



# MISSION BELL

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*be grateful, thankful, blessed!*



Monthly Newsletter of Holy Love Lutheran Church, Rocky Mountain Synod





# Holy Love Lutheran Church

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**Holy Love Office Hours:**  
**Mon-Thurs:**  
**9 am - 2 pm**

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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.*

**Check Us Out at [www.holylovelutheran.org](http://www.holylovelutheran.org)**

# November Worship Schedule



***Two Services each Sunday***

***8:30 & 11 am.***

***Fellowship & Sunday School between services***

## ***Our thoughts and prayers are with:***



Pastor Matthew and his family & doctors, family & friends of Helene Schmuck (Alan Schmuck's mother), family & friends of Dave Jensen (Marcia Monson's brother), family & friends of Jon Whan (Jennifer Wolfe's brother), Cal Hosman, friends and family of Maggie Pfrommer (friend of Amy Schmuck), Pastor Jim Engel, Dee Howery, Bill Stephenson (Mary Stephenson's husband) Rita Hinze (Dorothea Madry's mother), Sharyl Hass (Michelle Kneipper's mother), Jean Roenfeldt, Jim Cobb (friend of Vicki & Cal Hosman), Ron Sadecky (Cindy Hermanson's step father), Rodney Loken (Lori Rieger's Uncle), Dale Puckett (future son-in-law of Phyllis Runia), Tony Ester (friend of Karen Then), Joe Fjell (Beth Whitney's brother), Christa Stone (Katherine Allen's mother), Ryan Rickard (Laverne Rickard's son), 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, Phyllis Mueller, Shirley Kutowy, Julie Christianson, Brenda Allen, Jenny L. Staggs, 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

## **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](mailto: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. Please make sure to include information regarding who they are related to in our congregation and how, if possible.
2. Call the office at 303-693-1162 and leave a message for the office manager.
3. Email Lori at [office@holylovelutheran.org](mailto: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.)

# Pastor's Page

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People of God at Holy Love,

I just checked the calendar. As I write this, it's almost November. In just about a month it'll be Advent, that season during which we focus our spiritual discipline on preparing for Christ to make an appearance in the world. How did it get to be almost-Advent already? I feel like I completely missed the entire season of Easter, and then that I missed the summer of worship and our life of faith together at Holy Love.

Oh, wait. I feel like I missed that, because I did miss it all while I was working on healing from having broken myself.

Still, no matter what I missed, it's almost Advent. And I'd like to invite this congregation to put together an Advent Devotional Booklet for this upcoming holy season, like we did last year.

Here's the thing. Last year I told you that there is an overwhelming wealth of faith in our congregation; there are virtually infinite different experiences in our congregation; there are more different perspectives on who God is than there are people in our community. The trouble, though, is that most of the time the only perspective you hear is mine.

Then I encouraged you to change that, so that we could all hear from other people's perspectives. That was incredibly life-giving for me; I hope it was for you, as well.

And so I want to invite you again this year to consider writing a devotion that we can publish in this year's Advent Devotional Booklet. It doesn't have to be long - between 100 and 500 words would be about right. In fact, some of the pieces that folks wrote last year were a little bit longer than would easily fit on the page. For perspective, from "People of God" to "the end of this sentence, there are just over 300 words.

Of course you'll be doing the writing. But you won't be completely on your own. Last year a couple people asked me to review what they'd written, and I'm happy to do that again this year.

This year the theme will be "Joy". We'll have an orientation and invitation to sign up for which day you want to write for on Sunday, November 10, during the Sunday School hour. If you can't be there that day, please let me know and we'll figure out how to get you on the list.

I'm excited to celebrate Advent with you again this year. I'm excited to see what you write for the devotional booklet, and to see how our shared prayer practice is enhanced by what your sisters and brothers in Christ at Holy Love have written.

Thanks be to God for you, and for your continued faithfulness to the work God's Holy Spirit is doing in and with and through this community.

**Check out  
Pastor Matthew's blog!  
Available at  
[www.holylovlutheran.org](http://www.holylovlutheran.org)**





# Words to Ponder...

## ***Bearing Fruit for Jesus!***

**Harvest Sunday-November 10!**



I did not grow up on a farm, but I did grow up in a farming community. I, then, married into a farming family, so I am well aware of the ebb and flow that marks the farming life. My friends who did live on farms spent the winter preparing for the spring planting. Spring was a particularly busy time. One friend of mine was a good football player and an excellent high jumper for the track team. His father told him he could spare him in the fall for football or the spring for track, but not both. He gave up track.

