

The Love Letter

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Sunday, 9 a.m. (through Labor Day)

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

A Look Ahead

July 21: "Aged to Perfection" luncheon

July 30: Save the Date for **Family Fun Day** at Mahoney State Park (see page 14)

August 13: Women's Half Day Bible Study Retreat (see page 14)

August 18-21: "Stuff a Truck" Outreach Project with Heartland Hope Mission (See page 8)

November 13: Night Out by Candlelight (see page 14)



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FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR

Friends at Lord of Love,

At the 2016 Nebraska Synod Assembly, a resolution was passed to encourage NE Synod congregations to study the ELCA's social statement regarding the death penalty. Since there is a voter referendum to overturn the legislature's decision to abolish the death penalty in Nebraska on the November ballot, this resolution asks us to consider studying this document in order to become better informed about the issues involved in either maintaining or abolishing the death penalty.

To comply with the intent of the resolution, I would like to offer such a study of the ELCA's social statement this fall during adult forum.

Please let me know if you would be interested in this study so that I can have enough materials available.

I know that individual beliefs and views on the death penalty vary greatly and can be very divisive. My hope is that our conversations about this issue may be marked by a willingness to listen well to each other and an honest respect for each other's views and beliefs.

I look forward to hearing from you. God's peace be with you.

Pastor Glenn



CALL PROCESS UPDATE

Update from Doug Aden, call committee chair, on June 26

Last Tuesday [6/21] we had a spirit of optimism as we felt that we had a candidate that would like to come to Lord of Love and be our pastor. On Wednesday, that optimism turned to disappointment as the candidate removed his name from our call process.

So now we are back to square one looking for a candidate that fits the needs of Lord of Love and feels called to be our pastor.

Sometimes I think we know how the Israelites felt as they spent their forty years in the wilderness. But in the devotion Kathy Christiansen gave at Council Meeting last Tuesday, I learned about hope. Peter Marty says "that hope is much more than wishful thinking that current conditions will get better. He says that Hope grows in the soil

of possibilities of God. It is the deep conviction that God is working powerfully in our lives. Based not on what we can see or do, hope is anchored in the faithfulness of God." [from the article entitled "HOPE" by Peter Marty, featured in *Living Lutheran*].

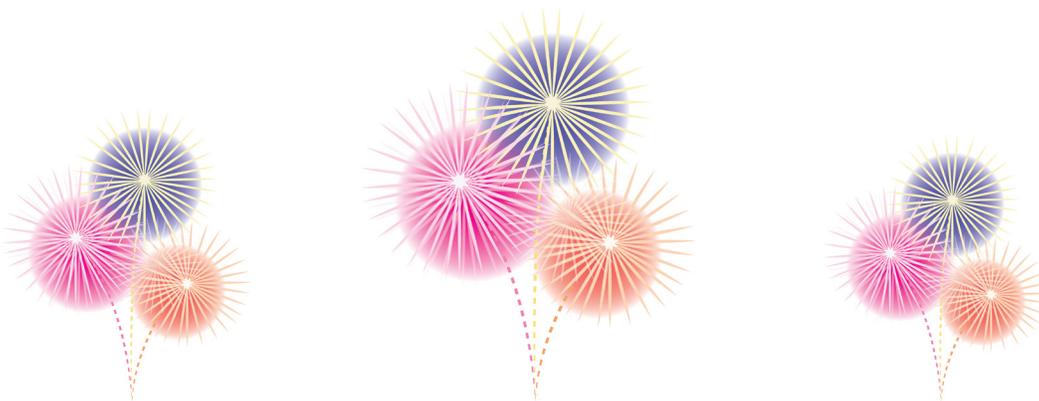
With this hope, we will continue. As the process moves forward, we will keep you informed.



