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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

April 3-May 9: Diaper Derby (Drive for diapers and funds)

April 9: Women's Retreat

April 10: Celebration of Ministry with College Students in the Metro

May 9: Mother's Day Brunch

May 15: Last Day of Sunday School

June 9, 10 and 11: Vacation Bible School

June 12-17: Senior High Mission Event



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Articles for *The Love Letter* can be submitted to the editor in the Love Letter mailbox at church or by email at loveletter@lord-of-love.org. Articles (including recipes or favorite poems, etc.) must be received by the 20th of the month.

FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR'S DESK

Easter Greetings!

We are in the season of Easter, that period of time when the resurrected Jesus appeared to his followers. It is a time to celebrate the new life promised in our baptism and made known in the Easter stories.

The promise of new life is a lasting covenant, which speaks of healing and reconciliation and hope to all who trust the love that God makes real for us in the cross and empty tomb. As we live out the Easter story here at Lord of Love, it is important that we make known that love to all we encounter in our families, our neighborhoods, our communities.

One of the many ways that Lord of Love does this by providing office space for two counselors from the Methodist Hospital Community Counseling Program. This program provides mental health services to members of the community at no cost and is entirely funded

by the Methodist Hospital Foundation and other private donations.

The confidential counseling is provided by experienced, licensed, master's-level mental health practitioners. Here at Lord of Love, those counselors are Becky Herber, who is here on Mondays and Wednesdays, and Kim Mueller, who is here on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

On **Sunday, April 24**, Becky and Kim have agreed to be with us during Adult Forum (9:15) to share more information about this and the marvelous ministry they are able to provide for our neighbors. Come and learn more about how Lord of Love is sharing the good news of God's love in our community.

Peace, Pastor Glenn



A Reflection on Joy, from NewsletterNewsletter.com



Joy is prayer. Joy is strength. Joy is love. Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls. God loves a cheerful giver. One gives most who gives with joy. The best way to show our gratitude to God and people is to accept everything with joy.

A joyful heart is the inevitable result of a heart burning with love. Never let anything so fill you with sorrow as to make you forget the joy of the Christ risen.

—Mother Teresa

MONTHLY CALENDAR

April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7:30pm AA Meeting	2 7:00am Men's Breakfast Ministry 2:00pm Freeman Piano Recital
3 8:00am & 10:30 a.m. Worship/Comm 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Adult Forum 1:00pm Eagle Court of Honor 5:00pm Sunnyslope Pool Open House 5:00pm Bell Choir	4 8:00pm AA & Ala Non	5 Quilters 7:00pm Vision & Coordination Mtg.	6 6:00pm Sr. High Bible Study 6:00pm Brass 6:00pm Luther Kids 6:00pm Confirmation 7:15pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal	7 7:00pm Boy Scouts	8 7:30pm AA Meeting	9 Women's Retreat at Chalco Hills 7:00am Men's Breakfast Ministry
10 8:00am & 10:30 a.m. Worship/Comm 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Adult Forum 5:00pm Bell Choir	11 8:00pm AA & Ala Non	12 7:00pm Sunnyslope Neighborhood Assoc.	13 6:00pm Confirmation 6:00pm Brass 6:00pm Luther Kids 6:00pm Sr. High Bible Study 7:15pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal	14 10:00am Piano Tuning 7:00pm Boy Scouts	15 5:30pm Rehearsal for offsite wedding 7:00pm Youth Lock- In for Boys only 7:30pm AA Meeting	16 7:00am Men's Breakfast Ministry 8:00am Cosby Fiddle Recital
17 8:00am & 10:30 a.m. Worship/Comm 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Adult Forum 1:30pm Violin Recital 5:00pm Bell Choir	18 8:00pm AA & Ala Non	19 9:00am Quilters 7:00pm Church Council Mtg.	20 6:00pm Luther Kids 6:00pm Brass 6:00pm Confirmation 6:00pm Sr. High Bible Study 7:15pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal	21 12:00pm Aged to Perfection Lunch 7:00pm Boy Scouts	22 7:30pm AA Meeting	23 7:00am Men's Breakfast Ministry 9:00am Novak Piano Recital
24 8:00am & 10:30 a.m. Worship/Comm 9:15am Adult Forum 9:15am Sunday School 1:30pm Novak-Haar Recital 5:00pm Bell Choir	25 8:00pm AA & Ala Non	26	27 6:00pm Confirmation 6:00pm Sr. High Bible Study 6:00pm Luther Kids 6:00pm Brass 7:15pm Sr. Choir Rehearsal	28 7:00pm Boy Scouts	29 5:00pm Rehearsal for Oboe Recital 7:30pm AA Meeting	30 7:00am Men's Breakfast Ministry 9:00am Oboe Recital