Part of farming is making tough choices, even as a teenager. Summer was the time for watering (or for dry land farming, praying for rain), clearing away the weeds, thinning the crops, etc. But the time I remember most was harvest time. All of the hard work was about to pay off. Maybe. I distinctly remember my father-in-law anxiously looking at dark clouds in mid-summer, looking to see if hail, the great white combine, would take away his wheat crop before he could bring it in. Farming is not for the weak. I also remember the satisfaction - joy, even - when the crops were safely out of the field and a time of celebration was in the offing.

Our faith can be like that. We work hard at our jobs, at raising our families, and participating in all of the other activities that make up our busy lives. The world is an uncertain and sometimes frightening place and we can become like a farmer looking for the next hailstorm, drought or blight. Fear for the future can make us hoarders, of our money, and of our time. We fail to trust in God and think to provide for ourselves by keeping what we have close. We even know the intellectual side of Christian stewardship, that all that we have comes from God, and we return a portion of that to his ministry here in the world. We know it, but we often fail to live it.

During a visit to Korea, two American businessmen were highly amused to see a young farmer hitched to a plow that was guided by his father. Later they learned that both father and son were Christians who had sold their only ox to provide money for a new church building. "What a stupendous sacrifice!" exclaimed one businessman. "Not really," replied a missionary accompanying the Americans. "They were only sorry they had but one ox to give to the Lord's work." That's what it means to live out our calling to be good stewards, to bear fruit for Jesus.

Why are so many content to have a little bit of God in their lives, to give a little bit to God in their offerings, and thereby represent the withering, sickly, infected, shriveling, fig tree which bears no fruit. The law says: "Cut it down. Why should it take up the ground?" The Gospel says: "Give it another year. Let's fertilize, cultivate, water, and pray for fruit. If it bears no fruit next year, then cut it down" (Luke 13:6-9).

November 10<sup>th</sup> is Harvest Sunday when our stewardship campaign, Bearing Fruit for Jesus, reaches its conclusion as we place our commitments of money, time and talents on the altar. This represents the fruit of faith that seeks first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. Then, everything else will fall into place. It means we are connected to Christ as the true vine; I am one of the branches, so connected as to take my life from him, and to bear fruit. *"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."* (John 15:5). Connected to the Christ of the cross and empty tomb. In Christ, you will be fruitful stewards of time, talents, and treasures.

Darryl Harvey, for the Stewardship Team



# In the Spotlight

## Pastor Jim & Pam Engel

We joined Holy Love in 2002 when we moved here from Wabash, Indiana. Since, it was our first time in our married life to actually choose a church where we wanted to become members, we decided to visit churches. Holy Love was the first one we visited and that's where our church visitation stopped. Jim was originally from New Baltimore, Michigan, where he grew up and Pam, a minister's daughter, lived at various places, graduating from high school in Avon Lake, Ohio. We met at Capital University, one of our Lutheran colleges. Jim attended what is now called Trinity Seminary and Pam graduated with an elementary teaching degree.

Jim's ministry took him to parishes in Muscatine, IA; Nauvoo, IL; Shelbyville, IL; and Wabash, IN and he retired in 2002. Since "retirement", he has spent time in Colorado serving interims and doing supply preaching at various churches. He also worked for several years as a spiritual counselor in drug addiction programs. Pam retired after 25 years of teaching elementary grades, mostly first grade. She also taught many remediation classes for summer schools.

We have three sons; Paul, who lives in Denver and Tim and Jeremy who both live in Indianapolis, IN. We are blessed to be grandparents to 4 wonderful, precious grandchildren.

Hobbies for Jim are: used to hunt ,golf and fish; reading mysteries, westerns, sci-fi; movies; and travel. Hobbies for Pam are: singing in International award-winning women's barbershop Skyline chorus; playing piano and organ; travel; reading mysteries, police novels, romances; creative writing, and movies. Our favorite part of being members of Holy Love is enjoying the warm fellowship, friends, and the worship experiences. It is what kept us from "further visitations."

## PUMPKIN STREUSEL COFFEE CAKE

Here is an October recipe we enjoy. Pam has to eat gluten-free so she makes it with measure for measure GF flour, but that is not necessary unless needed.

### Topping

2/3 c. granulated sugar  
Pinch of salt  
¾ c. all purpose flour  
1 tsp. ground cinnamon  
¼ c. chopped pecans, opt.  
4 T. melted butter

### Filling

1/3 c. brown sugar  
1 tsp. ground cinnamon  
1 tsp. unsweetened cocoa powder, opt.

