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Summer of Faith

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Holy Love Lutheran Church

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Do You Get Holy Love's
Weekly Email?

If not, you can easily sign up
right now!

Text

HOLYLOVE

to **22828** to get started.

Message and data rates may apply.



Mission Statement

*Holy Love Evangelical
Lutheran Church is
committed to proclaiming
and living the Good News
of God's love in Jesus Christ
as we gather for worship
and study and scatter for
witness and service to our neighbors.*

July

Worship Schedule



Summer Worship Schedule

*From May 26th - September 8th,
we will be holding
one worship service at 9 am !*

Fellowship to follow.

Our thoughts and prayers are with:



Pastor Matthew and his family & doctors, family & friends of Darlene Chase (Amy Schmuck's grandmother), family & friends of Amber Sallee (daughter of Debi Young) at the death of her husband, family & friends of Michael Betker (Brenda Begger's brother), Dale Puckett (future son-in-law of Phyllis Runia), Tony Ester (friend of Karen Then), Joe Fjell (Beth Whitney's brother), Howard Erdmann (Lori Rieger's father), Christa Stone (Katherine Allen's mother), Ryan Rickard (Laverne Rickard's son), Dave Jensen (Marcia Monson's brother), Dale Fjell (cousin of Beth Whitney), Maggie Condie, Brittney (Steve Knuth's niece), Jim Wood, Milly (Terri Altman's mother), Johnna Tavera (Shane Allen's sister), Sue Last, Audrey Hallett, Gary Mindt (Lori Rieger's uncle), Paulette Traver (Hal & Sherry Traver's sister-in-law), Vicki Hosman, Miguel Martinez, Rick Thorstad, Agnes Spino, Liam Sinclair, Butch Abbott, Jon Zimmer, Ben Nelson, Phyllis Mueller, Julie Hansen, Shirley Kutowy, Julie Christianson, Brenda Allen, Jenny L. Staggs, Zach & Sydney Brinkmann, Dewy Hertz.

Pray for our Military:

Ryan Winter, (Eric & Cindy Hermanson's Son in-Law), Joshua Specht & Jeremiah Specht (Steve & Leanne Alfrey's Sons), Shayne Braunlich (former student of Beth Whitney), Aaron Clabaugh (Diana Stigleman's nephew), Stephen Terrell, Heath Terrell, Trevor Toft, Jason Anderson, Chase Pofahl, Tyler Pofahl, Lara Pitt, Alicia Phelps, Trevor Koch, Josh Moyer, Jesse Newell, Shirley Kidoroy

If you are in need of Pastoral care during Pastor Matthew's recovery, please contact Pastor Jim Engel at pastorjim2000@yahoo.com.



Prayer Chain

The Holy Love Prayer Chain is essentially an e-mail that lists the prayer requests for our congregation. The amount of information provided may vary from person to person, based on individual circumstances. If you would like to join the prayer chain distribution list, please e-mail the office at office@holylovelutheran.org.

How to add and remove names to the prayer chain or the prayers in general:

1. Fill out a prayer request card and either place it in the offering plate or in Lori's in-box in the office.
2. Call the office at 303-693-1162 and leave a message for the office manager.
3. Email Lori at office@holylovelutheran.org.

(Please note that in order to be included in the E-News and Sunday Bulletin, prayer requests need to be in by Tuesday at noon. For the Prayer Chain, requests need to be in by Thursday at noon.)

Words to Ponder...

A Letter from Pastor Dan

For nearly six months, I have been “sort of” your pastor. So, I thank you for the gift you have been to me as your Sunday guy!

I thank you for your welcome, your kind and encouraging words. I thank you for the great honor of walking the days of Lent, Holy Week and Easter alongside you. We retired pastors especially miss being a pastor in those powerful times in a congregational life. I even got to be part of a confirmation class’ big day!