SUNDAY SERVANTS

Lord of Love's Worship Servants

	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31
Greeter(s)					
9:00 a.m.	Gary Ramsay & Art Behnkie	Brian & Deb Lund	Mike & Christie Klos	Sarge & Shirley Schuchard	Harry Naasz & Brandon Zalesky
Liturgist					
9:00 a.m.	Ron Thom	Brian Lund	Paul Christenson	Heather Christensen	Shawn Lorenzen
Communion Servers					
9:00 a.m.	Edwards family	Deb Lund & Rieff family	Avalos family & Rowen family	Christensen family, Tom & Beth Olson	Brandon Zalesky, Matt & Lisa Willard, Mike Klos
Altar Care					
9:00 a.m. Set-Up	Brewer family	Ed & Marjorie Keiser	Cathy Aden & Sue Dieter	Connie Walther & Lisa Meyer	Mardi Fiske
Clean-Up	Rosie Avalos	Rowen family	N. Quackenbush K. Anderson	Ann Kroll, Paul Barnett & Julie Thompson	Paul & Ann Kroll
Nursery Care					
9:00 a.m.			Lisa Rieff	Ashley Meier	
CD Recording					
9:00 am	Pat Brewer	Paul Christenson	Dave Lueders	Paul Murphy	Jesse Brewer
Ushers					
9:00 a.m.	Paul Murphy, Dave Hild, Bob Christensen, Mike Klos	Paul Murphy, Dave Hild, Bob Christensen, Mike Klos	Volunteers from both groups	Gary Ramsay, John Ramsay, Rex Quadhamer, Bill Quackenbush	Gary Ramsay, John Ramsay, Rex Quadhamer, Bill Quackenbush



MONTHLY CALENDAR

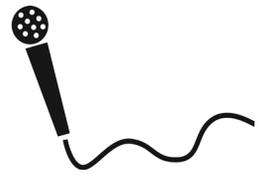
July 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 7:30pm AA Meeting	2 7:00am Men's Breakfast Ministry
3 9:00am Worship & Communion	4 Office Closed 8:00pm AA & Ala Non	5 Quilters 7:00pm Vision & Coordination Mtg	6	7 7:00pm Boy Scouts	8 7:30pm AA Meeting	9 7:00am Men's Breakfast Ministry
10 9:00am Worship & Communion 10:00am Summer Breakfast	11 Pr. Glenn on vacation through July 22 8:00pm AA & Ala Non	12	13	14 7:00pm Boy Scouts	15 7:30pm AA Meeting	16 7:00am Men's Breakfast Ministry
17 9:00am Worship & Communion 10:00am Summer Breakfast	18 8:00pm AA & Ala Non	19 9:00am Quilters 7:00pm Church Council Mtg.	20	21 12:00pm Aged to Perfection Lunch 7:00pm Boy Scouts	22 7:30pm AA Meeting	23 7:00am Men's Breakfast Ministry
24 9:00am Worship & Communion 10:00am Summer Breakfast	25 Pr. Glenn back in the office 8:00pm AA & Ala Non	26	27	28 7:00pm Boy Scouts	29 7:30pm AA Meeting	30 7:00am Men's Breakfast Ministry
31 9:00am Worship & Communion 10:00am Summer Breakfast						

WORSHIP

Summer Music Opportunities

There's still time to share your musical talents with everyone on Sunday morning! There's a sign up sheet in the narthex on the bulletin board for special summer music. Please consider sharing your gift of music with everyone to enrich our worship services.



NURTURE

Summer Breakfasts Continue



Summer breakfasts have started off with wonderful meals and great participation. Thanks to all of our "chefs" and volunteers who make this happen each week. We still have several openings for the opportunity to make breakfast. Please sign up on the summer breakfast sheet in the narthex and plan for food for 60 to 70+.

Note that we will not serve breakfast on July 3.

Root Beer Float Fellowship Night Success

It was a mighty hot evening on June 16, and we had to enjoy root beer floats inside our fellowship hall, but it was still a yummy event for all. Special thanks to **Doug Aden** for finding 1919 Root Beer, which was delicious!

Thanks to **Heather Christensen** and our Lord of Love youth who participated in Rise Up Omaha for sharing about their amazing experiences throughout the week [read more in the Youth section and check out the "Youth Corner" in the Narthex]. We will definitely plan to do this again!



