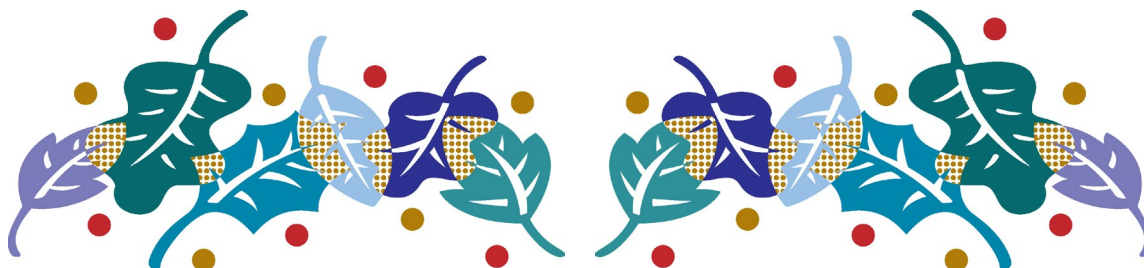
During the month of December you will see very little of Ronni and me, as we will be traveling to Thailand with the young woman who has worked with Ronni the past two years. She was born in a refugee camp in Thailand and has invited us to accompany her and her brother on a visit to the country of their births. Their parents are refugees from Burma/Myanmar.

In light of my absence, I have asked Pastor Joyce Miller, senior chaplain at Nebraska Medical Center, to preach and preside at worship on Dec. 6, 13 and 27. On Dec. 20, Pastor Mike Ostrom with Omaha campus ministry will be here to preach and preside at worship. He will also talk about campus ministry here in Omaha during adult forum.

For adult forums on Nov. 15 and 22 and Dec. 6, I am working with Don Rowen to offer studies on a particular passion of mine – the conversation between religion and science. Please join the conversation on those Sundays. During Advent we are inviting persons who are involved in the field of science to speak about how their faith impacts their work/studies and conversely how their work/studies impacts their faith. Please watch the bulletin and website for more information.

The Peace of Christ Be with You,  
*Pastor Glenn*

P.S. I will be here for Christmas Eve services.



## WORSHIP

### Thanksgiving Worship and Pie Fest

Mark your calendar for Thanksgiving worship service at **7 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 22**, followed by PieFest! Bring a pie to share, or give a little time to help with preparation or clean up.

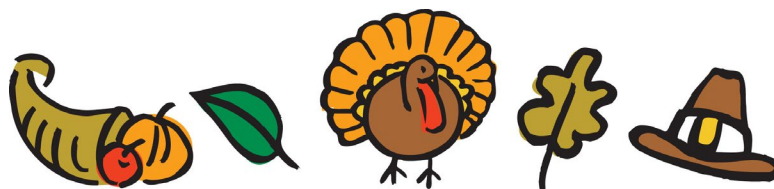
Please use the link below to sign up (or contact Deb Lund) to help with the PieFest: <http://bit.ly/piefest2015>



# WORSHIP

## Lord of Love's Worship Servants

	Nov. 1	Nov. 8	Nov. 15	Nov. 22	Nov. 29
Greeter(s)					
8:00 a.m.	Doug & Cathy Aden	Roger & Angie Meyer	Doug & Rose Roberts	Jim & Jeri Morgan	Josh & Carissa Combes
10:30 a.m.	Gary Ramsay	Tom & Beth Olson	Bill & Nicole Quackenbush	Lynda McGraw	Kathy Christiansen
Liturgist					
8:00 a.m.	Doug Aden	Kenn Garder	Ron Thom	Heather Hansen	Shawn Lorenzen
10:30 a.m.	Lori Vandeventer	Rett Messerschmidt	Paul Christenson	Dave Reiff	Rex Quadhamer
Communion Servers					
8:00 a.m.	Cathy Aden and Jim & Jeri Morgan	Garder family	Heather Christensen & family	Hansen family	Brian & Connie Walther
10:30 a.m.	Edwards family	Messerschmidt family	Rieff family	Deb Christenson & Beth Olson	Deb Quadhamer & volunteer
Altar Care					
8:00 a.m.	Joan Witt	Angie Meyer	Doug & Rose Roberts and Dale & Karen Finck	Brewer family	Ed & Marjorie Keiser
10:30 a.m.	Deb Quadhamer & Judy Messerschmidt	Diana Haye & Marcia Roads	Karen Armitage & Gwen Edwards	Brenda Mac & Rosie Avalos	Rowen family
Ushers					
8:00 a.m.	Paul Murphy, Dave Hild, Bob Christensen, Mike Klos				
10:30 a.m.	Dan Manning, Rex Quadhamer, Gary Ramsay. John Ramsay				
Nursery Care					
10:30 a.m.			Lisa Rieff	Ashley Meier	Pat Brewer
CD Recording					
10:30 a.m.	Pat Brewer	Paul Christenson	Dave Lueders	Paul Murphy	Jesse Brewer