### Cake

1/3 c. vegetable oil  
2 large eggs  
1 c. granulated sugar  
1 c. canned pumpkin puree  
1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice ,½ tsp  
cinnamon, ¼ tsp each of ground ginger  
& nutmeg  
1 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. baking powder  
1 ½ c. all-purpose flour

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees and lightly grease an 8 or 9" pan. (A deeper pan works best.)
2. Make the topping by whisking together all the dry ingredients. Add melted butter , stirring until well combined. Set aside.
3. Make the filling by mixing ingredients together and set aside. Cocoa powder is just for color so may be left out if you desire.
4. Beat together oil, eggs, sugar, pumpkin, spices, salt, and baking powder until smooth for the cake. Add flour, stirring until just smooth.
5. Pour one half of batter into prepared pan, spreading it to the edges. Sprinkle the filling over the batter.
6. Top the filling with the remaining batter and spread it out. Use a knife to "marble" but not mix through the batters and filling. It should just be swirled through.
7. Sprinkle the topping over the batter.
8. Bake until light brown on top, a toothpick inserted comes out clean —40 to 45 minutes.
9. Remove cake from oven and allow to cool at least 20 minutes before serving.



## From the ELCA

*CHICAGO – The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) joins the Church of Sweden and The Episcopal Church in a commitment to work together to advocate for national and international policies that address the urgency of the climate crisis and help create resilient communities while leaving no one behind. This statement is a renewal and update of the commitment made by the three church bodies in 2013.*

*The following is an excerpt from the official statement released by the ELCA. To read the full statement, please go to [www.elca.org](http://www.elca.org).*

For several years, The Episcopal Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and the Church of Sweden (Lutheran) have responded with increasing urgency to the damages being inflicted on Earth, our common home. The intensity of the challenges becomes ever more apparent, and the link of unprecedented climate change to human action rests now on insurmountable scientific evidence. In human societies, these climate changes compound social injustices, disproportionately affecting the most vulnerable among us with insecurities of food, livelihood and living space. Yet the burdens are not borne by humans alone: acceleration in the disappearance of species of plants and animals underlines the intertwined struggles of all life on Earth, and the destructive exploitation of resources leaves a diminished planet for all time to come.

As we observe the Season of Creation, we renew the call for our churches to work together for the sake of Earth and to build collaborations wherever possible, both with other communities of faith and with diverse agents in our civil society. Now is the time for science, politics, business, culture and religion — everything that is an expression of human dignity — to address together this critical issue for our time.

Specifically, we commit ourselves to work together to allow the common commitments and different contexts of our churches to challenge, inspire, complement and strengthen one another's witness.

1. We will advocate for national and international policies and regulations that enable transitions to carbon neutral resilient societies in ways attentive to the many dimensions of climate justice.
2. We will pursue education and advocacy efforts that attend to the most vulnerable, whose needs must be put ahead of the more privileged.
3. We will raise awareness in our churches by promoting the use of education, worship and action resources available locally, regionally, nationally and globally.
4. We will seek deeper understanding, through praying and listening to experiences in our own communities and with others, about ways overconsumption can be addressed and about the diverse impacts of climate change.
5. We will build multiple collaborations: through support and cooperation with our international communities, through inter-religious dialogue and shared advocacy, through national and international organizations and with all others seeking to address climate change.

Signed  
The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton,  
Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The Most Rev. Dr. Antje Jackelén  
Archbishop Church of Sweden

The Most Rev. Michael B Curry  
Presiding Bishop and Primate  
The Episcopal Church

# HOLY LOVE EVENTS

The Fall Stewardship emphasis, Bearing Fruit for Jesus, will conclude with Harvest Sunday on November 10th. At that time, we are asked to place upon the altar our commitments of time, talent and money - the fruits of God's love in our lives.

By now, you will have received a packet in the mail containing a financial commitment form, and a time and talent form, along with our new Ministry Booklet to help you select those ministries that fit your interests and talents. Please fill these forms out and bring them to church on November 10th.

In recognition of our theme this year, Fellowship hour will feature fruit pies! Remember that Holly Love exists because of you and can do its ministry in this place and in the world only with your commitment to those ministries.

*See you on*

# HARVEST SUNDAY

## Sunday School News



Save the Date: Holy Love's annual Christmas Program will be held this year on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Rehearsals begin on November 10<sup>th</sup>** during Sunday School for children and youth in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and older. Younger Children will rehearse Christmas music during November (followed by regular Sunday School) and will join the full rehearsal on December 8th. No rehearsal held Thanksgiving weekend.

If your child would like a speaking role but is unable to attend on November 10<sup>th</sup>, please contact Laura Flynn at [lflynn1029@gmail.com](mailto:lflynn1029@gmail.com) or Amy Schmuck at [Youth@holylovelutheran.org](mailto:Youth@holylovelutheran.org). Adult and high school volunteers are also needed!