I want to specially thank Amy and Lori who were—and are—so helpful to me! My thanks also to Beth and the council, and to Nancy and the Worship and Music team and accompanists. I actually had fun each Sunday—Holy fun, I hope.

But mostly, I thank God for you as a congregation. Pastor Matthew’s traumatic accident and absence could have severely slowed your life together and your witness to Christ. It is a credit to his pastoral presence, and to you all, that Holy Love’s ministry barely skipped a beat.

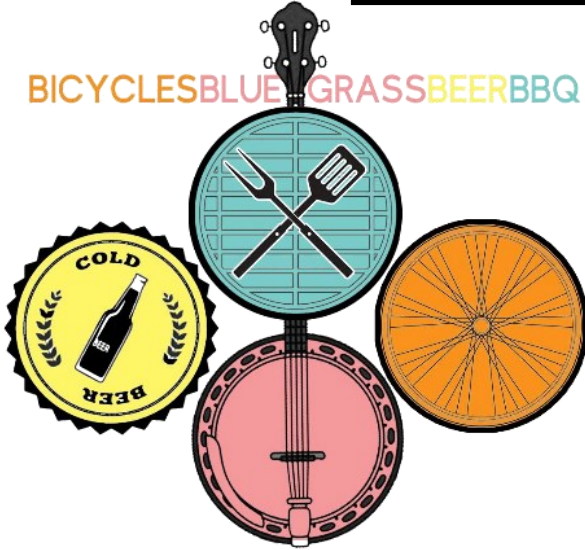
As I leave you in mid- August, I do so with hope that Matthew can return very soon. He needs the love and support as only a congregation can give. And I know you need his energetic pastoral gifts and presence back in his cluttered office, and in your lives!

You have wormed your way into a nook in my heart. And I shall always cherish our short time together. May God continue to bless and empower you!

Pastor Dan

Pastor's Page

BICYCLES BLUE GRASS BEER BBQ



A BENEFIT FOR MATTHEW WEBER

Bicycles, Blue Grass, Beer & BBQ

**When: Saturday, August 10th
11 am - 2 pm**

Where: Dry Dock Brewing Co.

**For more information
including tickets go to the
Pastor's Page on our website**



Go Fund Me Account

A Go Fund Me Account has been set up to assist Pastor Matthew with medical costs following his accident. You can find a link to the account on our website on the Pastor's Page or on our facebook page.



Check out Pastor Matthew's blog for the latest news on his recovery. There is a link to his blog on our website.

SAVE THE DATE



**Pastor Matthew will
be joining us for
Fellowship on
August 11th.**



In the Spotlight

Name: Mack Patrick

Member Since: 1991

Hometown: Aurora, CO

Occupation: Pastor at Grace Place
Campus Ministry at
Northern Illinois
University in DeKalb, Il.



Hobbies: “Hanging out with my Godson and family in Appleton, MN, reading comics, watching movies, playing video games, being with family, and chilling outside in God’s creation.”

Favorite Part of being a Member of Holy Love: “The youth stuff. I loved being involved in all things while I was growing up.

Family: Mack is the youngest child of Bridget and Tim Patrick and has one sister, Brandi.

When asked for a favorite recipe, (because we’re Lutheran), this was Mack’s answer:

1. Find a recipe online that looks good
2. Ask my Dad to make the recipe.
3. Eat yummy food!

By the grace of God and the call of the Church, Mack Rae Patrick will be ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in Christ’s one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church on Saturday, the 7th of September 2019 at 10 am at Holy Love Lutheran Church.

The Reverend Jeffery Clements, Bishop of the Northern Illinois Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church will be presiding. Your prayers and presence are requested. A light reception will follow.

From the ELCA



2019 ELCA CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY

AUGUST 5-10, 2019 • MILWAUKEE

Voting members will convene Aug. 5-10 for the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee. This will be the 15th gathering of the assembly, the primary decision-making body of the ELCA. This year's theme is "*We are church*," and voting members will spend the week participating in plenaries, discussions, Bible studies and worship while deliberating the work of the church.