SO MANY BLESSINGS

# MONTHLY CALENDAR

November 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:00am & 10:30 a.m. Worship/Comm 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Adult Forum 9:15am New Member Class 6:00pm Bell Choir	<b>2</b> 8:00pm AA & Al Anon	<b>3</b> 9:00am Quilters 7:00pm Vision & Coordination Mtg.	<b>4</b> 6:00pm Brass 6:00pm Luther Kids 6:00pm Confirmation 7:00pm Sr. High Bible Study 7:15pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b> 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>6</b> 7:30pm AA Meeting	<b>7</b> 7:00am Men's Breakfast Ministry 5:00pm Fall Festival
<b>8</b> Receive New Members 8:00am & 10:30 a.m. Worship/Comm 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Adult Forum 11:30am Congregational Meeting 6:00pm Bell Choir	<b>9</b> 8:00pm AA & Al Anon	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6:00pm Luther Kids 6:00pm Confirmation 6:00pm Brass 7:00pm Sr. High Bible Study 7:15pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b> 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>13</b> 7:30pm AA Meeting	<b>14</b> 7:00am Men's Breakfast Ministry 12:00pm Matinee Musical
<b>15</b> 8:00am & 10:30 a.m. Worship/Comm 9:15am Adult Forum 9:15am Sunday School 6:00pm Bell Choir	<b>16</b> 8:00pm AA & Al Anon	<b>17</b> 9:00am Quilters 7:00pm Church Council Mtg.	<b>18</b> 6:00pm Confirmation 6:00pm Brass 6:00pm Luther Kids 7:00pm Sr. High Bible Study 7:15pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b> 12:00pm Aged to Perfection Lunch 7:00pm Boy Scouts	<b>20</b> 7:30pm AA Meeting	<b>21</b> Boy Scout Lock-In 7:00am Men's Breakfast Ministry 4:00pm Granada Homeowners Assoc. in Preschool
<b>22</b> 8:00am & 10:30 a.m. Worship/Comm 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Adult Forum 1:00pm Violin Recital 6:00pm Bell Choir	<b>23</b> 8:00pm AA & Al Anon	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Happy Thanksgiving!	<b>27</b> Church Office CLosed 7:30pm AA Meeting	<b>28</b> 7:00am Men's Breakfast Ministry
<b>29</b> 8:00am & 10:30 a.m. Worship/Comm 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Adult Forum 6:00pm Bell Choir	<b>30</b> 8:00pm AA & Al Anon					

## NURTURE

### Adult Forum: Science, Christian Faith and the Universe

Pastor Glenn and Don Rowen will lead a discussion on topics related to science and Christian faith on **Sundays Nov. 15, Nov. 22, and Dec. 6 at 9:30 a.m.** in the sanctuary.



From the news, it may appear that one cannot be both a Christian and a scientist as science and Christianity offer differing explanations for the workings of the universe and creation. Yet many Christians are scientists or use scientific knowledge and technology in their occupation. How are these individuals able to integrate their career in science with their religious faith? We would love to have anyone working in a science field to share their thoughts and join the discussion on any of the three Sundays.