# HOLY LOVE EVENTS



## Women's Bible Study Returns

Women of Holy Love are invited to join our bible study. 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.

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

### Fall study dates are:

November 13  
December 4



Theology Pub meets the third Thursday of each month at LuBo's Pizza in Aurora. Please join us.

### Next Theology Pub:

When: November 21st  
from 6pm-7:30 pm

Where: 15352 E. Ida Dr. Unit H  
Centennial, CO 80015

Topic: TBA



## **Social Networking**

When: November 12  
from 5-6:30 pm  
Where: Peak to Peak Taproom  
16701 E. Iliff Ave,  
Aurora, CO 80013

# HOLY LOVE EVENTS

## RTLCL Senior High Retreat

### Fully Known November 22-24, 2019

Understanding ourselves helps us understand one another. Join in a weekend of exploring who you are in the safety of a community that trusts we are all created and beloved as God's children- no exceptions. We will explore the personality tools of the Enneagram and Meyer's Brigg's Type Indicator (MBTI). These will be used to deepen our self-awareness and how we can grow deeper in our relationships with God and one another. In small groups we will get a chance to allow ourselves to both know/and be known by one another. All of this takes place in the context of the beauty of God's creation at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp. Trusting God fully knows us and loves us, we get to be courageous and vulnerable as we learn, play, sing, dance and celebrate.

### 2019's KEYNOTE SPEAKER

our own Pastor Margot Wright!



**Cost for the weekend is \$155 per student.**

**Registration Deadline is Nov 3, 2019.**

Carpooling will be arranged. Register and pay with Lord of the Hills, follow the above QR Code to the registration link!

*Questions? Ask your youth ministry contact.*



**Sunday Morning  
Adult Study**

***Sunday Morning Adult Education  
has resumed at Holy Love.***

- Nov. 3rd: Theology of the Reformation
- Nov. 17th: Guest Host from New Beginnings.  
New Beginnings provides ministry to women in prison.
- Nov. 24th: Kinesiology of Worship
- Dec. 1st: Kinesiology of Worship (cont.)
- Dec. 8th: Kinesiology of Worship (cont.)

## Youth Events and Deadlines in November

- Nov. 3: RTLCL Senior High Retreat Registration Deadline
- Nov. 3: Y3 Youth Meeting at Holy Love
- Nov. 10: Confirmation Class
- Nov. 22-24: RTLCL Senior High Retreat
- Nov. 24: Confirmation Class



## Advent Devotional Writers Needed!

Please mark your calendar for Nov. 10th at 10 am during adult ed for orientation and sign-up to help write this year's Advent Devotionals. This year's theme is Joy!

Your talent and time is greatly appreciated.



# HOLY LOVE EVENTS

## Thanksgiving Baskets for Aurora Interfaith

This year we will once again be donating Thanksgiving baskets to families served by *Aurora Interfaith Community Services, AIC*. AIC has been faithfully serving Aurora residents in need since 1975.

There is no required list of items so please be creative and assemble a basket or box of foods your family typically enjoys at Thanksgiving time. All donations must be nonperishable. We ask that you also donate a \$25 gift card to either Walmart or King Soopers so recipients can purchase a turkey and other fresh food items.

Please consider donating a basket so a family can celebrate Thanksgiving in their home with their loved ones.

## Thanksgiving Baskets



### Suggested items are:

Canned vegetables  
Chicken or veggie broth  
Pie fillings  
Cranberry sauce  
Cider  
Cookies

Canned fruits  
Pie crust mix  
Stuffing mix  
Boxed potatoes  
Nuts  
Candy

**Please deliver completed baskets to  
the church office no later than  
Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.**

Contact Peggy Apmann if you have questions at 303-693-1802 or  
[rgammg@yahoo.com](mailto:rgammg@yahoo.com)

## Tree Decorating

Help decorate the Holy Love Christmas Tree.

Saturday,  
November 30th  
9:30-10:30 am



# HOLY LOVE EVENTS

A SERVICE of

## Thanksgiving

Tuesday, November 26th @ 7 pm

### Angel Tree

During Christmas every year, Lutheran Family Services (LFS) works with local churches and community groups to provide gifts for their clients.

Holy Love is participating in the Angel Tree project again this year. Our focus this year is on older adults and children.

The Angel Tree will be set up in the Narthex with 45 ornaments. Each ornament lists the name and gender of the client, the age, and their Christmas wish. If you choose to participate, please purchase the gift, (preferably) put it in a gift bag, return it to the church and put under the tree.

