

*September*

**MISSION BELL**

*With God's Help,  
all things are possible.*

*~Matthew 19:26*

September, 2019



# Holy Love Lutheran Church

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**Mon-Thurs:  
9 am - 2 pm**

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## 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.*

# September

## Worship Schedule



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

**Beginning September 15th,  
we will return to two services;  
8:30 & 11 am.  
Fellowship & Sunday School  
between services.**

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



Pastor Matthew and his family & doctors, family & friends of Renate Schmidt (Dorothea Madry's aunt), 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) family & friends of Howard Erdmann (Lori Rieger's Dad), 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, Ben Nelson, 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 Kidroy

### **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.)

# Words to Ponder...

## *Bearing Fruit for Jesus!*

***"I am the Vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit"***

~John 15:5

### **Being Fruitful**

Fruit characterizes the life of Christians. The Apostle Paul tells us what that fruit is: *"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control"* (Galatians 5:22-23). This fruit will be evident in the lives of Christians as a natural outcome of Christ's living in us.

Jesus said, *"If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing"* (John 15:5b). It is interesting to note that Jesus did not say, "You should bear fruit." He stated that when we abide in him, it follows naturally that we will bear fruit. We are the branches, and we must stay firmly connected to the Vine in order to be mature and fruitful. Jesus calls each of us to abide in him.

Only as Christ lives in us are we enabled to bear the fruit of his character. Abiding in Christ, we minister to the needs of others as Jesus, the Vine, did during his life on earth. We feed the hungry, give water to the thirsty, entertain the stranger, clothe the naked, and visit the sick and the prisoner (Matthew 25:37-39), all in the name of Christ.



### **How Can We Bear Fruit?**

Fruit is not an attitude we psych ourselves up to attain. We are incapable of training our minds to think only good and pure thoughts so that our resulting actions can be then applauded as well. We know that, try as we might, on our own we are unable to bear fruit. Yet we are told to *"bear fruit ... fruit that will last"* (John 15:16). Jesus stated, *"I am the Vine; you are the branches"* (John 15:5a). He is the Vine who bears the weight of the branches, who provides the needed support, who gives life-giving nourishment and energy to us his branches. Connected to Christ, the Vine, we branches do what comes naturally to any healthy fruit tree: we bear fruit.

### **Chosen to 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). God has chosen each of us to be fruitful. The Holy Spirit shapes and molds us, his chosen people, through a lifelong process of sanctification so we can become fruitful. He calls, gathers, enlightens, and keeps us in the one true faith. The Holy Spirit gathers Christians together as one body and gives gifts to each believer so that all the members might be strengthened. He guides and directs our paths and is with us each step of the way. God has chosen to create, redeem, and sanctify us *"... in order that we might bear fruit to God"* (Romans 7:4b).

This fall as a part of our Stewardship drive, we, the people of Holy Love, will be called to the harvest, so that our gathered fruit of time, talent and treasure may be a blessing to all, within our walls and outside them in the wider world.

*The Stewardship Team*

# Pastor's Page

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People of God at Holy Love,

It's been a long time since I've written an article for this space, and an even longer time since I've been with you good people of God on a regular basis. I wish I had not needed to take this time off from actively serving as your pastor, and have been eagerly anticipating the day when I would be able to return to that role.

Anyway, I'll share the things that I know that you might be interested in right now.

The doctors have told me that they're ready to say that I can go back to work. Which is nice, because as soon as I was cleared to drive again in late August, I started feeling like I'd been off recuperating for long enough.

In talking with one of my doctors, he's agreeing that it would be fine for me to be back to leading worship at Holy Love starting on September 15. However, because I'm still facing the need for continued healing, his recommendation is that my return initially be on a part time basis – the doctor's order is that I'm cleared to work for three days per week.

I've shared this with the church council, who (I believe) agrees that a return on a part time basis would be fine, recognizing that the plan would be for me to ramp up to full time by just before Thanksgiving, in anticipation of Advent and Christmas.

That's a lot of details to say simply that I'm excited and looking forward to being back with you on a regular basis, and to us doing ministry together.

Thank you for letting me continue to serve as your pastor - and more significantly, for gracing me with permission to take time off from being your pastor in order that I could heal as completely as possible.