### Aged to Perfection Luncheon

Jackie Combes and Susan Lueders are preparing a delicious meal for the next Aged to Perfection luncheon on **Thursday, Nov. 19** in the fellowship hall. Lunch is served at about noon.



### Memorial Committee

Each year on All Saints Sunday, items purchased the previous year by Memorial Funds are dedicated. This year on All Saints Sunday, we will dedicate the following items:

- **Carillion**—The carillion was repaired so it is now working.
- **Communion Trays**—New communion trays were purchased. One was broken and others were stained.
- **Plant Stands**—Additional plant stands were purchased so plants could be better arranged around the altar.
- **Chairs**—Four chairs with sides were purchased. They are to be used in the sanctuary by worshippers that need some support to stand and around the altar for services that require them. Now we have been able to move the one chair back to the narthex.
- **Guest Book Folders**—New folders were purchased to replace old folders.
- **Choir Folders**—The new folders will replace many of the choir folders. which were torn and unusable. The old folders were at least thirty-five years old.

The Memorial Committee is always looking for suggestions of items to purchase that will enhance life at Lord of Love. Let us know if you have any suggestions. Committee members are Karen Armitage, Rett Messerschmidt, Todd Meyer and Doug Aden.





## NURTURE

### Luther Kids

We are having SO much fun in Luther Kids each Wednesday! Thanks to Miss Laurie and all her great ideas. We've been having about 8 kiddos consistently joining in on activities that enhance the lessons from Sunday School. Please join us on **Wednesdays at 6 - 7 p.m.**



### Sunday School Christmas Program

Save the Date for the Sunday School Christmas program performance on **Sunday, Dec. 13** during **10:30** service. Rehearsal will be **Saturday, Dec. 12, 9 - 11 a.m.**



## CALL COMMITTEE

### Call Committee Status Update

The call committee has been meeting regularly and completed the required training through the synod. Lord of Love's ministry site profile is available for potential candidates to review. Currently, the committee is finalizing potential interview questions. In early November, the committee will conduct a mock interview with a local pastor identified by the synod for practice and to get feedback.



Please continue to keep the committee and the process in your prayers. The most recent prayer petition from the bulletin is: *Holy God, you are our faithful shepherd. We trust you to lead us in all things. As we go through the process of calling our next pastor, we ask you to guide the call committee.*



### "Thanksgiving Beatitudes"

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something, for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge, because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary, because it means you've made a difference.

—Author unknown (from newsletternewsletter.com)

# FALL FESTIVAL AND OUTREACH

## Fall Festival Reminder

The “Autumn European Tour” takes place on **Saturday, Nov. 7** in the sanctuary at Lord of Love, with dinner served at 5:30 p.m. The last day to purchase tickets for the “Autumn European Tour” is Nov. 1 (in the narthex between services). If you are providing auction items or baskets, please also deliver those by Nov. 1.

For entertainment, a string quartet of UNO students will provide music during a delicious dinner prepared by **Lisa and Dave Rieff**. **Jesse Brewer** will serve as the master of ceremonies. **Shayne Sili**, an auctioneer, is graciously donating

her time for the live auction. Items up for bid will include baskets made by members of the congregation, ticket packages for theater events, and season tickets for Creighton basketball! Proceeds go toward Heartland Hope Mission and Lord of Love Women of the ELCA.



## Christmas In South Omaha

As an extension of the financial support we have pledged to Heartland Hope Mission, the women are collecting Christmas gifts for Heartland Hope's annual holiday event, Christmas in South Omaha. Throughout November, we ask that you donate unwrapped gifts. which we will deliver in December.

