



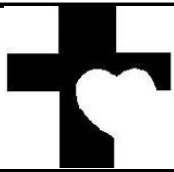
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March, 2020

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Monthly Newsletter of Holy Love Lutheran Church, Rocky Mountain Synod



Holy Love Lutheran Church

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Weekly Email?

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HOLYLOVE

to 22828 to get started.

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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*

The Mission Bell deadline is the third Wednesday of the month. E-News and bulletin deadlines are Tuesday afternoon. Please submit to office@holylodelutheran.org

Check Us Out at www.holylovelutheran.org

March Worship Schedule



Sunday Services
8:30 & 11 am

Fellowship
9:30am

Sunday School
10 am

Mid-week Lenten Services

Wednesdays,
6 pm Soup Supper
7 pm Worship



In Our Prayers

If you know of someone in need of our prayers, please let us know. To add or remove names from the prayer list, please:

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. 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.)

If you would like to be included in the Prayer Chain which goes out via email on Fridays, simply send Lori an email at the address above.

Our thoughts and prayers are with:



Allan Horton, Family & Friends of Daisy Walsh, Peggy Apmann, Ian Condie, Maggie Condie, Allie Nicodemus (Mary Stephenson's granddaughter) Rev. Darrel Peterson, Verne Roenfeldt, Sydney and Zach Brinkmann (Earl and Sue Weihe's niece and nephew), Lynda White (daughter of Jim & Colleen Wood), John Harman, Cal Hosman, Rita Hinze (Dorothea Madry's mother), Jean Roenfeldt, Ron Sadecky (Cindy Hermanson's step father), Joe Fjell (Beth Whitney's brother), Christa Stone (Katherine Allen's mother), Ryan Rickard (Laverne Rickard's son), Dale Fjell (cousin of Beth Whitney), Brittney (Steve Knuth's niece), Johnna Tavera (Shane Allen's sister), Sue Last, Gary Mindt (Lori Rieger's uncle), Vicki Hosman, Miguel Martinez, Rick Thorstad, Agnes Spino, Liam Sinclair, Butch Abbott, Jon Zimmer, Shirley Kutowy, Julie Christianson, Brenda Allen, Jenny L. Staggs, Dewy Hertz

Pray for our Military:

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

Pastor's Page

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

People of God at Holy Love,

By now I expect that most of y'all have heard the news that I've accepted a call from the Synod Council to be the pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Boulder. I hope you understand that this was a really difficult decision for us to make, because I love being part of the community here at Holy Love.

In the twelve years that you've allowed me to serve as your pastor, we've covered some significant ground together. You've learned that person can't have too many bicycles, that there's value in being from Texas, and that bacon may well be its own food group. More importantly, we've explored God's love and grace together, and your faith has strengthened mine.

As I tried to articulate in the letter I sent, the time I've been the pastor at Holy Love has invaluable to me. You've been unbelievably supportive to me through my divorce, and through last year's accident. You've seen Harper and Judah grow up, and you celebrated with me when Nicole and I decided to get married. I've loved being part of Holy Love, and feel grateful that I've been part of this community for these years.

To be honest, I've been of two minds about taking this new call. On the one hand, I love being pastor of Holy Love, and will really miss not being with you. On the other hand, I recognize that there are ways that Holy Love can grow only if you have a different pastor - that there are gifts that another pastor will bring that I don't have.

Further, when Pr. Sarah Moening in the office of the Bishop articulated to me the reasons she and Bishop Gonia thought that I might be well-equipped to be the pastor at Grace at this time in their history, I started to wonder if God was calling me to something different ... since, as I'm sure you know, God often speaks with our voices (just like God's work is done with our hands). I believe that Pr. Sarah was speaking God's words to me, prodding me to move beyond my comfort zone and use my gifts to serve the people of God at Grace.

So here's what'll happen next at Holy Love. I'll continue to serve as your pastor for a few more weeks. My last Sunday will be March 22 ... and apparently there's only one service that day, and probably some kind of shindig planned for after the service. Between now and then, Pr. Sarah will be in contact with the council to start arranging for an Interim Pastor to start working with the council and a transition team.

I'm sure that the council will do their best to communicate what the steps will be that you will all take together as Holy Love sorts out how to work through the call process, and who to call as your next pastor.

I will miss being your pastor. This community will hold a special place in my heart and my memory. Thank you for allowing me to be your pastor for these years, and thank you for your commitment to the Gospel work that Holy Love continues to be called to.

