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

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

Looking Ahead

September 8: God's Work Our Hands Sunday, Kick-Off Sunday

September 18: Intergenerational F.I.S.H.

October 20: "Trunk or Treat"

October 11-13: Synodical Women's Convention and Gathering

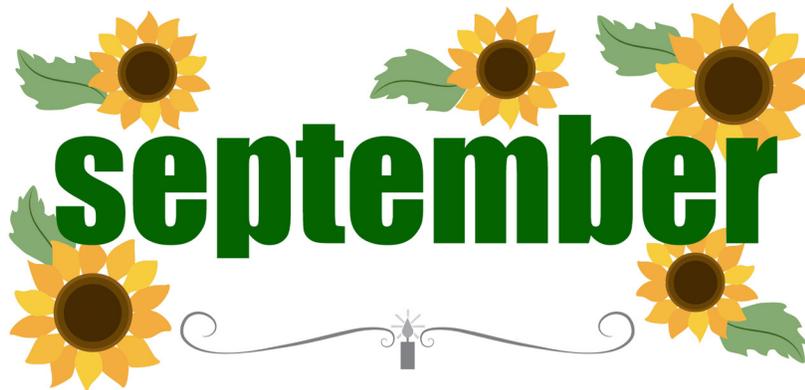


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"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;²³ they are new every morning great is your faithfulness.²⁴ 'The Lord is my portion,'" says my soul, 'therefore I will hope in him.'"

—Lamentations 3:22-24

These are the verses from which the hymn, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," (by Thomas Chisholm) comes. Lately, this song keeps running through my head while making plans for this fall:

*Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great Is Thy Faithfulness, Lord unto me.*

How true! Great is God's faithfulness, not only unto me, but to all of us! Sometimes we hit rough patches, and we need Sabbath time more than others, where we can rest, rejuvenate and look up and see things differently as we prepare to walk through and do the things we need to do, whether we want to or not.

Yet time after time, no matter what, God truly does seem to grant us all the new mercies we need day by day. Recently, I've seen this in my life, and even in my lawn! Right before we went on our two-week vacation, my lawn had begun to die, so we decided to take a chance on not mowing it. When we came back, it looked like it had been mowed. I immediately felt guilty and asked my neighbor whether she had mowed it, or if our grass was just that dead. She assured me, no, it was just that dead. So I started watering it. Lo and behold a week or so later, God started helping with the watering. Now the green blades have arisen anew, thanks to a little attention from me and a whole lot of love from God above. The same has been happening in my life.



I needed a Sabbath rest away from work to spend some time reconnecting to my family and finding some quiet time to listen to God's voice speaking and attending to my soul and plans for the future. Lo and behold, there are many new mercies I can now see before me. Indeed, God has provided all that I needed (and then some). And I know my hope rests securely in God's abundant love and mercy to provide for all I need to love and grow and do the things I need to do.

As fall approaches, I'm really excited for the many ways God's mercy and love continues to flow through the planning at Lord of Love, too. New visions are being dreamed. Lives are being touched through the way we listen and respond to God's love with our gratitude and faithfulness. And the future is looking brighter (and greener), just like my lawn! God is so good. And God continues to supply more than enough love and grace to go around.

Recently on Facebook, a friend posted a picture of her adult daughter going to her first day of school as a teacher and wrote, "I just love how my daughter still sends her a 1st day of school picture." Her daughter responded, "Thanks mamma!!! I love you tons and tons!!!" To which the mom responded, "And to think...I love you even more!!!"

PASTOR'S PAGE

As a parent, reading this made my heart gush with a blubbery mess of deep love and understanding. Yet when I think of God's love for us, it is like this conversation. For God's love, mercy and faithfulness to us, is always more than the love and attention we give back to God.

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No matter how much thanks or attention we give to the many gifts of love and grace God has given us, God always responds with even more abundant love and mercy for us! Morning by morning, may new mercies be seen and treasured by you too.

