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Worship Schedule Sunday, 9 and 10:30 a.m. **Mission Statement:** Celebrating and sharing God's love in a welcoming community of faith, while serving others.

A Look Ahead

September 11: Sunday School Kick-Off & Potluck (pg. 5)
October 8: NSWO Autumn Renewal Retreat (pg. 11)
November 5: Night Out by Candlelight (pg. 11)



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FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR

Friends at Lord of Love,

Just a reminder that beginning July 1, I went to three-quarters time. This means that at present I will be in the office Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. This may change, subject to my wife Ronni's work schedule. This also means that I will not be present to preach and preside at worship one Sunday a month. Pastor Joyce Miller, senior chaplain at Nebraska Medicine, has agreed to present on those Sundays.

Another reminder, starting **Sunday**, **Sept. 18**, **adult forum will meet at 9:15** in the north overflow area. I see this time as an opportunity for conversations about the issues facing the church today.I have mentioned the death penalty and race/racism as topics for this fall. I hope to have a schedule through Advent ready for your comment on the 18th.

And my final comment: it is easy to become discouraged and disheartened when the pastor God is calling to lead Lord of Love in its mission and ministry does not come to the surface in what we would consider a timely manner. All I can say is that the most difficult and most rewarding times in my life and ministry have been when I have had to wait for God's Spirit to clarify the path God was calling me to take.

Peace,

Pastor Glenn



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

"Chariots and Horses", from newsletternewsletter.com

"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses," proclaims Psalm 20:7 (NKJV). "But we will remember the name of the LORD our God." Do these antiguated modes of transportation

make this verse irrelevant to us? Not if we broaden our notion of chariots and horses.

Some trust in fancy cars, boats, bikes or snowmobiles for status or entertainment. Some trust in big houses, expensive furniture or highend fashion to feel important. Some trust in investments or an inheritance for security.



Some trust in food, painkillers or alcohol to feel good—for a while. Some trust in military might, academic degrees, sports or relationships.

> Let's help one another trust instead in the name — and trustworthiness — of our God. Even the psalmist didn't do so alone; verse 7 says "we." We need friends, Christian mentors and, above all, the Holy Spirit to assist us. In God we'll find our answers, our strength and our purpose.

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Greeter(s)				I	
8 a.m.	9 a.m. Roger & Angie Mayer	Paul & Peg Murphy	Joe & Jackie Combes	Ed & Marjorie Keiser	
10:30 a.m.		Paul & Julie Concannon	Dave & Susan Lueders	Dan & Ruth Manning	
Liturgist					
8 a.m.	9 a.m. Claudia Rowen	Paul Murphy	Shawn Lorenzen	Dave Hild	
10:30 a.m.		Karen Mullen	Susan Lueders	Paul Christenson	
Communior	n Servers				
8 a.m.	9 a.m. Don Rowen, Mike Klos	Peg Murphy, Lisa Willard, Pat Brewer, Bill Baker Klos		Doug & Rose Roberts, Shawn Lorenzen	
10:30 a.m.		Paul & Ann Kroll, Messerschmidt family	Dave Lueders, Avalos family	Kathy Christiansen, Dave & Susan Lueders, Deb Quadhamer	
Altar Care					
8: a.m.	9:00 a.m. Set-Up: Ed & Marjorie Keiser	Cathy Aden, Sue Connie Walther, Mard Dieter Lisa Meyer		Mardi Fiske	
10:30 a.m.	9:00 a.m. Clean- up: Rowen family	Nicole Quackenbush, Karen Anderson	Ann Kroll, Paul Barnett, Julie Thompson	Paul & Ann Kroll	
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8: a.m.	Paul Dieter, Matt W	illard, Dennis Hindem	ith, Jesse Brewer		
10:30 a.m.	Brian Lund, Deb Lu	nd, Donna Nelson, Do	oug Armitage		
Nursery					
10:30 a.m.					
CD Recordi	ng				
10:30 a.m.	Pat Brewer	Paul Christenson	Dave Lueders	Paul Murphy	

