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Our Mission Statement

Inviting all to grow in Christ!



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F R O M T H E



PASTOR

Happy New Year...

When I hear this phrase, I can not help but think of some exciting opportunities that lie ahead for Lord of Life Lutheran Church in 2010!

We will be celebrating the congregation's 25th

anniversary! It will be fantastic to look back at 25 fruitful years of ministry in Moreno Valley and surrounding areas; then get ready for the next leg of our journey with God. We will be taking part in our second Annual Winter Retreat at Camp Yolijwa; January 8-10, 2010. The theme for the weekend will come from the Road to Emmaus story from Luke 24:13-35. I look forward to some fruitful conversation with you all around this topic: How and where is God encountering you? And as we say thank you to those coming off of Church council; we will be welcoming in a new council for February. These folks have given much to Lord of Life in this leadership capacity. It has been a blessing serving with them all! In February, we again will be participating in the Valentines for Vets program. This will be a great chance to connect with those who have given back so much to us and to this country where we are blessed to live. We have now used the beautiful crosses in the front and back of the sanctuary for lifting up prayers of Thanksgiving to our Lord during the fall season and leading up to Christmas. I now would like to focus on who God works through and is present with in our daily lives. So, starting in mid-January I would like you to bring evidence of this in so we can continue to utilize the netting on the crosses. Bring in pictures of family, your favorite color cloth or material of some sort. At the end of this gathering time I pray that the many ways God is present will be evident as we enter this worship space that we are so blessed to have. It is time for continuing our Evangelism efforts into the community where we find ourselves. Coming soon will be times for sharing our faith stories

with each other in a safe space and environment. I will explain this more as time goes on. Last, but certainly not least, I want to lift up our next pet blessing service. This will take place, Sunday, January 24th. Please bring in your favorite pets for this paw-fect time to give thanks for these furry creatures in our lives. Prayerfully consider something new that you would like to be involved in here at Lord of Life. God works in such fantastic ways. Perhaps you have wanted to teach or help make quilts that get sent to brothers and sisters of ours all over the world. We would love to serve with you in this capacity. I am looking forward to a fantastic year in this place, and all the opportunities that lie ahead for us all!

The Spirit is alive and well at Lord of Life, because the Spirit lives in and through all of you! I thank you all for the many ways you serve our Lord. I can not do what I have spoken of alone, but together WE can by God's grace do some awesome things. We have much to be thankful for here at Lord of Life! It is a blessing to be in community with you. What a joy it has been to come into your homes, sharing in conversation and fellowship with you. Your opinion is very important to me. I embrace your thoughts and your perspectives. If something is on your mind let's gather over a cup of coffee or lunch. It is always a good time for food and to be together with one another! I give thanks for each of you on a regular basis, as ministry partners with me from God.

New Year's Resolution: I know many people make various resolutions each year. I would like all of us to make a collective resolution together. I resolve that each of us give a little more of ourselves to God. We have busy lives, but making Him the priority makes all of our journeys just that much better. Resolve to keep him #1 in your heart and mind. Blessings to you all this day! I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Peace,
Pastor Shane



Sweet Monday on Wednesday

It seems like only yesterday we held our first meeting of Sweet Mondays on Wednesday, and here we are a year later! What a blessing this has been for me and I pray for each of you. As you contemplate your New Year's Resolutions for 2010, why not include becoming a part of this ministry and bringing a friend or two or three.

In January, we will meet on January 13 for "A New Year, A New Commitment". In February we will meet on February 10 to discuss "Such a Love as This". Please join us at my home at 24815 Moonshadow Dr, Moreno Valley, 92557. If you need directions or have questions, please call me at 951-485-9660. No reservations are needed. Come as you are and bring a friend.

In His service,
Cindy Cassem



"Re-Gift-O-Ree and Dessert Fellowship"

Just a note to say a big thank you to all those that came out and participated in the first annual "Re-Gift-O-Ree and Dessert Fellowship"! We had 75 items at the event graciously donated by Lord of Life members! I want to say a special thank you to those who donated an item or items to the event - you made it happen!!! In this fundraising event, we collected over \$500.00 for Lord of Life. As we all know, fundraising is a very important part (and it can be fun, too!) of our church. You can look forward to this event next year, only bigger and better, and probably earlier in the month! Stay tuned for our first "Spring Fling" to be held in the spring of this year - more info to come!



Narthex Tile Project

The countdown to Lord of Life's 25th Anniversary has begun. On Sunday, April 19, 2009 Fred Palestis and Jim Cassem announced the beginning of the Narthex Tile Project Fundraiser in which the end result will be a beautiful new tile floor in the Narthex to welcome members and guests into the church and the elimination of any budget shortfall for 2010.

Each tile will be sold for \$100. The center piece of the floor will have the church emblem. This section has already graciously been donated. There are also needs for other donations to help cover the costs of needed supplies such as grout and mortar. Once the tile sales are completed the tiles will be installed.



We wish to thank everyone who has participated in this wonderful endeavor and encourage all members of the congregation to participate in this once in a lifetime opportunity to give back to the church and beautify the Narthex for many years to come.

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The Voice of the Church Council

Fellow Lord of Life members,
 As many of you know by now, if you read the letter sent out by the Church Council, Lord of Life Church is facing a shortfall of funds and our reserves have been used to meet expenses. The Council met several times in November and December to put together a budget void of any unnecessary expenses. The proposed budget will be discussed at the annual meeting in January.