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Lord of Love's Worship Servants

	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24
Greeter(s)				
8:00 a.m.	Josh & Carissa Combes	Peg Murphy	Sarge & Shirley Schuchard	Dale & Karen Finck
10:30 a.m.	Bill & Nichole Quackenbush	Lynda McGraw and Paula Foster	Doug & Karen Armitage	Joan Witt & Shelby Lamoureux
Liturgist				
8:00 a.m.	Dave Hild	Paul Murphy	Heather Hansen	Shawn Lorenzen
10:30 a.m.	Ashley Vandeventer	Rex Quadhamer	Claudia Rowen	Tom Olson
Communion Servers				
8:00 a.m.	Jim & Jeri Morgan, Jesse & Pat Brewer	Peg Murphy, Matt & Lisa Willard	Hansen family	Joe & Jackie Combes, Mike Klos, Doug Armitage
10:30 a.m.	Deb Quadhamer & Quackenbush family	Lori Vandeventer, Dave & Susan Lueders	Don Rowen, Messerschmidt family	Beth Olson, Charise Adams, Avalos family
Altar Care				
8:00 a.m.	Connie Walther, Lisa Meyer	Mardi Fiske	Joan Witt	Angie Meyer
10:30 a.m.	Ann Kroll, Paul Barnett	Paul & Ann Kroll	Deb Quadhamer, Judy Messerschmidt	Diana Haye, Marcia Roads
Ushers				
8:00 a.m.	Kenn Garder, Matt Garder, Paul & Deb Christenson, Craig Pennell			
10:30 a.m.	Rett Messerschmidt, Rob Anderson, Paul Barnett, John Edwards			
Nursery				
10:30 a.m.			Lisa Rieff	Ashley Meier
CD Recording				
10:30 a.m.	Pat Brewer	Paul Christenson	Dave Lueders	Paul Murphy

NURTURE

Aged to Perfection Luncheon

The monthly Aged to Perfection luncheon for retired folks, seniors or golden-agers will be held on **Thursday, April 21 at noon** in the fellowship hall.

Nursery Help Request

The Nurture committee seeks a volunteer to help with Lord of Love's nursery, including help scheduling weekly coverage for the 10:30 service. We also need volunteers to assist in the nursery on Sundays.



If interested, please call Susan Lueders (402.571.4252), Laurie Heavey (402.651.2630) or the church office at 402.493.2946. Thanks to everyone who has served in the nursery, and thank you for considering this important ministry.

Confirmation Update

Confirmation Sunday is **May 1**. Confirmands are **Audra VanArsdale, Owen VanArsdale, Abby Rieff, Eric Manuel, Jessica Yarger and Haley Martinez**.



April 10 is the Confirmation Retreat at Carol Joy Holling for 8th graders. The group will leave the church at 11:15 and return around 5:30 p.m.

Donuts

There is still time to sign up for picking up donuts. The sign up sheet is on the donut table. Volunteers are needed through May 28. On June 5, summer breakfasts will begin.