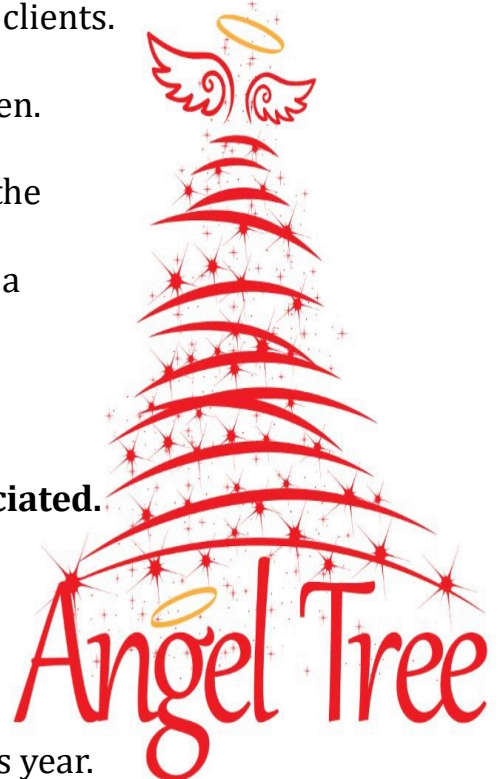
All gifts will be picked up after each Sunday service. **All gifts NEED to be returned by Sunday, December 8th.**

**Please note the following guidelines:**

- **Keep gifts unwrapped – gift bags are greatly appreciated.**
- **Attach the ornament to the gift you purchased**

If you have any questions, contact Marie Christianson at 303-699-4890 or email at [mxchri3@hotmail.com](mailto:mxchri3@hotmail.com).

Thank you for your participation and generosity again this year.





# OUT & ABOUT

Events Happening In Our Community

Aurora Interfaith Community Services is celebrating it's 51st Anniversary at The Summit Event Center. This event will honor all who have helped to create and maintain the organization over the past five decades. Please save the date and enjoy heavy appetizers, wine and beer, silent and live auctions, and entertainment.

**When: November 15**

**Where: Summit Event Center**

**Cost: \$30 (includes wine and beer)**

***Tickets are available by contacting:***

***Pat Torness-Smith at 720-261-0637 or Roxanne at 303-360-9938***

***or go to [www.aurorainterfaithcommunityservices.org](http://www.aurorainterfaithcommunityservices.org)***

***Other ways to participate:***

- 1. Become a sponsor to see your company's name on the screen and in the Gala program*
- 2. Provide a donation to defray the catering costs.*
- 3. Donate a basket for the silent auction.*



2019/20 THEATRE COMPANY SEASON

## THEATRE & THEOLOGY TALKBACKS

Join Pastor Dan Bollman after select performances as he examines our shows through a theological lens. You'll also receive up to 30% off your tickets by attending our select dates. Call 303.446.4829 to reserve your seats.



Holy Love Lutheran has been invited to participate in a special arrangement with the Theater Company of the Denver Center for the Performing Arts. After viewing the performance we will be able to engage with cast members in a moderated talkback on theological issues in each play. The sessions are led by Pastor Dan Bollman. The first performance that we are planning to attend is the Shakespearean comedy, the Twelfth Night.

If you are interested in attending, please sign up in the Narthex or let Lori know at

[Office@holylovelutheran.org](mailto:Office@holylovelutheran.org)

When: Dec. 12th at 6:30 pm.

Tickets: \$35/person

Reservation Deadline: Sunday, Nov. 10th.



## OUT & ABOUT



### **AWTN Inaugural Fundraiser**

Aurora Warms The Night is holding an inaugural Fundraiser to raise funds to provide shelter to homeless individuals on nights that fall below 20 degrees. The event includes appetizers and a meal. A cash bar will be available. For More Information contact [in-fo@awtnco.org](mailto:info@awtnco.org). RSVP no later than Nov. 22.

**When:** December 6 @ 6 pm  
**Where:** Village Exchange Center,  
 1609 S. Havana St, Aurora, CO 80010



Lori Newsom is playing the part of Amy in the classic Little Women, in Parker, Nov 8-10 and Nov 15-17 (Friday and Saturday evenings, and Saturday and Sunday matinees). Presented by Parker Arts and Sasquatch Productions.

Based on the book by Louisa May Alcott, live, laugh, love, and cry with the four March sisters, Meg, Jo, Amy and Beth, as they go through the many trials and tribulations that have made this story a classic.

Kristin Laurence's frequently performed adaptation of the novel Little Women features an eight-member all female cast and takes us through a portion of Alcott's novel from the introduction of the March sisters to the return of their father from the war as Beth's health begins to fail her.

