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A Monthly Newsletter of Holy Love Lutheran Church, Rocky Mountain Synod



Summer of Faith



Holy Love Lutheran Church

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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.*



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.



**Subscribe to us on Youtube. The link
to our page is on our website.**

We are in the process of launching a NEW and Improved website. The address will stay the same but it is definitely getting a facelift. So keep your eyes open and check often.

www.holylovelutheran.org

July

Worship Schedule



Summer Worship Schedule

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

Fellowship to follow.



Our thoughts and prayers are with:

Pastor Matthew and his family & doctors, Ryan Rickard (Laverne Rickard's son), Dave Jensen (Marcia Monson's brother), Dale Fjell (Beth Whitney's cousin), Kathy Milnes (friend of Karen Bentz), Maggie Condie, Billy Eby (Frank & Lorie Eby's great nephew), Brittney (Steve Knuth's niece), Jim Wood, Milly (Terri Altman's mother), Johnna Tavera (Shane Allen's sister), Sue Last, Conner & Cyndi Martin (Friend of Steve Knuth), 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, Howard Erdmann (Lori Rieger's father), Ben Nelson, Phyllis Mueller, Julie Hansen, Shirley Kutowy, Julie Christianson, Brenda Allen, Jenny L. Staggs, Zach & Sydney Brinkmann, Dewy Hertz

Pray for our Military:

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

Prayer Chain



The Holy Love Prayer Chain is essentially an e-mail that will have the prayer additions over the last week. 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.

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

Recently names on the prayer list that could not be identified were removed from the list. If you notice that someone has been removed that shouldn't have been, please let Lori know and she will add them back into the prayer requests. Thank you.

Words to Ponder...

Thoughts from our Interim Faith Formation Director.

June 29th, 2019

Dear People of God at Holy Love,

I send you greetings from my grandparent's home in Sabetha, Kansas. This is a perfect place for seeking respite after Day Camp's "Holy Chaos" has ended. It's a slower pace, relatively quiet compared to the constant noise of "Denver progress", and the need for chores is minimal. This is where we daily watch (and play along with) "Jeopardy!", have an hourly round of "What'd you say?!?", another hourly round of "Where'd I put my hearing aids?" and my favorite pass-time: "Hey, Alan, I have _____ for you to fix/look at/ explain."

Grandpa is 93, and much to our consternation, still gets on ladders to clean his own gutters. Grandma is "none of your business" and is struggling with health problems quite a bit, but gives Grandpa a hard enough time to keep things spicy. Having these two in my life is a huge blessing from God. They have been and continue to be a beautiful example of love, commitment, forgiveness, perseverance, and strength in the face of grief and fear. They truly are my heroes. Watching them age and battle illness is sad, and I hate thinking of a world without either them, but I know the reality of that will need to be faced, and then—moving forward with God's help would be next.

What I've learned from their living examples through these decades cannot be taught in a classroom. How they have moved through the many inter-mingling seasons of joy, health, grief, loss, illness, struggle, and joy again with love is how I hope to move through my own seasons.

If you have a special person in your life that has done this for you, I encourage you to let them know that. Too often our elders feel lonely, and of "not much use" to their families, neighbors and friends as their bodies age and keep them from being able to express their care in the same ways they used to. Even though we never took it for granted, Grandma keeps apologizing for not being able to cook for us the way she used to on our visits. It truly hurts my heart to think she feels "less than", when I'm so very grateful for all the ways she has loved me and my family all these years.

So I leave you with this question, how will you show love today? It's a good one to spend the summer days reflecting on. All small acts of kindness count! And to our Holy Love members who may or may not see themselves as "Our Elders"—THANK YOU for continuing to be shining examples of Christian love to our congregation, and your families. We love you! "My children, our love should not be just words and talk; it must be true love, which shows itself in action." 1 John 3:18

Peace~
Amy

Pastor's Page



Big News from Pastor Matthew!

I'm tremendously happy to let you know that Nicole Engel and I made commitments to spend the rest of our lives together. Our wedding was Monday, July 1. We had a fantastic party, and were surrounded by a small group of family and close friends. Included in this photo are the two of us and our five children (my two and Nicole's three).

Pr. Matthew



Bicycles, Blue Grass, Beer & BBQ

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

Where: Dry Dock Brewing Co.