Adult Fellowship Dinner

Mark your calendars! Adult Christian Fellowship is planning a progressive dinner for **Saturday, April 23**. We need volunteers to offer their homes for one of the following:

- Appetizers
- Soup and Salad
- Main Course
- Desserts

If you are interested in planning or participating, call Susan Lueders at 402.571.4252. A sign-up sheet for those attending is in the narthex.

VBS Save the Date

The theme for VBS will be Superheroes of the Bible, **June 9, 10 and 11**. With a new format this year, VBS will meet Thursday and Friday evening from 6—8 p.m. (dinner at 5:30) and Saturday 9 a.m.—noon, followed by lunch.



Volunteers are needed in all areas! Check your calendar to see if you can help.



MISSION AND OUTREACH

Update on Prison Ministries

As you may recall, our 2015 summer breakfast proceeds went to the NE Synod Prison Ministries. Pastor Bob Bryan, pastor of Followers of Christ congregation in the Nebraska prisons, preached at Lord of Love and spoke to us during a breakfast in July 2015. He recently reported on the use of the funds we provided to Nebraska Synod prison ministries:

Update

"The women inmates packaged dry food ingredients into a bag that feeds 6 people a complete nutritionally balanced meal by only boiling it in water! An inmate on the inmate council at the Nebraska Correctional Center for Women in York wrote to me asking about ideas for the prisoners, who wanted to give back to the community. I sent her information on Kids Against Hunger and she got the warden's approval. Kids Against Hunger was able to bring their packaging operation into the prison.

A typical two-hour event with 20 volunteers would pack \$1,400 worth of ingredients, but we could only do it if we found funding. Then your donation to Followers of Christ arrived in the mail! The women worked so diligently that they packed all the ingredients almost twice as fast as usual! They packed 5,808 meals for shipment across the world wherever needed."

God's Work: Our Hands!

See story in the York paper:

<http://goo.gl/1ox4Xm>

Not only did the inmates help others in a meaningful way, but many prison employees wanted to assist them in this project. Plans are being made to do more soon.

Diaper Derby

Lord of Love will again participate in the Diaper Derby for Lutheran Family Services, **April 3–May 8**. Disposable diapers of all kinds and sizes, as well as funds to purchase diapers will be given to the Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska for their Centers for Healthy Families.



The Centers for Healthy Families use items like diapers as rewards for participation in parenting programs. See [their website](#) and attached flyer.

Cheryl Murray of LFS will visit Lord of Love on **Sunday, April 3** to speak briefly at each service. She will also lead an adult forum at 9:15 a.m. to present more information about LFS, particularly the Centers for Healthy Families and their refugee programs.

Meanwhile, bring those diapers and dollars to Lord of Love! Place the diapers in the north overflow area, and the monetary gifts clearly marked "Diaper Derby" in the offering plate.



Habitat for Humanity Opportunity

We will be hosting Habitat for Humanity this year on **May 21** and **Oct. 8, 2016**. We start at 8:30 a.m. Volunteers can come anytime during the day and work for as many hours as they are able. There are opportunities for all skill levels.

The work site address is 3901 N. 17th Street. Volunteers can sign-up online at www.habitatomaha.org and use "elf" as the reservation code. If you have any questions, please contact Jeri Morgan at 402.415.4976.



MISSION

Community Garden

The gardeners plan to till the garden and plant the potatoes soon. Cool weather crops (onions and carrots) go in next, then corn and squash in May. Spring weather determines the timeline, so let one of the regular gardeners know if you're interested in helping this season: Doug Aden, Dawn Burton, Dale Finck, Deb Lund, Jeri Morgan, Gary Ramsay, and Doug Roberts.

Thousands of pounds of vegetables have gone to area Lutheran pantries and Table Grace Café for some years now. We hope to have bountiful crops again this season to help feed the hungry.



Mission Possible Update

Thanks to everyone who supported our special offerings during Lent and Easter, as well as the soup suppers. These offerings will go to the **Food Bank of the Heartland** and the **ELCA Lenten Hunger Response**.

