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Our Mission Statement

Inviting all to grow in Christ!



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It's Christmas morning and, as I write this to you, dear congregation, my heart is humbled and overflowing with love and appreciation to you for the most generous gift, the kind expressions of Christmas love, and the many remembrances.

At the end of one year, and beginning of another, it seems "the thing to do" is to make some resolutions – all of which suggest that we have hopes of making tomorrow better than yesterday, and this year better than the last. The Holy Bible submits, and Martin Luther underlined the value and the necessity of a daily self-examination.

By now, we have all been sifting through the pages of this past year. Some we shall discard, some we shall treasure, others may serve as warning signals for future dangers, and others will be the building blocks for faith, hope, and love.

With every great beginning, the Christian includes an Invocation - calling upon God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to be present; giving thanks for God's presence and acknowledging God's gift to us, which we describe as faith. In faith we begin 2011. By God's goodness we trust it will be!

King George VI; a few months after England entered into World War II addressed the nation on New Year's Eve and, lifting the hopes of the people in those dark days, quoted the poem written by Haskins: "And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown!' And he replied: 'Go out into the darkness and place your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than the known way.'"

Jesus called us "Children of the Light" and called us to let our light so shine that we would lead and love others into His Light and Glory. So, as this New Year begins, may your light continue to shine!



In His Grip,

Pastor Chuck



Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 30th

Election of Church Council members

Annual reports

Church budget



Sweet Monday on Wednesday

ATTENTION LADIES: If you haven't been to Sweet Monday on Wednesday, make it one of your New Year's Resolutions! Sweet Monday on Wednesday will be meeting on January 12 and February 9 from 7-9 pm. We meet at Cindy Cassem's home at 24815 Moonshadow Dr, Moreno Valley, 92557. Please come for a night of wonderful Christian fellowship...and bring a friend. No reservations are needed. Call Cindy at 951-485-9660 if you need more information.



Women of Faith will be coming around again next September. Save the date, Friday and Saturday SEPT 9 and 10, 2011. "Over the

Top" is the theme. We will have many fabulous speakers and lots of good music. A block of 15 tickets has been purchased. Tickets will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. The ladies that attended this year had a fabulous time. Talk to them and find out how much they enjoyed the conference.

Tickets are \$89.00 for the two days.

Conference times are 10:00am to 3:00pm and 7:00pm to 10:00pm on Friday and 9:00am to 5:00pm on Saturday. Box lunches are included for both days. Please contact Deb Weitenhagen for further details.

Cleaning for a Reason

If you know any woman currently undergoing Chemo, please pass the word to her that there is a cleaning service that provides



FREE housecleaning - 1 time per month for 4 months while she is in treatment. All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service.

<http://www.cleaningforareason.org>

Please pass this information on to bless a woman going through cancer treatment.

This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women. It's our job to pass the word and let them know that there are people out there that care. Be a blessing to someone and pass this information along.

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More than 20 years ago, 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.”

Since that day, more that \$71 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around Super Bowl weekend into the nation’s largest celebration 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.

A special offering will be taken on February 6th with 100% of the donation going directly to charity. Be part of this movement that is sharing God’s love with those in need.



LRCC

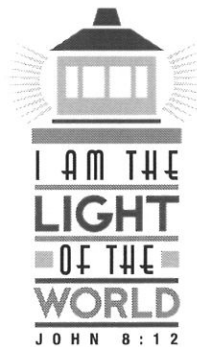
Lutheran Retreats, Camps and Conferences

Winter Retreats 2011 Theme: iFollow

Based on John 8:12

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

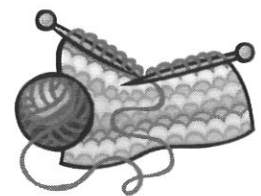


Our Winter Retreats are our most popular youth program, so register now. For information and registration, go to www.LRCCHome.com



Can you knit, crochet, or sew?

Audrey Flickinger has started a **Prayer Shawl/Blanket Ministry** for the members and friends of Lord of Life. If you want to help wrap someone in a warm hug infused with prayer, please contact Audrey. There are patterns for all skill levels. If you or anyone you know would like to receive a prayer shawl, please contact the church office.



Newsletter



Heavenly Printing is once again working on the sponsor ad page in the "Lifeline."

Any business owner

interested in becoming a sponsor can contact Heavenly Printing at (951) 850-9909 or e-mail at heavenlyprintingplm@yahoo.com

Ads will run for one year. Space is limited, so be sure to contact Heavenly Printing right away.

Please be sure to check out the sponsors on the back page of the newsletter and use their services when possible. Thank you.