~ pr. m

From the ELCA - Rocky Mountain Synod

Bishop's Blog: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus - Feb 18, 2020

In late January, my wife, Kim, and I joined in a one-week journey with six fellow ELCA Bishops to visit the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL). Much of our time was spent in the West Bank region of Palestine in communities like Beit Sahour, Bethlehem and Beit Jala, where the Lutheran Christian presence is strongest. We also spent time in Ramallah, Jerusalem, Nazareth and then in Jordan for the dedication of the Lutheran Church Bethany beyond the Jordan Baptismal Site.



Language matters. When I first was describing this trip to others, I spoke of going to the Holy Land for the first time. While that was true in a sense, this visit was really about the church to church relationship we enjoy as the ELCA with the ELCJHL. We heard more than once that while many pilgrims come to the Holy Land to walk in the footsteps of Jesus by seeing historical sites related to the life and ministry of Christ, the real accompaniment with Christ happens when we as fellow members of the Body of Christ journey side by side through the realities of today's world.

It is not easy to be a Palestinian in the Holy Land today, let alone a Palestinian Christian. We experienced for ourselves the severe restrictions of movement and rights placed upon many Palestinian Lutherans living in the West Bank. We saw for ourselves the border wall erected to separate Palestine from Israel, we noted the many Israeli settlements that have claimed Palestinian lands and homes. We saw the map that has divided the Palestinian people into unconnected enclaves, making any notion of a coherent nation seemingly unviable. It was clear that all these restrictions on Palestinians were put into place by the government of Israel under the umbrella of security concerns. Yet when we realized the impact on the lives of average Palestinians, who either experience being second class citizens in Israel or are confined to limited spaces in their own homeland, it was impossible not to think of the days of apartheid in South Africa or our own history of confining American Indian people to reservations in this country.

It is a sad irony that a nation founded as a sanctuary for a people long persecuted because of their faith now has a government whose policies result in discrimination and persecution of a people upon whose land this sanctuary nation was founded. We heard over and over again that this is not a religious issue: Jews, Christians and Muslims have lived peaceably together in the Holy Land for centuries. This is a political problem, and it will take leaders with vision and an expansive point of view in both the Israeli and Palestinian governments to forge a path forward that allows Israelis and Palestinians, regardless of their faith, to live in mutual respect, security and harmony.



In the midst of what can seem like a hopeless quagmire, I am grateful.

I am grateful for the ministry and witness of our companions in the ELCJH, the only Arabic-speaking church in the Lutheran World Federation, whose Christian roots go back not just to the Reformation, but to the Pentecost event of Acts 2.

I am grateful to have experienced the profound ministry of the schools of the ELCJHL that have as their explicit mission a desire to raise up leaders that are grounded a holistic vision for life and a commitment to mutual respect among all people.

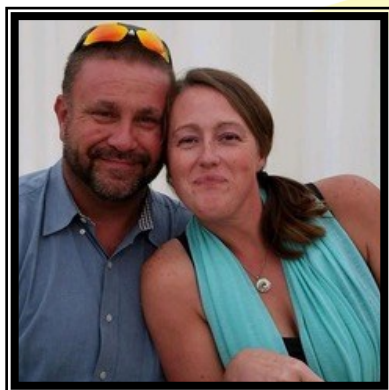
I am grateful for Augusta Victoria Hospital, a ministry of the Lutheran World Federation and a key provider of health care, including critical cancer treatment, for the people of Palestine. I am grateful for the life-giving partnership with Israeli hospitals and the tenacity of leaders at Augusta Victoria who continue to seek ways to open access for Palestinians so that all who need healthcare might receive it.

I am grateful that as a church body, we in the ELCA are able to live in the Spirit's great both/and. We are able to express BOTH our solidarity with Jewish siblings, renouncing any and all forms of anti-Semitism, AND we are able to accompany our Lutheran Palestinian siblings and support their longing for a future filled with justice and hope.

Most of all, I am grateful that I was able to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. I encourage anyone from the ELCA in our Rocky Mountain Synod who may be making a journey to the Holy Land to make contact with our ELCA Peace Not Walls staff, so that your trip may include an opportunity to engage with our siblings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land.

In Faith,
Bishop Jim

In the Spotlight



Introducing Our New Council Member

Name: Katie Sinclair
Family: *Husband:* Mike Sinclair
Children: Kaitlyn, Eva & Caleb

Hometown: Aurora, CO

Occupation: I am a Registered Nurse but do more on the administrative side of nursing. My side job is to help at race type events as the nurse there (Mostly high school bike races).