The Mission Possible Team has designated the 2016 summer breakfast proceeds to the **ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response**. There is always a great need for help in the U.S. as spring and summer storms affect many communities. (And at this writing, the Lutheran Disaster Response is in action in areas in the South affected by spring floods.)

YOUTH

Senior High Mission Event

Senior High Mission "Trip": Rise Up Omaha! - Called to Serve is **June 12-17**. We came home from the Gathering in Detroit knowing that we need to serve our own community. Rise Up Omaha! has been born out of that.

We will have essentially a week long lock-in at the church, where we will spend the majority of our day in the community serving various organizations. Our afternoons will be spent exploring our city or learning about organizations and how they serve various populations. We will also have time for team-building activities and fellowship, as well as devotion and faith formation activities.

This is a mission trip in town but there is no going home. We are together to learn, bond, to grow. Sr. High Youth of Lord of Love need to **register by April 20** for this event. Registrations are in the Youth Corner of the Narthex.

Guys' Only Lock-In

It's a Guy Thing Lock-In: **Friday, April 22 to Saturday, April 23**. Register now! Forms are in the Narthex Youth Corner.



All guys grades 7-12 are invited for a lock-in. Enjoy an Omaha Beef football game, bring your favorite gaming set, play basketball by moonlight, capture the flag, and attend the Men's Breakfast Saturday morning. Then we will head over to Mount Crescent Saturday for a zip line adventure.

Heather is looking for a volunteer to help chaperone this lock-in. Contact Heather Christensen at heather@lord-of-love.org.

CHURCH COUNCIL AND RESOURCES

2016 Lord of Love Church Council

Vision and Coordination: Brian Walther, President; Dave Hild, Vice-President; Kathy Christiansen, Secretary; Jackie Combes, Treasurer

Nurture: Laurie Heavey and Susan Lueders

Outreach: Paula Foster and Scott Reinhardt

Resources: Craig Pennell and Bill Quackenbush

Worship: Doug Aden and Heather Hansen



Giving Status



General Fund financial information for February 2016:

Actual Income - \$23,783.00

Actual Expense - \$23,980.23

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

Actual Income - \$54,575.67

Actual Expense - \$53,864.15

As of the end of February, the available cash deficit has increased slightly. It is (12,901.41). Weekly offerings of \$7,217 are needed to meet budgeted expenses. The weekly offering average through the end of February was \$5,970. The monthly offering average was \$26,714 at the end of February.

Please remember that we will have additional expenses this year associated with calling a new pastor. Thank you for your continued prayers and contributions as we move forward in 2016.

First Fruits, New Beginnings. by Deb Lund

I love spring. I love seeing plants popping up in our garden beds, shrubs getting little green leaves, and flowering trees blooming this time of year. I readily remember the smells of being out in the pasture during this "new beginnings" time of year, getting the cows to come home for milking each day.

I also remember clearly my Dad writing a check to the church soon after getting his milk check each month. It was a habit, and one that taught me well: We give back to God some of what he has first given us. He did not talk about it, but good financial stewardship was evident. Mom and Dad modeled generosity of time, too. They were very active in the church and community, serving on boards and committees, teaching Sunday School, and more.

Our daughter Pastor Rebecca witnessed the sharing of first fruits in her congregations in Benedict and Swedehome. *(continued on next page)...*



RESOURCES

First Fruits, New Beginnings, continued

The farmers freely gave of their harvests and proceeds from the sale of livestock each year. Many farmers also were able to give of their time more generously following the harvest, when their schedules allowed for that.

In our early years of marriage, we wrote the first check each month to the church, but we needed some guidance and encouragement to better understand our financial stewardship. A tool that really helped us was *proportionate giving*, giving as a percentage of our income. A proportional concept of giving and using a growth-giving chart helped us better comprehend how much we were contributing to the church and other organizations.

For example: if we earn \$52,000 per year (\$1000/week) and contribute \$30 per week, we give 3% of our income. If our income increases to \$54,600 (\$1050/week), our giving increases *proportionately* to \$31.50 per week to stay at 3%. If our annual income decreases to \$46,800 (\$900/week), and we continue to contribute 3%, we would give \$27 per week. A *growth-giving* adjustment of an additional 1% of income (total 4%), using the \$1000/week income, means our gifts would increase to \$40 per week.