MISSION

2016 NE Synod Assembly Summary, by Deb Lund

I always enjoy attending our Nebraska Synod Assembly. It's inspiring and motivating to learn more about the ELCA and our Nebraska Synod, while knowing that Lord of Love Lutheran Church plays an important part in doing God's Work; Our Hands.



Following is a synopsis of my experience at the 2016 Nebraska Synod Assembly. For more details, please read the official summary and other reports on the Nebraska ELCA website at:

<http://www.nebraskasynod.org/news/we-are-not-called-to-be-still/>

Nebraska Synod Assembly Summary, continued

Stewardship Workshop

I attended the pre-assembly stewardship workshop, led by Pastor Rich Sheridan, Director of Evangelical Mission. This was an excellent overview of a recent book, “Embracing Stewardship” by Charles Lane and Grace Duddy Pomroy. Their goal is to put stewardship at the heart of congregational life. It includes great theology and practical ideas to implement stewardship education.

Lord of Love has promoted year-round, total stewardship (time, talent and treasures), which is encouraged in this book. We also met Timothy Siburg, the new Director for Stewardship for the NE Synod.

Synod Assembly Banquet

Most noteworthy among folks being recognized for significant ordination anniversaries was Pastor Roger Hoffman, celebrating his 60-year ordination anniversary. He has a wonderful sense of humor and gave an interesting talk about life in the day of his seminary education and the beginning of his ordained ministry. The basic message was that we are blessed with great folks doing God's work through the Church.

Assembly Worship

Worship was done well and meaningful. Rachel Kurtz, church musician from the Twin Cities, led us in song before assembly sessions began and led the music for closing worship. Opening worship included a fine sermon by Bishop Brian Maas, “We are not called to sit still.”

Churchwide ELCA Report

Mikka McCracken, Director of Planning and Engagement, gave greetings and a report from, including a video by, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. Highlights include that we “are church for the sake of the world. We’ve been seen by God and called by name.”

God’s work needs money, and Mikka reported on the financial status of the ELCA:

- \$1.8 billion is given to ELCA congregations, and 54.5% goes to the ELCA through mission support
- We’re in the third year of a five-year campaign, “Always Being Made New,” and 40% of the \$80,000,000 goal has been achieved.
- In 2015, 62 new congregations were formed, including the Sudanese Church at Messiah Lutheran in Ralston.
- Great things are happening through the Fund for Leaders and the Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM has grown significantly, with more young people wanting to participate than areas for placement.)
- ELCA World Hunger brought in \$21.9 million in 2015, \$614,000 from the NE Synod.
- Domestic Hunger Grants are given to various organizations, including Table Grace Café.
- The ELCA Malaria Campaign reached 103% of its goal: \$15.8 million
- \$114,000 came from the NE Synod in Lutheran Disaster Response offerings. In 2015, Lutheran Disaster response provided support for victims of storms and natural disasters in eight U.S. states and 23 countries.

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is in 2017, hence the ELCA initiative: ***Called, Forward Together in Christ.***

Freed in Christ is the 2016 Churchwide Assembly and Grace Gathering in New Orleans, August 8-13, 2016.



NE Synod Assembly Recap, continued

Bishop Brian's Synod Report

The Synod is using grant money to fund a Director of Development, who started in April 2016; and a Director of Stewardship, who started in May.

The NE Synod was in an experimental pilot program whereby funds were managed by the Mission Investment Fund, but that was not working. The Synod is now again managing finances on its own.

The number of people going into ordained ministry continues to decline throughout the ELCA. Those available for call in Region IV (of which the NE Synod is a part) is the lowest. We need to continue to do all we can to encourage young people and others to consider using their gifts as ordained pastors—or AIM's, or PMA's.

Peter Marty, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Davenport, IA, and frequent writer in *Lutheran Life* (formerly, *The Lutheran*) was the keynote speaker and led a Bible study the following day. He is a thoughtful theologian and a fine speaker.

The budget has stayed flat the last couple of years, with increases in Synod expenses covered by the special grants as revenue. Mission share dollars from many congregations continue to remain relatively steady, but the expected revenue is slightly less than 2016.