Hobbies Music (Singing and playing the flute)
 Running
 Reading
 Hanging out with family and friends.

Members Since: 1999

Favorite part of being a Member of Holy Love: The people. I love the feeling of community here.

Other Info: I am excited to serve on council and get to know the inner workings of the church more.

A Favorite Recipe to Share:

Apple Crumb Pie

Makes: 12 Servings

Prep: 20 Minutes. **Bake** at 375° for 30 minutes, then at 350° for 30 minutes.

1 prepared refrigerated pie crust (frozen 15-ounce package)

Crumb:

1/2 cup packed light-brown sugar

1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon cinnamon

Pinch ground cloves

3/4 cup (1-1/2 sticks) unsalted butter, cut in to pieces

1/2 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

Pie Filling:

6 Golden Delicious apples (about 2-1/2 lbs, peeled, cored and cut into 1/2 inch slices)

1/2 cup packed light-brown sugar

1/4 cup all-purpose flour

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Pinch ground cloves

1 tablespoon confectioners' sugar

1. Arrange a rack in the lowest slot of your oven. Heat oven to 375°. Fit piecrust into a 9-inch pie plate and decoratively crimp edge. Refrigerate until you are ready to add filling.
2. Crumb: combine flour, brown sugar, cinnamon, salt and cloves in bowl. Rub in butter with fingertips until crumbly. Stir in nuts, if using.
3. Filling: In a large bowl, mix together apples, brown sugar, flour, cinnamon and cloves.
4. Spoon filling into pie shell, mounding slightly in the center. Top filling with crumb topping. Place on small-foil lined baking sheet.
5. Bake at 375° for 30-minutes. Reduce temperature to 350°. Bake for 30 minutes more, until fruit is tender. Loosely cover pie with aluminum foil during last 20 minutes. Let cool for at least 1-1/2 hours. Can be made a day ahead. Cover pie and store at room temperature. Dust with confectioners' sugar before serving.

Seasonal Worship At Holy Love



Wednesdays

March 4-April 1st

6 pm Soup Supper

7 pm Worship

(Featuring the Holden Evening Prayer)

Soup Needed

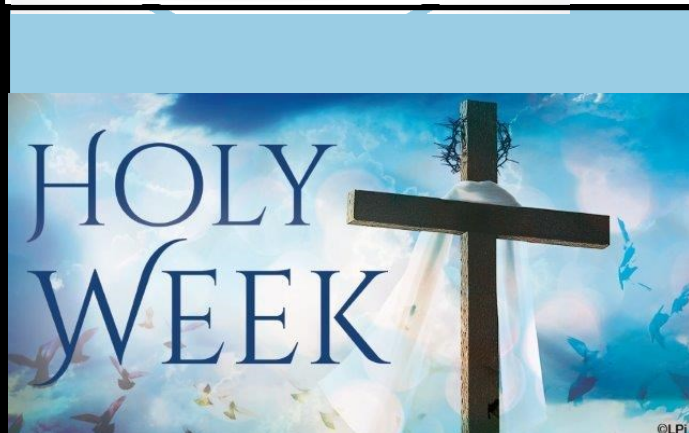
If you are able to bring a soup for the soup suppers, please sign up in the Narthex. We also ask that you bring your own soup bowl to save on our paper consumption.



April 5th

Worship at 8:30 & 11 am

Palm Sunday Breakfast at 9:30 am



Maunday Thursday Worship

April 9th, 7 pm

Good Friday Worship

April 10th, 7 pm

Easter Services

April 12th

8 am

9:30 am

11 am

HOLY LOVE EVENTS



Mark Your Calendar

As you may already know, Pastor Matthew will be leaving us. His last Sunday with us will be March 22nd. We feel very blessed to have had him as our Pastor for the last 12 years and wish him well with his new congregation.

Please mark your calendar as we are planning on holding a farewell event on his last day. More details will be put in the weekly E-News and future bulletins as they are made available.



Save The Date : Friday, April 24th

Holy Love Lutheran Church Volunteers Needed

Holy Love Lutheran Church is participating in its 21st year of hosting the 9Health Fair. Please consider donating your time to help us reach over 500 members of the community! We are looking for people to help set up Thursday evening, day of fair medical and non-medical volunteers, assistance with take down, and food donations for Thursday dinner, Friday breakfast and lunch. No experience necessary!

For questions, contact Keely Teynor at keely9healthfair@gmail.org. Please sign up on the bulletin boards in the Narthex, or send an email to Keely and she'll put you in touch with the right person. Thanks for your participation – we couldn't do this without you!