Of course, what we do with all of God's gifts is most important. But, perhaps take time to prayerfully consider:

- Is supporting God's mission included in the first checks you write each month?
- Are you regularly contributing your time and talents to help others?

In this season of new beginnings, please take a moment to review this proportional giving chart and reflect on your financial giving back to God. You may find this helpful in growing your giving.



MEN'S NEWS

Men's Softball Looking for Players

Men from Lord of Love and some of their friends have played on a softball team for many years for fun and fellowship. Any man (16 and older) is invited to play on the team. You do not have to be a great player. We will play on Monday nights beginning on **April 18**.

If you are interested in playing, contact
Don Rowen at
402.965.8977 or
drowen@unomaha.



Men's Bible Study

As always, we serve breakfast every Saturday morning at 7 a.m. Join us for great food, conversation and Bible study.

If you have an event that you would like us to support, contact Mary Lou at the church office or any of the usual suspects. If you are not sure who that is, ask around; it includes almost every male member of Lord of Love.

Guide To Proportionate Giving

For they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means.
2 Corinthians 8:3

Instructions :

Find your annual or weekly income in one of the first two columns. Then look across the row to determine your giving level in percent. We encourage each household to increase giving 1 percent per year.

Example :

For a household earning \$52,000 per year and contributing about \$30 per week, the contribution is about 3 percent of income. This is a portion of what has been given by God to be managed and then is returned to do ministry. A 1 percent increase (from 3 percent to 4 percent) would be about an additional \$10 per week.

Annual Income	Weekly Income	Weekly Giving								
		2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	8%	10%	12%	15%
\$5,200	\$100	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	6.00	8.00	10.00	12.00	15.00
\$7,800	\$150	3.00	4.50	6.00	7.50	9.00	12.00	15.00	18.00	22.50
\$10,400	\$200	4.00	6.00	8.00	10.00	12.00	16.00	20.00	24.00	30.00
\$13,000	\$250	5.00	7.50	10.00	12.50	15.00	20.00	25.00	30.00	37.50
\$15,600	\$300	6.00	9.00	12.00	15.00	18.00	24.00	30.00	36.00	45.00
\$18,200	\$350	7.00	10.50	14.00	17.50	21.00	28.00	35.00	42.00	52.50
\$20,800	\$400	8.00	12.00	16.00	20.00	24.00	32.00	40.00	48.00	60.00
\$23,400	\$450	9.00	13.50	18.00	22.50	27.00	36.00	45.00	54.00	67.50
\$26,000	\$500	10.00	15.00	20.00	25.00	30.00	40.00	50.00	60.00	75.00
\$31,200	\$600	12.00	18.00	24.00	30.00	36.00	48.00	60.00	72.00	90.00
\$36,400	\$700	14.00	21.00	28.00	35.00	42.00	56.00	70.00	84.00	105.00
\$41,600	\$800	16.00	24.00	32.00	40.00	48.00	64.00	80.00	96.00	120.00
\$46,800	\$900	18.00	27.00	36.00	45.00	54.00	72.00	90.00	108.00	135.00
\$52,000	\$1,000	20.00	30.00	40.00	50.00	60.00	80.00	100.00	120.00	150.00
\$57,200	\$1,100	22.00	33.00	44.00	55.00	66.00	88.00	110.00	132.00	165.00
\$62,400	\$1,200	24.00	36.00	48.00	60.00	72.00	96.00	120.00	144.00	180.00
\$65,000	\$1,250	25.00	37.50	50.00	62.50	75.00	100.00	125.00	150.00	187.50
\$67,600	\$1,300	26.00	39.00	52.00	65.00	78.00	104.00	130.00	156.00	195.00
\$72,800	\$1,400	28.00	42.00	56.00	70.00	84.00	112.00	140.00	168.00	210.00
\$78,000	\$1,500	30.00	45.00	60.00	75.00	90.00	120.00	150.00	180.00	225.00
\$91,000	\$1,750	35.00	52.50	70.00	87.50	105.00	140.00	175.00	210.00	262.50
\$104,000	\$2,000	40.00	60.00	80.00	100.00	120.00	160.00	200.00	240.00	300.00
\$117,000	\$2,250	45.00	67.50	90.00	112.50	135.00	180.00	225.00	270.00	337.50
\$130,000	\$2,500	50.00	75.00	100.00	125.00	150.00	200.00	250.00	300.00	375.00
\$156,000	\$3,000	60.00	90.00	120.00	150.00	180.00	240.00	300.00	360.00	450.00
\$182,000	\$3,500	70.00	105.00	140.00	175.00	210.00	280.00	350.00	420.00	525.00
\$208,000	\$4,000	80.00	120.00	160.00	200.00	240.00	320.00	400.00	480.00	600.00