**Look for more information
regarding including tickets and
instructions soon.**

Go Fund Me Account

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

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



**Pastor Matthew
will be joining us
for Fellowship on
August 11th.
Save the Date!**

In the Spotlight

Meet Our Members

We have amazing members here at Holy Love and we want to put you in the Spotlight. Please fill out a Meet Our Members form available in the Narthex or on our website so that we can get to know one another better.

Name (s): Roger and Nancy Collins
Members Since: 1979 (40 years)
Hometown(s): Roger---Kearney, Nebraska
 Nancy---Minneapolis, Minnesota

Occupation(s): Roger: Manager of Sears stores for 25 years—
 Owned “Signal Graphics Printing” for 15 years,
 Retired 2000—Holy Love Church Treasurer
 Nancy: Housewife—Mother--Church Secretary—
 Owner of business “Signal Graphics Printing”--
 Retired 2000 currently, reading, church organist/piano,
 gardening.

Children: Christine, Jeffrey and Jason
Grandchildren: Lauren, Kaitlyn, Beau and Brady
Hobbies:

Roger: Learning about American Indian history and culture---Travel (many Indian powwows)—
 Teaching adults and children American Indian History—Writing--Playing Santa Claus for Indian children. Helping Indian poverty areas
 Nancy: Music—Playing the organ/piano—attending concerts and plays—travel—PEO —bridge and Mah Jongg—reading and gardening

Favorite part of being a member of Holy Love:

Roger: Church family
 Nancy: Music

Anything else you would like to share about yourself and your family?

*Married 55 years of Love and Understanding.
 Agree to disagree.*



Statements of Faith

On June 9th, 2019, four of our Confirmation students Affirmed their Baptism and gave statements of faith. We are honored to be able to share those statements here.

Alyssa Brazee



What does faith mean to me? I thought about this question for a really long time and I still don't know what it means to me. So as any other stereotypical teenager my age would do, I Google the definition of faith. Dictionary.com says faith is "Strong belief in God or of religion mainly spiritual than proof." After this I still didn't know what it meant to me. So I thought some more and more and I still have no clue. Honestly what is faith and does anyone true ever know. I have gotten myself into a dilemma. So with that and my deadline right around the corner I said I would make up my own version. It was easier to think of things that are not "faith" like, more than others.

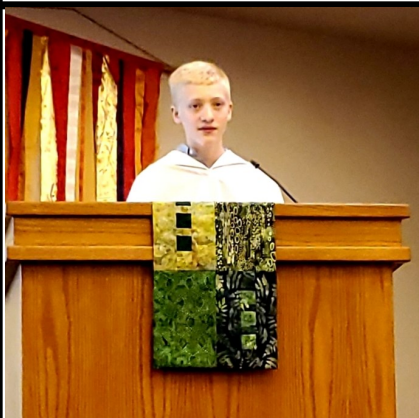
For example: Faith to me is not,

- Kids not getting enough education
- People not being able to afford to eat every week.
- People living in poverty while others are bathing in money.
- People being diagnosed with a disease that is incurable and death like
- Innocent people being blamed for things they have not done.
- A good pastor almost dies from doing something that he loves.
- Nor is it students having to be worried about whether they are safe or not in school.
- Or people having to worry about being safe anywhere.
- It's not a law that lets older men decide what we can or can not do with our lives
- Or a government where people are scared to express who they love
- Even walking outside and going to the beach is dangerous.

I don't know a lot about faith but one thing is for sure that the God I know would not create a word that would have such damage to the world. So I choose to believe that faith is, equality devotion, decency, love, support, freedom and safety. Faith is also my family, my friends, and my supporters.

Thank you

Connor Schmuck



Hello, my name is Connor Schmuck, I'm very nervous and excited to be a part of this Christian community because this is a big step in my life. I have always questioned everything that I know about God and always was interested in other religions but the Lutheran church has had a big impact on my life. You are my community and the people that I enjoy being around. My parents brought me to Christian life and made baptismal promises for me. Thanks, mom and dad. This opened the door to the Lutheran faith. Now it's time for me to affirm those promises on my own and from my own heart. Now I get to be a full member I get to vote on certain

things and learn to be closer to God and the holy trinity. I am excited to be a part of this Christian community and to be more deeply filled with faith and knowledge about God. So thank you God and thank you everyone here that is a part of my life. I hope we can be great neighbors gathered together by faith. I am happy to be in committed Christian community with you all.

Thank you.

Statements of Faith

Hayden Teynor



My journey of my faith was and is a long winding road. It was very easy to start off with when I was in a Lutheran church in Minnesota. I was young and I was having fun with the programs they had.