The greatest need is gifts for teen girls and boys aged 15-17. Some ideas include:

### For Girls

- hair accessories (headbands, hair ties, hair clips, pretty bobby pins)
- purses (wallets, tote bags, hand bags)
- makeup and nail polish (eye shadow sets, makeup brush sets, travel cases, makeup remover)
- hair straighteners, curling irons
- fragrance sets, body spray, perfume

- jewelry (earrings, bracelets, necklaces, rings, watches)
- lotion, body wash, face wash, shampoo



### For Boys

- sports equipment (baseballs and baseball gloves, footballs, basketballs, soccer balls)
- cologne, body spray, or deodorant sets
- body wash, shampoo sets
- watches, wallets
- video game accessories (controllers, headsets)
- headphones

# MISSION

## Update on Tanzanian Students, from Bob Kasworm



**Martha Mkumbo, Tanzanian student with graduation card signed by many at Lord of Love.**

*It is the end of a journey LOL started a few years ago. We supported two students for their secondary education or high school (I assume that is the correct terminology) and post college (I think that is correct) in Tanzania.*

Great news: Martha Mkumbo is graduating! She came to visit with word she has finished her studies and exams. She will receive her degree at graduation in December. It would be great to go to graduation, but as her school is a two day trip away, I had to tell her it is not possible. She plans to await a government posting, which will likely not be until the spring.

Eight or nine years ago, we all started on this journey when two skinny little shy kids, Regnold Mwanga and Martha, were selected for a LOL sponsorship for secondary school. They both finished secondary school and Regnold went on for some advance training and is employed as an accountant with the church.

Martha did well enough that she went to advanced high school and then on to university. She encountered a number of barriers along the way, but was able to overcome them all with her own efforts and LOL support.

All at Lord of Love who have prayed for, contributed to, or in any way had a hand in this effort deserve thanks for their constancy as "good and faithful servants". You have given her a very different future than what was otherwise in store. In what will hopefully be a long career as a professional teacher, she will herself teach and influence hundreds or thousands of students...and so in this way too you each will be touching their lives as well.





# MISSION

## Lutheran Disaster Response



*Lord of Love's special offerings for Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas will go to the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response, for needs as a result of western U.S. wildfires.*

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. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

### Where Lutherans are responding:

- [U.S. Flooding](#)
- [Chile Earthquake](#)
- [U.S. Wildfires](#)
- [Middle East and Europe Refugee Crisis](#)
- [U.S. Spring Storms](#)
- [Nepal Area Earthquake](#)
- [Ebola Outbreak Response](#)
- [Unaccompanied and Migrant Children](#)
- [South Sudan Conflict](#)

### How We Work

We are a church that is a catalyst, convener and bridge builder. Lutheran Disaster Response collaborates with other disaster response organizations and religious entities in the United States and around the world. This enables the greatest stewardship of resources and maximum impact of response. We are a welcome partner because we respect the perspectives and strengths of others.

We recognize that every disaster is local. Because of this, we believe every response needs to be rooted in the community; we work to accompany that community from immediate relief through long-term recovery. In our international work we partner closely with companion churches and other Lutheran and ecumenical relief agencies to make sure local needs are being addressed and met.  
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# MISSION

## Lutheran Disaster Response, cont.

In the United States, we work through our extensive affiliate network and other partners to address these same concerns.

Some key areas of work include:

- Providing emotional and spiritual care for people who have been affected by a disaster and for leaders who respond to a disaster
- Coordinating volunteers through our local affiliates
- Assisting refugees in a holistic way by meeting the varied needs of the community
- Promoting disaster risk-reduction by helping communities build their assets, reducing the effects of likely disasters
- Providing long-term recovery efforts by addressing the unmet needs months or years after disaster strikes

*-from elca.org*



## Update from Mission Possible

Thanks to all of you for supporting the summer breakfasts this past summer. \$1556.85 was raised for prison ministries through the Nebraska Synod. Your kindness and generosity helps us be the hands of Christ.



## ELCA Malaria Campaign



We did it! The ELCA Malaria Campaign reached its financial goal of raising \$15 million. Thank you! Working with our Lutheran companions and partners, malaria programming has taken place throughout 13 countries in Africa. By working together, we have brought about lasting change.

Although the fundraising goal of \$15 million has been met, our commitment to ending deaths from this preventable, treatable disease has not. Additional gifts may be given to expand the malaria efforts until Jan. 31, 2016. In the coming years, support to our companions and partners to address malaria will come through gifts to ELCA World Hunger, which has a long history of supporting health-related work.