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.

Upcoming study date:

March 11 & 25

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



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

Next Theology Pub:

When:

March 18th from 6pm-7:30 pm

Where:

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

Topic:

TBA

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION



Amy Schmuck has begun the process to become a Deacon in the Lutheran Church. Part of the process, is a Psychological Evaluation that has a fee of \$950. As a way to support Amy through this process, the council is requesting a special offering throughout the month of March to help offset any costs that Amy has already incurred. Please note on the envelope that the offering is to go to "Amy's fund".

Please feel free to contact Beth Whitney at cwscounselor@comcast.net or 720-579-4482 if you have any questions.

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Membership Directory 2020

The 2020 edition of the Membership Directory is now available. Digital downloads can be found in the weekly E-News or you may request a .pdf by contacting Lori at office@holylovelutheran.org. Traditional print copies are available on the welcome stand in the Narthex.

Lions and Camels, and Goats
Oh My!
-Lenten Family Devotional on Creation



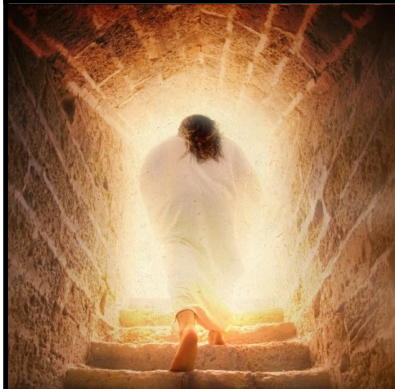
Lenten Devotionals

As special table has been set up in the Narthex that will have several types of Devotionals available for you. This year, in addition to our traditional Lenten Devotional Booklet, Wondrous Love, we also have copies of a special family devotional, *Lions and Camels, and Goats, Oh My!* (available for download in the e-news and on our website).

The table also has some fun "The Great Three Days" pins and magnets that you can take home. Please enjoy!

Topics for Mid-Week Lenten Services:

This year, the topic of study for Mid-Week Lenten Services will be Death and Resurrection. In particular, we will be looking at Job, Moses and Ruth with a possibility of Jacob and Lazarus.



HOLY LOVE YOUTH EVENTS

Youth & Parent

meeting

Meet with **Amy Schmuck** (Interim Faith Formation Director) and **Beth Whitney** (Church Council President) to discuss Holy Love Programing for Children and Youth.

What's working well?

What would be better?

How can your family contribute?

Supervised activities for children will occur concurrently.

PIZZA PROVIDED by the Christian Education/Youth Ministry Committee.

ATTENTION CONFIRMATION

STUDENTS:

CLASS DATE CHANGE:



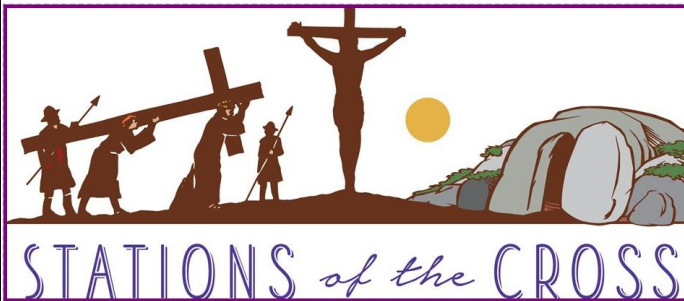
Please adjust your calendar to have your March 22nd class on **March 15th instead.**

Additionally: Your March 8th class is also on **Daylight Savings Sunday**, so don't forget to set your clocks forward Saturday night!



Youth Calendar

- 3/1 Youth/Parent Town Hall @12 pm
- 3/8 Confirmation Class @12pm
- 3/15 Confirmation Class @12pm
- 3/22 Pastor Matthew's last Sunday
Y3 @7pm
- 4/4 Confirmation Lock-In
- 4/5 Palm Sunday Breakfast between services.



"Jesus, help us walk in your steps."



Saturday April 4th at Holy Love Lutheran Church

Join our Confirmation Students for walking the Stations of the Cross at Holy Love Lutheran Church. All are welcome!

6 PM Pot-luck dinner, with stations beginning 7 PM.

Seeking volunteers who would like to assist with reading parts, prop/set work, and musicians to play some music at the last station.

Contact Amy at youth@holylovelutheran.org for more information.