This year, voting members will:

Elect the presiding bishop and secretary. Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, elected in 2013, is seeking re-election to a six-year term. Secretary Chris Boerger, elected in 2013, is retiring after this term. The secretary is elected to a six-year term.

Act on "[Faith, Sexism and Justice: A Lutheran Call to Action.](#)" The proposed social statement covers a range of issues in which the ELCA is called to action, including gender-based violence, workplace discrimination, economic inequality and more.

Act on "[A Declaration of Interreligious Commitment: A policy statement of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.](#)" The proposed document underscores the ELCA's long-standing commitment to interreligious relations and provides a framework for common application and theological reflection across the varied contexts of this church.

Vote on proposed budgets for the 2020, 2021 and 2022 fiscal years.

[Review proposed amendments](#) to the "Constitution, Bylaws and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America."

Consider a proposal that the entrance rite for ministers of Word and Service be ordination and to no longer count deacons as laypeople for the representational principles.

Act on responses to memorials from synod assemblies.

Also taking place during the assembly will be a celebration for "*Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*," a program to honor the 50th anniversary of women's ordination, and an observance of the church's focus on gun violence awareness.



Lutheran Family Services invites you to their 26th annual golf tournament to raise funds for Adoption Services, Foster Care, Refugee & Asylee Services, Older Adult and Caregiver Services and Prevention Services.

When: August 15th, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. (Shotgun Start)

Where: Hiwan Golf Club, 30671 Clubhouse Lane, Evergreen, CO 80439

Registration Fees are only \$185 per individual and includes green fees, golf cart, polo shirt, breakfast, lunch and more! Put your own team of 4 together or register individually to be placed on a team and make some new friends. Register through the link in the weekly e-letter or Contact Jessica Yoss (Community Relations & Special Events Coordinator) at Jessica.Yoss@lfsrm.org with any questions.

HOLY LOVE EVENTS



"God's work.
Our hands."
Sunday

SEPTEMBER
2019
God's work.
Our hands.

God's Work Our Hands

Alan Schmuck is gathering volunteers interested in planning this ELCA Church-wide day of service.

If you would like to contribute, please contact Alan at 217-316-9696 or aschmuck@imaginecommunications.com



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COLORADO FAITH DAY AT THE ROCKIES

Sunday, August 18th @ 1:10 pm

Tickets: \$26/person (Section 117, Rows 20-23, Seats 1-6)
Reserve your tickets and find additional information on the kiosk in the Narthex.
Only 25 tickets available.
Call Jean Roenfeldt for more information at 303-690-4326.

HEAR FROM THESE ROCKIES PLAYERS!
(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)



JON GRAY



DANIEL MURPHY



Postgame concert featuring
Kari Jobe

HOLY LOVE EVENTS

Women's Bible Study Returns

Women of Holy Love are invited to join our bible study beginning Wednesday, September 11th. We will meet in the youth room from 9:15 -11:00 am and enjoy fellowship, treats, and lessons from the bible. Studies are found in the ELCA Gather Magazine. Extra copies will be provided.

We are a friendly informal group. Please consider attending all the gatherings or come whenever you can. We take turns leading the study and providing treats.

Fall study dates are:

September 11 & 25

October 9 & 23

November 13

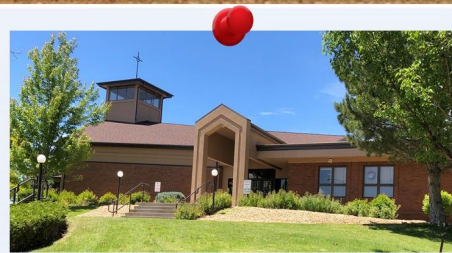
December 4



If you have questions, please contact Peggy Apmann at 303-693-1802 or rgammg@yahoo.com



New
Member
Meeting



Interested in learning about becoming a Member at Holy Love Lutheran Church? Join us August 11th @ 11 am in the Sanctuary to meet with Pastor Dan Bollman and members of the church for information on membership and to ask any questions you may have.