In order to continue the ministries that have become such an important part of who we are, as a body of believers in Christ, we felt it necessary to inform all of you regarding the shape of the church's finances. We request that you continue to prayerfully consider how you might be able to share your gifts with Lord of Life Church and our surrounding community- be it with an extra, end of the year (tax deductible) donation to increase our available funds to continue our ministries, or a way in which you can share your other God-given gifts and talents as we reach out to the community and continue to be "The Miracle on Nason Street."

In His service,
 Cindy Cassem, Secretary



Sunday, January 31st

- **Election of Church Council members**
- **Annual reports**
- **Church budget**

Our Church's Anniversary



PLANS FOR THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF LORD OF LIFE CHURCH ARE WELL UNDERWAY. THIS EXCITING CELEBRATION WILL BE HELD IN APRIL 2010. IT WILL TAKE PLACE AT

RENEDICT CASTLE SINCE THEY WERE SO ACCOMMODATING WHEN WE HELD OUR 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION THERE. THE MENU IS BEING PLANNED, AS WELL AS THE DECORATIONS AND ENTERTAINMENT. IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH ANY OF THESE PREPARATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS.

STAY TUNED FOR MORE EXCITING INFORMATION IN THE MONTHS TO COME.

YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL



January

- Jessie McMillian
- John Stanton
- Ian Abramson
- Paul Mott
- Sally Haase
- Wendy Kozma
- Carole Lantz
- Blanche Ross
- Ethan Hood
- Julie Ellingson
- Shelley Palestis

February

- Michael Brown
- Brianna Egeland
- Tom Gardner
- Robyn Nelson
- Breannon Mott
- Ryannon Mott
- Jordan Mott
- Martha Mott

If your baptism information is not included, or included in error, please contact the church office so that we may update our system. We would like to celebrate everyone's baptism anniversary, so please be sure to contact the church office with your information. Thank you.



2010
Lenten Worship
at
Lord of Life

Worship
Schedule
For Lent

February 17-March 25

Simple suppers at 6 PM
Worship at 7 PM

Ash Wednesday, February 17- Soup Supper
Holy Communion and Imposition of Ash 10 AM & 7 PM

Thursday, February 18 – Casserole Supper

Thursday, February 25 – Taco Supper

Thursday, March 4 – Finger Food Supper

Thursday, March 11 – Chili Supper

Thursday, March 18 – Salad Bar Supper

Thursday, March 25 – International Supper

Holy Week Events

Palm Sunday, March 28

Maundy Thursday, April 1 – Soup Supper

Good Friday, April 2 – No Supper

Easter Sunday, April 4



Please Pray For: Dave Korshavn, John Abramson, the Davis family, the family of John Aagaard, Janell Stanford, Colleen Johnson, Dorothy Parr, Tom Yoder, Katherine Ward, Marie Hyta, Bill Ward, Steve Johnson, the family of Shirley Bryant, the family of Charlotte Defeo, Patricia Soto, Barb Shoemaker, Linda Baginski, Josh Althoff, Maya, Philip Delaney, Alan Yoder, Connie Lowe, Julie Johnson, Arnette Lester, the family of Justo Mares, and all others needing God's healing touch.

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More than 20 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: *"Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat."*

It has transformed Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving. Through this mission, young people learn what it's like to make a positive difference in the world as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need. Lord of Life will be collecting a special offering on February 7th, and you can also show your support by bringing in canned food. All proceeds will go directly to Central City Lutheran Mission. We are grateful to all who join in the partnership of caring.



To our extended family at Lord of Life, The words THANK YOU seem so inadequate to express my appreciation for how the members of LOL have supported my family during this difficult journey, but they are the only words I have. Thank You for the cards, calls, emails, text messages, thoughts, and prayers. You all have journeyed with us from diagnoses to death. Thanks for your strong presence at Cathy's going home service. I even received a card from your beloved Pastor Dave. Cathy had requested that the service be a celebration of her life and faith. With the help of God, I pray she was pleased. As Kennadi, Cassadi, Camryn and I forge a new future together without Cathy being physically present with us, I know we will continue to benefit from the prayers of our sisters and brother at LOL. May you all experience in life a double return of happiness and joy for the love you have poured into our lives. Your brother from another mother, Kenneth Davis (AKA Pastor kd)

Heavenly Printing is once again working on the sponsor ad page for the "Lifeline." Any business owner interested in becoming a sponsor can contact Heavenly Printing at (951) 850-9909. Ads will run for one year. Space is limited and reservations are currently being taken. Help get your name out there!



SAVE THE DATE

When: May 15 - May 16, 2010

Where: Valley View High School

13135 Nason Street, Moreno Valley

Theme: 2010, Cancer will End!

Grab your tennis shoes and join Lord of Life's award winning team in the 24 Hour Fight Against Cancer! There is a place for everyone. Please join us for planning and making this the best Relay ever.

"Relay For Life represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day cancer will be eliminated." There is a peace of mind knowing that, together, we can face the challenges ahead.

For information, contact Deb Weitenhagen

We are the church community that takes up the challenge!



DAFFODIL DAYS



Just a reminder that Daffodil Days will take place in January. Funds raised through the sale of daffodils and teddy bears during Daffodil days, support Cancer Patients and services provided to these patients, such as Road to Recovery, Look Good Feel Better, Patient/Family support Information Lines, and research for the cures. More information to follow.