Two special resolutions were proposed:

1. A resolution was adopted encouraging congregations to provide time for discussion and education about the death penalty. The ELCA adopted a position against the death penalty in 1992. The Nebraska Synod urges its members to study the ELCA Social Statement on the Death Penalty as part of their discernment when voting this fall. The assembly considered a proposed

amendment offered by Rev. Bob Bryan that would have urged members to vote to keep the repeal of the death penalty in place. That amendment was defeated by a 204-209 vote.

2. Another resolution called for the rejection of the doctrine of discovery begun in the later 1400's and an apology to Native Americans for all that happened because of that doctrine. This resolution was defeated.

Assembly Activities

I participated in the 5-K Fun Run/Walk, raising funds for seminary scholarships, and came in third in my age category. (Paula Lawhead was first place in her age category.)

A ministry fair was held Saturday morning, with 24 organizations and serving arms of the ELCA having interactive exhibits in and out of the Younes Conference Center.

Most meaningful for many was the refugee simulation provided by Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska, with LFS folks leading small groups at scheduled times. The experience was powerful, as each group had to act and pretend to be fleeing their homeland. Each of us carried various items that one might grab and take with them on the journey to a refugee camp or safe place.

At each of the refugee camps/stations, there was a refugee who currently works for LFS who shared their story of fleeing their country ad coming to the U.S.: one was a Lost Boy from Sudan, one was from Bhutan, one was from Pakistan, and one was from Burma. We were gathered in an actual UN refugee camp tent that is meant as a temporary, one-year shelter, but in which many live for years. We also heard in detail the process that one must go through to get out of a refugee camp (*continued, next page*)



MISSION

NE Synod Assembly Recap, continued

(continued from previous) and into the U.S. Only a very small percentage of the 20,000,000 refugees are allowed into the U.S. (.5%).

We ended up at the "airport," where we met our host family and started our new life, but only after more security and health screenings take place. New refugees get jobs within two months, and enroll their children in school within two weeks.

Mission Possible Update

Remember that summer breakfast proceeds will go to the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response, targeting the needs of those affected by spring and summer storms. Thanks for your support!

Garden Update

Tomatoes and peppers were replanted following the mid-May hailstorm, and the garden again looks great. Many hours of weeding have taken place through June. The green beans are blooming, and there are a few summer squash, so some harvesting will take place soon.

Thank you to so many who have spent time and energy to grow food for the hungry. Regular garden times are Mondays and Thursdays at 8:30 a.m.



OUTREACH

"Stuff a Truck" with Heartland Hope Mission, from Paula Foster

Through "Stuff a Truck" events, Heartland Hope Mission is trying to help feed 5,000 people in Omaha who need assistance. I liken this to Jesus feeding the 5,000 with fish and loaves of bread, except we will be using paper sacks to accomplish the goal to feed 5,000 of Omaha.



On **July 31**, Amanda DeVries will be coming to talk with the congregation both at the end of the service and during the breakfast hour about how we can help make this happen.

Heartland Hope is asking that Lord of Love supply 4 people for each shift, **Aug. 18-21** at HyVee (108th and Fort). Someone from Heartland Hope will also be at each shift.

The shifts are:

- Thursday, Aug. 18 from 5:30 to 8 p.m.
- Friday, Aug. 19 from 4:30 to 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 20 from 10:30 to 1 p.m. and from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Aug. 21, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The volunteers will hand out HyVee grocery sacks for the customers to bring to the cashier's and pay either \$5 or \$10 to help feed people in Omaha who are experiencing issues with getting enough food. HyVee will use the money to pay for food during Thanksgiving to bring to Heartland Hope Mission for distribution.

Sign up for a shift on the signup sheet in the narthex or see the enclosed flyer for details.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS Recap, from Heather Christensen

Superheroes of the Bible VBS was a hit! We had 13 children join us and learn about the strength, courage and faith needed to be a superhero. The stories of David and Goliath, Elijah and the temple to Baal, and Daniel and the Lions featured regular people who showed that their trust in God allowed them to be strong and courageous. We learned how we can place our trust in God and be superheroes, too!