**Tickets can be found here: <https://tickets.parkerarts.org/event/little-women-laurence/>**

Sunday Schedule :

Worship @ 8:30 & 11 :00 am.

Fellowship between services

Sunday School and Adult Ed @ 10 am

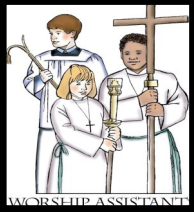
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<b>3</b> 8:30 am Worship Service 10 am Sunday School 10 am Adult Ed 11 am Worship Service	<b>4</b> 5:30 pm Praise Song 6:30 pm NA	<b>5</b> 7 pm Christian Ed 7 pm Property Committee	<b>6</b> 6 pm NA Meeting 6 pm NA Support 7 pm Chancel Choir	<b>7</b> 7 pm NMRA 7 pm Holy Knit Wits	<b>8</b> 7 am Men's Breakfast 6 pm NA	<b>9</b> 10 am Young Adults Breakfast
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# Serving at Holy Love



## 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](mailto:debbie_and_charlie_a@centurylink.net) or call/text at 303-503-8475. Thank you all for your willingness to serve.

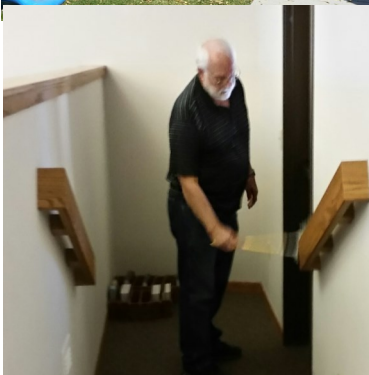
## Flower Sign Up

The flower charts for 2019 are posted 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.

## Fall Fest



The Property team would like to extend our thanks to those who participated in our Fall Fest activities: Kevin Waples, Dave Anderson, Bob Apmann, Bruce Merritt, Kerry Bebe, Darryl, Jason, and Donita Harvey, Rich Newman, Aubrey Hall, Eric Hermanson, Ed Truett, Tom Hare, Bruce Smith, Leigh Brazee, Greg, Dustin, and Mirabel Boynton, Ian Conde, Gayle Rullo, Steve Knuth for all their hard work.



In addition, we thank the Women's Bible Study group and Pre School staff for providing the food. It was delicious and very much enjoyed. Thank you Peggy Apmann, Maridee Lyster, Karen Bentz, Kathy David, Greer Rechlitz, Kay Johnson, Pam Engel, and Julie Hansen, Mary Stephenson, and Veronica Edmonston.





# Breathing Boldly

Thoughts on Confirmation Retreat from Lori Rieger



I'll have to admit that at first, the thought of chaperoning a group of middle school students to, during and from a weekend retreat was well...a little bit like anticipating a root canal. But I agreed because someone had to take one for the team (Please know, that I'm kidding). The truth is we have amazing kids at Holy Love. They are smart, energetic and have some very unique perspectives on our world. Besides, getting to spend time with my daughter at a beautiful location like Rainbow Trail, was really all the motivation I needed and I knew from last year's retreat that we as adults get as much out of these weekends as the kids do.

These kind of events serve as good ways to bolster fellowship with others and encourage people to branch out and make new friends. This year's Confirmation Retreat did

that, but it's main focus was to help teens (and some adults), learn to have fellowship with themselves. As adults, we sometimes think that kids today have it too easy. The reality is they are experiencing stress on a level that we simply didn't have when we were growing up. The social pressure, the constant media exposure, the academic expectations and the ever changing dangers of the world itself, are a lot to handle and there are many young people who struggle with balancing their lives.

Keynote speaker, Pastor Nicol  Raddu Ferry led the weekend with a theme of *Breathing Boldly*. We learned ways to be mindful in our prayer and in our listening, to take time to slow down and breath, and how the Holy Spirit will help us when we are weak. There was meditation, prayer, and lots of reflection - not something you would think would go well with middle schoolers. But through worship services, yoga sessions, intensive listening workshops and a labyrinth, they did just that. They slowed down, they prayed and they - breathed.

Of course it wasn't all quiet and restful, we played hard too. There was hiking, archery, crafts, dance, games (Girls, Gaga ball is still not a thing. 😊) and really good food. Someone may have fallen out of bed and at least one didn't take a shower the whole weekend. We learned that some people get Hangry and that Mr. Ahumuza deserves a medal for chauffeuring 3 girls with questionable music tastes. All and all, it was a fantastic experience and much better than a root canal.

So parents, if you ever have this opportunity, don't pass on it and don't let your kids pass on Rainbow Trail. It's an inspiring place with a staff that is unsurpassed. If for no other reason, make the trip for the sunrise with a hot cup of cocoa and take in the beauty of God's creation. You might even make a new friend. For me, I made a friend named Dakota (see front cover).