Your sister in Christ,
-Pastor Becky <><

Sept. 8: God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

Projects for Kick-Off Sunday 9:15-10:10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Project Hope: You are invited to bring (a) canned good(s) with you to church to donate on this day. We'll also be repackaging things like rice and sugar at tables in the fellowship hall. Many hands will make light work of the 500 lbs of things we purchased with a Thrivent Action Card (Thanks Joe Combes!). (Project Leader: Rex Quadhamer, Gary Ramsay)

Project Linus Blankets: You are invited to bring two coordinating pieces of fleece (one patterned and one plain), 2 yards each. However, even if you don't bring fleece, you are invited to come cut and tie these blankets around the tables. Then these blankets are given to emergency responders to hand out in crisis situations. (Project Leader: Susan Lueders)

Soldier Package for Abel Avalos (and his buddies): You are invited to bring items to help fill his package with love. Items he has asked for are Hot Cheetos, Thin Mints, and snacks! Of course, notes from home are always great, too! (Project Leader: Rosie Avalos)

Sack lunches for Open Door Mission: We will have the supplies, but invite volunteers to help pack the peanut butter and jelly

Join us for

"God's work. Our hands."

A dedicated day of
service in our community.



sandwich sacks. But, we do ask that if you help with this one, you make sure you wash your hands before leaving the kitchen for those allergic to peanut butter. (Project Leader: Charise Adams)

Cookies and Notes of Love: The Sunday School children will be decorating cookies that we will then divvy out to those unable to get out of their own homes anymore and any other people we think could use a plate of love at this time. The rest of the cookies are taken to the Police or Fire Department. Notes of love will also be able to be written to folks in the fellowship hall. (Thanks for baking all the cookies Mary Lou!) (Project Leader: Joan Witt)

*Please note, all other supplies not brought by you, were purchased through the Thrivent Choice Dollars that were donated to the church by many of you. Thanks for helping "share God's love, while serving others"!

NURTURE

Sunday School

Faith Formation Sunday School will kick off on **September 8** when we return to two services! Kids will report to their new classrooms, and then many of the classes will participate in God's Work, Our Hands activities and projects, with more formalized classes on September 15.



Class spaces are changing:

- Preschool will meet on the carpet of the Preschool Room
- K-2nd graders will meet on the tile half of the Preschool Room
- 3rd and 4th graders will meet in the former Christian Education Office
- 5th and 6th grade will meet in the Paul Room next to pastor's office)
- 7th and 8th graders will meet in the Jonah Room (to the left in the sanctuary),
- 9th-12th graders will meet on the couches on the right side of the sanctuary.

"Trunk or Treat"

Save the Date: Lord of Love will be hosting a community "Trunk or Treat" in our parking lot on **Sunday, October 20 from 3 to 5 p.m.** You are encouraged to start planning your costumes and how you might decorate your trunk since there will likely be prizes and awards! Details from the Nurture committee will be forthcoming.



Intergenerational Faith Formation

Again this year, we will gather intergenerationally to share our faith together in Fellowship, Inspiration, Story and Hope, also known as F.I.S.H. However, the schedule has changed a bit. Everyone is invited to come on the **first Sunday of the month** between services to the fellowship hall at 10:15 a.m. for coffee, tea, and donuts F.I.S.H.

On the **third Wednesday of the month beginning September 18**, everyone is invited to the fellowship hall for F.I.S.H. as well. There will be a time to feed our bodies from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. followed by a time to feed our spiritual selves from 6:15 to 7 p.m.



Coffee and Donut Fellowship

Stay for coffee, tea, donuts and fellowship after the worship service on September 1 and then between worship services beginning September 8. Most times the donuts will be in the narthex,



but on Kick-off Sunday and then the first Sunday of the month beginning in October, the donuts, coffee and tea will be in the fellowship hall.

Fellowship with other members and visitors is an important part of our ministry. Please assist with this ministry by choosing a Sunday to pick up the donuts from HyVee or to clean up coffee cups after the fellowship time. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex or talk with Rosie Avalos or Joan Witt.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lord of Love Library

The Lord of Love Library in the front hallway is pretty full. While your donations are appreciated, it would be helpful if your books fit into the following Christian and Lutheran-themed categories:

- Social Ministry
- Parenting/Marriage and Family
- Spiritual Growth
- Psychology and Philosophy
- Health and Seniors
- Grief and Death
- Women's Christian Fiction
- Women's Fiction—Quilting Series
- Poetry
- Inspirational Fiction
- Christian History
- Christian Themed DVDs
- Martin Luther's Life and Writings
- Christian Reference Books
- Biography
- The Life of Jesus
- Bible Study (General Themed, some group sets, or specific books of the Bible)
- Church Music
- Apologetics
- Youth
- Psalms and Prayers
- About the Bible
- Church Seasons
- Church (Growth and Trends)
- Devotionals
- Women's Devotionals
- Lutheran Humor
- Men's Ministry
- Cooking and Crafts
- Bibles (Need a different version?)
- Oversize (Illustrated Psalms and books of the Bible)
- Worship
- Sunday School and Children's Program Curriculum
- Children's Books (mostly Christian Themed)

If your books do not fit these themes, you can drop them off at either Half Price Books (120th and Center) or Goodwill.

