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Our Mission Statement

Inviting all to grow in Christ!



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PASTOR

Appreciating those around...

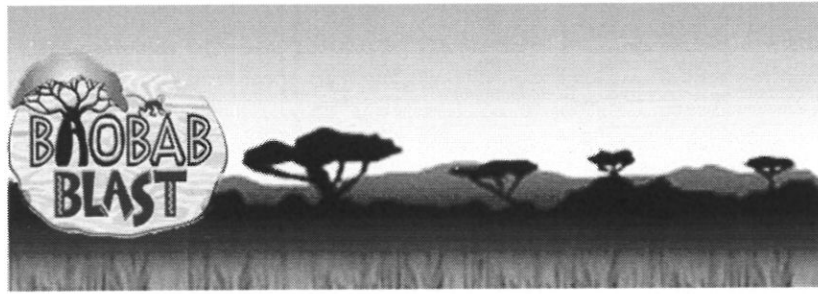
This newsletter article will be the last one written before my two year anniversary with you in ministry at Lord of Life. We have much to be thankful for in community together. I am blessed to be among you, as my ministry partners. I want to lift up folks in the congregation in this article. As you see them at church or in your daily journey; thank them for their service to the congregation too. In no particular order I want to start with Becci Van Hoosier: She is a fantastic office manager. You all know how much she does for the congregation; she is a blessing to work with on a daily basis. Without someone like her, things would not run as smoothly as they do. I give thanks to you, Becci! To John Lowe, Wendy and Daniel Grygar I am very thankful for your dedication to making sure the church is cleaned on a daily and weekly basis; ready for the numerous events and people that come to Lord of Life for a variety of different gatherings. Special thanks go to Ira Yoder and Maggie August for their leadership with the choirs of our congregation; the Lord of Lifers and God's Kids children's choir. The music that is added to our worship experiences are truly blessings for all to enjoy. Shelley Palestis and a host of wonderful teachers have given of themselves to our young people following worship each Sunday in Sunday school. Their Christian witness to their students is part of a foundation that these youth will take with them as they continue on in their lives. The Women's bible study on Tuesday morning's was enriched by all who attended. Special thanks go especially to Maggie August and Deb Weitenhagen for this gathering time for the ladies and friends of the congregation. Sweet Monday's on Wednesday's took place off site. Cindy Cassem graciously opened up her home for this monthly gathering. Jim Cassem gave so much of his time and talent to completing our brand new tile floor in the Narthex. What a beautiful addition to our life together. To all who contributed with their financial resources I give thanks. Thank you Dave Allbeck for helping Jim with this project too! For a long time now Dave Allbeck has been playing on the fourth Sunday of each month at worship for the benefit of the congregation and to the glory of

God. Dave has a special gift for music. We are blessed to receive the gift each time he plays! To Marv Egeland, Sally Haase, Cindy Cassem, Fred Palestis, Bob Vernlund, David Jackson, Tom Gardner, Karen Ptacek, and Margo Ross I give thanks to all of you for your leadership on the Church council. Our young people are in good hands with fantastic nursery attendants; Brianna Egeland and Meggie Hilker. Those that go to the nursery on Sunday morning are blessed by these servants of God! As Vacation Bible School approaches later this summer, I give thanks to the leadership of Cathy Fulgenzi. To Maggie August, Brianna Egeland, Amy Freeman, Sally Haase, Teri Hilker, Harold Lester, John Lowe, Deb Weitenhagen who have assisted me as worship assistants; I thank you so very much as well. To those who serve on the Altar care, those who provide refreshments for all to enjoy in our time together not enough words of thanks could be expressed to let you know that I deeply appreciate all of your efforts.

EVERY member and friend of Lord of Life Lutheran means a lot to me. You all in the giving of your time, talent, and treasure live and are fantastic examples of leading a daily life of stewardship: using the gifts that God has given to you is a testament to your faith and relationship in our Lord. These first couple of years in ministry with you has been fruitful. Being your pastor and ministry partner is a gift from God. I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all. ALL of you in this congregation were thought of as I wrote this thank you letter to the congregation. I look forward to seeing you in church, talking with you in person, and seeing you on my journey; so I may thank you in person. You all continue to be in my prayers this day. May you all have a summer full of God's revealing presence.