WOMEN OF LOVE

Women's Spring Retreat on Joy

All women of Lord of Love, and friends and family, are invited to the women's spring retreat on joy, **Saturday, April 9**, from **9 a.m.–3 p.m.** at the Natural Resources Center at Chalco Hills Recreation Area, 8901 S. 154th St., Omaha. The cost is \$10 (payable at the event).

Please register by April 3 via the sign-up sheet in the narthex.



Women's Team Meeting

The next scheduled women's planning team meeting will be **May 2** at Rose Roberts' house on 108th and Valley Street. This allows us to do both the monthly Bible study and the W/ELCA team meeting at the same time.

Visitors are always welcomed; just RSVP at dougroberts@cox.net.

Thank You

Thank you to the previous women's team board members for sharing their time and talents: **Ruth Manning, Jackie Combes, Brenda Mac, Lynda McGraw** and **Joan Witt**.

Bowling for Jesus had one of the largest turnouts with 75 people, which included the youth group. Thanks to everyone who attended and made this event a success.

Lutheran Women of Omaha

Lutheran Women of Omaha will meet at **noon, April 12** at Calvary Lutheran Church, 2941 N. 80th St.

Guest speaker is Jordon Bles from Church World Services, who will speak on World Hunger. The free will offering is designated for World Hunger. Luncheon is \$6. Please make your reservations with Ruth Manning, 402.451.0221 by Sunday, April 10.

"Gather" Subscription Update

"Gather" magazine is switching to a new subscription service.

New contact information:

844.409.05765 (toll-free) or 845.267.3074, M-F 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time

Gather Subscription Order Center

P.O. Box 334
Congers, NY 10920-0336
gather@cambeywest.com
gathermagazine.org

Saved to Serve Opportunities

May 13—15 will be the first "Saved to Serve" event at Camp Carol Joy Holling, helping to get it ready for the summer camps. The tangible offering for this is white socks for girls or boys, size (S, M, L) or colored Sharpie permanent markers, Walmart or Target gift cards

The **August 5—7** Saved to Serve is planned for Mosaic Home in Minden, cleaning and sprucing up the apartment units where Mosaic clients reside. Tangible offerings include bath towels and wash cloths, dish towels and dish cloths, as well as gift cards that can be used by the client to buy personal clothing.

See the registration form at the end of this newsletter.

WOMEN OF LOVE

Triennial Gathering 2017

“All Anew” is the theme for Women of the ELCA’s Tenth Triennial Gathering in Minneapolis, Minn., **July 13-16, 2017**. The theme is supported by biblical texts that speak of renewal. The churchwide executive board accepted the theme following a July conference call.

Because the Gathering falls during the observance of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation in 2017, the theme resonates with reformation and transformation images. At the gathering, participants will explore ways in which the Holy Spirit changes us, acknowledging that reformation and transformation have happened and continue to happen within the community of women known as Women of the ELCA.



Learn more at: welcatg.org.