~Pastor Matthew



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

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***If you are in need of Pastoral care during Pastor Matthew's recovery, please contact Pastor Jim Engel at [pastorjim2000@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorjim2000@yahoo.com).***

# In the Spotlight

**Name:** Alan & Amy Schmuck

**Member Since:** 2015

**Hometown:** Glen Ellyn & Quincy, Illinois

**Occupation:** Amy: Faith Formation Director at Holy Love  
Alan: Profession Services Manager for Imagine Communications.

**Children:** Adam - 17, Connor - 13, & Laney (the Dog) also 13

**Hobbies:** Alan: Bike riding, playing poker, table tennis  
Amy: Running, reading, kayak, hiking, paddling

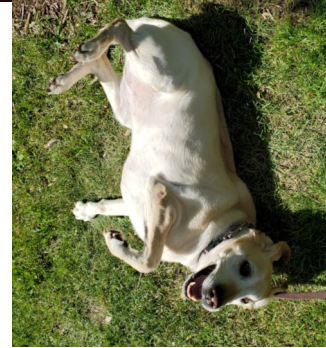
**Favorite Part of being a Member of Holy Love:** Alan: The great fellowship here.  
Amy: Growing in my faith along with other youth & families.

**Other Info:** Pray for us, we will have a freshman and a senior in high school this year!

**Favorite recipe:**

### Tortellini Soup

- Tortellini
- Crushed & diced tomatos
- Vegetable or chicken broth
- Basil
- Oregeno
- Minced Garlic
- Salt & Pepper





The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton was re-elected to a six year term as Presiding Bishop at the recent ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Milwaukee, WI. Elected as the ELCA's fourth presiding bishop at the 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, the Rev. Elizabeth Eaton earned a Master of Divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School and a Bachelor of Music Education from the College of Wooster.

Ordained in 1981, Eaton served three congregations in Ohio before being elected bishop of the ELCA Northeastern Ohio Synod in 2006 and re-elected in May 2013.

Eaton's four emphases for the ELCA are: We are church. We are Lutheran. We are church together. We are church for the sake of the world. These four emphases are fundamental to identifying who the ELCA is. As presiding bishop, Eaton travels extensively, representing the ELCA in a variety of capacities. This has included a visit to a Syrian refugee camp, commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation with Lutherans from around the world in Namibia and participating in an ecumenical service commemorating the Reformation in the Lund, Sweden, cathedral with Pope Francis.

Eaton's husband is the Rev. T. Conrad Selnick, an Episcopal priest. They are parents of two adult children, Rebeckah and Susannah.

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## 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly declares the ELCA a sanctuary church

CHICAGO — The 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly voted Aug. 7 to approve a memorial that affirms the denomination's long-standing commitment to migrants and refugees and declares the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) a sanctuary church body. The ELCA is the first North American denomination to declare itself a sanctuary church body.

As a sanctuary church, the ELCA publicly declares that walking alongside immigrants and refugees is a matter of faith. This declaration does not call for any person, congregation or synod to engage in illegal activity.

The ELCA has developed talking points to address what it means for this church to become a sanctuary denomination. In defining what this means for its congregations, the ELCA states that a sanctuary church will look different in the different contexts across the ELCA. The church cannot mandate or direct ELCA congregations and ministries to respond in certain ways.

The 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly passed the strategy to Accompany Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities (AMMPARO). Through the strategy, the ELCA invites its churches to become "welcoming congregations," which means to commit to spiritually and physically accompanying migrants in their communities, pray for migrant children and families, and advocate for a just and humane immigration system. More than 100 congregations and five synods across the ELCA identify as sanctuary.

# HOLY LOVE EVENTS



## Mack Patrick Ordination

*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.*

*Together in Jesus Christ we are freed  
by grace to live faithfully, witness  
boldly and serve joyfully.*

Our congregation will soon engage in service work right here in our community. We are one of over 9,000 congregations participating in "God's work. Our hands.", Sunday on Sept. 8th. Across the country, thousands of members will engage in service work to make a positive change in our communities, build and deepen relationships and share God's love, Join us as we do God's work with our hands!