Lord of Love's Worship Servants

MONTHLY CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday		Tuesuay	Weunesuay	1 7:00pm Boy Scouts	2 7:30pm AA Meeting	3 7:00am Men's Breakfast Ministry
4 9:00am Worship & Communion 5:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	5 Church Office Closed for Labor Day 8:00pm AA & Al Anon	6 First Day of Preschool Quilters 7:00pm Vision & Coordination Mtg.	7 6:00pm Brass Rehearsal 6:00pm "Gather" Bible Study	8 7:00pm Boy Scouts	9 8:00am Crane Coffee Fellowship 7:30pm AA Meeting	10 7:00am Men's Breakfast Ministry
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September 2016

NURTURE

Kick-Off Sunday

Kick-Off Sunday will be **Sept. 11** when we return to two worship services (9 and 10:30 a.m.). We will enjoy a potluck dinner after second service at 11:45.

Please plan to bring a favorite dish or two to share. Beverages will be provided.

Sunday School Begins Sept. 11

Pre-school to high school classes begin at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11. Registration forms are available in the narthex to update your student's information.

Classes run from **9:15–10:15 a.m.** on Sundays and focus on age-appropriate faith formation.

Questions? Contact Heather Christensen at heather@lord-of-love.org.



Luther Kids Begins Sept. 21

Elementary children grades 1 – 6 are invited to join us for a mid-week opportunity to gather and have fun while exploring our faith.

Wednesdays from 5:30–6:30 p.m. we will pull out our Bibles and enhance what we are learning on Sundays in a fun and engaging way. Crafts, games, Bible verses, and fellowship are sure to be fun! Join us!

Questions? Contact Heather Christensen at heather@lord-of-love.org

Confirmation will Resume Sept. 14

Confirmation instruction is made available for 7th and 8th grade students on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. This year. we will be meeting in the newly renovated Junior High Youth Room!



Our first class will be **Wednesday, Sept. 14** from **5:30 – 6:30 p.m.** A parents' meeting will be offered on **Sept. 14 from 6:30–7 p.m.** We encourage parents to participate in this important informational meeting.

Questions? Contact Heather Christensen at heather@lord-of-love.org.

Anniversary Celebration Volunteers

The Nurture Commitee is seeking a group of people to put their heads together and share their gifts to plan and coordinate Lord of Love's 45th Anniversary Celebration.



The planning process needs to begin soon, as the celebration will take place in June 2017. If you are interested or have any questions, please call Susan Lueders at 402.571.4252 or 402.707.3753.

NURTURE

Young Adult Game Night

Another game night is planned for **Saturday, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m**. (this should be enough time after the Husker football game) at Tom and Beth Olson's house (15855 Western Ave.).

Feel free to bring your favorite game(s). There will be some snacks and a fall favorite drink for all. If you would like to bring along other snacks to share, that would be great. Please BYOB.

If you have questions, contact Matt Garder (402.676.1393) or Nick Olson (402.871.4295).



Aged to Perfection Luncheon



Aged to Perfection is moving to the second Wednesday of the month at noon. Lunch will be held on the following days for the rest of the year: **Sept. 14**, **Oct. 12**, **Nov. 9**, **Dec. 14**.

A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex for each luncheon.

ENDOWMENT FUND

Endowment Fund Grant Requests

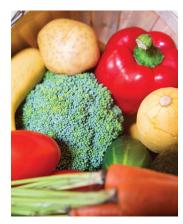
The Endowment Fund is accepting requests for grants for 2016. You may submit a request through **Oct. 31, 2016**. Request forms are located in the information area in the narthex.

MISSION

Lord of Love Garden

Despite neighborhood raccoons and Japanese beetles enjoying more than their fair share, many ears of delicious sweetcorn were taken to the Lutheran pantries at Project Hope and First Lutheran Church. The green beans and beets are now done, and all the potatoes have been dug and given away. We are getting lots of beautiful tomatoes and green peppers. The summer squash have slowed down, and the winter squash have some weeks to go to be ready for harvest.