“Lord, send forth your spirit...and renew the face of the earth.” (Psalm 104:30)

LOVE NOTES

One more time (From Joe Combes):

I want to one more time thank all of the people of Lord of Love for their thoughts, prayers and words of encouragement in the past years of my time with my father in his illness. You all were an inspiration to me as we traveled the road to the end of his life.

I shared some stories with you at his funeral, and you graciously listened, I thank you for that, his death was truly a heart wrenching experience for me. I have one more story I would like to share with you.

As my father’s health declined, I enlisted the the Visiting Nurses Association to help with his care. As we came closer to the end and hospice care was appropriate he was assigned a hospice nurse.

Sue Miller was the nurse who was assigned to my father. She was a very wonderful, caring person who was actually a Catholic nun. Initially, my father was a bit resentful having her care for him, but as their relationship developed he came to understand the she was there to help him.

I wasn’t always there when she came to visit Dad, but I want to relate this one incident when I was present. As Sue finished her duties for the day she started to walk out the door, as she did my Dad said, “See you Babe,” she turned in the door, her face brightened, and with a shy smile and gentle voice she said, “See you Don”. It reminded me of a scene out of a Bogart movie.

My father passed a short time later. I called Sue to thank her for all she had done for myself and my family. She told me she truly loved my Dad. What a wonderful ending—because of her care my father was able to die with grace and dignity.

Again, my struggles in this time would have been much greater had it not been for the support of my Wife, the caring people at the VNA, especially Sue Miller, my immediate family, and my wonderful family at Lord of Love, together you all make my life complete. Thank you so much.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Antoinette Anania (cousin of Deb Lund)
Deb Aries (sister of Brian Walther)
Dick Bell
Connie Bennett (cousin of Karen Armitage)
Syd Brinkman
Patricia Connolly (friend of the Thoms)
Elizabeth (student of Carol Novak)
Sgt. Dean & Erin Hansen (Delina Wiater's son & his wife)
Jan Hughes (aunt of Paula Foster)
Kristen Kuhn (friend of Todd & Lisa Meyer)
Izzy Lightle (relative of Kim Gust)
Lisa Lueders (sister-in-law of Dave Lueders)
Charles Meyer (father of Pr. Brad)
Vi Neu (stepmother of Carol Novak)
Don St. Ours (brother-in-law of Lynda McGraw)
Cynthia Palmer (friend of Dave & Lisa Rieff)
Dave Piehl & Dan Piehl (brothers of Deb Lund)
Pauline Shaffer

Nancy Shinrock
Georgene Sones (mother of Dayla Miller)
Nancy Thoman (stepmother of Ann Kroll)
Brenda Thom
Kelley Walther (daughter of Brian & Connie Walther)
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 Mourn

The family and friends of Don Combes (father of Joe Combes)

Those Who Are Deployed

Steve Slone

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!





Luvs® and Huggies® for Lutheran Family Services

The Centers for Healthy Families provide early intervention and prevention services aimed at reducing child abuse and neglect among at-risk families. Participating families must be pregnant or parenting a child under age five. The Centers encourage healthy behaviors by providing needed child-care essentials such as diapers, car seats and Pack N' Plays. Parents "purchase" these new items with points earned by completing healthy parenting activities. **Donations of diapers and cash gifts are accepted. Cash gifts provide the greatest flexibility.**

Runs April 3 - May 8, 2016 (Mother's Day).

