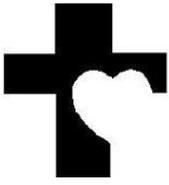


Monthly Newsletter of Holy Love Lutheran Church, Rocky Mountain Synod



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Holy Love Lutheran Church

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**Mon-Thurs:
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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.*

October

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 Lois Greterman (Sue Hall's mother), Helene Schmuck (Alan Schmuck's mother), 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), George Cray (Bob Apmann's cousin), 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), 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, Phyllis Mueller, 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

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. 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.

(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...

Bearing Fruit for Jesus!

Fruit trees are one of the many wonders of God's creation. To see the beauty of the tree and its fruit, to enjoy its taste, and to realize that it all came from a tiny seed is almost beyond our comprehension. An apple seed is planted in the ground, and, with water and sun as nourishment, miraculously a seedling surfaces that develops into a fruit tree. After a period of time, the apple tree fulfills its mission by bearing apples.

We, as Christians, are like that apple tree. We, too, have been fed and nourished by God so we can bear fruit. *"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last"* (John 15:16). Fruit characterizes the life of the Christian steward. When we stay firmly connected to Jesus, we are told that we *"will bear much fruit."* Christ has given us the task of ministering to the needs of others and spreading the Gospel. As we stay connected to him through his Word and Sacraments, we discover God's perfect will for us, and we are empowered to please him by bearing fruit (Colossians 1:9-10). God has created us to bear fruit (Ephesians 2:10), but only through Christ is it possible for us to do so.

How do we bear fruit? It is good to talk about ourselves in these terms, comforting even. I like the thought of being an apple or a peach tree. But it is like the guy who is asked, "If you could be a tree, what kind of tree would you be?" If you are like me, that question produced what Sheldon Cooper on Big Bang called his "look of haughty derision". We at Holy Love have the chance to be someone who nourishes and provides for people needs, physical, emotional and spiritual. With the help of the Holy Spirit and in concert with the entire congregation, we can commit a



portion of ourselves to making that happen. Stewardship is not so much giving what we possess, as it is a sharing of that which we have first been given. We are to *"Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord"* (Ephesians 5:8b-10).

Go and bear fruit!

Pastor's Page

People of God at Holy Love,

It's good to be back with you. As most of you know, I was gone on disability leave for almost six months after a skiing accident, and my doctors decided I'm healthy and recovered enough now to be back, but for now on a part time basis. I want to take some space in this newsletter to share with you what it means that I'm serving as your pastor again.

First, what the council and I decided on is that it makes sense for me to focus on being Holy Love's pastor for three days per week. I'll be at worship on Sundays. I'll be in the office and available to get together with whoever wants to meet one other day of the week (which will vary from week to week). And I'll dedicate one other day to working from home - I'll spend that time doing things like studying, writing, preparing lessons, and planning worship.

My expectation, based on my continuing recovery and on what the doctors have told me, is that I'll gradually increase the time I'm able to dedicate to serving as pastor over the next couple of months so that I'll be back to full time by December, just in time for Advent.

I need to tell you that I'm really glad to be back with you on a regular basis ... and I'm really glad to be healthy enough to be able to be back. I'm tremendously grateful that I was able to dedicate those first, and most crucial, six months exclusively to recovery. And I'm grateful that you're giving me space and permission to focus on continued recovery even while I'm returning to this vocation.

I also want to tell you that even though I'm back part time for now, I've missed being with y'all, and I'll be looking for opportunities to reconnect with this community. Feel free to show up on Sundays, at Social Networking or Theology Pub; or to contact me through email, text, or phone call, and we can set a time to get together.

More than anything, I want to tell you how thankful I am for the support you've graced me and my family with over these past six plus months. Your support and prayers were invaluable, and took a load off of our minds early on when we didn't know how much recovery I would make.

Thank you for welcoming me back. And thank you for continuing to allow me to serve as your pastor.