Wanted!

Caring Adults to teach and support the teaching of our Sunday School Classes

We have amazing young people age 3-13 years old who participate in our Sunday School Classes, and we are recruiting our 2019-2020 program year teachers to join us in this life giving ministry at Holy Love.

What is required?

- Fill out our Safe Haven Guidelines Volunteer form which allows us to run a basic background check.
- Meet with our Christian Ed. team to make plans, discuss new ideas, and be trained.

Can I do it with a partner?

YES! We highly encourage you to use the buddy system!

Is there curriculum?

YES! We use Spirit and Truth Curriculum and you pick and choose what you want to use from a LARGE amount of material.



Sign up at the church, or contact Amy at

youth@holylovelutheran.org

Attend our next meeting

Tuesday, August 13th 7:00 PM

At Holy Love

August, 2019

**Sunday Schedule :
Worship @ 9:00 am, Fellowship immediately following the service.**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			31	Aug 1	2	3
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm NA Meeting 6pm NA Support Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm National Model Railroad Assoc. 7pm The Holy Knit Wits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7am Men's Breakfast 6pm NA 	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm Praise Song 6:30pm NA Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm Property Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm NA Meeting 6pm NA Support Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm The Holy Knit Wits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7am Men's Breakfast 6pm NA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Young Adults breakfast meetin 11am Pastor Matthew Fundraiser
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10:15am Visit with Pastor Matthew	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm Praise Song 6:30pm NA Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4pm Finance Team 7pm Christian Ed Mtg 7pm Worship & Music 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm NA Meeting 6pm NA Support Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm Theology Pub 7pm The Holy Knit Wits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7am Men's Breakfast 6pm NA 	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:30am Preschool Staff Installation 10:15pm Executive Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm Praise Song 6:30pm NA Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm Church Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm NA Meeting 6pm NA Support Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm The Holy Knit Wits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7am Men's Breakfast 6pm NA 	
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It's time again for our annual Palisade Peaches and Pears Fundraiser for the youth!

Simply fill in the order form in the Mission Bell order form and return it with payment to the office. Additional order forms are available on the website, in the office, in the Sunday bulletin and on the welcome stand in the Narthex. Orders are for pick up only.

Our FINAL DAY to receive orders and money will be **August 25th** . Pick up will be at Holy Love **Sept. 6-7**.

Money raised from this fundraiser will go toward helping our youth get to the tri-annual ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN in 2021!



**2019 Holy Love Lutheran
Youth Peaches & Pears
Sale Fundraiser
C & R Farms - Palisade, CO**

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

PEACHES: \$ 29.00 PER 18 LB. BOX
Number of Boxes: _____
Total for Peaches: \$ _____

PEARS: \$ 18.00 PER 10 LB. BOX
Number of Boxes: _____
Total for Pears: \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT OF ORDER \$ _____
(Peaches & Pears)

LAST DAY TO ORDER : SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH

Peaches & Pears will be delivered to
HLLC (4210 S. Chambers Rd.) on Friday, September 6th.
Pick-up Saturday, September 7th from noon - 3 pm
Classroom # 6 (Council room)

Serving at Holy Love

Mowing Teams



Week	Team	Team Members
Aug 3	Team 5	Tom Hare Joel Unrein Steve Knuth Pat Lugo
Aug 10	Team 6	Ed Truett Jon Zimmer Steve Ericson
Aug 17	Team 7	Bruce Merritt Will Ballenthin Dave Anderson
Aug 24	Team 8	Brian Last Greg Harter A. Dominguez M. Dominguez



Worship Assistants

We are in need of worship assistants. If you can help, please sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/>

If you can't access the website but want to sign up let Debbie Anderson know and she will add your name. You can either email her at debbie_and_charlie_a@centurylink.net or call/text at 303-503-8475. Thank you all for your willingness to serve.