GOALS:

100,000 diapers (*any brand*) • Year-long impact

Sponsors:

Augustana Lutheran Church (*Omaha*)
Core Bank (*all locations*)
Living Grace Lutheran Church (*Omaha*)
Lord of Love Lutheran Church (*Omaha*)
Morning Star Lutheran Church (*Omaha*)
Grant Mussman, State Farm
Rejoice! Lutheran Church (*Omaha*)
St. John Lutheran Church (*Council Bluffs*)
St. Thomas Lutheran Church (*Omaha*)
St. Timothy Lutheran Church (*Omaha*)
Underwood Lutheran Church (*Underwood, IA*)

Dollars to Diapers

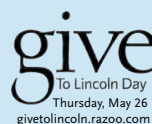
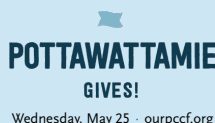
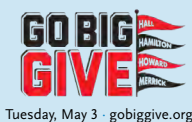
Dollars	Diapers
\$1.00	5
\$5.00	25
\$10.00	50
\$15.00	75
\$20.00	100
\$40.00	200
\$60.00	300
\$80.00	400
\$100.00	500

*Basic unit = \$.20 per diaper;
based on averages of size & brand*

**Thank you for
"Pampering"
our kids!**

Questions? Contact Cheryl Murray at (402) 661-3138 or at cmurray@LFSneb.org

Other Ways to Support LFS



2016 Autumn Renewal

Fashionista's & Diva's of The Lutheran Women

Theme: "of many generations"

"Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt, you shall raise
up the foundations of many generations..." Isaiah 58:12

October 8, 2016

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

1388 North Saunders

Hastings, NE

9:00 to 3:00

Registration & Refreshments 8:15 – 8:45

Agenda Summary

Presenters for the Day – Mother-Daughter Duo's; Grandmother-Granddaughter Duo's – Style Show of Nebraska Women

- Bible Study with Pastor Patti Bryne & Daughter Courtney Peeler
- Lutheran Women Style Show (comedy)
- LFS Representative
- Triennial Presentation
- Monetary Offering – ½ to Lutheran Family Services Refugee Services; ½ to Churchwide Organization
- Tangible Offering – Open Table Ecumenical Program of Hastings to feed the hungry
 - Non-perishable single serving items, ready to eat; chips cookies, juice boxes
 - Pop top or plastic containers canned fruit, pudding, vegetables
 - Granola or other bars
 - Canned meat
 - Plastic spoons, napkins, lunch sacks
 - Peanut butter & jelly to make sandwiches
 - Cash to purchase bread for sandwiches

Registration cost \$18

Please mail Registration Form by October 1, 2016

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Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____ City _____

Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Home Church _____

E-mail _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Make checks payable to NSWO; mail form and check to:

Sandy Terry, NSWO Treasurer, 1461 2nd Avenue Ct., Fremont, NE 68025-5317

Call if any questions: 402-957-4480 or sterry9415@yahoo.com

Registrations are transferable but not refundable.



2016 SAVED TO SERVE OPPORTUNITIES!

CAMP CAROL JOY
HOLLING
May 13-15

Help make the camp ready for
summer campers.

Tangible Offering: fleece for blanket
making project –two, 2-yard co-ordinating
lengths wrapped together, embroidery
floss, white socks (sizes SML),
colored Sharpie pens, Walmart
or Target gift cards for camp
program needs.



MOSAIC HOME
- MINDEN
Aug. 5- 7

Interact with the residents to
help make their
dreams come true.

Tangible offering: dish cloths
or towels, bath towels, wash
cloths, Walmart, Penneys, or Target
gift cards for socks, underwear and
other necessities.



REGISTRATION FORM FOR SAVED TO SERVE OPPORTUNITIES

Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Congregation _____ Special Needs _____

___ **CAMP HELPERS** Ashland, NE Friday, May 13, 6 p.m. – Sunday, May 15, 1 p.m.

Registration deadline – April 25

___ **MOSAIC MEMORY MAKERS** Minden, NE Friday, Aug. 5, 6 p.m. -- Aug. 7, 1 p.m.

Registration deadline - July 18

Registrations are transferable, but not refundable. You will receive a letter with more
information. Questions? Contact Mary Mayfield 402-778-0291 or Susan Watson 402-879-1354.

Send completed form with a check payable to NSWOW for \$39 to: NSWOW Treasurer Sandy Terry,
1461 2nd Avenue Ct., Fremont, NE 68025-5317. Phone Sandy at 402-957-4480.

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