~ pr. m



*Check out Pastor Matthew's blog!
Available at
www.holylovlutheran.org*

*If you are in need of
Pastoral care during
Pastor Matthew's recovery,
please contact Pastor Jim
Engel at [pastor-
jim2000@yahoo.com](mailto:pastor-jim2000@yahoo.com).*

In the Spotlight

Name: Mike & Lori Rieger

Member Since: 1995

Hometown: Goodrich & Minot, North Dakota

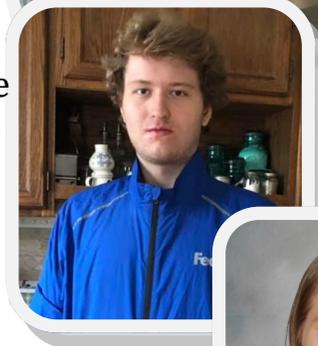
Occupation: Lori: Office Manager @ Holy Love & Instructor/Marketing Director @ATAFMA.
Mike: Director of Technical Support @ Laser Technology, Inc.

Children: Dylan 20
Haley 14

Favorite Part of being a Member of Holy Love:
Traditional worship and being part of the Holy Love Family.

Other Info:

Our son, Dylan is currently a manager at Fed Ex shipping center in Henderson. When not working he takes on-line classes with Metro State and works on his cars. Our daughter, Haley, is in 8th grade at Horizon Middle School. She plays piano, violin and is teaching herself guitar. She is also a 2nd degree black belt in taekwondo.



A Favorite recipe:

Aunt Viola's Apple Crisp

8 Cups Apples
2 Cups Brown Sugar
1 Cup Sugar
2 Cups & 2 TBLSP Flour
2 Cups Oatmeal
1 1/2 tsp Nutmeg
2 Cups Soft Butter
1 1/2 tsp Cinnamon

Peel & slice apples. Place in mixing bowl with Sugar, cinnamon, nutmeg and 2 TBLSP Flour. Mix to coat apples and set aside. In separate bowl, mix brown sugar, oatmeal and remaining flour. Cut in softened butter. Spread enough of the oatmeal mixture on the bottom of 9x13 pan and pat firmly to make bottom crust. Add apple filling and spread evenly. Top with remaining oatmeal mixture. Bake in pre-heated oven at 375 for 30 -35 min.

From the ELCA

With gratitude for those who have gone before and hope for the future, the ELCA gives thanks to God for the ministry of women. In 2019 and 2020 we celebrate 50 years of Lutheran women being ordained in the United States, 40 years of women of color being ordained, and 10 years of LGBTQIA+ individuals being able to serve freely.

As part of this anniversary year, we lament that women have been barred from serving and have been bullied, dismissed and excluded. We also celebrate the gifts and service that women have brought to our church and our world as pastors.



Nov. 22, 1970	Elizabeth Platz is the first woman ordained in a Lutheran church body in North America.
Dec. 20, 1970	Barbara L Andrews is first woman with a disability ordained in the US
March 4, 1979	Lydia Rivera Kalb is the first Latina woman ordained in a Lutheran church body in the US
Aug 26, 1979	Earlean Miller is the first woman of African descent ordained in a Lutheran church body in the US.
July 1, 1982	Asha George-Guiser is the first woman of Asian descent ordained in a Lutheran church body in the US
July 19, 1987	Marlene Whiterabbit Helgemo is the first American Indian woman ordained in a Lutheran church body in the US
Jan. 20, 1990	Ruth Frost and Phyllis Zillhart are the first openly LGBTQIA individuals ordained in a Lutheran church body in the US. The congregation that called them was expelled from the ELCA. Frost and Zillhart were formerly received back into the ELCA in 2010.
June 12 1992	April Ulring Larson first woman of European descent elected as a synod bishop in the ELCA. She was only the second female Lutheran bishop in the world.
Sept. 12, 1999	Louisa Grace is the first octogenarian woman ordained in the ELCA
June 7, 2001	Margarita Martinez is the first woman of color and first Latina woman elected as a synod bishop in the ELCA.
Dec. 12, 2009	Dolores McKay is the first woman of Middle Eastern descent ordained in the ELCA
Oct 1, 2011	Jessica Crist is the fist woman elected as chair of the ELCA Conference of Bishops.
Aug 14, 2013	Elizabeth Eaton is the first woman elected as presiding bishop of the ELCA.
May 5-6, 2018	Patricia A Davenport and Viviane Thomas-Breitfeld are the first women of African descent to be elected as synod bishops in the ELCA.