Checkout procedures: Fill out the card if there is one, otherwise take the book home and enjoy it. When you finish it, or you feel guilty for having it out for too long, bring it back and leave it in the basket. Thank you!
From Ann Kroll

Rosemalers Group

Rosemaling painters group will be meeting on **Wednesdays at 1 p.m.** in the preschool room **September 11, 18 and 25.** If anyone has questions, please contact Karen Mullen at 402.553.7433.



From <http://knitting-rosemaler.blogspot.com>

Book Club: Sept. 24

The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd is our book club selection to be discussed on **Tuesday, September 24 at 1 p.m.**

It is a coming of age story, of loss and betrayal, set in 1964. The 14-year-old has blurred memory when her mom was killed. This novel is the girl's journey towards healing and the transforming power of love.

MISSION

Garden Update

The garden season is coming to an end. After a successful summer, we are down to picking tomatoes, potatoes, squash and peppers. One field of corn has already been chopped and returned to the ground. The second field is ready to be chopped.

We started the year with over 20 vegetables planted, and most produced. We tried two new plants, Brussels sprouts and pie pumpkins. Two pumpkins were harvested with several still in the garden as we wait for them to ripen. Brussels sprouts was probably the most unique plants we had, and one of the most difficult to harvest.

The best-producing vegetables were the familiar, onions, sweet corn, beets, potatoes, squash, tomatoes, cucumbers, and peppers. We estimate that we picked over 125 dozen ears of corn! The failures were green beans and carrots. We don't know for sure why. Every year is different depending upon weather, critters, and unknown causes.

All of the produce this year was taken to Project Hope.

For the rest of this year, we will continue to harvest squash, tomatoes, peppers, and potatoes. After the first frost we will finish cleaning and tilling the soil and prepare for next spring.

In addition to the vegetable garden, the crew spends time pulling weeds, digging volunteer trees, and planting flowers on the church property. And as always, the best part of each morning is having coffee, muffins, and fellowship.



Summer Breakfast Proceeds

Thanks to everyone who has supported the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response by giving so generously at our summer breakfasts. Thanks to those who prepared, served, and cleaned up after the delicious meals, as well. We'll report the amount given in upcoming Love Letters.

Looking ahead, the Mission Possible Team has designated the 2019 special offerings for Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. The first \$715 will go to the ELCA Good Gifts program to purchase a family farm. The remainder will be given to the ELCA AMMPARO, a holistic, whole church commitment by the ELCA, as a church in the world, to accompany children today and in the future.

“Dios es nuestro amparo y fortaleza,”
 (“God is our refuge and strength,”)

—*Psalm 46:1*

The word “amparo” in Spanish means the protection of a living creature from suffering or damage. The ELCA's strategy of Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities (AMMPARO) was envisioned after witnessing the plight of children who are forced to flee their communities because of complex and interrelated reasons, including chronic violence, poverty, environmental displacement and lack of opportunities in El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala.

Learn more and get involved at
<https://www.elca.org/AMMPARO>



MISSION

ELCA Churchwide Assembly Declares Sanctuary Church

MILWAUKEE — In a key action, the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly voted to approve a memorial that declares the ELCA a sanctuary church. The ELCA is the first North American denomination to declare itself a sanctuary church body. As a sanctuary church the ELCA is committed to serving and supporting migrant children and families in communities across the country.

Earlier in the day, the Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, presiding bishop of the ELCA, joined more than 700 assembly members and others in a march and prayer vigil to the Milwaukee Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) office. The march addressed concerns

about the human rights of migrant children and families entering the U.S. along the southern border. Through the ELCA's initiative, Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities (AMMPARO), this church is committed to work toward just and humane policies affecting migrants in and outside the United States.