Thanks to those faithful gardeners who toil, reap the bounty and take the produce to local pantries to help feed the hungry in our community.



Mission Possible Update

Thanks, again to all who have supported the summer breakfasts. To date, \$1399 is the proceeds, with two more breakfasts left, which will go to the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response to assist victims of spring and summer storms.

Here's an example of how these dollars will be the hands of Christ:

GULF COAST FLOODING

"Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, until the destroying storms pass by." – Psalm 57:1

Historic floodwaters have required tens of thousands of people to be rescued and evacuated as rain sweeps across southern Louisiana. Floodwaters have affected communication, overwhelmed streets and highways, and damaged or destroyed more than 40,000 homes. This flood comes on the heels of several other floods that have hit the Gulf Coast region. Entire neighborhoods and communities still remain under water, and the full extent of the damage has yet to be realized. We know that it will be a long road to recovery, and Lutheran Disaster Response will be there to assist through every phase of this disaster recovery process.

Your gifts through Lutheran Disaster Response will bring God's hope, healing and refuge to those who are affected by these devastating floods. Lutheran Response coordinators are Disaster activelv present, collaborating with local community leaders and officials to begin planning the proper responses, particularly the long-term recovery efforts. We will respond and walk with survivors in the days, weeks, months and years ahead, for as long as we are needed.

<u>Gifts designated for "Gulf Coast Flooding"</u> will be used (100 percent) until the response is complete to help disaster survivors recover and rebuild their lives. (continued on next page)



GULF COAST FLOODING, continued

Your generous offerings of prayer and financial support will help address the many needs, especially the long-term recovery efforts of those affected.

Join me in prayer and partnership, and help spread the word and support those who need rest.

In service,

The Rev. Daniel Rift, Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

The Mission Possible Team met recently and designated the upcoming special Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas offerings to the Nebraska ELCA prison ministries. In particular, funds will go to the packaged meal program at the Women's Correctional Center in York. Ready-to cook meals are prepared by the inmates and given to the hungry via Lincoln's Chapter 25, formerly known as the Lincoln Kids Against Hunger. As you recall, we provided \$1400 from s u m m e r b r e a k f a s t monies in 2015 to cover the costs of 6000 meals packaged by 20 inmates.



The program was such a success that there is a huge demand for the whole women's prison population, inmates and staff alike, 337, to participate in this fall's project. Rev. Bob Bryan, head of Followers of Christ Congregation and NE Synod Prison Ministries, is working to raise the \$37,000 needed to provide enough food for all to participate.

We have told Pastor Bob that Lord of Love took in just over \$2500 in special Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas offerings in 2015, and we hope that we can provide his project with that or more for 2016.

YOUTH

Youth Group Planning Meeting with Pizza!



A youth group planning meeting with pizza will be **Wednesday**, **Sept. 7 at 6 p.m.** All youth in 7-12 grades are invited to join Miss Heather to talk about youth events for the year.

What should we do this year?? When should we meet? Do you want to meet weekly? When? Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. or Sunday afternoon or evenings? Do you want to do a monthly activity?

What type of activities would be fun? Anything your friends' youth groups are doing that you'd like to try?

Bring your ideas and availability to meet and let's make a plan!!

CHURCH COUNCIL/STEWARDSHIP

2016 Lord of Love Church Council

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

CHURCH

Nurture: Laurie Heavey and Susan Lueders

Outreach: Paula Foster and Scott Reinhardt

Resources: Craig Pennell and Bill Quackenbush

August Council Meeting Minutes, from Kathy Christensen

The Lord of Love Church Council met on August 17, 2016 and the following are some highlights of the meeting.