Then we moved. I was sad to leave my friends but I was happy that I was going to explore something new. When we found this church we were happy to be part of it. My winding road was not fluctuating a lot in this time.

After about 4 years of living here I started to have my road fluctuate a lot. I was straying farther from God. There were also many forks in the road but I was being guided. Not only by god but my parents acting as a GPS for me. They have both helped me a lot in many ways, like when I misbehaved or when needed help.

I have been learning in Confirmation for 3 years but one of the main takeaways for me is how God loves us no matter what and He will forgive you if you have made a mistake. I have also realized that I'm getting closer to God as I'm getting older and as I was learning in confirmation.

In addition to my parents I would also like to thank my Aunt and Uncle Greg and Heidi for helping me in my journey as well and my confirmation mentor Earl and Pastor Mathew.

-Hayden Berge Teynor

Trinity Willert



I created a piece of artwork to be a representation of my faith path for my confirmation statement. First on my path to faith was my introduction into my love of nature and animals, which has stayed with me and hasn't changed over the years. I included a tree made of colorful stones that has represented my love of nature.

Next on my path is a deer skull, although this is not very cheery looking. It stands for my introduction of art being a big part of who I am today. It is a deer skull because this was the first thing that ever interested me in art, and now art is how I express myself and my faith.

Last on my path is a frog/fish creature which represents where I am on my path right now. It's a mix of my never ending childish creativity, and my losses and mistakes mixing together to show who I am. I think we should all stay childlike in our faith and keep learning, and we will all make mistakes on our paths to being faith-filled. You will notice all around the image of my path I included plants because every plant is different and unique just like my faith in GOD, and behind my path are the colors I think represent myself. By this I mean these colors are part of my personality, a little dark and random (not including orange). Finally the green splotches represent the bumps in my faith path, by that I mean the things that have challenged my faith and made me doubt at times.

^^ I am being confirmed to stay close to GOD and my faith, and overcome those doubts.

Trinity Dawn Willert



- June 27, 2019

On behalf of Bishop Gonia, Deacon Erin Power, Assistant to the Bishop for Synodical Life and Peter Severson, Director, Lutheran Advocacy Ministry Colorado share an update on our church's engagement in the crisis on the border and our work to end child detention.

Child Detention and the Border Crisis: What Can We Do?

June 26, 2019

On June 6, 2019, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and other faith leaders issued a statement on children in detention:

"Our houses of worship and agencies have welcomed, engaged and served many migrant families that have recently arrived in the U.S. These migrants have left their communities to provide safety for their children and protect them from harm. Sadly, as a nation we have denied them safety, instead placing them in detention facilities, sometimes long after the mandated 72-hour limit. Many detention centers are overcrowded and lack sanitation, further elevating the risk of serious health issues for migrants already stressed and weakened by their journeys.

We believe our nation and its leaders have both the moral and legal responsibility on behalf of those who seek safety in our land." (Read full statement at www.elca.org)

In the weeks following Bishop Eaton's statement, many more stories have emerged about this ongoing humanitarian crisis. As awful details about the conditions in detention centers have filtered into public consciousness, many people of faith are rightly filled with sadness and anger, as well as a determination to take action. Just as God has shown grace and mercy to God's people, we also seek to reflect that grace and mercy into the world, reaching out with hope to those suffering in our midst. Below are several ways in which you can respond in faith to this crisis:

- 1) Our border and immigration ministries are continuing to offer temporary hospitality to families released from detention. Support the on-going work of Border Servant Corps, Peace Las Cruces, Trinity Las Cruces, Cristo Rey El Paso, and Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains through financial gifts. Volunteer through Border Servant Corps.
- 2) Follow ELCA AMMPARO, ELCA Advocacy, and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service on social media for updates and action alerts. Respond to action alerts and share in your networks.
- 3) Contact your elected officials in Congress and ask them to end child detention by exercising legal oversight. <https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials>.
- 4) Know Your Rights. Learn what rights you have when you interact with immigration agents or the police. Share and post this information openly in your buildings.
- 5) Connect with organizations in your community supporting immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers such as the New Mexico Faith Coalition for Immigrant Justice, Annunciation House El Paso, Metro Denver Sanctuary Coalition, and the American Friends Service Committee

"Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs" (Matthew 19:14).

God of love, we give thanks for the people and communities opening their doors to welcome refugees and asylum seekers. Sustain them in their work.