**God's Work.  
Our Hands.  
Sunday  
September 8**

We are seeking volunteers at Holy Love Lutheran to help serve in our community. A few of the volunteer opportunities include, Ronald McDonald House, Aurora Interfaith Community Services and the Denver Rescue Mission. Additional service opportunities are also available. Please sign up on the kiosk in the Narthex.

For additional information, please contact Alan Schmuck at 217-316-9696 or [aschmuck@imaginecommunications.com](mailto:aschmuck@imaginecommunications.com) with any questions.



# 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](mailto:rgammg@yahoo.com)*



**Confirmation Classes at  
Holy Love Lutheran Church 2019/2020  
Ready, Set,  
NEW TESTAMENT!**

**Sunday, September 22nd, 12PM**

- \* Parents and Students attend beginning for orientation and lunch
- \* Students stay until 2:30 for class time
- \* Grades 6-8, (if you are older than 8th grade, we can customize a program that fits for you this year too. )

Contact Amy Schmuck for more info at: [youth@holylovelutheran.org](mailto:youth@holylovelutheran.org)



Peach and Pear pickup is September 6 & 7 at Holy Love. Please check your email for details on pickup times and specific instructions.

For additional  
information  
contact

Amy Schumck at  
[youth@holylovelutheran.org](mailto:youth@holylovelutheran.org)

# HOLY LOVE EVENTS

**Coming Soon...**

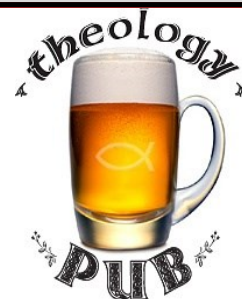


**FALL FEST**

**Holy Love's Annual  
Fall Cleanup Day:**

**October 19th, 2019**

**Stay Tuned for more  
Information!**



Join us at September 19th at Lobo's Pizza in Aurora (15352 E. Ida Dr.) from 6-7:30 pm for our monthly theology pub.

This month, Pastor Harry Laubach will be leading a discussion on the evolution of Satan.

## Teen Save the Dates for September-October events and deadlines

First Confirmation Class- Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 12 "ish"-2:30 PM Parents attend the first part for orientation. Lunch provided!

(HS) "Y3" monthly meeting Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup> 7 PM-8:30 PM at All Saints Lutheran Church

Confirmation Classes Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> 12 "ish"- 2:30 PM

Confirmation Retreat at Rainbow Trail October 18-22<sup>nd</sup> (Deadline to register Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>)

(HS) Y3 monthly meeting Sunday October 27<sup>th</sup> 7:00-8:30 PM at Holy Love Lutheran Church

(MS and HS) Rocky Mountain Synod Youth Gathering January 18-22 (Deadline to register October 13<sup>th</sup>)

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

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

# September, 2019

**Sunday Schedule:**  
**Sept. 8: Worship @ 9:00 am, Fellowship immediately following the service.**  
**Starting Sept. 15: Worship @ 8:30 & 11 :00 am.**  
**Fellowship between services.**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 6pm - Praise Song @ 6:30pm - NA	3 7pm - Christian Ed 7pm - Property	4 6pm - NA Meeting @ 6pm - NA Support 7pm - Chancel Choir	5 7pm - National 7pm - The Holy Knit	6 7am - Men's 6pm - NA @	7 10 am Ordination of Mack Patrick
8 God's Work Our Hands	9 6pm - Praise Song @ 6:30pm - NA	10 4pm - Finance Team	11 9:15am - Women's 6pm - NA Meeting @ 6pm - NA Support 7pm - Chancel Choir	12 7pm - The Holy Knit	13 7am - Men's 6pm - NA @	14 10 am - Young Adults
15 Rally Day Sunday 10:15am - Executive	16 6pm - Praise Song @ 6:30pm - NA	17 7pm - Church	18 6pm - NA Meeting @ 6pm - NA Support 7pm - Chancel Choir	19 6pm - Theology Pub 7pm - The Holy Knit	20 7am - Men's 6pm - NA @	21
22 12pm - Confirmation 7pm - Y3 Youth	23 6pm - NA Meeting @ 6pm - Praise Song @	24 6pm - Preschool 6pm - Stewardship	25 9:15am - Women's 6pm - NA Meeting @ 6pm - NA Support 7pm - Chancel Choir	26 7pm - The Holy Knit	27 7am - Men's 6pm - NA @	28 8 am - Easter Seals
29	30 6pm - Praise Song @	1	2	3	4	5