Flower Sign Up

The flower charts for 2019 are posted on the kiosk in the Narthex. Please consider providing 1 or 2 bouquets for a Sunday morning. Add your name and possibly a short note about why you are providing flowers, place a check made out to Holy Love Lutheran Church for \$35 per bouquet and "flowers for (date)" on the memo line, in the offering plate or on the desk in the church office. Bring the bouquet(s) home after church that Sunday or deliver to a shut-in, etc.

Outreach Opportunities



Our Food Pantry Always Needs Donations

We alternate delivering accumulated donations once a month to food distribution points at either Aurora Interfaith or Peace with Christ Lutheran Church. Therefore, the pantry can be full one day and empty the next. Let's keep it filled so those in need can have a meal.

When shopping or donating, please consider protein rich foods such as canned tuna, salmon, chicken and beef, peanut or almond butter and nuts. Other excellent items to donate include canned fruits and vegetables, beans, cereal, oatmeal, pasta and sauces. Thanks!



Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains

The refugee program has had a good start to the year, and we hope to welcome even more refugees this coming year with your help! We are low on bath towels, pillows, twin-sized bedding (sheet sets and comforters), and cookware (pots and pans). Can you help give a warm welcome to a new refugee family by donating new or gently used items?

If so, contact Jaime at jaime.blanchard@lfsrm.org or 303-217-5181.



AURORA warms THE NIGHT

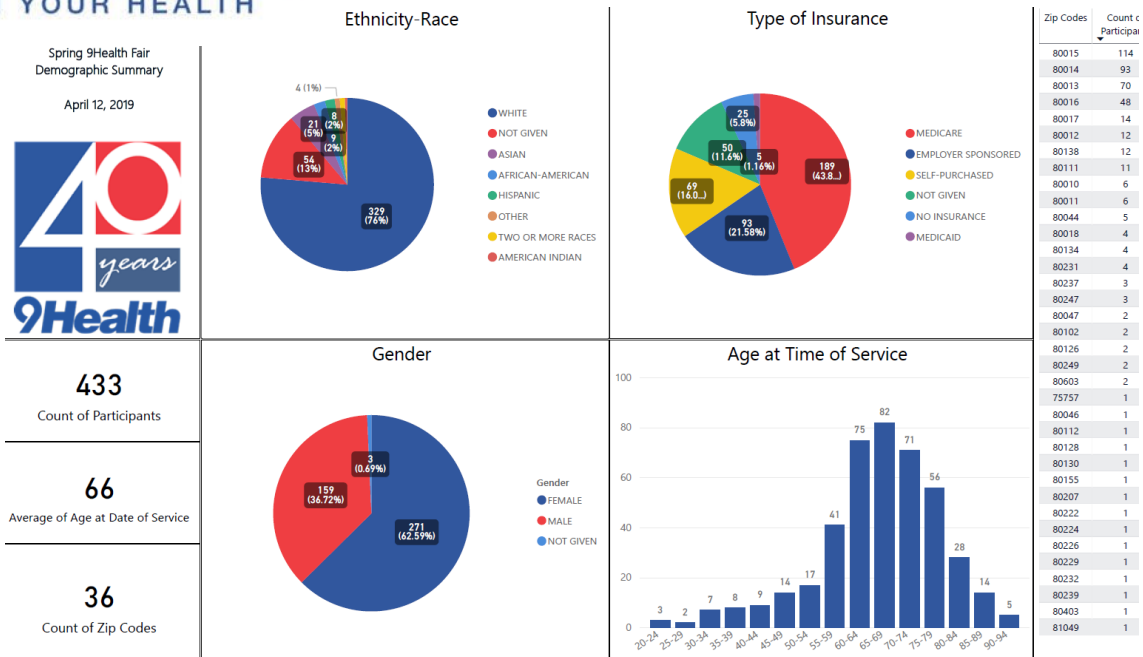
Aurora Warms the Night is seeking volunteers to help on Shower Trailer nights (Monday and Friday evenings at 1544 Elmira St. parking lot in Aurora, Wednesday evenings at St. Mark's at 111 E Del Mar Cir, Aurora, CO 80011). Help is needed from 5:45 to 8:45 pm. Meals are needed for Monday evenings as well. They are also running short on certain hygiene supplies such as men's and women's new underwear, men's deodorant, and bras.