- Pastor Glenn reiterated that his office days will be Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Nurture noted that all activities begin in September, with Sunday School beginning on the 11th and Confirmation and Luther Kids beginning the following week.
- Outreach reports that they have all volunteer slots filled for the "Stuff the Truck" event this upcoming weekend [8/19-8/22] at HyVee.
- 2017 budgets reviewed for each committee and finalized to be presented to the congregation at the Budget Forum on Nov. 6, 2016.
- Discussion about the 45th anniversary continued.
- Next meeting will be Sept. 20, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Giving Status

General Fund financial information for July 2016:

Actual Income - \$29,560.00

Actual Expense - \$22,648.46

Year-To-Date as of the end of July:

Actual Income - \$190,839.15

Actual Expense - \$186,463.86



COUNCIL

As of the end of June, the available cash deficit has decreased. It is (9,405.60). Weekly offerings of \$7,217 are needed to meet budgeted expenses. The weekly offering average through the end of July was \$6,052. The monthly offering average was \$26,799.71 at the end of July down from \$26,399.83 at the end of June. Thank you for your continued prayers and contributions as we move forward in 2016.

Pray, Prepare and Plan, by Deb Lund

I had the opportunity to speak to the group at the Willing Witness lunch at the 2016 Nebraska Synod Assembly in Kearney in June. Brian and I have been willing witnesses for some time. One is a willing witness in the Nebraska Synod if one has designated some kind of ELCA ministry in a will and has notified the Synod that one has such a designation.

Many years ago, when working on our first will with Lutheran Planned Giving director Rev. Keith Nelson, we felt it was important that our children know that God comes first, even after we die, and that if it is important to tithe while we are living, it is just as important to tithe the proceeds in our estate. So we included a 10% tithe to Augustana University and Lord of Love Lutheran Church in our will.

Two wills and many years later, and after much prayer, preparation, and planning with Lutheran Planned Giving President Craig Stirtz, we have set up a Charitable Remainder Trust through the ELCA. Most of our estate is designated to various ministries, but our children get a percentage for 12 years. After determining what we felt we should do with what might be left after we die, it is amazing to see that we could give a significant amount to our children, while still providing substantial gifts to institutions that we care about deeply.

It takes much prayer, much preparation in discussions with one's spouse and family, and much planning to figure out what one feels he/she/they can do with what they have been given here on this earth. Craig Stirtz is a wonderful, caring Christian who will spend time with any of us ELCA folks to help figure out what could happen with our estates. I encourage all of you who need to do some will planning to spend some time with Craig. One still needs to have a lawyer draft the actual will, but Craig helps get to that point.

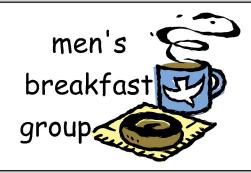
Here is contact information for Craig: cstirtz@lpgs.org or 402.342.5728



MEN'S NEWS CORNER

Men's Breakfast

All men are invited to join other Lord of Love men for breakfast, fellowship and study every Saturday morning at 7 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

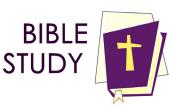


WOMEN OF LOVE

"Gather" Bible Study Schedule

The *Gather* Bible Studies will begin once more in September. The Wednesday group will meet on **Sept. 7** at the church at 6 p.m. The Monday group will not begin until **Sept. 12**, due to Labor Day. The Monday

group meets at Village Inn one block north of 144th & L Street (3304 S. 143rd Plaza, Oakview Mall).



The church now receives a copy of the *Gather Magazine*, which is placed on the round library table. If you would like to join either Bible study group, you are welcome to use the magazine. Talk to Ruth Manning (cranecoffeechick@gmail.com) if you are interested in the Wednesday group or to Rose Roberts (dougroberts@cox.net) if you are interested in the Monday group.

For fall 2016, Meghan Johnston Aelabouni helps us explore biblical notions of a God who acts beyond the conceptions of what's "fair." From Jonah's prayer to God from the belly of a big fish, to school-age siblings and squabbling nations, we will delve into what it means to worship a God who forgives the guilty, chooses the unlikely and gives to those who haven't "earned" it.

Lutheran Women of Omaha

Lutheran Women of Omaha will meet at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 6201 N. 30th St., at noon on **Tuesday, Sept. 13.** Lunch is \$6. The guest speaker is Pearl Anderson of Rejoice! Lutheran Church, who will speak on her trip to China. The special offering is designated for Tanzania.