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.

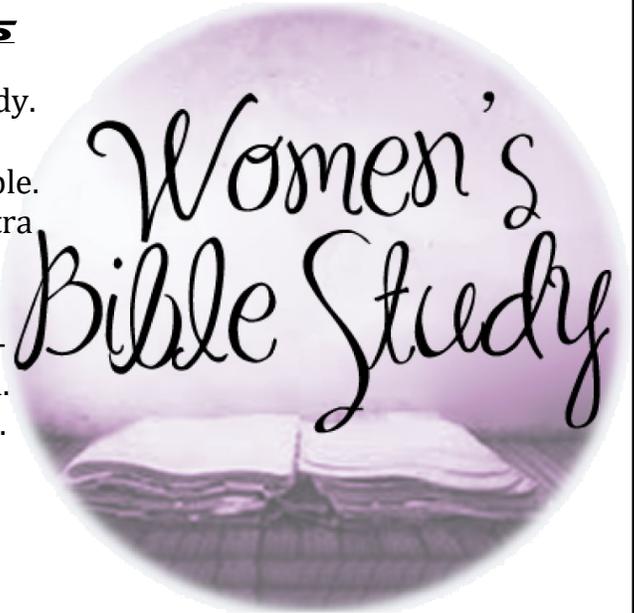
We are a friendly informal group. Please consider attending all the gatherings or come whenever you can. We take turns leading the study and providing treats.

Fall study dates are:

October 9 & 23

November 13

December 4



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



Join Us for Family Game Night

Sat. Oct 12 at 6:00pm

**Adult and Teen Volunteers Needed to Bring/Teach/
Lead games for kids, adults, and families.**

Volunteers and attendees, please **SIGN UP** in the Narthax to designate your PIZZA preferences.

HOLY LOVE EVENTS



Check Out Ways that you can help →

FALL FEST

Holy Love's Annual
Fall Cleanup Day:
October 19th, 2019

We Need You!!!

Fall-fest at Holy Love takes place on Saturday, October 19th. This is the time of year we clean up leaves, trees and bushes, and get our building ready for the coming fall and winter seasons. We start at 8:30 am with coffee and doughnuts in the Fellowship hall. Then check out the list of activities that we hope to accomplish for that day. Tasks range from washing windows, raking leaves, cutting evergreens bushes to washing walls, changing furnace filters, filling the pews with envelopes and pencils. You do not have to be an expert—and you can work by yourself, with a family member, or join a team. Be there on **your** schedule and leave when you have to..any work that you accomplish is appreciated. Lunch will be provided.

If your are willing to help with the outside tree pruning / trimming and raking, please bring tools, rakes and brooms you may have, as we have some but not enough for every one. Thank You.



Join us at October 17th at Lubo's Pizza in Aurora (15352 E. Ida Dr.) from 6-7:30 pm for our monthly theology pub.

This month, Pam Engel will be leading a discussion on "What's Behind Those Hymns?"

Sock-tober

Did you know that socks are one of the most requested items by agencies that serve the homeless and people in need. From October 6- 29, Holy Love will begin collecting **NEW** socks for the Sock It To 'Em Campaign, a non-profit organization that assists numerous Colorado agencies who serve families and our military. Any agency that needs socks is given socks without discrimination. Since the organization was formed in 2012, they have collected over 225,000 pairs of socks . A "sock drawer" will be set up in the Sanctuary . The next time you're at the store, please buy a pair of socks, bring them to church, and help fill the sock drawer!

The opportunity to donate socks will end with **Crazy Sock Sunday** on October 29. Wear your fun and crazy socks to church that Sunday as Pastor Matthew blesses the donated socks and the people who will wear them. That Sunday you will have an opportunity to guess the number of pairs of socks collected for \$1. The winner will receive a prize and the proceeds will be donated to the Sock It To 'Em Campaign.