HOLY LOVE YOUTH EVENTS

Upcoming Events for Sunday School Families



Back by Popular Demand!
We perform a new routine as the
Hosanna Drill Team
Palm Sunday April 5th
During 8:30am Worship



*Thank You
for your
support!*

Easter Party & Egg Hunt

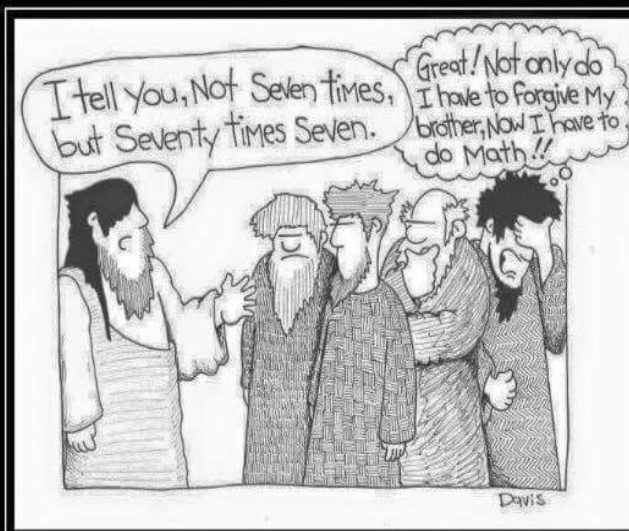


Saturday April 11th
10:00am – 11:30am

More Eggs! More Activities!
More VOLUNTEERS Needed!



Holy Love typically does First Instruction in Holy Communion for third graders, and anyone who's older than third grade but hasn't participated in their first instruction yet. If you know someone who falls into that category and who would like to start learning about Holy Communion, please email Pr. Matthew (pastor@holovelutheran.org) so that we can schedule the first session when everyone can be there.



FORGIVE

Because it's easier than math. Math is hard.

Serving at Holy Love



Worship Assistants

We are in need of worship assistants. If you can help, please sign up at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/>

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

Flower Sign Up

The flower charts for 2020 are posted in the Narthex. Please consider providing 1 or 2 bouquets for a Sunday morning. Add your name and possibly a short note about why you are providing flowers, place a check made out to Holy Love Lutheran Church for \$35 per bouquet and "flowers for (date)" on the memo line, in the offering plate or on the desk in the church office. Bring the bouquet (s) home after church that Sunday or deliver to a shut-in, etc.

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



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.

MARCH, 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30am Worship 9:30am Fellowship 11 am Worship 12 pm Youth & Parent Meeting	2 5:30 Praise Song 6:30 NA 6:30 pm Personnel Team	3 6 pm Halo Girls Corps 7 pm Christian Ed 7 pm Property Committee	4 6 pm Lent Midweek Soup Supper 6 pm NA 7 pm Lent Midweek Worship 7:30pm Chancel Choir	5 7 pm NMRA 7 pm Holy Knit Wits	6	7 9 am Cub Scout Pack
8 8:30am Worship 9:30am Fellowship 11 am Worship 12 pm Confirmation	9 5:30 Praise Song 6:30 NA	10 4 pm Finance Committee 5:30 pm Preschool Board	11 9:15am Women's Bible Study 6 pm Lent Midweek Soup Supper 6 pm NA Meeting 7 pm Lent Midweek Worship 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	12 7 pm Holy Knit Wits	13 7 am Men's Breakfast @ Village Inn 6 pm NA	14 10 am Young Adults Breakfast
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22 <i>Pastor Matthew's Last Sunday at Holy Love</i> 9 am Worship 7 pm Y3 at LOth	23 5:30 Praise Song 6:30 NA	24 6 pm Stewardship 6 pm Halo Girls Corps	25 9:15am Women's Bible Study 6 pm Lent Midweek Soup Supper 6 pm NA Meeting 7 pm Lent Midweek Worship	26 7 pm Holy Knit Wits	27 7 am Men's Breakfast @ Village Inn 6 pm NA	28 8 am Easter Seals
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Sunday Worship
8:30 & 11 am

Sunday School 10 am
Fellowship Between Services

"BECAUSE OF YOU"

shared by *Roger Collins*, Treasurer

**When GOD solves our problems, we have faith in HIS abilities.
When GOD doesn't solve our problems, HE has faith in our abilities.**

In last month's newsletter I wrote about the financial challenges that Holy Love has and the opportunities and plans to move forward. However, with all of our upcoming challenges, we can and are busy with projects and plans to make 2020 a very impactful and successful year. Our volunteers throughout the church will and can continue to have a positive outlook on our future and we will take each challenge with a new and greater positive approach. But while we focus on what is ahead, let's look at the record of our past which will give us the courage to continue to make Holy Love great.