Thank You to all who contributed to Christmas in July and donated items for either the Food Bank or backpacks to Lutheran Family Services. Your generosity goes along ways to alleviate the stress and hardships of less fortunate families. If you were unable to drop off donations, you may still contribute. We are always accepting non-perishable food items and although we are no longer accepting backpacks, we can accept checks made to Lutheran Family Services (please put backpacks in the memo line). Thanks Again!!





Demographics Report



Please mark your calendars for our next 9Health Fair: April 24th, 2020

We will need Non-Medical and Medical Coordinators for this event. Please contact Keely Berge Teynor with any questions that you might have at: keely9healthfair@gmail.com



August Birthdays at Holy Love

Holly Thorstad August 2
 Lindell Whitney August 2
 Graham Condie August 3
 James Lewis August 3
 Mary Unrein August 3
 Pastor Matthew Weber August 3
 Pyper Monson August 6
 Barbara Anderson August 7
 Connor Schmuck August 8

Janice Schroeder August 10
 Bruce Smith August 11
 Gage Kirkwood August 12
 Emma Breiding August 14
 Lorie Eby August 14
 Leonidas Reed August 24
 Elizabeth Haertling August 26
 Debbie Anderson August 28

Preschool News

July School News

By Mary Stephenson, Director

Well our Summer Activity Program ended July 25th with an average of 27 students each week. Each week offered a different theme and each one was filled with new and exciting things to learn and do. This was our best summer ever!

During our Bake Shop week the children made fruit pies, apple turnovers and cookies. They had to measure and mix the ingredients, too. The school smelled just like a bakery each of the three days. What a tempting aroma that met each family when they came to pick up their child.

The next week was all about Science. The children learned about clouds, insects and even made slime. They had a great time actually watching real bugs move in their little habitats. There were crickets, lady bugs and roly-poly's. This was another fun-filled week of summer fun through learning.



The final week of Summer Activity was Healthy: Inside/Out. The children learned about how to help make their body healthier through good foods, exercise and drinking lots of water. Mrs. Morroni taught them good Taekwondo moves (gentle and easy). Mrs. Seaton had her daughters perform Irish Step Dancing and even taught the children a circle dance. The children even did a sampling of infused water—using a variety of fruit or vegetables for tasting. They also learned about the workings of the inner body and how food travels throughout. All in all, this was a perfect ending to a great summer of fun.



Of course, each Wednesday was Water Days and the children loved having fun playing in the wading pools, blowing bubbles and just having fun in the sun. This day was probably the highlight of each week. They enjoyed Otter Pops for snack to cool down after the water fun!

The staff that helped during the month of July was: Jenna Morroni, Cindy Seaton, Veronica Edmiston, Melissa Meacham, Ashley Dymond, Christa Golding and Anne Hermanson. I am so grateful to all the staff who gave up some of their summer time away to help make this a fabulous program. I believe this summer activity program was one of the very best we have had. Great attendance and strong interest for another

year to come. Kudos to all the staff and many thanks to the families who participated.

We are now getting ready to kick off our new school year. Staff reports on August 5th (so soon) and we welcome our children on the 12th, 13th or 14th. We are looking forward to our returning families and welcoming all new families to our school. Orientation will take place on Friday, August 9th. Letters were mailed out mid-July indicating times for respective class meetings.