**“BECAUSE OF YOU”***shared by Roger Collins, Treasurer from Milt Hallet*

Sometimes when we place our values in life it might be wise to listen to a billionaire who has had it all, but recognizes the reality of life. Thinking about all of the challenges of our lives we must not forget that **“GOD LOVES US”** and not to become so overwhelmed with THINGS rather than what is truly important.

I would like to share a story sent to me by one of our charter members of HOLY LOVE LUTHERN CHURCH, *Milt Hallet*. Thank you MILT.

**PRETTY SAGE OBSERVATIONS.....**

Steve Jobs dies a billionaire, with a fortune of \$7 billion, at the age of 56 from pancreatic cancer, and here are some of his last words...

*"In other eyes, my life is the essence of success, but aside from work, I have little joy. And in the end, wealth is just a fact of life to which I am accustomed."*

*"At this moment, lying on the bed, sick and remembering all my life, I realize that all my recognition and wealth that I have is meaningless in the face of imminent death. You can hire someone to drive a car for you or make money for you - but you cannot rent someone to carry the disease for you. One can find material things, but there is one thing that cannot be found when it is lost - "LIFE".*

*"Treat yourself well, and cherish others. As we get older we are smarter, and we slowly realize that the watch is worth \$30 or \$300 - both of which show the same time. Whether we carry a purse worth \$30 or \$300 - the amount of money in the wallets are the same. Whether we drive a car worth \$150,000, or a car worth \$30,000 - the road and distance are the same and we reach the same destination. If we drink a bottle of wine worth \$300 or wine worth \$10 - the "stroller" will be the same. If the house we live in is 300 square meters, or 3000 square meters - the loneliness is the same."*

*"Your true inner happiness does not come from the material things of this world. Whether you're flying first class, or economy class - if the plane crashes, you crash with it."*

*"So, I hope you understand that when you have friends or someone to talk to - this is true happiness!"*

**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR HOLY LOVE LUTHERAN  
CHURCH THROUGH SEPTEMBER, 2019**

<b>SEPTEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS:</b>	<b>\$22,400</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER EXPENSES :</b>	<b>\$22,102</b>
Budgeted Contributions:	\$25,020	Budgeted Expenses:	\$25,020
<b>Year to Date Contributions:</b>		<b>Year to Date Expenses:</b>	
<b>\$189,915</b>		<b>\$212,631</b>	
Budgeted YTD Contributions	\$225,178	Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$225,178



## Dollars & Sense Advice From Our Finance Team

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### ***ARE YOU OVER 70 ½ RECEIVING IRA RMDs AND WISH TO CONTRIBUTE TO HOLY LOVE IN A TAX-WISE MANNER?***

*Using a portion of your Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) to contribute to Holy Love could be a great way for you to support our congregation while minimizing taxes.*

A Qualified Charitable Distribution, or QCD, is a direct transfer (of as much as \$100,000) by the custodian of your traditional IRA to a qualified charitable organization. Best of all, when done properly funds contributed in this manner count toward the amount necessary to satisfy annual RMD distribution requirements AND the amount so donated is excluded from taxable income at tax filing time.

***It is very important to note -You must be over 70 ½ years old when transfers are made and QCDs cannot be payable first to you with the intent being that you will turn around and write a contribution check. In order to qualify as a QCD, all such contributions must come directly from the IRA custodian payable to Holy Love Lutheran Church prior to December 31<sup>st</sup>. After year-end, our Financial Secretary will promptly acknowledge receipt of all QCDs for tax reporting purposes.***

Our congregation's approved 2019 budget requires average daily spending of over \$800. Unfortunately, through the first 9-months of this year giving has fallen off significantly. Therefore, if this QCD approach is both appropriate and of interest to you, please discuss it with your tax preparer. Should you decide to contribute in this manner, contact your IRA custodian to determine the custodian's procedure to follow.

Thank you for your continued financial support of Holy Love's ministry.

Holy Love Finance Committee



## October School News

By Mary Stephenson, Director

Well, October is over and we are moving forward to November. The month was full of sun, showers or sprinkles, and snow. Not what fall should be.

The month began with the staff attending an all-day In-Service. There was a lot of valuable workshops for each to attend and lots of new ideas to implement in our school. I personally want to thank the staff for helping with the breakfast set-up/clean-up. At least the weather was great for most to eat lunch outside.

Our Jr. Kindergarten class went on a field trip to the DCPA to see “Good Night Moon”. They had a 100% attendance and everyone was excited to participate in the workshop and eat lunch together. Thank you parents for being a part of this great learning experience with your child. During the month the children went on a nature walk and made collages using all of their findings.