Read the full story at <https://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/8000>

Sanctuary Denomination FAQ:
https://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/ELCA_SanctuaryDenomination_TalkingPoints.pdf



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YOUTH

Youth Group to Meet Sept. 15

September 15 at 6:30 p.m. is the first youth group of the year! Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to join us for fellowship, fun and learning.

Youth group will also meet October 6, November 3 & 17, and December 1.

And, of course, all are welcome at FISH on the third Wednesday of the month, starting on September 18.



Youth Fall Dates

October 20: Trunk or Treat, Potluck and Youth Pumpking Carving

November 22-24: LYON (Lutheran Youth of Nebraska - high school only). Registration will be due in October.

December 15: Youth Ugly Christmas Sweater Party

December 27-28: High School retreat at Carol Joy Holling

From Council President Brian Lund

"Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

—Romans 15:7

This month, the council spent a little time talking about Fueling a Warm Community, the fourth topic from the book *Churches Growing Young*. We read about how it is not the building, preaching, teaching, or worship that attracts and retains members. Rather, honest, personal relationships build a sense of belonging. We cannot just be intentional about welcoming new faces. We need to be authentic in the way we interact with everyone. One council idea was that when we greet a new face we should invite someone else we know into the conversation.

We also discussed the ELCA Churchwide Assembly action declaring the ELCA to be a sanctuary denomination. While this action does not demand any immediate changes for us, it ties into a prior topic from that same book, "Taking Jesus Message Seriously." This move by our church body demonstrates that Jesus' message to love one another is important. Feel free to read Bishop Eaton's talking points for congregations ([link on page 7](#)).

We should think about what our next steps for this and other contemporary issues may be. Our young people are well aware of the issues surrounding immigrants, gender identity, racial and income inequality. They live with these issues daily in their schools, places of employment, and gathering locations. Young people pay attention to if, when, and how we talk about these issues.

God's people can and should participate in open discussion of the many issues affecting our modern world. It is not about



you welcomed me

politics. It is not about getting the laws right. It is about understanding the situation and needs of our neighbors and discerning how we faithfully respond to those needs. These conversations allow us to continue to be a welcoming community of faith that celebrates and shares God's love by serving others.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

—Matthew 25:35-36 (NIV)

Please continue to pray for the ELCA, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, our Nebraska Synod, Bishop Brian Maas, Pastor Becky, our staff, our members, our ministry together, and for all of those who are in need.

Blessings in faith and service,
Brian Lund

COUNCIL

2019 Lord of Love Church Council

Vision and Coordination: Brian Lund, President; Paul Murphy, Vice-President; Kathy Christiansen, Secretary; Rett Messerschmidt, Treasurer

Nurture: Rosie Avalos and Joan Witt

Outreach: Paula Foster and Charise Adams

Resources: Brandon Zalesky and Paul Christenson

Worship: Rex Quadhamer and Shawn Lorenzen



Giving Status

General Fund financial information for July 2019:

Actual Income - \$22,318.08

Actual Expense - \$29,137.88

Financial Information YTD as of the end of July:

Actual Income - \$187,360.88

Actual Expense - \$192,537.39



As of the end of July, the available cash balance is **negative** \$14,548.39. Weekly offerings of **\$6,912** are needed to meet budgeted expenses. The weekly offering average at the end of July was **\$6,128**. Thank you for your continued support.

A New Way to Give: GivePlus+

We are adding electronic giving through the GivePlus+ program as an option for your financial giving. Members will receive complete instructions in a few weeks, but here are some basics.

GivePlus+ Program Overview

GivePlus+ is an electronic giving program with two giving methods: Lord of Love's website or a smartphone app. First, you establish an account and define your profile. Then you can give through either option using that defined account. You can make a one-time gift or establish a schedule for ongoing giving. Lord of Love has defined five different funds for you to designate your gift; Regular Offering, Endowment Fund, Memorial Fund, Youth Fund, and Deacon Fund. *(continued, next)*



COUNCIL

GivingPlus+ continued

How to Use GivePlus+ through the Church Web Site

1. Access the web site, Lord-of-love.org. Use the Giving pull-down menu under Resources to access the giving page.
2. Locate the "Give Now" box on the Giving page.
3. Create an account with GivePlus+ and establish your method of payment; credit card, debit card, or checking or savings bank account. Lord of Love never has access to the payment method information. The detail information is fully managed by GivePlus+.
4. Follow the instructions to establish a one-time gift or a recurring gift and select the payment method. It's that simple.