All women are invited. Reservations must be made with Ruth Manning, 402.451.0221 by noon Sunday, Sept. 10.

Women's Team Meeting Agenda

The Women's Team will be meeting on **Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 6 p.m.** at the church. Discussion will include the NSWO Autumn Renewal event, which will be on Oct. 8 in Hastings, the Nov. 5 fellowship event— "A Night Out By Candlelight"—finalizing the date for the General Meeting in October, and discussion of the scholarships process for the W/ELCA Triennial Convention in Minneapolis next summer.

All women of the congregation are welcome to attend the meeting. We are looking for people to serve on the committee to organize the event, "A Night Out By Candlelight". If you are interested, please contact Rose Roberts or attend the meeting.

Autumn Renewal Retreat

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

All "fashionistas and divas" among Lutheran women are invited to the Autumn Renewal retreat hosted by the Women of the ELCA Nebraska Synodical Women's Organization. The retreat will be held on **Saturday, Oct. 8** at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Hastings. The theme will focus on the many generations among women of the ELCA here in Nebraska.

Registration is only \$18. The form can be found at the end of the newsletter and must be mailed by Oct. 1.



Coffee Fellowship

The Crane Coffee dates for September will be the **9th and 23rd**.

IN OUR PRAYERS AND LOVE NOTES

Antoinette Anania (cousin of Deb Lund)	Dave Piehl & Dan Piehl (brothers of Deb
Leona Anderson & Scott Wells (friends of the	Lund)
Novaks)	Gary Ramsay
Dick Bell	Pauline Shaffer
Connie Bennett (cousin of Karen Armitage)	Nancy Shinrock
Syd Brinkman	Georgene Sones (mother of Dayla Miller)
Patricia Connolly (friend of the Thoms)	Brenda Thom
Elizabeth (student of Carol Novak)	Nancy Thoman (stepmother of Ann Kroll)
Sgt. Dean & Erin Hansen (Delina Wiater's son &	Pam Todd
his wife)	Ted Whitfield (former co-worker of Brian
Jan Hughes (aunt of Paula Foster)	Shinrock)
Kristen Kuhn (friend of Todd & Lisa Meyer)	Steve Wiitala (friend of Karen Mullen)
Izzy Lightle (relative of Kim Gust)	Caregivers and those who suffer with
Lisa Lueders (sister-in-law of Dave Lueders)	depression
Bill Morris	Those seeking employment
Vi Neu (stepmother of Carol Novak)	Those Who Mourn
Don St. Ours (brother-in-law of Lynda	The family and friends of Beverly Armitage
McGraw)	
Cynthia Palmer (friend of Dave & Lisa Rieff)	The family and friends of Collin Jeffries (relative of Lisa Meyer)

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.

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LOVE NOTES

Thanks to members of the congregation for your prayers of support while Ruth was in Germany. A special thanks to those of you who took Dan out for dinner or brought in dinners and spent time with him. We both appreciate it very much.

--David and Ruth Manning

To the Lord of Love family – please accept my gratitude and thanks for everything including caring, thoughts, prayers, support, phone calls, cards and provisions of food during my recovery from my bike accident. I am on the mend. God's blessings to all of you.

--Gary Ramsay

Thank you to Deb Lund for hosting the Half Day Gather Retreat at her house on Aug. 13. As usual, the rolls were delicious! Thanks, also, to those who led the studies: Ann Kroll, Gwen Edwards, and Paula Foster. The final thank-you goes to the 15 participants who attended and brought items for the potluck luncheon. Everything was delicious and everyone enjoyed themselves.

--Rose Roberts



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

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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)
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- · 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
 - o 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

Registration Form		
Name		
	City	
Phone Number	Home Church	
E-mail		
Special Dietary Needs:		
Make checks payable to NSWO; mail form and c Sandy Terry, NSWO Treasurer, Call if any questions: 402-957-4480 or sterry9415	1461 2 nd Avenue Ct., Fremont, NE 68025-5317	

Registrations are transferable but not refundable.