Questions? Melissa Waples, (303) 617-1137,
mjwaples@comcast.net

More information about the Sock It To 'Em Campaign can be found at: www.sockittoemsockcampaign.org



HOLY LOVE EVENTS



2019 Confirmation Retreat at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp

Registration Cost: \$120.00 (non-refundable) per student (helps to cover adult sponsors and gas) to be paid to Holy Love Lutheran Church by **October 6th, 2019.**

On-line form links can be found on the Rainbow Trail website www.rainbowtrail.org/retreats/confirmation-retreat or e-mail Amy at youth@holylovelutheran.org

Registration Cost: \$120.00 (non-refundable) per student (helps to cover adult sponsors and gas) to be paid to Holy Love Lutheran Church by **October 6th, 2019.**

RTLC 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.

RMS Middle and High School Youth Gathering!



January 18-20, 2020
YMCA of the Rockies, Estes Park
Cost is \$210 per student
Registration Deadline is Oct 13.

Come join other youth as we explore what it means to be transformed by the amazing love of God and to take that transformative love home into everyday life!

Carpooling will be arranged.
Register and pay with Lord of the Hills, follow the QR Code to the registration link!
Questions? Ask your youth ministry contact.



HOLY LOVE EVENTS



Social Networking

When: Oct. 29th from 5-6:30 pm

Where: Peak to Peak Taproom
16701 E. Iliff Ave,
Aurora, CO 80013

Teens Save the Dates for October events and deadlines

Confirmation Classes Sunday October 13th and Oct. 27th 12 “ish”- 2:30 PM

Confirmation Retreat at Rainbow Trail Oct. 18-22nd (Deadline to register Oct. 6th)

(HS) **Y3 monthly meeting** Sunday Oct. 27th 7:00-8:30 PM at Holy Love Lutheran Church

(MS and HS) **Rocky Mountain Synod Youth Gathering** Jan. 18-22 (Deadline to register Oct.13th)

(HS) **Senior High Rainbow Trail Retreat** Nov. 22-24 (Deadline to register November. 4)

Contact Amy Schmuck at youth@holylovelutheran.org for more details and to get on her e-mail contact list if you are not yet.

OUT & ABOUT

Events Happening In Our Community



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

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

Tickets: \$35/person

Reservation Deadline: Sunday, Nov. 10th.

SEASON SPONSORS



October, 2019

Sunday Schedule:
Worship @ 8:30 & 11:00 am.
Fellowship & Sunday School between services.

MISSION BELL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7pm Christian Ed 7 pm Property Team	2 6pm - NA Meeting 6pm - NA Support 7pm - Chancel Choir	3 7pm - National Model Railroad Assoc. 7pm - The Holy Knit Wits	4 7am - Men's Breakfast 6pm - NA	5 4pm - Rainbow Trail Grace Race 5K @ Sloan Lake, Denver, CO
6	7 5:30pm - Praze Song 6:30pm - NA Meeting	8 4pm - Finance Team 7pm - Executive Team 7pm - Worship & Music	9 9:15am - Women's Bible Study 6pm - NA Meeting & Support	10 7pm - The Holy Knit Wits	11 7am - Men's Breakfast 6pm - NA	12 10 am - Young Adult's Breakfast 6 pm - Family Game Night
13 12 pm Confirmation Class	14 5:30pm - Praze Song 6:30pm - NA Meeting	15 7 pm Church Council	16 6pm - NA Meeting 6pm - NA Support 7pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal	17 6pm - Theology Pub 7pm - The Holy Knit Wits	18 7am - Men's Breakfast 6pm - NA	19 8 am - Fall Fest Rainbow Trail Confirmation Retreat
20 Rainbow Trail Confirmation Retreat	21 5:30pm - Praze Song 6:30pm - NA Meeting	22 5:30 - pm Preschool Board 6 pm Stewardship	23 9:15am - Women's Bible Study 6pm - NA Meeting & Support 7pm - Chancel Choir	24 7pm - The Holy Knit Wits	25 7am - Men's Breakfast 6pm - NA	26 8 am Easter Seals
27 12 pm Confirmation Class 7pm Y3 Meeting @HL	28 5:30pm - Praze Song 6:30pm - NA Meeting	29 5 pm - Social Networking at Peak to Peak	30 6pm - NA Meeting 6pm - NA Support 7pm - Chancel Choir Rehearsal	31 7pm - The Holy Knit Wits		