All the classes have been busy learning a new letter each week, working on numbers and having fun projects to do in art. Did you notice the pumpkins all around? And I bet you could guess the color of the month for Preschool/Pre-Kindergarten—orange! Both classes went on nature walks and found leaves, sticks and pinecones. The weather was great and each child had lots to show parents at pick-up time.

Our Pre-STEAM class practiced with mixing colors, created colorful wax leaves, counting with candy corn and decorated pumpkins for the room. The children heard new stories, played games and as always enjoy running outside.

Our Pre-K AM and PM classes were treated to an in-school presentation with Tagawa Gardens all about “Mother Nature in our Backyard.”

Fall Break was a most welcome gift to all. I think the staff really enjoyed the time to refresh, regroup and renew. Some traveled and some stayed home but the weather was great for all to enjoy.

Returning from the week off found the staff preparing for our annual Octoberfest celebrations. They took place on October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Children and staff dress up for the parade of costumes. We have lots of games set up in the Fellowship Hall with many parent helpers taking charge of them. The games include: face painting, cookie decorating, ring toss, ‘basket booling’, and many more. Thank you to those helpful parents and to all who donated requested items for their goodie bags to take home. I want to give a great BIG thank you to my staff for coming in on their day off to help make these days such a success. KUDOS to you all!

We experienced lots of snow at the end of the month resulting in our school closing when Cherry Creek was open. Travel wasn’t the safest for our little ones or staff to be out. Thank you Ashley, Heather, Veronica, Terry for helping with notifying parents about this closure. As always, we want our families to use their best judgement and be safe.

## MISSION BELL

Thank you to all who supported our Butter Braid fundraiser. The profit from the sales reached \$4600.00 which will benefit needs for the school. Thank you to the PTO officers for your hard work and all who bought, sold or gave a donation.

Also, thank you to the Property Team for always keeping things flowing, running and any other problems we may encounter. Your work never goes unnoticed!

Fall is such a beautiful time of year with colors. Unfortunately it never lasts very long here in Colorado. God continues to paint a beautiful masterpiece for us to enjoy whether there is sun, clouds or snow in the air. There is always something magnificent to see.

NOVEMBER BLESSINGS AND HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

## October Preschool Highlights





## November Birthdays

Tyler Brazee	Nov. 1	Chloe Jones	Nov. 18
John Harman	Nov. 1	Brent Last	Nov. 18
Haley Rieger	Nov. 1	Rich Newman	Nov. 18
Emelia Truett	Nov. 2	Pam Engel	Nov. 20
Deanna Howry	Nov. 5	Brian Lyster	Nov. 20
Marie Christianson	Nov. 7	Sarah Wraalstad	Nov. 25
Jill Hare	Nov. 8	Julie Hansen	Nov. 26
Bruce Merritt	Nov. 10	Sharon Lewis	Nov. 27
William Baer	Nov. 11	Dorothea Madry	Nov. 27
Mandy Thomspen	Nov. 11	Leta Olszewski	Nov. 27
Aaron Newman	Nov. 13	Judah Bolz-Weber	Nov. 28
Lauren Kennedy	Nov. 16	Harper Bolz- Weber	Nov. 29
Christina Reed	Nov., 16	Donita Harvey	Nov. 29
Ellen Campbell	Nov. 17	Brent Smith	Nov. 29
Laura Flynn	Nov. 17	Connor Miller	Nov. 30



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

# Holy Love Happenings



October was a busy month at Holy Love Lutheran Church, from Fall cleanups to Baptisms. Thank you to all of the people who give of themselves to keep our church in good condition, guide our youth, and work to bring us all together as one family.



## Aurora CROP Hunger Walk



Not Pictured, Pat Torness-Smith & Deb Watson

*THANK YOU to everyone who pledged money for this year's Crop Walk, donated food, filled rice bags with change and/or braved the cold wind to participate in the Walk. Thanks to your care and support many in the world and right here in our own community who do not have enough to eat have been blessed by your donation. Thank you for your support – together we feed the hungry!! God bless you all.*

**Jason Harvey was named the 2019 top fundraiser. Jason raised \$1,895.08.**

*Team Holy Love Aurora **CROP** Hunger Walk Committee*

# Mission Bell

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Change Service Requested

## MISSION BELL

The Mission Bell deadline is the third Wednesday of the month. E-mail blast deadline is Tuesday afternoon. Bulletin deadline is Wednesday afternoon. You may submit articles through the church office email, [office@holylovelutheran.org](mailto:office@holylovelutheran.org)

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