God of comfort be present to the children living in detention centers crying out for justice. Let them know your peace. Stir up compassion in the employees and administrators in charge of their care. God of mercy, help us find the courage and compassion to end child detention and bring about a system rooted in your love for all humanity. We offer prayers that come in the form of tears, with sighs too deep for words, Amen

HOLY LOVE EVENTS



God's Work Our Hands

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

If you would like to contribute, please contact Alan at 217-316-9696 or

aschmuck@imaginecommunications.com



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

During the month of July, HLLC will be showing our Christmas Spirit by helping to provide for the hungry and those in need. There are a couple of ways you can help.

- ⇒ Each Sunday in July the ushers will have grocery bags available. Please take one home and return it to the church full of healthy non-perishable items. We will be donating the items to the Aurora Interfaith and Peace with Christ Food Pantries. *Please note that the need to provide for the hungry increases in the summer as children are home from school and often do not have access to healthy meals. Let's do our part to provide for the hungry in our area this summer.*
- ⇒ We are also collecting backpacks and supplies for Lutheran Family Services this year, to be distributed to refugees and foster families.. A list of supplies can be downloaded from our website on the Youth and Family Page.. Backpacks need to be at the church by Sunday, July 21st.

For more information, please contact :Melissa Waples at mjwaples@comcast.net or Amy Schmuck at youth@holylovelutheran.org.

Theology Pub

Pastor Harry Laubach will be leading the July Theology Pub. The topic of discussion will be Forgiveness.

When: July 18th, 6-7:30 pm

Where: Lubo's Pizza
15352 E Ida Dr.
(Parker/Orchard)



Social Networking

Join us for some good old fashioned social networking. You know, the kind where you put down your phone and just talk to each other.

When: Tuesday, July 23rd
5:30 pm

Where: Two22 Brew
4550 S. Reservoir Rd.



HOLY LOVE EVENTS



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COLORADO FAITH DAY AT THE ROCKIES

Sunday, August 18th @ 1:10 pm

Postgame concert featuring Kari Jobe and presentations by Rockies Players, Jon Gray and Daniel Murphy.

Tickets: \$26/person (Section 117, Rows 20-23, Seats 1-6)

Reserve your tickets and find additional information on the kiosk in the Narthex. Only 25 tickets available. Call Jean Roenfeldt for more information at 303-690-4326.

Youth & Family Events



Summer Local Mystery Mission Trip Day! Middle School

(entering 6th-8th)

Thursday, July 11th 9 AM-5PM

Meet at Lord of the Hills Lutheran Church 9AM

21755 East Smoky Hill Rd. Centennial, CO 80015

Pick up at LOTH at 5 PM

This event is FREE **

To register you can use this QR code

or contact Amy Schmuck for the link

at: youth@holylovelutheran.org

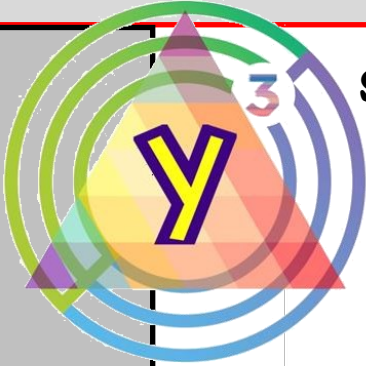
Cell: 720-682-4768

**contact Amy Schmuck if you are a Thrivent

Member and want to help.



HOLY LOVE EVENTS



Summer Local Mystery Mission Trip Day!

(entering 9-12)

Friday, July 12th 9 AM-5PM

Meet at Holy Love Lutheran Church 9AM

4210 S. Chambers Rd. Aurora, CO 80014

Pick up at Holy Love at 5 PM

This event is FREE **

To register you can use this QR code

or contact Amy Schmuck for the link

at: youth@holylovelutheran.org

Cell: 720-682-4768

**contact Amy Schmuck if you are a Thrivent Member and want to help.



2019 Youth Group Welcome Picnic!

Saturday, July 13th

11-3 pm



We welcome all

9th graders-12th graders

and their families to join us for a fun get together at Aurora Reservoir! We will play, kayak

Scan this QR code to register,



You can also RSVP Amy at

youth@holylovelutheran.org if you are willing to fit kids/ other families in your car to drive in fewer vehicles so we can set up at Lord of the Hills to car-pool.

***Things we need: Thrivent members who still have a Thrivent grant left to apply for, someone to bring a grill, any outdoor games (bags, badminton, etc.) and folding chairs if you have one.