Serving at Holy Love

Mowing Teams



Week	Team	Team Members
Oct. 5	Team 6	Ed Truett Jon Zimmer Steve Ericson
Oct 12	Team 7	Bruce Merritt Willi Ballenthin Dave Anderson
Oct 19	Team 8	Brian Last Greg Harter A Dominguez M. Dominguez
Oct 19	Fallfest	



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 Now



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.



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!



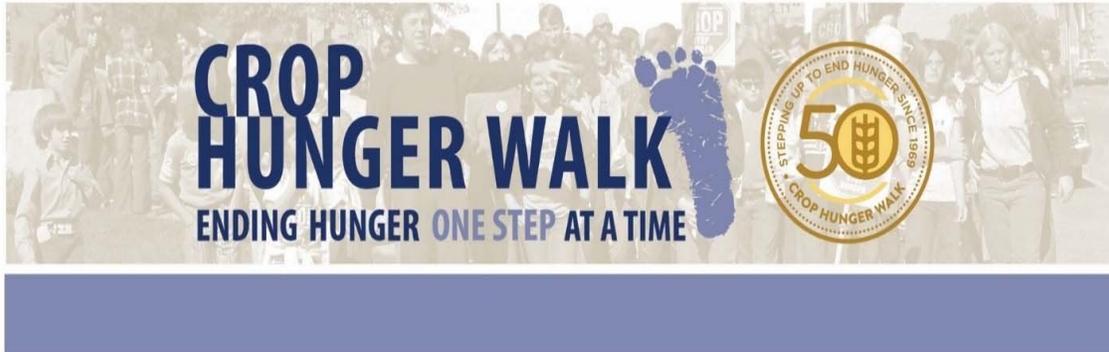
Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains

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.

Support the Response to Hurricane Dorian

Hurricane Dorian caused devastation in the Bahamas and damage in the southeastern United States. Lutheran Disaster Response is working with its partners to provide immediate relief and long-term recovery. To learn more or to make a donation, go to ELCA.org/disaster



Team Holy Love invites you to participate in the
2019 Aurora CROP Hunger Walk

Team Holy Love is looking for walkers and sponsors to support this year's CROP-walk. Sign up to walk with us at Sand Creek Trail, pledge a donation to the walkers or fill a rice bag with change. The Aurora CROP Hunger Walk supports Church World Service's hunger/humanitarian relief efforts. 75% of monies raised in the Aurora CROP Hunger Walk will help globally, disadvantaged people and 25% of monies will be given to *Aurora Interfaith Community Services* to help our local friends and neighbors.

If you are interested in helping support this great cause, want to sign up to walk, need a rice bag or have questions please contact Deb Watson or Donita Harvey.

Sunday, October 20, 2019

1:30 registration opens 2:00 walk will start

We will meet at the Sand Creek Trail, east of Peoria Street on Fitzsimmons Parkway. First left turn from Peoria Street heading east on Fitzsimmons Parkway.

50 years ago a group of youth decided to walk for people around the world. They wanted to help families who were hungry, needed clean water, safe schools, and a way to survive in times of disasters. These kids chose to walk because many people around the world walk every day for everything they need – they don't have cars or buses or Ubers to get to the grocery store, work, or school.

50 years later, there are still hungry and thirsty people who are in need of our help. The best way you can help is to use the same approach these kids used 50 years ago: empathy.

When we walk in a CROP Hunger Walk – we are walking with people in need – and they know that we love them and want to help them. Caring for each other and loving each other is still the best way to live. The way God wants us to live.