Your gifts of sharing talents in various ways has allowed us to have grown into a vibrant church. Our Preschool is one of the most successful in Aurora with such talented and dedicated teachers and administrators appealing to over 180 children each week by teaching the children not only their ABC's but helping them to also recognize the strength of OUR faith in GOD and to strengthen their understanding of our churches' faith.

Our exciting Sunday School of learning and the talented sharing of gifts from our church family of volunteers has made our church fun and a great time and place for young folks to experience church with anticipation. Our confirmation program has allowed us to share with other churches the rethinking of how and why church is important to young people.

"Family Game Nights" including potluck dinners allows us to come together and experience the opportunity to not only have fun but to enjoy a time to socialize with our church family. *"The Knit Wits"* (our knitting group who knit articles for the needy), *"Women's Bible Study"* meetings, *"Theology Pub," "Social Networking,"* Men's Breakfast, *"9 Health Fair," "Christmas In July," "God's Work Our Hands"* and *"Souper Sunday"* (help for those who are in need) are all examples of just a fraction of what happens at Holy Love. Our T-Mobile program allows us to contribute to several organizations such as *"Rainbow Trail," "Habitat for Humanity," "Sky Ranch"* (Lutheran camp), *"Aurora Warms the Nights" "Aurora Interfaith Community Services," "Comitis," "Denver Rescue Mission," "Ronald McDonald House," "Sobriety House," "The Delores Project," "World Hunger," "Lutheran Family Services,"* and *"New Beginnings."* *"Rainbow Trail Scholarships," "Food Pantry" "Grace Race,"* and our *"Love Fund"* are examples of additional ways that allow us to share with individuals the finances to meet their specific needs. Our *"Summer Day Camp"* program is another way to allow us to reach out to nearly 100 kids in our surrounding neighborhoods to experience fun and their expanded understanding and love of God.

Some of these activities may be replaced with more and better programs to experience God's gifts and HIS faith in our abilities as Holy Love continues to be our home away from home giving us a time to share our prayers, fabulous music and continual learning concerning our faith in God.



Of course, this article only touches a few of the things of what Holy Love is all about. YOU make things happen and WE will continue to have plans and actions to make this place a vibrant church to belong. YOU are important and our future will remain strong as *"God has faith in our abilities."*

FINANCIAL STATISTICS THROUGH JANUARY, 2020			
JANUARY CONTRIBUTIONS:	\$23,517	JANUARY EXPENSES:	\$23,747
Budgeted Contributions:	\$23,432	Budgeted Expenses:	\$25,757

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

THANK YOU for being a part of our Holy Love church family!

Other Thoughts during this time of transition

Please prayerfully consider what gift(s) the Holy Spirit has given you to serve God and Christ's living body, the church. As you pray about this, consider if are there any other gifts that the Spirit has given you that you have not been consciously aware of? He is now calling you forth to use these gifts for deepening and strengthening Christ's body. As Paul says, *"Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it."*(Rom.12:27)?

We thank you for your time and service to God and His people here at Holy Love Lutheran Church in our partnership in the Gospel. To God, be the glory.

You Are Part of God's Perfect Plan

by Emily Matthews

*God planned the smallest detail
on the day He formed the earth,
And, just as carefully, He planned
each detail of your birth-
He knew the color of your eyes,
the texture of your hair,
The circumstances of your days,
each how and when and where.*

*And God has had a perfect plan
from all eternity
To touch the lives of others
through the lives of you and me-
He blesses us and fill us
with a joy beyond all
For He considers each of us a
rare and priceless treasure..*

*God has a wonderful plan for your life-
unique and as special as you-
For using the talents and gifts
you've received
as only you're able to do.
And so as you praise Him,
reflecting His goodness
and celebrate all that He's done,
May He bring fulfillment
and joy to your heart
making each day a beautiful one .*



Preschool News

February School News
By Mary Stephenson, Director

It is hard to believe the school year is moving so fast. It seems as if it was just August and here we are about to enter the month of March!

I need to introduce you to the newest employee to our team. Tammie Gallegos joined with us the middle of January. She is working as a Teacher Assistant in the Jr. Kindergarten room for the rest of the year. Tammie previously worked at several Christian schools over the course of a few years, the most recent was Lord of the Hills until July of 2019. Tammie replaced Cindy Seaton who resigned in December. We welcome Tammie into our family and look forward to getting to know her better.