Last names A-L bring a side, M-Z bring a dessert

Youth & Family Events

July, 2019

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1 6pm Praise Song 6:30pm NA Meeting	2 7pm Property	3 6pm NA Meeting 6pm NA Support	4 7pm The Holy Knit Wits 7 pm National Model Railway Association	5 7am Men's Breakfast Village Inn 6pm NA Meeting	6
7 9 am Worship Service 10 am Fellowship	8 6pm Praise Song 6:30pm NA Meeting	9 4pm Finance Team	10 6pm NA Meeting 6pm NA Support	11 9 am - 5 pm Middle School Mystery Mission Trip 7pm The Holy Knit Wits	12 7am Men's Breakfast Village Inn 9 am- 5 pm HS Mystery Mission Trip 6pm NA Meeting	13 10am Young Adults Breakfast 11am- 3 pm Youth Group Welcome Picnic
14 9 am Worship Service 10 am Fellowship	15 6pm Praise Song 6:30pm NA Meeting	16 7pm Church Council	17 6pm NA Meeting 6pm NA Support	18 6 pm Theology Pub 7pm The Holy Knit Wits	19 7am Men's Breakfast Village Inn 6pm NA Meeting	20
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28 9 am Worship Service 10 am Fellowship	29 6pm Praise Song 6:30pm NA Meeting	30	31 6pm NA Meeting 6pm NA Support			29

Serving at Holy Love

Mowing Teams



Week	Team	Team Members
July 6	Team 1	Kevin Waples Melissa Waples Charlie Anderson Debbie Anderson
July 13	Team 2	Eric Hermanson Rich Newman J. Kennedy
July 20	Team 3	Bruce Smith Bill Gaer Mark Johnson
July 27	Team 4	Greg Boynton Gayle Rullo M. Christianson



Worship Assistants

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

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

Flower Sign Up

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

Outreach Opportunities



Our Food Pantry Always Needs Donations

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

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



Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains

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

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



AURORA warms THE NIGHT

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

Summer Lunches are Back

You can also volunteer to help provide lunch in the park to people experiencing homelessness in Aurora. You sign up for dates starting with June 17th at www.aurorawarmsthenight.org


Outreach Opportunities (Cont.)

Support Team Schmuck

The Team Schmuck relay team is running to Peoria for the kids of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, who are battling cancer and other life-threatening diseases.

Families never receive a bill from St. Jude for treatment, travel, housing or food — because all a family should worry about is helping their child live.

Treatments invented at St. Jude have helped push the overall childhood cancer survival rate from 20% to more than 80% since it opened more than 50 years ago. St.



St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
ALSAC • Danny Thomas, Founder
Finding cures. Saving children.

Jude is working to drive the overall survival rate for childhood cancer to 90%, and they won't stop until no child dies from cancer.

Will you join our team and help us make a difference in lives of St. Jude kids?

To donate go to :

<https://fundraising.stjude.org>.

Click on Find a Participant and type in Team Schmuck

July Birthdays at Holy Love

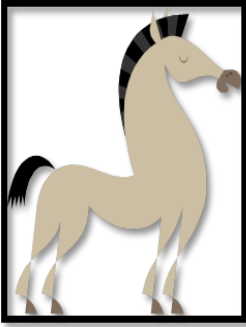
Elaine Kokindo	July 1	Elwood Abbott	July 22
Cindy Hermanson	July 2	Roger Collins	July 22
Twilla Harter	July 5	Valerie Smith	July 22
Joel Unrein	July 7	Robert Apmann	July 23
Olivia Allen	July 10	Karen Bentz	July 23
George Pease	July 10	Addison Lyster	July 23
Aubrey Hall	July 12	Marcia Monson	July 23
Richard Kreuscher	July 13	Ronald Baumgartner	July 24
Richard Howery	July 15	Rebecca Haney	July 25
Halle Taynor	July 15	Steve Alfrey	July 27
Jolene Ebert	July 16	Susanna Last	July 28
Cal Hosman	July 17	Elaina McComb	July 30
Hannah Kennedy	July 17		

“Because of YOU”

by Roger Collins, Treasurer

I would like to share a story that I experienced in the past. Some of you may have heard this story, but it is worth repeating.

Through The Eyes of Others



Friends “give more”...Just up the road is a field with two horses in it. From a distance, each horse looks like any other horse. But if you stop your car, or are walking by, you will notice something quite amazing.

Looking into the eyes of one horse will disclose that he is blind. His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but has made a good home for him. This alone is amazing.