Our participants came from the congregation, surrounding neighborhood, Lincoln, and even Alaska! It was such a blessing to share VBS with cousins, grandparents and new friends!

Thanks to all the many hands that helped! From song and story, to crafts and meals, we are grateful for all our volunteers! It was a great time at VBS!



Youth Service Week Reflections

June 12-16 was the youth's hometown mission "trip," an outgrowth of last year's Rise Up! youth gathering in Detroit. Heather Christensen and 11 youth and other adult chaperones spent the week learning about different nonprofit organizations in Omaha and who and how they serve. The group participated in service projects throughout the city through these organizations, including Lutheran Family Services, Open Door Mission, Table Grace Cafe, The Big Garden, and more (see the Youth Corner in the Narthex).



YOUTH MISSION TRIP

They began each day worshipping with other young people engaged in a similar schedule for the week at Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church. After many other devotional and social activities each day, the group stayed at Lord of Love for a lock-in all night.

Each of the participants spent some time thinking about the week and shared some experiences at the Root Beer Float night. Here are excerpts from their insightful reflections:

"We visited all these organizations that all strive toward one goal, which is to improve this city. Many of these organizations help those who are homeless, but [each of those homeless individuals] are actual people, not a problem that you can dismiss. I was able to be around these people and most of them are very kind and thankful. [...] Omaha is a city I've lived in all my life, and I just got to learn about it."

-Eric M.

"Throughout the week we have done a lot. We went and bought food for refugees that they

like to eat [for a food pantry]. They don't like Spaghetti-O's and so we bought food that they can enjoy and cook with."

-Kaitlyn U.

"So many things have happened this past week and [...] It really makes me think about how privileged I am and how lucky I am to have all the things I do. Most people take things like air conditioning and beds and food for granted, but when you have nothing for a while, you're grateful for what you have. [...] A lot of people think homeless people are gross or scary, which is upsetting because they're humans like us. They want to feel loved and cared about. It was really an amazing feeling to be the one who made them feel loved."

-Haley M.

"Table Grace Café is downtown Omaha's hidden gem in the center of three homeless shelters that feeds healthy meals for what people can pay. [...] Going there and seeing the people they serve happy because we made them smile was very rewarding for all of us."

-Carly R.

"This week I realized how fun and satisfying it is to serve others. It is amazing how good a simple act of service can feel to the soul. My favorite part of the trip was looking back at our finished projects with the knowledge that the work we poured into them would help a lot of people. I learned about great volunteering opportunities and I definitely want to volunteer in the future."

-Emily Q.

"During this mission trip, [...] I saw the side of my city that I barely knew existed. I have a heavy heart for those struggling around me. With the negatives, I also saw the positives. So many people care in Omaha. The main thing I realized is that there is help. There are people who care, and I know now that I truly care."

-Britney M.

Youth Mission Trip Reflections, continued

"Before today, I didn't realized how bad the conditions can be for people who need help. I like that the Open Door Mission will help whoever they can while at the same time keeping a "dry campus" and pointing patrons in the right direction using Christ. This week has been a great experience and has made me interested in volunteering in the future in my community."

-Emily R.

"This week has been very eye-opening to me. After going out and completing all the activities, I really see how lucky I am to have the life that I do. People are usually focused on what they don't have, what they have and wish they didn't. Going out and doing things like giving out lunches and hearing about all the organizations that are around where I live shines a light on the good things in life."

-Abby R.

"We went to Open Door Mission and made lunch and went on the streets to bring food to the homeless and poor. It was a very cool experience knowing that they look forward to all of us bringing food to them. Almost every person who got food said "God Bless You."

-Lexi M.

"This past week has been very eventful. [...] The different people we've met and the missions we've gotten to go on have been amazing, This trip has been full of opportunities."

-Julia

"Throughout this week, God was present in many ways. For one, the youth group came together and we put the people of Omaha before ourselves. The experience brings a whole new insight on a place we call home, a place we thought we knew like the backs of our hands."

-Kyle C.