Thoughts for Valentine's Day

(Written by Youth Director, Erik Gravrock from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Novato; Submitted by Deb Weitenhagen)

While Valentine's Day is primarily a consumer driven holiday in which the retailers of romance profit, it likewise can become the annual obligatory day of showing affection within a relationship. It would seem that for many couples, Valentine's Day becomes the one day of the year where the man is expected to shower his beloved with affection, thereby freeing himself from this responsibility for the remainder of the year. What if God's love for His beloved was fashioned in the same manner?

For many Christians, Christmas and Easter mark the occasions for them to attend church and hear the Gospel. In a sense, such a routine provides these people with only one or two opportunities throughout the year to be reminded of God's love for them. To have such a relationship with God is no different than setting aside Valentine's Day as the one day of the year for demonstrating love for another. In the same way that a woman would be rightly dissatisfied by such an obligatory gesture, so too must be God's response to such a faith-life. The difference, however, is that although God desires to receive our love and devotion, and is disappointed by our failure to make this relationship a priority in our lives, the greater disappointment for God is that we miss out on His outpouring of love to us.

A seminary professor of mine spoke of the Bible as God's love story with His people and the Gospels as His love letter to the world. What God desires above all is for each of us to know and believe the love He has for us. He shows this most clearly in the waters of baptism, in the distribution of the bread and wine, and in the proclamation of His Word. God desires to demonstrate His love for us every moment of every day, and we receive His love letter most completely when we worship Him.

So, if you celebrate Valentine's Day with a beloved, do no make this day abnormal in your affections, but rather view each day as an opportunity to demonstrate your love. And for all of us, whether or not we have a "valentine" this year, may we receive God's love letter which reads, "God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

Dear Lord of Life Family,
Words cannot express my gratitude for your support during David's illness. The men's visits every week - we both looked forward to them and after you left, we were uplifted! David is now home. Lord of Life has always met our every need!
Your sister in Christ, Carole Korshavn



The family of Dave Korshavn, The family of Bill Gardner, the family of Jim York, the family of Kenneth Brigham, Oly Vernlund, Pastor Dave, Corey Lester, Katherine Ward, Mark Bueker, Cindy Cassem, Denise Slaton, Fred Bueker, Victor Jones, Trish Walker, Glafira Tinoco, Jack Hoffman, Linda Baginski, Adrienne Record, Janell Stanford, Connie Lowe, Lois Allbeck, Jeanette Ramirez, Tim Coleman, Emily Cahill, Karen Osmon, Josh Althoff, Maya, Alan Yoder, Julie Johnson, Arnette Lester, Sandy Klein, Deanna Klein; the people most affected by with snow, mud, and flooding; and all others needing God's healing touch.



BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY

January:

Jessie McMillian
John Stanton
Ian Abramson
Sally Haase
Wendy Kozma
Carole Lantz
Blanch Ross
Ethan Hood
Julie Ellingson
Shelley Palestis

February:

Michael Brown
Spencer Ciasullo
Brianna Egeland
Tom Gardner
Robyn Nelson

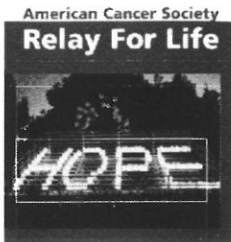
If your baptism information is not included, or included in error, please contact the church office so that we may update our system. We would like to celebrate everyone's baptism anniversary, so please be sure to contact the church office with your information. Thank you.



Relay for Life is fast approaching and plans are under way for the best ever event. The date is set for April 16-17, 2011 at Valley View High School. This years' theme will be a movie theme. Each team chooses



a movie and decorates their booth and wears costumes relating to the movie. I am ready for some ideas and some help with decorating, setting up, breaking down and making survivor gifts. We will also need walkers for the 24 hours of relay.



We will be manning the Luminaria table again this year. This was a big fund raiser for us last year. We will need folks to sit at this table to help people sign up for luminaria and collect money for the luminaria bags. This table is open from 10am until 8pm. The luminaria ceremony starts at 9pm.

We need lots of help to make this a successful year.

If you can volunteer to walk, to help at the luminaria table, set up, take down, ALL help would be greatly appreciated. There will be signups in the Narthex for walking times and luminaria table times coming soon. Envelopes will be ready for donations in January. This year, our team will be walking in honor and in memory of Dave Korshavn. We will be celebrating all those who have survived and all who have lost their battle in our faith community.

If you can help in any way, please let us know.

Deb Weitenhagen, Chair

Becci Van Hoosier and Audrey Flickinger, Co-chairs