# Serving at Holy Love

## Mowing Teams



Week	Team	Team Members
Sept 7	Team 2	Eric Hermanson Rich Newman J. Kennedy
Sept 14	Team 3	Bruce Smith Bill Gaer Mark Johnson
Sept 21	Team 4	Greg Boynton Gayle Rullo M. Christenson
Sept 28	Team 5	Tom Hare Joel Unrein Steve Knuth Pat Lugo



## 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 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.

# OUT & ABOUT

Events Happening In Our Community



Skyline Chorus presents "SPELLBOUND," a magical, mystical, musical journey on September 7 with two shows at 3:00 and 7:00. The musical is set in New Orleans over Halloween and All Saints Day weekend when three cousins travel to the city to learn the mystery behind some very strange items inherited from their grandmother. Skyline Chorus, 4<sup>th</sup> place International medalists, will present some beautiful and bewitching music along with several excellent quartets. You will enjoy the story, costuming, and music and this show is great for both adults and children.

Tickets can be purchased through <https://skylinespellbound.eventbrite.com>. Adults: \$22, seniors and children \$17. The show is being presented at Pinnacle Charter School Performing Arts Complex located at 1001 W. 84<sup>th</sup> Ave. Any questions, ask Pam Engel, a member of the chorus.



Breeta is an original Halo Squadron production written and choreographed by the Squadron itself. The play tells the fictional story of a young girl who must overcome her own vanity and privilege to become not only a leader but a good person.

Set in a fantastical universe, this music backed production features energetic martial arts performances and a visually pleasing arrangement. Breeta was created to provide not only entertainment but also valuable life lessons.

Halo is a local non-profit girls group created to help empower young women. (Lori Rieger is a founding member of Halo)

## LET'S DO LUNCH...AND A PLAY?

Join the students of ATAFMA for the *4th Annual Friends and Family Day*. This Annual event serves as a community fun day, empowerment event and a fundraiser for local charities. This year, we are raising funds for *Aurora Warms the Night*, a charity that serves the needs of those suffering from homelessness.

This year's event includes:

- **A Live Theatrical Presentation of Breeta**, an original Martial Arts Play. (Haley Rieger will be performing).
- **A Cultural Food Fest**
- **Board Breaking for Everyone**. Try your hand (or foot) at board breaking. Need not have experience or be a current student.
- **Prize Drawings**. (If you have a business or product you would like to contribute a prize to help raise funds, please talk to Lori Rieger.)

**When: September 21st, 11 am-1pm** (Complete event schedule available at [www.atafma.com](http://www.atafma.com))

**Where: 4510 S. Reservoir Rd., Aurora, CO 80015**

**Admission is just \$5/person!**

Includes meal punch card, play and board breaking! Additional food/activity tickets available for just \$1/ea..

Admission passes are available at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/friends-family-day-tickets-71330939761>  
or contact Lori Rieger @l.rieger@atafma.com.

# Outreach Now



## FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

**Matthew 24:40: Truly I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.**

Are you familiar with how our Holy Love Food Pantry works? Each month a team of dedicated volunteers totally empties the pantry, located in the narthex, and delivers everything to either *Aurora Interfaith (AICS)* or *Peace with Christ Lutheran Church (PWC)*. The process is really just as simple and straight-forward as it sounds – **Member donations accumulate, volunteers deliver 100% of all items, and those in need of food are provided meals.** We have been following this process for the past 18-months and during that time thousands of pounds of food have been donated, delivered, and distributed.

*AICS* and *PWC* each has its own distribution process and each is very well equipped to serve the needy with a wide range of food including meat, vegetables, fruit, dairy, etc. *PWC*, in particular, is only 3-miles east of Holy Love and focusses intentionally on needy in zip codes closest to Holy Love.

When grocery shopping you are asked to spend a few additional dollars on food to donate. Please donate non-perishable protein rich food such as canned tuna, salmon, chicken and beef, peanut or almond butter and nuts. Other excellent items include canned fruits and vegetables, beans, cereal, oatmeal, pasta and sauces. Donations of used clothing cannot be accepted. All you need to do is shop and place items on the shelves; volunteers take care of things from there.