September School News

By Mary Stephenson, Director

smoothly. I would like to thank General Air Company for providing the dry ice once more to help keep our ice cream treats cold. Many hands helped to set-up and clean-up which was a great help. The weather was great, too.

The classes have gotten into a daily routine of learning, having fun, hearing stories, learning new songs and making friends. Workbooks have been introduced into some of the classes. Highlights of most every day have been snack and playground. Now what could be better than that! Introducing a new letter to our Preschoolers has been encouraging.

The Kindergarten class went to the Littleton Historic Museum for a field trip. They were able to see a working farm in person. All enjoyed lunch at the site and spent the rest of the day with their parents.

Our Pre-K/Pre-STEAM class went to Senac Nature Center at the Aurora Reservoir for their field trip. They all had a great time and also enjoyed a picnic lunch at the site following their learning experience. The class was visited by a slithering snake during lunch and saw a hawk when leaving. "What a cool experience" Mrs. Cannavo said.

Not only are the children settling into a routine, the staff is as well. Each day brings something new and different yet they maintain calm and comfort in their day to day workings. I am ever so grateful for each and every one of them. If you haven't seen before, they give from their heart and soul to make your child feel very special every day they are here.

The first "Muffins with Mrs. Stephenson" (B.Y.O.C.—coffee) kicked off with open discussion and getting to know who I am. This will be held on a monthly basis hoping to include all class parents. We kicked off Lunch Bunch and Spanish classes on September 9th and 10th. We are excited to welcome back to Spanish Senora Torres. The children love her and she loves them. We are so grateful to our wonderful Lunch Bunch Parents for taking care of the children so the staff can have their lunch time.

Our annual Community Helper Days took place September 24th-25th. We were very happy to have all of our local friends: Aurora Police Department and K-9 Officer, Aurora Fire Department Station 6, City of Aurora Street Department, Falck Ambulance and Ground Engineering represented. We are so grateful they could take time from their busy schedules to be here to help educate our children and staff.

One of our parents from Pre-K/Pre-STEAM, Dr. Chow visited the classroom talking about good health. The Jr. K morning class was invited to listen in on the presentation, too. Deputy Dave Lasinski talked to the Jr. K classes and also Pre-K/Pre-STEAM about being safe. We appreciate both Community Helpers with sharing their knowledge and in-pu with the children.

We have experienced the change of seasons and one can feel it in the air each morning. The sun continues to shine but days are getting shorter. This is the time of year to remember to include a jacket when sending your child to school. One never knows when the temperature will drop.

When enjoying the outside with your child, why not talk about all the beauty you see that is from God. Take note of the colors and the smells. And who knows, you just may see something new!

HAPPY OCTOBER!



MISSION BELL

“Because of YOU”

by Roger Collins, Treasurer

We sing hymns in church, but how often do we think about the meaning of the words? We watch line by line the notes causing us to lower and then go higher with our voices to create beautiful sounds, but what about the message that is being sung? Think about the true meaning of the following hymn.



“I will come to you in the silence. I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear my voice. I claim you as my choice. Be still and know I am here. Do not be afraid, I am with you.

I am hope for all who are hopeless. I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadows of the night I will be your light. Come and rest in me. Do not be afraid I am with you.

I am strength for all the despairing, healing for the ones who dwell in shame. All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name. Do not be afraid. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me. I will bring you home: I love you and you are mine

I am the peace the world cannot give . I will call your name, embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk and live! I have called you each by name. Come and follow me. I will bring you home: I love you and you are mine.”



Remember this prayer: *“Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts, through the Holy Spirit. Amen”*

Thank You for supporting Holy Love. We are grateful for all who share their time, talent and treasures as ways to help others and our church.

Just like each one of us and others, we depend on help to achieve our goals to meet our needs for each month and the future. Your support keeps us going and gives us hope for the future!