### Our Impact

Together we have had great success:

- Educated 2 million community members.
- Distributed 50,000 insecticide-treated bed nets.
- Tested 160,000 people for malaria, and if positive, provided treatment.
- Trained 10,000 local volunteers in prevention and treatment.
- Empowered 12,000 households to be economically stable
- Provided 32,000 pregnant women prevention medication

*-from ELCA.org*

# Where Does **Mission Share** Go?

In the ELCA and the Nebraska Synod, we like to say that we are the church together. And part of being the church together is sharing our resources to support the ministries that no one congregation could do by itself.



Your Mission Share offerings to the Nebraska Synod support a variety of ways in which we are called into ministry ... together.



**54%** of all mission share funding is passed along to our partners at ELCA Churchwide. Our support of ELCA Churchwide provides the foundation needed for a number of vital ministries here and around the world. As the church together, we are engaged in efforts to eradicate malaria, combat poverty and hunger, assist people in times of disaster, stand in accompaniment with global mission partners, and start new worship communities.



**23%** of all mission share offerings are used to support Nebraska Synod specific services and ministries. As the church together, through mission share, we are able to assist congregations with calling pastors and conflict resolution, provide leadership development opportunities and faith formation programming, and support ministries in the community that are multiculturally and socioeconomically diverse.



**17.5%** of all mission share offerings are passed along directly to affiliated serving arms and organizations. As the church together, through mission share, we are providing direct financial support to Oaks Indian Center, Midland University, Lutheran Family Services, Wartburg Seminary, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Nebraska Lutheran Campus Ministry, and Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministry.



**5.5%** Only five and a half cents of every dollar contributed to mission share is used for administrative expense and direct overhead costs in the Nebraska Synod. That is tremendous stewardship of the resources with which God has blessed us to carry out the mission to which we have been called. As the church together, your willingness to pool resources makes it possible to do **God's Work** with **Our Hands**.



## YOUTH

### Youth to Serve at Fall Festival

**Calling all Youth** to serve at the annual Fall Festival, **Saturday, Nov. 7, 5:30 - 9 p.m.** Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. for pizza and to get your assignments for the evening. Dress in nice outfits to provide excellent wait staff service to the guests. Kitchen staff will also be needed.



This is a fundraiser for the Youth Account, which will help with the High School and Middle School Synod Gathering events in November and January and with our Mission Service event this June. Questions? Contact Heather Christensen at 402.206.9205.

### Senior High LYON Event

**Calling all Youth** to serve at the annual Sr High LYON (Lutheran Youth Serve Nebraska) Event is taking place **Nov. 20-22** in Hastings, NE. AGAPE' and Rachel Kurtz will perform; we will be serving in the Hastings and doing a Walk for Water learning event and project. If you are interested in joining us, contact Heather no later than Wednesday, Nov. 4. Cost is now at late registration of \$165.



### Middle School Gathering

Middle School Gathering, MSG 2016, for 6 - 8th graders is happening **Jan. 16-17, 2016** at Sheridan Lutheran Church in Lincoln. The Gathering is a highly interactive experience for youth and their adult leaders. Each year, the MSG lasts only approximately 31 hours, but the memories last a lifetime. This year participants will take part in service learning around Lincoln; worship together; make new friends; rock climb, swim and play at the Cooper YMCA and take part in workshops based on the theme "Open...and Invited" Acts 8:26-39.

Registration forms are available in the Youth Corner in the Narthex. Forms are due to Miss Heather **by Wednesday, Nov. 11**. Cost is \$45 by November 11. Fundraising at Fall Festival will help to offset some of the final. Questions? Contact Heather at 402.206.9205, [heather@lord-of-love.org](mailto:heather@lord-of-love.org)

### Senior High Mission Service Event

Save the Date for **Monday, June 13 through Friday, June 18, 2016**. The senior high youth are invited to spend a week together in service in Omaha. They will worship with other Lutherans across the community, serve in our community, and spend time together building relationships, friendships, and their faith. We invite members of the congregation and community to share ideas for service, worship, and evening programming or to volunteer to work beside us, lead a devotion or worship, cook an evening meal or host an evening programming. Contact Heather Christensen for more information at [heather@lord-of-love.org](mailto:heather@lord-of-love.org) or 402-206-9205.