We currently have enough delivery volunteers so that each has been called on every 6-10 months, or so, to make deliveries. However, the more the merrier. If you would care to volunteer please call or email Bob Apmann at 303-693-1802 or [rgammg@yahoo.com](mailto:rgammg@yahoo.com). Additionally, both *PWC* and *AICS* offer numerous other hands-on volunteer opportunities. If you are interested in serving at either of these organizations, once again please contact Bob for more details.

Thanks to all who have donated and to all of you who will choose to donate in the months and years ahead. Last but not least, a special thank-you to each of our delivery volunteers – Marsha Abbott, Peggy & Bob Apmann, Steve & Sonja Ericson, Aubrey & Sue Hall, Julie Hansen, Maridee Lyster, Marcia Monson, Rich Newman, Brenda & George Pease, Ruth Roehrman, Jan Schroeder, and Pat & Clay Smith.

Your Social Ministry Team



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.

## St. Jude's Run Update

Our family recently returned from our annual trip to Illinois in late July/ early August. While these trips to Illinois are a good way for us to stay connected with family and friends that we don't get to see on a regular basis, and provides our family time on the road to either connect or chill in our own little worlds for a while, it is definitely NOT an ideal time of year to be in Illinois. It is typically hot and humid during this time, and sometimes the people we want to see have decided to travel away for vacations elsewhere- even coming to Colorado and basically switching places with us.

"Why would you continue to travel by mini-van to West-Central Illinois at such a time as this?" you might ask. My short answer to you is, "It's for the kids." We come to Quincy Illinois for kids that are not our own children. We do it to be a part of a remarkable weekend of companionship with a common goal. We are a part of a nomadic-type convoy of fundraisers. We drive RVs, and run alongside the two-lane highway overnight for 135 miles to Peoria, Illinois in order to deliver as large a check as possible to St. Jude Children's Hospital. This is the St. Jude Quincy to Peoria Run.

Many of you have asked me about it, so this is not news to you, but for those that haven't, I am a "St. Jude Runner" and this year Alan is a "St. Jude Driver". Back when the hospital in Peoria, IL was finished 38 years ago, a group of like-minded (slightly crazy) people came up with the "Memphis to Peoria St. Jude Run" and from there, satellite runs all around the state of Illinois popped up. Six years ago I ran my first St. Jude run and became 'hooked'. We then moved to Colorado the following year, and because of the timing, I could not participate. I've been returning from Colorado each year to be a part of it since.

St. Jude Children's hospital is largely funded by an organization, ALSAC-American Lebanese Syrian Associated Charities with Danny Thomas (actress Marlo Thomas's father) as the leader, for creating St. Jude Children's Hospitals. What makes St. Jude a remarkable place is that through their unique funding model, NO FAMILY RECEIVES A BILL OF ANY KIND for their child's treatment to fight cancer, leukemia, sickle cell anemia, and many other devastating diseases. The St. Jude Runs do not support the research done by their hospitals, but rather that money goes directly to children and family care, and the cost of the run is covered by generous corporate sponsors.

Yes, the run is an enjoyable experience for us, but it is also one of great spiritual depth. We care for one another on the run, we pray for the children in treatment, and we mourn the children we've lost. We hold carefully in our hearts the families struggling with

cancer that have not had their child referred as a St. Jude patient. We pray for a cure that will put St. Jude out of business. Since it opened in 1967 in Memphis, Tennessee, due to treatments developed by St. Jude, the overall childhood cancer survival rate has gone from 20% to 80%. In addition, St. Jude has achieved a 94% survival rate for ALL, up from 4% in 1962, and the survival rate for medulloblastoma, a type of brain tumor, increased from 10 percent to 85% today.

Without generous donations from caring communities of loving people like you, these statistics would not be. So again, from the bottom of our hearts, thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts. Alan and I raised just over \$3,200, Quincy runners raised \$120,000, ALL runners from 32 communities raised over \$5 million, and with the telethon, our one weekend event raised over \$11 million for St. Jude children and families.