GivePlus+ App

1. Download the GivePlus+ app from your app store.
2. Open the app and search for our congregation. Search for "Lord of Love, Omaha, NE".
Note: BE CAREFUL IN CHOOSING THE CHURCH AS THERE IS MORE THAN ONE LORD OF LOVE.
3. Follow the instructions to establish an account, define payment methods, and make your one-time or ongoing gift. Use your account logon to access the same account through Lord of Love's Web site or through the GivePlus+ App.

If you currently are using Simply Giving and would like to begin using GivePlus+, please contact Mary Lou in the church office. Then open your GivePlus+ account through either the web site or the GivePlus+ app.

OUTREACH

Loads of Love

Saturday, November 2, 9-11:30 a.m.

We are preparing to host the next "Loads of Love" laundry and paper supply pantry at Lord of Love. Please consider participating by donating laundry baskets and laundry detergent, especially fragrance-free, during the month of **September**.

In **October**, we will collect personal items, such as toothpaste and deodorant, and paper supplies, such as toilet paper or paper towels.

On November 2, we need volunteers to assist families in receiving their items. Contact Charise Adams (calex@huskers.unl.edu) or Paula Foster (paularn75@gmail.com) if you would like to help or would like flyers for your organization.



STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship in the Community

Kathy Christiansen: Holy Cross Food Pantry

With an average neighborhood poverty rate of 19.7%, we know that there are many food insecure individuals and families in Northwest Omaha. Six in ten people living below the poverty line worry that their food will run out before they have money to buy more. Lord of Love members are very generous in their support of area food banks with canned goods, fresh produce and spending time packaging food at or for some of the food banks.

Our friends and neighbors at Holy Cross Lutheran Church opened a food pantry within the past year. They offer pantry services the **first Saturday of every month from 8 until 10 a.m.** and the **third Thursday of each month from 5 to 7 p.m.** I began helping at their pantries this summer and have found it very rewarding. The other volunteers are friendly and welcoming, and everyone is so appreciative.

If you are interested in volunteering, help is needed at the food pantry with setting up, greeting people as they arrive, restocking tables, helping customers bag their grocery and getting them to their cars, etc. You can contact David Magnuson at davemagnuson@cox.net for more details, or feel free to speak to me (402-657-4601).



VOLUNTEER!

MEN'S NEWS CORNER

Men's Breakfast Group

The Men's Breakfast Group meets Saturday mornings at 0700 in the fellowship hall. All men are welcome.



ENDOWMENT

Endowment Grant in Action

By Amber Huggenberger

I'm so grateful for the gift card I received from the Endowment committee. I'm an ESL teacher at Northwest High School and last year I offered after-school tutoring on Wednesday nights. Using the grant, I could purchase and prepare healthy and hearty meals. With the help of my para, who purchased a rice cooker, Instapot, and Crockpot, we prepared meals for 15-20 students every Wednesday night. With tutoring ending at 5 p.m., these students could focus on their studies and not worry about being hungry from eating lunch as early as 10:30.

One student who stayed for tutoring was from India. He came to Omaha when he was 18, hoping to graduate, which he did in 2 ½ years. Last school year, he stayed after school and finished four years of English classes in nine months, taking advantage of our Credit Recovery Program. His only family lives in California, so I held a graduation party for him in the park. Using the gift card, I purchased a graduation cake for him. No family members could attend his party or graduation ceremony, so having this for him was very special.



From the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank the committee for the grant. So many students benefited and it helped create a warm atmosphere, focused on learning.

WOMEN OF LOVE

Summer Activity Recap

The calendar might have said "vacation" but Lord of Love Women continued their ministry throughout the summer.

On June 16, Rose Roberts and Deb Christenson headed up the crew who prepared **breakfast** to honor the fathers at LOL. Dads ate free, but all in attendance enjoyed a tasty breakfast.