# CHURCH COUNCIL AND RESOURCES

## 2015 Lord of Love Church Council

**Vision and Coordination:** Brian Walther, President; Dave Hild, Vice-President; Judy Messerschmidt, Secretary; Jackie Combes, Treasurer

**Nurture:** Susan Lueders and Lisa Willard

**Outreach:** Mardi Fiske and Scott Reinhardt

**Resources:** Craig Pennell and Bill Quackenbush

**Worship:** Heather Hansen and Joan Witt



## Giving Status

General Fund financial information for September 2015:

Actual Income - \$24,598.00

Actual Expense - \$26,904.42

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

Actual Income - \$226,408.81

Actual Expense - \$234,695.61



*Giving Status Update*

As of the end of September, the available cash deficit has increased slightly. It is (12,720.89). Weekly offerings of \$6,799 are needed to meet budgeted expenses. The weekly offering average through the end of September was \$5,708. The monthly offering average was \$24,786.75 at the end of August and \$24,736.11 at the end of September.

You should have received your giving statement as of the end of September. Please let Mary Lou know if there are any questions. Thank you for your support and for keeping your pledges current.

## Modeling Giving and Generosity, by Kathy Christiansen

**"Example is not the main thing in life. It is the only thing."**

*-Albert Schweitzer*

I grew up in a home where every meal was a lesson in gratitude. My siblings and I learned from our parents that there was always enough to share with others, especially at holiday meals. Our holiday meals frequently had the next door neighbor and her bachelor farmer son or a church intern far from home or just friends without family. We spent many holiday meals setting up card table after card table in our small home to accommodate everyone.

To my parents, there was no caring without sharing. If you were blessed, you were *(cont.)*

## RESOURCES CONTINUED

### Modeling Giving and Generosity continued

blessed to be a blessing. We didn't need a lesson or lecture on hospitality while growing up. Every holiday meal was an opportunity for a living lesson.

Children are like little spies. Even when it seems like they aren't watching everything you do, say, love, ignore or pursue, they are still soaking in from our examples. If we want to raise grateful children into caring and sharing adults, we need to model it with everything we do and not just what we say.



So, how do we become good examples of givers? We give. How do we raise a grateful child into an identity of faith, stewardship, and gratitude? Practice, practice, practice. Model, model, model. Live it, live it, live it. We will reap what we sow. Guaranteed.

## MEN'S CORNER

### Men's Bible Study

Lord of Love's men's group and Bible study meets on Saturday mornings in our Fellowship Hall. The 7 a.m. breakfast is followed by Christian study and fellowship. We close the meeting at 8 a.m.

Plenty of food and seating is always available. Come join us for food and stay for the fellowship. All men are welcome.



## WOMEN OF LOVE

### Prayer Shawl Sunday

Lord of Love Prayer Shawl Sunday will be observed on **Nov. 15**. Our goal is to provide every member with a prayer shawl.

If you have not yet received your shawl, please stop by the table in the narthex and pick one up.



Prayer  
Shawls

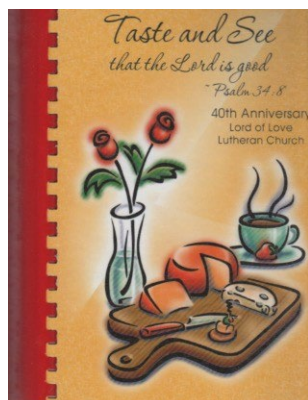
## WOMEN OF LOVE

### Lord of Love Cookbooks

If you're looking for a special gift for Christmas, please check out the beautiful hard cover cookbook, *Taste and See that the Lord is Good*. Available at the information center in the narthex, it contains over 650 tried and true recipes. It sells for \$12 for the first copy and \$10 for each additional one.