Next month I will tell you all about our staff. I am happy to announce we have filled all our vacant openings and look forward to making this another great year of learning and having fun.



As we move forward into another new school year, I continue to ask for prayers for this fabulous Preschool and Kindergarten program. We are so blessed to have an awesome staff of caring, compassionate people who love what they do. God continues to bless us all.

AUGUST BLESSINGS!

Because of You

By Roger Collins, Treasure

I ask the question, “What has been the most powerful machine or structure that has ever been made by man?” Can you guess?” Maybe you might answer: “The Empire State building,” “The Brooklyn Bridge,” or “the Atomic Bomb.” Keep guessing. Well none of those, even though they all were huge powerful inventions. The answer is the “Saturn V Apollo Rocket” that was sent into outer space.

Here are some facts and figures that have been published about “THE SATURN V ROCKET”:



The *Saturn V Apollo Rocket* was developed by NASA during the 1967 to 1973 time period and designed to fly to the moon. It was the tallest, heaviest rocket ever built being 363 feet tall (taller than the New York Empire State building at the time) and 33 feet in diameter. It weighed 6 1/2 million pounds when fully fueled. Its engine produced 28 million horse powers and traveled 7,500 feet per second with 7.8 million pounds of thrust. Yikes, can you believe the power of such a machine?

And yet with all of the inventions that man has created, nothing can compare to God’s LOVE and FORGIVENESS for each and everyone of us. Remember, with His forgiveness, *GOD IS LOVE.*

Once I was asked what was the worst thing that you did growing up? My answer was: when I was 10 years old I ran away from home not because

of what my parents did, but because I felt bullied by others. One would expect my parents to have been upset for having caused them fear that I had been kidnapped or hurt. However,

once I returned home, about 24 hours later and having realized that I had nowhere to go, one would have expected that I had caused a lot of anguish and fear for my parents. Yet they continued to love me and forgave me even though I had been somewhat confused and naughty.

Growing up I’m sure that I was not an angel as I probably did several other things that might have made them disappointed, yet they continued to love me just as God continues to love us. God’s power and strength are greater than any machine that has ever been created by man.

Forgiveness becomes one of the most powerful gifts that we can give and your forgiveness just as God’s forgiveness is more powerful than any machine created or will ever be created by man.

So why have I written this story? To say “*THANK YOU*” for your kind participation in Holy Love. YOU have continued to step up and have kept our church a loving and successful place to worship .



FINANCIAL REPORT FOR HOLY LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH THROUGH JUNE, 2019

JUNE CONTRIBUTIONS:	\$23,093	JUNE EXPENSES :	\$15,883
Budgeted Contributions:	\$25,020	Budgeted Expenses:	\$25,020
Year to Date Contributions:	\$147,654	Year to Date Expenses:	\$134,484
Budgeted YTD Contributions	\$150,119	Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$150,119

Holy Love Happenings

Middle School Mystery Mission Trip: **(July 11th)**

We had 8 Middle School students and three caring adults participate representing our three Aurora churches in youth ministry partnership. Thank you to Eva and Caleb Countryman for representing Holy Love EXCELLENTLY all day!

Our first stop was to Clothes To Kids Denver where clothing is distributed for free to children age 3 to 21 who are experiencing some sort of crisis. We learned about their mission, then got to work helping to clean their space and sort and organize donations.

<https://www.clothestokidsdenver.org/>

Next we went to lunch at SAME (So All May Eat) Café in Denver. Their mission is simple- provide healthy locally sourced meals to anyone who needs one. You can donate your time for your meal to work at the café or pay a “free will” donation. The food was “Foodie Level” and we highly recommend you visit for a lunch. It is a limited menu with two choices each for soups, salads, and pizza slices.