After months of planning, our biennial **God's Daughters** event was held on Saturday, July 20. Under the direction of Deb Christenson, several of our women planned, prepared and hosted the approximately 40 "daughters" of all ages who participated in a special tea attended by Her Royal Highness the Queen. Many took advantage of her visit (*continued, next*)

WOMEN OF LOVE

Summer Activity Recap



(continued from previous) by being photographed with her.

Beautiful hats were created by many of the attendees. A lovely brunch was served consisting of croissants with chicken salad, a green salad and mini-desserts as well as an assortment of hot and iced tea. Ruth Manning presented a devotional, "The Teacup." Closing out the morning was a solo by Lorelei Rich accompanied by her mom, Renee. More photos of the event are posted on the women's bulletin board.

On August 10, Deb Lund hosted the annual **half-day retreat** on the *Gather* summer Bible studies on the book of Esther with 16 women in attendance.

During the rest of the summer, many of us enjoyed the fellowship of the **Crane Coffee** group every Friday morning.

Thanks to everyone who was involved in any way for these events. It was a great summer and couldn't have happened without so many willing hands.

But the fun isn't over! A number of events for fall are listed in this issue.

LOL Women of the ELCA

The LOL Women's Team (Women of the ELCA) will be meet on **Wednesday, September 18 at 6 p.m.** at the church. Discussion will include NSW0 (NE Synodical Women's Organization) Convention and Gathering at Camp Carol Joy Holling (October 11-13) and finalizing the Women's Fall General Meeting & Planning Event on **Saturday, November 11.**

All women of the congregation are welcome to attend the meeting.



Fall Bible Studies

The *Gather* Bible studies resume in September. The Wednesday group will meet on **September 4** at the church at 6 p.m.

Normally, the Monday group holds their study the first Monday of the month, but because of Labor Day, we will meet on the second Monday. Please join us on **September 9** at Deb Christenson's home at 6 .m.. Deb's address is 16117 Clay Court, Bennington. Please RSVP to Deb at 402-214-5691 if you plan to attend.

The church receives a copy of the *Gather* Magazine which is placed on the round library table outside Mary Lou's office. It includes the monthly Bible study and you are welcome to borrow it for your reading pleasure. Please talk to Ruth Manning (ruthypoo38@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending the Wednesday Group or to Rose Roberts (dougroberts@cox.net) if you are interested in Monday's.

WOMEN OF LOVE

Fall Bible Studies cont.

This September, October and November, we will study selections of Old Testament poetry from Job, Psalms, Lamentations and Song of Solomon. Drawing from the experiences of these ancient writers, we will learn to look for God for help in stewarding our deep emotions, finding hope and grace along the way.

- **September:** Stewarding the angst of anger
- **October:** Stewarding the ache of grief
- **November:** Stewarding the gift of joy

This series will be presented by the Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen, a freelance theologian.

NE Synod Women's Gathering

“Living Joy, Sharing Joy” is the theme for the 14th Biennial Convention and Gathering of the Nebraska Synodical Women’s Organization (NSWO) of the Women of the ELCA. It will be held **October 11-13** at Camp Carol Joy Holling in Ashland, NE.

“These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.
—John 4:11 (ESV).

Take some time for yourself to be inspired and refreshed at the Nebraska Women of the ELCA Biennial Convention and Gathering. Speakers include Camille Trott, a leadership coach in the Metro DC Synod, Lisa Plorin, president of Women of the ELCA, and Bishop Brian Maas, Nebraska Synod Bishop. Workshops will cover a variety of topics that will encourage your faith to grow. Enjoy fellowship with women across our synod. Bring your jammies and some junk food to share over games!

NE Synod Women's Gathering cont.

Be part of the work of the Women of the ELCA in Nebraska. Join in the business sessions and participate in the future vision of our organization.

If you are unable to attend, please pray for those planning, preparing, and participating. Excerpted with permission from Expressions, the Nebraska Synodical Women’s Organization newsletter, Copyright © 2019

Registration forms are included in this issue of the Love Letter, [online](#), and also on the Women’s bulletin board in the narthex. LOL Women of the ELCA will provide \$75 towards your registration fee. Registration deadline is **September 30**.



Quilting and Coffee

The Quilters meet at 9 a.m. on the **1st and 3rd Tuesdays** of the month in the fellowship hall. “Cutters, sewers and tie-ers” are needed. No expertise necessary... the quilting ladies will train you. Also, they serve coffee! For further information, contact Ann Kroll at 402-496-3772.