Gift-wrapped copies will be available in the narthex Nov. 29 until Christmas. In the meantime, there is a basket near the cookbooks for your checks made out to LOL WELCA.

Proceeds are designated for mission and outreach.



### "Gather" Bible Studies

"Tempo Giusto" is the final session of the "Slow Faith" fall Bible Study. The theme is based on Luke 8:15, "But as for (those who fell) in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance."

The Monday evening group meets at **6 p.m. Nov. 2** at the Oak View Village Inn. The Wednesday evening group will meet at **6 p.m. in the Mary Room on Nov. 4.**



### Help Needed!

The Dec. 8 noon luncheon meeting of Lutheran Women of Omaha will meet at Lord of Love. Ruth Manning is preparing the meal but needs help with setting up, serving and cleaning up.



Please contact Ruth at 402.451.0221 by Nov. 22 if you can be of assistance. Thanks!

### Lutheran Women of Omaha

Lutheran Women of Omaha will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 10 at noon at Bethany Lutheran Church, 4200 St., Elkhorn. The program will be Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging. The free will offering will go to Lutheran World Relief for postage. Please make your reservations with Ruth Manning, 402-451-0221 by Nov. 8.

### Goodie Containers, Project Linus

Saturday, Dec. 13, you are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall for coffee at 9 a.m. 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 can help make fleece blankets for "[Project Linus](#)." You will need 2 pieces of coordinating fleece for each blanket. Finished size is 1-1/2 yards X 60". See the Sunday bulletin or contact Jackie Combes at 402.498.4283 for further information.

# WOMEN OF LOVE

## WELCA Convention Reflection: The Power of “M”, by Rose Roberts

The Women/ELCA convention provided several firsts for me including my first time in attendance as a voting member (AKA delegate). Along with two other members of Lord of Love (Ruth and Jackie), the three musketeers headed for Lincoln instead of Kearney for a girls' weekend with other sisters in Christ on Friday, Sept. 18. The convention was moved from Kearney to Lincoln's First Lutheran Church to attract more first-time attendees.

It was a busy couple of days for those in attendance due to all the events, workshops and activities scheduled. A number of memorable moments from the women's event impacted me. They included the following:

- **becoming acquainted with Nancy Giddings from the Churchwide Executive Board and Terri Johnson from the NE Synodical Board** who are gifted on maneuvering and accessing the internet. They provided a tutorial introduction to the [www.womenoftheelca.org](http://www.womenoftheelca.org) and the resources it provides.
- **experiencing Bishop Brian Maas' message on Friday night during the healing service.** His sermon was based on Paul's letter to the Colossians, Chapter 3:1-17, "Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly," (verse 16).

Rev. Maas shared that out of taking risks comes true joy. He encouraged all of God's servants to migrate out of their "comfort zones" and take chances to mission to others in need.

- Pastor Juliet Hampton (convention chaplain) led a Bible study the following morning that continued what was introduced at the evening service. She emphasized two other “M’s”:



**made in the image of God and marked by our baptism.** We should focus on things from above, not below.

- the mustering of 130 delegates, voting members and board officers on Saturday morning to conduct business and elect a new slate of officers and board representatives as well as voting members for the triennial convention in 2017. The ecclesiastical process for electing the president of the Nebraska Synodical Women's organization was an eye-opening one. Nancy Johnson was elected as our new leader .
- the mesmerizing presentation from the keynote speaker, Interim Pastor Bridgette Weier from Centennial, Colorado, that brought a majority of us to tears by the end of her talk. She brought another "M" word to the forefront: **messes in our life** and the **masks we wear to hide them from others**. The journey she traveled from losing a child to attending the seminary to where her life is leading her now was inspirational.



## WOMEN OF LOVE

### WELCA Convention Reflection: The Power of “M”, continued

- **the melodic renderings of the Tritones, a trio of ladies from Fremont, who brought their gift of music through song to help calm us after a busy day.** They demonstrated their ability to harmonize and blend their voices to create a joyful sound.
- **and lastly, the mega number of hands and hours of planning needed to bring this convention to fruition and to bring it to a successful conclusion.** Thanks to all who made this event possible.