***We bring nothing into this world and we take nothing out of it.
Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table,
and with them the offering of our lives.***

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR HOLY LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH THROUGH AUGUST 2019

AUGUST CONTRIBUTIONS:	\$19,973	EXPENSES :	\$16,266
Budgeted Contributions:	\$25,020	Budgeted Expenses:	\$25,020
Year to Date Contributions:	\$190,232	Year to Date Expenses:	\$168,087
Budgeted Year to Date Contributions	\$200,159	Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$200,159

Luther and Lutheranism

Martin Luther (1483-1546)



Martin Luther was eight years old when Christopher Columbus set sail from Europe and landed in the Western Hemisphere. Luther was a young monk and priest when Michaelangelo was painting the Sistine Chapel in Rome. A few years later, he was a junior faculty member at a new university in small-town Germany, intently studying the Scriptures, “captivated with an extraordinary ardor for understanding Paul in the Epistle to the Romans.”

In these days Luther was tormented by the demand for righteousness before God. “I did not love, yes, I hated the righteous God who punishes sinners, and secretly, if not blasphemously, certainly murmuring greatly, I was angry with God.” Then, in the midst of that struggle with God, the message of the Scriptures

became clear, like a long-shut door opening wide. When he realized that a “merciful God justifies us by faith ... I felt that I was altogether born again and had entered paradise itself through open gates.”

What Luther discovered is the freedom of Christians trusting God’s mercy in Christ. As he later wrote, “Faith is God’s work in us. It changes us and makes us to be born anew of God. This faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing. It is impossible for it not to be doing good works incessantly. Faith is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace, so sure and certain that believers would stake their lives on it a thousand times.”

This discovery set Luther’s life on a new course —both his own life and his public service as a preacher and teacher. When a church-endorsed sales team came to the Wittenberg area in October, 1517, Luther was concerned that the promotion and sale of indulgences undermined the promise of God’s unreserved mercy in Jesus and the faith that trusts that promise. His *95 Theses* or *Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences* became the first of a life-long stream of books, sermons, letters, essays, even hymns in which he expressed his confidence in this life-giving promise from God, the Gospel, and its liberating implications for all of life in church and society.

(An excerpt from <https://www.elca.org/Faith/ELCA-Teaching/Luther-and-Lutheranism>)

Why Does Reformation Sunday Matter?

Reformation Sunday will be observed October 27th this year. It commemorates the day Martin Luther posted his 95 Thesis which was October 31st, 1517. The following is an excerpt from an article written by M. Weiner. In the article Weiner addresses why Reformation Sunday is still relevant to us as Christians today. The full article can be found at <https://sojoy.org/reformation>.

1. Reformation Sunday gives us a chance to tell our story – a chance to remember. We all have a family story – how we got to this point in history...Reformation Sunday is a day when we remember and re-tell the family stories of our faith. Stories about men and women who came before us and taught us about the faith. Stories about people who risked everything so that we would be able to gather and worship in the manner that we do.

2. Reformation Sunday reminds us of the most important things. Throughout the year we preach about many things in church. About how we live our daily lives, the choices we make, the habits of our faith. On Reformation Sunday we are brought back to the most important thing – the thing that compelled Luther and others to risk their lives. On Reformation Sunday, we return to the core of our faith: **God loved us first, and God continues to shower us with grace and mercy.**

3. Reformation Sunday challenges us to do better. Through re-telling our story and returning to the core of our faith, Reformation Sunday prods us to do better. We are called to be more loving and grace-filled, because God was gracious and merciful to us. We are called to repent of the times that we have placed barriers that have kept others from hearing the Good News. We are called to remember that all that we are is a gift from God.

Holy Love Happenings



October Birthdays

Brenna Kennedy

October 1

Trinity Willert

October 16

Kerry Beebe

October 3

Liam Cook

October 18

Diana Boynton

October 4

Dave Anderson

October 21

Pastor Jim Engel

October 4

Mike Sinclair

October 22

Stephen Ericson

October 5

Payton Maddox

October 25

Amanda Haertling

October 5

Ava Sampsell

October 25

David Yoder

October 5

Donald Dyer

October 27

Sonja Ericson

October 11

Keely Teynor

October 27

Brian Last

October 13

Cindy Luebke

October 15

Mission Bell

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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

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