And last, but certainly not least, the coffee group meets **every Friday at 9 a.m.** at Crane Coffee, 77th and Cass. Come when you can!

IN OUR PRAYERS

Tonya Achenbach (cousin of Todd Meyer)
Janet Baker
Connie Bennett (cousin of Karen Armitage)
Kate Boarts (mother of David & grand-mother of Chris Boarts)
Kathy Campina (cousin of Rose Roberts)
Gloria Chalkley (friend of Ann Kroll)
Jason Combes
Larry Czapl
Gordon Erickson (brother of Karen Mullen)
Krysta Figga (friend of Dave & Lisa Rieff)
Mardi Fiske
Babette Garder (mother of Kenn Garder)
Olivia Griffin (daughter of Scott and Dana Griffin)
Ed & Janet Guthrie
Pr. Joe Hernandez – Missionary in the Middle East (cousin of David & Chris Boarts)
Dennis Hindemith
David Hojnacke (neighbor of the Armitage family)
Juanita Kiesel (friend of Mary Lou)
Lucy Klos (sister-in-law of Mike & Christie Klos)
Lester (friend of Paul Barnett)

Don Lueders (brother of Dave Lueders)
Lisa Lueders (sister-in-law of Dave Lueders)
Eileen Nagle (mother-in-law of Tara Novak)
Bill Pickens
Marilyn Rollings (aunt of Pr. James Sells)
Paul Rumbaugh
Sarge Schuchard
Peggy Seck (cousin of Ann Kroll)
Nancy Shinrock
Margaret Sovich (sister of Shirley Schuchard)
Brenda Thom
Ron Thom
Roslynn Thom (sister of Ron Thom)
Bill Todd (husband of Pam Todd)
Stephanie Ulrich (relative of Paula Foster)
Steve Wiitala, (friend of Karen Mullen)
Jenn Yust

Caregivers and those who suffer with addictions and depression, those seeking employment, those dealing with infertility or seeking to adopt.

Those Who Are Deployed

Abel Avalos, son of Miguel & Rosie Avalos
Brian Kroeger, friend of the Lueders family

To add a name to the "In Our Prayers" section, email marylou@lord-of-love.org, contact the office at 402.493.2946, or fill out a prayer request note available in the narthex and place it in the basket.



WORSHIP SERVANTS

| September 8 | | |
|--------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Greeters | Doug and Rose Roberts | Gary Ramsay, Ron Salak |
| Liturgist | Shawn Lorenzen | Claudia Rowen |
| Communion Servers | Todd and Lisa Meyer | Don Rowen |
| | Brian and Connie Walther | Kathy Christiansen |
| | | Miguel and Rosie Avalos |
| Altar Care | Doug & Rose Roberts, Karen & Dale Finck | Karen Armitage, Gwen Edwards |
| CD Recording | | Paul Christenson |
| September 15 | | |
| Greeters | Sarge and Shirley Schuchard | Ruth Manning, Shelby Lamoureux |
| Liturgist | Judy Egr | Ashley Hamik |
| Communion Servers | Dave Egr | Lori Vandeventer |
| | Bill Baker | Julie Thompson |
| | Paul Christenson | John and Gwen Edwards |
| | Kelly Duffy | |
| Altar Care | Pat & Jesse Brewer, Heather Christensen | Susan Senff, Ann & Paul Kroll |
| CD Recording | | Dave Lueders |
| September 22 | | |
| Greeters | Mike and Christie Klos | Paul and Ann Kroll |
| Liturgist | Dave Hild | Tom Olson |
| Communion Servers | Mike Klos | Beth Olson |
| | Brandon Zalesky | Joan Witt |
| | Jason and Bailee Shupp | Paul and Ann Kroll |
| Altar Care | Pat & Jesse Brewer | Claudia & Don Rowen, Connie Martin |
| CD Recording | | Paul Murphy |
| September 29 | | |
| Greeters | Paul and Sue Dieter | Rett and Judy Messerschmidt |
| Liturgist | Doug Aden | Rex Quadhamer |
| Communion Servers | Ron Thom | Deb Quadhamer |
| | Chris, Caleb, and Lorelei Rich | Judy Messerschmidt |
| | | Dave and Susan Lueders |
| Altar Care | Sue Dieter, Cathy Aden | Karen Anderson, Susan Senff |
| CD Recording | | Jesse Brewer |
| Ushers | | |
| | 8 a.m. Jesse Brewer, Del Gust, Brandon Hansen | |
| | 10:30 a.m. Brian Lund, Deb Lund, Doug Armitage, Darrell Wineinger, Mitchell Griffin | |