Thanks to Lord of Love Women’s Team for sending me as their voting member

to this convention. Since this was my first NE synodical meeting, I did not know what to expect and tried to leave the door open to this new experience. One of the goals of the convention was to provide an enjoyable and faith-strengthening situation for all, which it did by filling my glass several times over. The Lord always seems to provide surprises and directions that you weren’t expecting, just as I have found from working with children. To be able to risk requires faith and a willingness to metamorphosis as the need presents itself.

*“Let the light and love from above fill our hearts as we go out into the world and serve the Lord.”*

PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS

### Dates to Remember

#### November

- 2 6 p.m. Gather Bible Study, Village Inn, 3304 S.143rd Plaza
- 3 9-12 Quilters, Fellowship Hall
- 4 6 p.m. Gather Bible Study, Mary Room
- 11 6 p.m. Ministry Team, Mary Room
- 13 8 a.m. Crane Coffee Fellowship
- 15 Prayer Shawl Distribution
- 17 9-1 Quilters, Fellowship Hall
- 27 8 a.m. Crane Coffee Fellowship

### Looking Ahead

**CANCELLED** Advent by Candlelight

**Dec. 12** Preparation of goodie baskets for elderly, shut-ins and those with special needs

**Jan. 10** Revealing of “Secret Angels” brunch

**Jan. 23** Nebraska Synodical Women’s Winter Retreat, St. Paul’s, Grand Island

## IN OUR PRAYERS

*Antoinette Anania (cousin of Deb Lund)*

Dick Bell

*Connie Bennett (cousin of Karen Armitage)*

Syd Brinkman, Chris Beckman (friend of Jane Gehringer)

*Carl (friend of Saylor Boylan)*

Patricia Connolly (friend of the Thoms)

*Elizabeth (student of Carol Novak)*

Sgt. Dean & Erin Hansen (Delina Wiater's son & his wife)

*Mark Hays (friend of Ann Kroll)*

Marjorie Holbrook (mother of Judy Messerschmidt)

*Janet Jensen (mother of Dawn Burton)*

Matt Kreikimeier (friend of Brenda Mac)

*Glenna Lee*

Lisa Lueders (sister-in-law of Dave Lueders)

*Charles Meyer (father of Pr. Brad)*

Dave Nemitz (brother of Paula Foster)

*Vi Neu (stepmother of Carol Novak)*

Don St. Ours (brother-in-law of Lynda McGraw)

*Cynthia Palmer (friend of Dave & Lisa Rieff)*

Nancy Shinrock

*Georgene Sones (mother of Dayla Miller)*

Brenda Thom

*Betty Wallwey (aunt of Shari Garder)*

Ted Whitfield (former co-worker of Brian Shinrock)

Steve Wiitala (friend of Karen Mullen)

Caregivers and those who suffer with depression

Those seeking employment.

### **Those Who Are Deployed**

Steve Slone

### **Those Who Mourn**

The family and friends of Wayne Witt

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](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

Thank you to everyone at Lord of Love for all of your prayers, support, friendship and acts of kindness during Wayne's illness and with his passing. Wayne appreciated everyone's thoughtfulness and mentioned more than once that he was glad we were a part of Lord of Love. A special thank you to Pastor Glenn for his visits. Thank you to everyone for making the service to celebrate Wayne's life so meaningful, comforting and inspirational. I greatly appreciate the special words, music, hugs, luncheon and many thoughtful deeds. Thank you to all for being a blessing to Wayne's life and mine and always teaching God's word and sharing God's love.  
-Joan Witt





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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### This Month

- Nov. 8** New Member Reception;  
Semi-annual Meeting
- Nov. 15** Prayer Shawl Sunday
- Nov. 22** Thanksgiving Service and  
Pie Fest
- Nov. 29** First Sunday of Advent

### Save the Date

- Dec. 13** Sunday School Christmas  
Program

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