Thank you for indulging in this letter with your attention, and putting up with my constant begging on the behalf of St. Jude kids. It is a passion for me, so I close with these questions: What is your passion? How do you live out your Christian mission of love as a part of fulfilling this passion? Do you have more passions than you have time and energy to serve? How do you manage your time and talents to best serve that love mission? I'd love to talk with you if you are struggling with paring down your efforts. The world has SO MUCH NEED that we can get bogged down with "compassion fatigue". Sometimes the cure for that is to focus in on one thing we can throw our energy and time toward, and see beautiful results.

*"For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith."*

– Galatians 6:8-10.

~Peace and Love,  
Amy Schmuck



# Preschool News

## August School News

By Mary Stephenson, Director

Well, we kicked off our school year 2019-2020 on August 5th with the staff reporting “for duty”! Actually, we started with breakfast for the staff (thank you to Terry and Veronica) and had our start up staff meeting along with welcoming our newest staff members. Lunch was also provided so no one went away hungry that day!

Parent Orientations took place on Friday, August 9th with each class holding their respective Parent Meetings the same day. The teachers handed out necessary information along with a tour of their child’s respective classroom protocol. Thank you to all the staff for stepping up this year to make this new change such a positive one.

We welcomed children to the school August 12th, 13th or 14th and it has been great days so far. Of course we are only into week #2 at the time of this writing but things are looking good. Of course we have had a few criers (parents/children) but I would say more smiles than tears.

The staff was installed at the worship service on Sunday, August 18th. Thank you to Pastor Rick for his participation. Many thanks go to our fabulous School Board for hosting a reception following the service. The cupcakes were so yummy! And we all enjoyed the peach treat!

So now let’s see “Who’s Who at Holy Love Preschool and Kindergarten” this year.

Office Manager: Terry Altman

Preschool Team: Ashley Dymond, Christa Golding, Janis Grau, Melissa Meacham

Pre-K M-W-F Team: Janis Grau, Anne Hermanson, Melissa Meacham, Susan Milosevich

Pre-K/Pre-Steam Team: Michelle Austin, Key Cannavo

Jr. K Team: Veronica Edmiston, Heather Lasinski, Cindy Seaton

Kindergarten Team: Ramona Aganon, Kathy McNutt

I am looking forward to getting to know our newest employees a little bit better each day they are here. The first two weeks have proved they are more than excited to perform their daily duties with the children.

We are excited for our annual PTO ice cream social coming up the end of August. This is a great time for families to chat with staff and other parents. The PTO events planned for this year will be announced monthly. They are planning to sell Butter Braids again, and that fundraiser will be kicking off very soon. Please watch for newsletters and information requesting your participate in your child’s cubbies. PTO is always looking for parents to join in the planning, processing, and overall fun during the school year.

I would like to thank the Property Team for being at our beck and call. Thank you for keeping the water flowing and the toilets flushing. You are always appreciated for the help and unknown work done around here.

As we move forward into this new school year, we ask for your continued prayers for our staff, children and families. God is good and He has surrounded this school with His loving hands since the doors first opened. We appreciate all the support and prayers given to the school. Enjoy the sun from the sky, the cool crisp mornings and the beautiful sunsets at night. God has blessed us with so much!

SEPTEMBER BLESSINGS!





MISSION BELL

Because of You

By Roger Collins, Treasure



A newspaper article was entitled: 'WHY GO TO CHURCH?' The writer of the article posted a question hoping for a response. Soon a church goer wrote a letter to the editor of the newspaper and complained that it made "no sense" to go to church every Sunday.

He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals."

"But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today."

"Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"



The question is "Are you spiritually dead?" For those who read this newsletter and go to church, I do not believe that you are. Thank you for your continued support of Holy Love and all of your and its' ministries.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR HOLY LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH THROUGH JULY, 2019

<b>JULY CONTRIBUTIONS:</b>	<b>\$22,604</b>	<b>JULY EXPENSES :</b>	<b>\$17,437</b>
Budgeted Contributions:	\$25,020	Budgeted Expenses:	\$25,020
<b>Year to Date Contributions:</b>	<b>\$170,258</b>	<b>Year to Date Expenses:</b>	<b>\$151,921</b>
Budgeted YTD Contributions	\$175,140	Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$175,140

"Serve whole hearted fully as if you were serving the Lord, not men." Ephesians 6:7

While traveling on an airplane there is always a message of how to attach your seat belt to protect you from an accident. When we hear this over and over again we often think, "Oh no, not again." But it is necessary to remind us the importance of having this added protection.