If you stand nearby and listen, you will hear the sound of a bell. Looking around for the source of the sound, you will see that it comes from the other horse in the field. Attached to the horse’s halter is a small bell. It lets the blind horse know where the other one is, so he can follow.

As you stand and watch these two (friends), you’ll see that the horse with the bell is always checking on the blind horse, and that the blind horse will listen for the bell and then slowly walk towards the other horse, trusting that he will not be led astray. When the horse with the bell returns to the shelter of the barn each evening, it stops occasionally and looks back making sure that the blind horse isn’t too far behind to hear the bell.



Like the owner of these two horses, we should not throw away our ability to help others just because they are not perfect or because they have challenges. Life watches over us and even brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need. Sometimes we are the blind horse being guided by the little ringing bell of those who have been placed in our lives. Other times we are the guide horse, helping others to find their way. Good friends are like that...you may not always see them, but you know they are always there. Friends “give more” in many ways that we do not realize. The sharing of our time, talent and treasures makes us the bell ringers. Other times, we are like the blind horse and need guidance and help from the bell ringers.

Thank you for being the bell ringers at Holy Love for you have stepped up and helped not only our church but others.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR HOLY LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH THROUGH MAY 2019

MAY CONTRIBUTIONS:	\$23,190	MAY EXPENSES :	\$20,715
Budgeted Contributions:	\$25,020	Budgeted Expenses:	\$25,020
Year to Date Contributions:	\$124,562	Year to Date Expenses:	\$118,518
Budgeted YTD Contributions	\$125,100	Budgeted YTD Expenses:	\$125,100

Gracious God, Thank You for loving us before we knew it. Create in us new and generous hearts, so that we may love everyone whom you love. Amen.



SCHOOL NEWS

By Mary Stephenson, Director

May School News

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It is very hard to believe the summer is just moving on much too fast. Oh, are we really into summer? The way the weather has been one would really have to wonder.

We have completed our first month of Summer Activity and we averaged 26 children per week. Many sign up in May and unfortunately life happens. The children have enjoyed fun themes of: Space, Around the World and Cooking. Of course each Wednesday was water days and these days proved to be the best fun of all. The weather held out for the fun in the sun these days! A little cloud cover was greatly appreciated, too.

During the travel in space the children learned about the moon, sun and planets. The children created moon pictures, too. During the second week they traveled to the countries of China, England and Mexico. Each child had their own "passport" to take with them. They also learned to do origami and cooking was a blast. Each day they made something different, ie: fried ice cream, bear caves to go along with the story "We Are Going on a Bear Hunt" and pizza. There were other things each day but this is a sampling.



We were closed during Holy Love Day Camp and know the entire building was popping with children. This has always been a very full week and we know many of our families and former families participate.

We will be closed the week of July 1st-5th in observance of the 4th of July. Summer Activity resumes July 9th kicking off Baking Week. We will have two more weeks following and finish up July 25th. We look forward to many more exciting days of fun in the sun and joy-filled times at Holy Love Preschool!

We are currently looking to fill two openings for staff this fall. Positions needed are:

Pre-K/Pre-STEAM Teacher working with 4 year olds. There are 16 children in the class with a Teacher Assistant. Individual must meet the requirements set forth by State Human Services to be Preschool Teacher certified.

Pre-K Teacher Assistant to work with 4 year olds. Position includes planning for art, setting up snack and assisting the Teachers as needed.

If you know of someone or yourself that would be interested in either position, please call the office at 303-693-8519 for further information.

This is the month we celebrate the birthday of our country, July 4th. We owe a great deal to those who are currently serving, have served and have given their life for our freedom. Make sure you show your red, white and blue with pride and celebrate in your own way.

HAPPY JULY AND GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Holy Love Happenings

A quick flashback to the month of June. Check out our webpage, facebook page, YouTube Channel and the weekly E-News for more highlights and pictures.

Affirmation of Baptism Rememberances



**Congratulations to our
2019 Confirmands!**

Day Camp Fun



Our Summer Day Camp was a blast with more than 80 kids attending. Thank you to all who helped make the camp happen.



**Thank you to
Jen Pulscher
who
chaperoned
our Kids at
RTL
Confirmation
Camp**



**Thank you to Pastor Dan
Bollman who has been
providing not only Sunday
Services but also guidance to
our wayward office staff.**

**HLLC Members represented
Holy Hammers at a recent
Rockies Game! Looks like
fun! (below)**



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

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