Whew! We have completed all our scheduled registration days which began with church on January 26th and moved into February 5th-6th and wrapped up with the community on February 8th. What a response we had on current/former family days...filling the Narthex to beyond

room to move. Families from the community filled the Fellowship Hall so needless to say, some classes were filled with waiting lists started and limited space in other classes. If you know of someone who is looking for a GREAT Preschool why not tell them to call here. We still have scheduled tours and numerous calls for information. Holy Love Preschool and Kindergarten is here to be a blessing to the community.

Our PTO sponsored the very first Family Valentine Dance on Saturday, February 1st. It was held at the LDS Church just down the street from Holy Love. A BIG thank you goes to Kacey Bassett and family for obtaining the use of their church space and another BIG thank you to all those parents who helped decorate, set-up and clean-up. So many families showed up to celebrate, dance and enjoy simple snacks. We look forward to this becoming an annual event.

Our annual "Dad's Mini School" was held on Saturday, February 8th. This is an opportunity for dad and child to play, sing songs, do worship, hear a story and both work on a craft or game together. I want to extend a very BIG thank you to our staff for giving up a Saturday to make this day so special for our guests. And thank you to all who came to spend time with their child.

Our annual Mitten Tree brought in just over 200 warm winter items including hats, mittens, and scarves, all donated to Aurora Inter-faith. Thanks to the Holy Knit Wits, Mary Crum from St. Mark's Lutheran church, and all the Preschool families who donated these wonderful gifts to our community.

Of course February is the month for Valentine parties. Did you notice all the red, white and pink décor surrounding each classroom and bulletin boards? It would be rather hard to have missed it. Each child had decorated their own Valentine bag to collect cards/treats from fellow classmates. Then parties took place the last hour of each class and what a lot of fun, excitement and giggles one could hear coming from the rooms. Thank you to all our helping parents whatever role you played in making this day such a special one for the children.



MISSION BELL

Preschool highlights included celebrating Pink Day, making special crafts depicting President's Day with a parade through the hallway waving flags, learning a new letter each week and working on numbers. Mrs. Golding even created a hockey rink in the water table so the children could "play hockey".

Pre-K M-W-F classes also celebrated Pink Day and Pajama Day enjoying a snack of pancake balls filled with a special surprise of Nutella. Thank you to Mrs. Milo for making many, many yummy pancake balls for all to enjoy. During worship they talked about acts of kindness. They also worked on a new letter each week and practiced numbers. The children made 3-corner hats in celebration of President's Day and also marched through the hallway waving flags.

Pre-K II/Pre-STEAM also worked on a new letter each week as well as practiced numbers. They worked on weather and what to look for in weather changes, animal babies, marsupials and other mammals. The also had a fun day of using magnets.

Jr. K also worked on letters and practiced numbers throughout the month. They started the series "Letters from Felix" which involves learning about different countries. Parents were encouraged to come into the classroom and share their heritage with the class. Some even brought special foods depicting the specific country. Thank you to all the families who were a part of this special time.



Our Kindergarten class learned about ground hogs and made their own ground hog puppet, did lots of Valentine art, learned about President George Washington and President Abe Lincoln, studied American symbols, and learned all about flags and eagles. They even made a mouth with teeth—using marshmallows. I would say they spent the full month learning everything red, white and blue. Of course they had homework, practiced numbers, letters and reading.

We ended the month with a special presentation from Merry-Andrew Afoot, a one man play. The program this year was "Three Wishes". Thank you to PTO for co-sponsoring this special day.

The weather hasn't been the most helpful in getting our children outdoors. Our playground is a winter wonderland, but we can't go outside. The snow will melt where the sun shines but not near the building. But the staff has been able to find different ways to exert built up energy. The weather is out of our control and only God can create what each day should be. We need to appreciate all He provides for us—be it weather, good health, love of family and friends and just every day. All good things come from God. God is good all the time. All the time God is good.



MARCH BLESSINGS TO ALL!