Just like the reminder of the seat belt announcement, we at Holy Love also have a reminder of our commitment to our church and our community with our annual "Stewardship Program." In late October and early November we will again have our annual stewardship campaign, "Graced by the Fruits of Our Labor."



Each year we have to plan for the following year of how much money we will need to operate our church successfully. Your commitments through your pledges are critical as to how we can plan various programs and fulfill our obligations of church fixed expenses. YOU are so very, very important to our church and hopefully Holy Love is very, very important to you. Thank you for your commitment to our very successful church.

## 5 Reasons Your Kid Should Attend Sunday School

*(The following excerpt is taken from an article published by The New Times, a Rwandan publication.)*

Life can be hectic, and if you find it challenging just to make it to the worship service at your church, you might not be even be able to think about getting your children to Sunday school. However, it's great to have the support of the church as you teach your children the truths of Scripture. Below, are a few reasons why Sunday school is important.

**1. Learn About God:** When your little ones go to Sunday school, they will find the age-appropriate Bible teaching their young minds are so eager to absorb. Their teachers can shape the lessons to meet the comprehension level and interest of any age. Many Sunday school instructors will incorporate fun activities, like crafts and skits, into the lesson so your children will be able to remember them.

**2. Find Mentors:** Parenting is tough, but when you have Sunday school teachers working to mentor your children, they can provide another source of guidance. The church is a community where everyone helps their neighbors. When you take your children to Sunday school, you can rest assured you have qualified help with their spiritual education.

**3. Make Friends:** If you want your children to make more friends, Sunday school is a great place to find them. As they learn and play together on Sunday mornings, they will be able to form healthy friendships with children whose parents have the same priorities as you.

**4. Form Good Habits:** If you start consistently taking your kiddos to church when they're young, they will forever learn the good habits of church attendance. For the rest of their lives, they'll benefit from the knowledge they gained in Sunday school.

**5. Have Fun:** Don't forget the importance of play and fun. With talented teachers, great activities, and friends they enjoy, your little ones will love going to Sunday school every week. This is a great way to show your kids learning about God can be really cool.

*"Start children off on the way they should go,  
and even when they are old,  
they will not turn from it."  
Proverbs 22:6*

### **Help Guide Our Youngest Members (and guests). Volunteer to Teach!**

Contact Laura Flynn at [lflynn1029@gmail.com](mailto:lflynn1029@gmail.com)

Or Amy Schmuck at [youth@holylovelutheran.org](mailto:youth@holylovelutheran.org)



# Holy Love Happenings



Our collaborative youth group, "Y3" meets most every 4th Sunday of the month at three rotating Aurora area ELCA churches: Lord of the Hills, All Saints, and Holy Love. We began our 2019-2020 program year of examining our faith identity, "I am..." with exploring our baptismal identity: "I am a Child of God" We played with water together, and blessed one another. Our next meeting is September 22nd at All Saints Lutheran Church at 7 PM. All students grade 9-12 are welcome! e-mail Amy at [youth@holylovelutheran.org](mailto:youth@holylovelutheran.org) for more information.

## Scenes from:



## September Birthdays

Michael Peterson	Sept. 1	Eric Hermanson	Sept. 19
Kaitlyn Sinclair	Sept. 4	Richard Thorstad	Sept. 19
Dylan Rieger	Sept. 6	Earl Weihe	Sept. 23
Evalette Reed	Sept. 8	Dan Harris	Sept. 25
Brenda Begger	Sept. 10	Cody Lyster	Sept. 27
Beau Lyster	Sept. 12	Adam Schmuck	Sept. 27
Nicholas McComb	Sept. 15	Debra Young	Sept. 28
Krista Wraalstad	Sept. 15	Jean Roenfeldt	Sept. 30
Greg Harter	Sept. 17	Carol Wilson	Sept. 30
Darryl Harvey	Sept. 18		

# 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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