<https://www.soallmayeat.org/>

Our next stop took us to the new location for Aurora Warms the Night on Colfax (Amy donated our hand-tied blankets from the Middle School Lock-in) for some education from Tyg and Cindy who work tirelessly to support those neighbors of ours experiencing homelessness. We had a great discussion and learned so much about how we can help in small ways that make a big difference.

<https://www.aurorawarmsthenight.org/>

But wait, we did more! We visited with the Krista, the director for Urban Servant Corps at their community home, took a short tour, and learned about the program for young adults post-college who serve as volunteers in the Denver area for a year of their life and live simply within an intentional community together. What an amazing opportunity to deeply serve in God’s Kingdom!

<http://www.urbanservantcorps.org/>

We celebrated surviving Denver Metro traffic with free Slurpees from 7-11(because it was July 11th) on our way back to Lord of the Hills.

High School Mystery Mission Trip: **July (12th)**

We had 9 High School students, and four caring adults join us for our Mystery Mission Trip! Thanks to Adam and Connor Schmuck, Alejandro Dominguez, Joshua Allen and especially Katherine Allen who helped drive kids around all day with me, for WONDERFULLY representing Holy Love! We began our day with Josh Stallings who volunteers with AMMPARO and participated in Young Adults in Global Mission, and his friend Jo Chau from Colorado Immigration Rights Coalition, who shared her story of immigration from Vietnam, when she came to the US with her parents through church sponsorship in 1995 as a toddler. They both lead us through a very in-depth discussion about immigration at Holy Love in the fellowship hall.

<https://www.elca.org/ammparo>

<http://coloradoimmigrant.org/>

Our next stop was down the street to an excellent Mexican Restaurant, Fritanga’s where we treated Joshua to lunch in thanks for his time, sadly, Jo had another meeting to attend and could not join us.



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On our way to our next destination, we drove by and stopped to view the privately run GEO ICE Detention Center which is currently holding people facing immigration documentation issues and/or awaiting refugee asylum status decisions. It is a giant warehouse with no windows. You would not know what it was if you drove past. It was good perspective to see the building to help inform us as we visited our next location. <https://www.denverpost.com/2019/06/06/ice-aurora-immigration-geo-group/>



We visited with Sarah Jackson at Casa de Paz (House of Peace). Sara shared her amazing story with us, and it's too long to write out for you, but please ask any of us about it. Sarah started serving immigrants and asylum seekers who were released from detention by helping to connect them with family, coordinate travel arrangements for them to be with their family members, and provide temporary housing if that was not possible. She helps fund this all through donations from people, churches, organizations, but most impressively, she helps pay the house bills with a volleyball league she started: Volleyball International. We delivered donations from some of our participants, then got

to work giving the home a deep cleaning and sorting and organizing Sarah's t-shirts for easy transport to events where she sells them as a fundraiser as well. Hearing what goes on in the GEO ICE detention facility located in our community was very difficult, but necessary for us to know. Our compassionate hearts were deeply moved, and while cleaning the home for the next guests Sarah and volunteers would be bringing there may seem small, we remember Mother Theresa's mantra: "Do small things with great love."

<https://www.casadepazcolorado.org/>

<http://volleyballinternational.com/>

Y3 Welcome BBQ

July 13th

We celebrated welcoming our incoming 9th graders to Y3 with a BBQ at Aurora Reservoir. We played badminton, "Spikey Ball" and kayaked. HUGE thanks to Alan for cooking all our meat on Pr. Margot's teeny tiny grill, and for those parents that helped transport extra kids into the park! We had a great day together!



Final words- "It takes a village." Without the full partnership of Sheri Peterson, Pr. Margot Wright, Pr. Libbie Reinking, Tanya Scott, Justin Jacobs, Katherine Allen, and Alan Schmuck, these three days of youth ministry would have been overwhelming to plan, execute, transport, and manage. BIG appreciation and gratitude to all of them for their continued collaboration and cooperation to make our youth ministry reach wider and grow stronger together. On to planning our 2019-2020 school year...

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