Above: the group is ready for food prep at Open Door Mission

CHURCH COUNCIL

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



June Council Meeting Minutes, from Kathy Christensen

The Lord of Love Church Council met on June 21, 2016 and the following are some of the highlights of the meeting.

- Review of financials by the Treasurer show that finances are essentially unchanged.
- Pastor Glenn reviewed some Deacon's Funds' requests and reviewed his schedule change.
- Resources report that the insurance adjuster had been out to examine storm damage and listed the projects that will need to be addressed.
- Outreach presented an action item about a volunteer outreach opportunity with Heartland Hope Mission and it was accepted.
- Nurture reviewed the success of fellowship events that have been occurring at Lord of Love.
- Doug Aden gave a brief update on the Call Committee process and Council reviewed the steps of the Call Process.
- Discussed the upcoming 45th anniversary of Lord of Love in June 2017 and the 2017 Budget planning.
- Much appreciation expressed by members for Heather Christensen and all her work with VBS and the Youth service week. Also kudos given to all the work of the Call Committee.
- Next meeting will be July 19, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Giving Status

General Fund financial information for May 2016:

Actual Income - \$28,812.30
Actual Expense - \$28,525.68

Year-To-Date as of the end of May

Actual Income - \$136,859.15
Actual Expense - \$137,384.92

As of the end of May, the available cash deficit has decreased slightly. It is (13,346.03). Weekly offerings of \$7,217 are needed to meet budgeted expenses. The weekly offering average through the end of May was \$6,099. The monthly offering average was \$26,834 at the end of May up from \$26,539 at the end of April. 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.

STEWARDSHIP

Giving Status: How You Can Help



It seems we have many ideas about how we can give a little extra throughout the year. The idea of the month for July is this.

When your birthday comes along, give an additional offering of your age. So, for example, if you turn 50, give an extra offering of \$50! Thank you for considering this new idea.

Biblical Advice for Cheerful Givers, by Kathy Christlansen

(adapted from Stories of Faith in Action)

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, for God loves a cheerful giver."

-2 Corinthians 9:7

As we have been told since Sunday School, we want to give and we need to give gladly. A spirit of generosity isn't enough to guide us in our decisions. Scripture mentions three types of financial giving: offering, tithes and alms. Understanding what they mean might help us attain a well-thought-out plan for our cheerful giving.



Offering and Tithing

"First fruits" has been mentioned in many of our stewardship articles this past year. Our faith practice of giving a regular financial offering to Lord of Love is grounded in this principle. Our offerings aren't an afterthought; it's just a daily response as a child of God. These offerings first help support the work of Lord of Love, our ministry and outreach and more. Lord of Love also shares a portion of its offerings with our synod (mission support). Many Christians speak of their regular offerings as tithes, perhaps to differentiate between their financial commitment to their church and the special causes to whom they contribute, such as ELCA Disaster Response or ELCA World Hunger.

Alms

These are our heartfelt response to the people that Jesus mentioned in Matthew 25 as the "least" of our brothers and sisters who are "less" only in circumstances but always our equal in humanity. This is our most personal response giving to people in need. Our response is not only a reflection of our love for God, but also God's love for our brothers and sisters.

Time and Talent

It is also important to remember that when we only focus on giving in terms of money, we miss the big picture. God calls us to be generous in all areas of our lives and gives us many opportunities to share ourselves through our time and talent.

When we base our generosity in the spirit of "first fruits," it becomes an expression of our love for God, our neighbors and ourselves. We give cheerfully because God has given us so much.



MEN'S NEWS CORNER

Mahoney State Park Family Outing

The Men's Group has reserved a picnic shelter at Mahoney State Park for **July 30**. We are sponsoring a day for families to come out and enjoy all the activities at Mahoney.

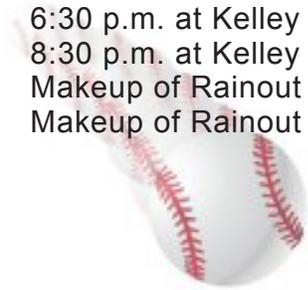


We will have a meal in the late afternoon or evening at the picnic shelter. More information will come your way soon!