I leave you with this from Luke 8: 39, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you. So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.' You all reveal God's presence by what you say and do. Thanks be to God for you all!
Peace,
Pastor Shane

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Vacation Bible School

Are you looking to reach new heights of fun this summer? Then you'll want to come to Lord of Life's **Baobab Blast** Vacation Bible School to be held **July 26-30th from 6-8 p.m.** This exciting VBS is for everyone between the ages of 3 and 13, and for those who are older, we welcome your help!

Baobab Blast is an open invitation to be a part of God's Great Get-Together. This will be a life-changing experience for the kids as they gather together as a community. Faith and relationships grow as kids explore connections with God, family, friends, and others around the world. Get ready to experience the most amazing community get-together under the sun! Dinner and a Lord of Life Baobab Blast VBS t-shirt are also included! A \$5 donation is requested when signing up.

To register, fill out and return the VBS Registration Form to Cathy Fulgenzi or to Becci Van Hoosier in the church office. Sign up today and have a **BLAST** at VBS!

Child's Name: _____

Age: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

T-shirt size: Child: Adult:
 S M L S M L XL XXL

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address: _____

Home Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____

*Please list any allergies (including food allergies) or other issues that the VBS staff should be aware of: _____



(Copy of the letter that was mailed June 16, 2010)

Financial Situation Alert for Lord of Life

We are unable to pay our monthly financial obligations without using our reserve funds. Since January of this year we have withdrawn over \$3,000 per month from these funds. Our reserve funds will expire before the end of this summer. Have mercy on us. We have sinned against God in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted God with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. This congregation needs to be lifted up to grow in Jesus Christ.

We have reduced expenses through cutting salaries, cutting office hours, medical expenses, water usage, and other services like ground maintenance and pest control. We are running out of areas to reduce. We need forgiveness for our failures and a newness of life through Jesus Christ. We need your support of time, talent, and treasures. We know the current time has been tough on many of our members but it has not taken away your talents or time.

We are working with our own financial task force, the company that holds our mortgage, the Pacifica Synod, and others to develop a financial plan that will allow us to continue to live and serve our Lord and Savior. We are developing a capital funds campaign to replenish our reserve funds. We request your prayers that this campaign will be successful and done according to God's will. Prayerfully search your heart for all that you can do in God's name.

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.



July

- Russ Hagle
- Tom Hilker
- Katie Kozma
- Deuel Ross
- Jason Ross
- Ed Shipley
- Jennifer Davis
- Jim Cassem
- Alexis Flores
- Josh Flores
- Ruby Sonnack

August

- Darlene Gordon
- Chandler Kohr
- Heidi Avila
- Robin Althoff
- Kristin Freeman
- Kyle Freeman
- Dolly Kline
- Nicole Kozma
- Schuyler Ciasullo
- Jordan Campbell
- Aaron Egeland
- Victoria Kohr
- Christopher Winn

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.



Our Float in the Parade!

Lord of Life is taking part in the Moreno Valley Independence Day Parade on July 3rd from 9:30 am-noon. If you will be walking or riding with us, please

meet at the staging area at 9:00 am. This year's theme is "America Come Together" and our entry is titled "Gather under the light of God!" We want everyone to be involved, so please ride, walk, or sing with us. We are also accepting donations of hard candy. Let's show how Gods people come together to be that "Miracle on Nason Street." Contact Sally Haase if you have any questions.



Join us at LOL on Sunday, July 4th at 8:00 pm for our annual 4th of July dessert fellowship and fireworks show. We have the best seats to watch the fireworks display from Morrison Park. So, invite your family and friends, bring your chair/blanket, a dessert to share and enjoy!



Can you knit, crochet, or sew? Audrey Flickinger has started a **Prayer Shawl/Blanket Ministry** for the members of LOL. If you want to help wrap someone in a warm hug infused with prayer, please contact Audrey. There are patterns for all skill levels.

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

LOL is continuing with much needed quilts and health kits, and we are asking for your support. We are currently in need of hand towels, toothbrushes, combs, soap, and band-aids for the health kits. For quilts, we are in need of gently used, clean sheets. We could also use assistance with pinning and/or sewing. Please contact the church office for quilt requirements. Special thanks to Audrey Flickinger for organizing these efforts and for all the wonderful people who volunteer their time and talents to meet the needs of others.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Movie night at LOL on July 18th from 5-8 pm! The movie choice will be announced soon. Bring a snack to share.