MONTHLY CALENDAR

September 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| 1 9:00am Worship & Communion 10:00am Summer Breakfast | 2 8:00pm AA & Al Anon | 3 9:00am Quilters 7:00pm Vision & Coordination | 4 6:00pm Confirmation 6:00pm Brass Rehearsal 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal | 5 7:00pm Boy Scouts | 6 9:00am Crane Coffee Fellowship 9:30am Al Anon 7:30pm AA Mtg. | 7 7:00am Men's Ministry |
| 8 God's Work Our Hands 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship & Communion 1:00pm District 18 AA Mtg. | 9 8:00pm AA & Al Anon | 10 | 11 6:00pm Confirmation 6:00pm Brass Rehearsal 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal | 12 7:00pm Boy Scouts | 13 9:00am Crane Coffee Fellowship 9:30am Al Anon 7:30pm AA Mtg. | 14 7:00am Men's Ministry 12:00pm Fellowship Hall reserved for Jorgensen lunch |
| 15 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship & Communion 5:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Youth Group | 16 8:00pm AA & Al Anon | 17 9:00am Quilters 7:00pm Church Council | 18 5:30pm Meal 6:00pm Brass Rehearsal 6:15pm FISH 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal | 19 7:00pm Boy Scouts | 20 9:00am Crane Coffee Fellowship 9:30am Al Anon 7:30pm AA Mtg. | 21 7:00am Men's Ministry |
| 22 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship & Communion 5:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal | 23 8:00pm AA & Al Anon | 24 1:00pm Book Club | 25 6:00pm Confirmation 6:00pm Brass Rehearsal 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal | 26 6:00pm Boy Scouts in Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall | 27 9:00am Crane Coffee Fellowship 9:30am Al Anon 7:30pm AA Mtg. | 28 7:00am Men's Ministry |
| 29 8:00am Worship & Communion 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship & Communion 5:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal | 30 Mary Lou on vacation through Oct. 4 8:00pm AA & Al Anon | | | | | |



Living Joy, Sharing Joy

Women of the ELCA – Nebraska Synodical Women’s Organization
 14th Biennial Convention and Gathering, October 11-13, 2019
 Camp Carol Joy Holling, 27416 Ranch Road, Ashland, NE

REGISTRATION FORM

*Registrations are transferrable, but not refundable, and **due by Sept. 30***

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

City _____ Zip code _____

Congregation _____ City _____

Conference _____

| Choose one in this Column | | And Choose one in this column | | Total |
|--|------|---|-------|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full time registration <i>(Deadline: Sept. 30)</i> | \$95 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 people/room, meals included with room \$114 per night each | \$228 | \$323 |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 people/room, meals included with room \$102 per night each | \$204 | \$299 |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 people/room, meals included with room \$92 per night each | \$184 | \$279 |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> single room, meals included with room \$144 per night | \$288 | 383 |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Commuter meal package (Fri dinner, Sat lunch, Sat dinner, Sun lunch) | \$50 | \$145 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> One day/Saturday only registration <i>(due by Sept. 30)</i> | \$60 | <input type="checkbox"/> One day meal package (Sat lunch and dinner) | \$25 | \$85 |

My preference for roommates are _____

I am a

- Unit Voting Member
 Unit Participant
 NSWO Invited Guest
 Presenter
 Board Officer/Member
 Conference Coordinator
 Board Appointee

- I am a scholarship recipient:
 First Timer scholarship
 Young Woman scholarship
 This is my first NSWO Convention

Meal restrictions or requests _____

Special needs you may have: _____

Emergency contact information: Name _____

Relationship _____ Phone _____

Make checks payable to NSWO and send with your completed form to our Registrar:

Sandy Terry, 1461 2nd Avenue Court, Fremont, NE 68025

If you have registration questions, contact Sandy: Phone: 402-957-4480, Email: Sterry9415@yahoo.com