Softball Schedule

Remaining Schedule for Softball

July 11	6:30 p.m. at Kelley 5—Pizza
July 18	8:30 p.m. at Kelley 5
July 25	Makeup of Rainout
August 1	Makeup of Rainout



WOMEN OF LOVE

Half-Day "Gather" Bible Study Retreat

The date for the half-day "Gather" Bible retreat at Deb Lund's house on **Saturday, Aug. 13, 2016** has been finalized. The start time will be 8:45 a.m., with rolls served first. The study will begin at 9 a.m. At noon, we will have a potluck salad luncheon.

Save the Date: Night out by Candlelight

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 5**. The Nurture Committee and the Women's Team will be coordinating an Adult Fellowship function, entitled "Night Out by Candlelight", in lieu of the traditional Fall Festival event.

If you are willing to help, please contact Rose Roberts at dougroberts@cox.net. More details will follow in September.

2016 Autumn Renewal Retreat

Registration forms are now available for the NSWOW Autumn Retreat on **Oct. 8, 2016**, in Hastings.

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

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
1388 North Saunders

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Registration & Refreshments 8:15 – 8:45
Cost: \$18
Registration due: Oct. 1

See the attached flyer for more details and to register.



"I really only love God as much as I love the person I love the least."

—*Dorothy Day*

IN OUR PRAYERS

Antoinette Anania (cousin of Deb Lund)
Leona Anderson & Scott Wells (friends of Novaks')
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)
Michael
Bill Morris
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)
Brenda Thom
Nancy Thoman (stepmother of Ann Kroll)
Pam Todd
Steve Wiitala (friend of Karen Mullen)
Ted Whitfield (former co-worker of Brian Shinrock)
Caregivers and those who suffer with depression.
Those seeking employment

Those Who Are Deployed
Steve Slone

Prayer List Reminder

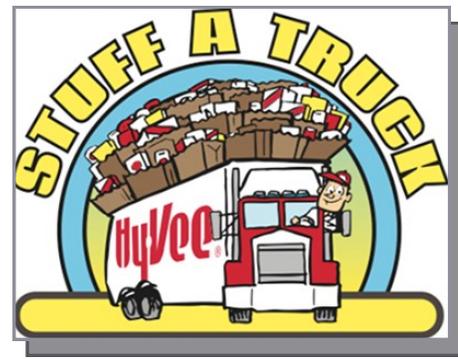
Have you added a name to the prayer list? Is it time for it to be updated? If so, please remember to contact Mary Lou in the church office so we can keep the list up to date.

As always, 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.



It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then,
and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 5:1 NIV



ADOPT A HY-VEE

Volunteer Shifts Available

Thursday 8/18 5:30- 8:00 pm	Friday 8/19 4:30 - 7:00 pm	Saturday 8/20 10:30 am -1:00 pm	Saturday 8/20 1:00- 3:30 pm	Saturday 8/20 3:30- 6:00 pm	Sunday 8/21 10:30am- 1:00 pm	Sunday 8/21 1:00- 3:30 pm	Sunday 8/21 3:30- 6:00 pm
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“Thank you for helping Heartland Hope Mission feed families in need by adopting your local Hy-Vee store!”

~Chelsea Salifou, Executive Director

What does it mean to adopt a store?

By adopting a store, your church will assist our staff by securing volunteers from your congregation to serve during the shifts listed above from August 18th-21st 2016 at the store you are assigned to. We will provide banners and sign-up sheets for you.

A table-booth will be set-up inside the main entrance of HyVee and your team, along with the help of a staff member or ambassador from Heartland Hope, will give Hy-Vee shoppers entering the store an opportunity to purchase a \$5 or \$10 bag of food to help feed families in need at Heartland Hope Mission's food pantry. The volunteers will keep a tally of the amount of bags they sell and the cash donations they receive.

Contest:

The church group who brings in the most donations at their assigned store will receive a prize of a catered lunch party for all who served at Stuff A Truck as a way for our staff to thank them for their hard work.

Amanda DeVries-Volunteer Coordinator
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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 NSWOW; mail form and check to:

Sandy Terry, NSWOW 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.