Rally Sunday is scheduled for September 12th! Some of the regular programs offered during the year are on summer hiatus, giving the leaders' time to get ready for a new year of fun and learning. Stay tuned, you don't want to miss out on the great activities coming your way! Why not volunteer your time and talents? See Pastor Shane for ways that you can make a difference!



Please Pray for:

Oly Vernlund, Gene Yoder, Diane Combes, Willie Rasmussen, Lola Booth, John Carson, Linda Baginski, Carole Korshavn, Dave Korshavn, Sandra Kennedy, the family of Patricia Soto, Janell Stanford, Anita Haase, Donna Delaney, Karen Osmon, Jim York, Tom Yoder, Katherine Ward, Marie Hyta, Bill Ward, Francis York, Barb Shoemaker, Josh Althoff, Maya, Philip Delaney, Alan Yoder, Connie Lowe, Julie Johnson, Arnette Lester, all affected by the oil spill, the people hit hard with flooding and tornadoes, and all others needing God's healing touch.



RELAY FOR LIFE 2010 WRAP-UP

This was our tenth year as participants in the Moreno Valley Relay for Life. **Once again, our church team is #1.** On Sunday morning of relay, our initial total was \$8433.00, making us the top money raiser for 2010. Pat Rupert has kept a record of our donations each year and, going into this year, we had raised over \$92,000.00. Our final donations of over \$9500.00 put us over the \$100K mark. That is quite an accomplishment, Lord of Life! You are awesome!

This was a year of change: a new name, a new banner, a new team captain, a new type of fund raiser, and of course a new theme: "Celebrating more Seasons". There were many people that worked tirelessly behind the scenes: Audrey Flickinger and Becci VanHoosier. Without their help, I could not have done it. Pastor Shane, thank you for the wonderful opening remarks and invocation. Arlene Eder designed the new team banner, "Lord of Life for Love of Life". Diane Combes, Oly Vernlund, Carole Horton, and Jan Egeland assembled our survivor gifts. Maggie August's decorations transformed our booth into an Emerald Isle with shamrocks, leprechauns, rainbows, pots of gold and anything Irish. For all those who came to help decorate our site and clean up on Sunday morning, we thank you.

We took on a new function this year: the Luminaria Booth. This included selling Luminaria for the ceremony, setting them up to be lit for the Luminaria Ceremony and putting the Luminaria program together. We had special readings, songs, a time for remembering, a wonderful bagpiper, Mr. Steve Horton, and some amazing scout troops who lit the luminaria as Steve played and the walkers passed by. A big thank you to Audrey Flickinger and Barbara Shoemaker for coordinating that effort. Thanks to Kyle Freeman for representing his scout troop and filling the bags with sand and a candle. A special thank you goes to Jan Egeland and Barbara Shoemaker who helped with the Luminaria Booth. They wrote up over 100 bags with sentiments that had been submitted and purchased before relay. They also manned the table for those buying luminaria at the event.

And last, but not least, I thank all the folks who raised money to find the cure. Our beloved David Korshavn could not walk door to door this year, but he was the top money raiser with over \$2,000.00. Thank you to those who contributed in his name and walked for him. Jack Pavelich asked that the money he raised be added to David's total, which brought it up over \$3200.00.

Wendy Eder took up the walk this year and raised over \$660.00. John Lowe had lots of support from teachers with \$500. And we have two young people who took Relay for Life coin cans to school and collected from their schoolmates. Between the two of them, they raised almost \$100.00. Way to go Spencer and Schuyler!

I would be remiss, if I didn't say thanks to all of those who came out and walked, especially during the heat of the day and the wee early hours of the morning. You are wonderful. Thanks also to those who brought food, snacks, water, and ice out to sustain those who spent the 24 hours on the field. We are truly blessed and thankful.

An extra big thank you to Mike for supporting me and putting up with my up and particularly down moments throughout the last six months of planning this function. I don't know what I would do without you!

Relay for Life in 2011 is April 16-17. In the meantime, **CELEBRATE, REMEMBER, FIGHT BACK!**

Your team Captains,

Deb Weitenhagen, Becci VanHoosier and Audrey Flickinger