Holy Love Kids

Your Lenten Journey

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22 4 th Sunday of Lent  "I am the light of the world!" John 9:5	23   Create a Prayer Space in your home with a cross, Bible, cloth, and a rock or candle. Gather and pray as a family.	24  Write a prayer for someone in your family—make it a surprise!	25  Thank your Mom for being a great Mother. Read about Jesus' mother in Luke 1:26-38.	26 27  HE LIVES MAKE A BANNER. Use any material (paper, fabric, etc.) for a background. Write a Bible verse or cut out an Easter symbol (butterfly, empty tomb, etc.). Hide it and bring it out Easter Sunday!	28 GO SOMEWHERE QUIET, THINK ABOUT JESUS, AND TALK TO HIM IN A PRAYER.	
29 5 th Sunday of Lent  "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, even if he dies, will live." John 11:25	30  Clean your room without being reminded.	31  Just as food makes your body strong, God's Word makes your soul strong. Today, read Matthew 19:14.	1  Go on a walk today and see all the beautiful things God made for us! APRIL	2  "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Exodus 3:6	3 Pray and remember the Way of the Cross that Jesus walked on Good Friday.	4  Help clean up after a meal.
5 Palm Sunday  "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." Matthew 21:9	6  Watch the movie <i>Jesus of Nazareth</i> as a family and talk about it.	7  Pretzels  Pretzels in the shape of two arms folded in prayer are a traditional Lenten food. INGREDIENTS 1 cake yeast 1 1/2 cups warm water 1 teaspoon salt 1 tablespoon sugar 4 cups flour: 1/2 whole wheat 1/2 unbleached PREPARATION Dissolve the yeast into the warm water, then add the salt and sugar. Blend in the flour mixture. Knead dough until smooth. Cut into small pieces. Roll into ropes, & twist into pretzel shape. Place on lightly greased cookie sheets. Brush pretzel with 1 beaten egg. Sprinkle with coarse salt. Bake immediately at 425° for 12-15 minutes.	8	9 Holy Thursday  "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." John 13:34	10 Good Friday  Be especially quiet from Noon to 3 PM and remember Jesus on the cross. John 19:30	11 Holy Saturday  Color Easter eggs today, and think of Jesus in the tomb. He won't stay there for long!

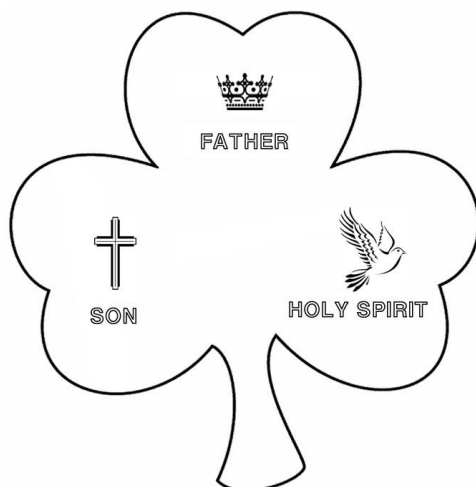



Easter Sunday

APRIL 12


He is not here! He is Risen, just as He said! Matthew 28:6

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The Trinity



Just like the leaves on each shamrock I see, there are three parts to the Holy Trinity.

First is God the Father, then Jesus, His only Son, and the Holy Spirit together as One.



Holy Love Happenings



Thank You James Hersch for another year of great music and new memories. We were blessed by your gifts once again.



Dimanche Gras



On behalf of the Holy Love youth and their families, THANK YOU for supporting the Dimanche Gras Luncheon on Feb. 23rd. We cooked, we decorated, we ate, we fellowshiped, and we cleaned. You truly amazed us with your generosity once again. Over \$650 was donated to support the 2021 Youth Gathering for Holy Love students. Your steadfast outpouring of support for the faith journey of our congregation's young people is overwhelming us with grateful hearts. 'All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the prosperity of your children.' -Isaiah 53:13

(And yes...Hannah found the baby in the king cake!)

March Birthdays



Tim Patrick	March 2
Liam Sampsell	March 2
Aidan Sampsell	March 2
Benjamin Zimmer	March 3
Charlotte Stone	March 4
Julie Kennedy	March 5
Mike Rieger	March 6
Robert Sprague	March 6
Katelyn Miller	March 8
Peggy Apmann	March 9
Leigh Brazee	March 10
Bobbi Riggs	March 11
Michelle Kneipper	March 12
Emme Hank	March 13
Dellan Kirkwood	March 13
Verne Roenfeldt	March 13
Laurie Seymore	March 15

Vincent Liebchen	March 17
Sharon Wolseth	March 18
Kathie Haertling	March 20
Sarah Rechlitz	March 20
Hunter Wraalstad	March 20
Logan Jones	March 23
Bradley Seymore	March 24
Riley Zimmer	March 24
Nicolas Willert	March 25
Benjamin Madry	March 26
Lauren Smith	March 26
Donna Dyer	March 27
Roxann Hare	March 27
Patricia Cole	March 28
Amber Liebchen	March 29
Sarah Herbrand	March 29
Hal Traver	March 31

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