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## Our Mission Statement

*Inviting all to grow in Christ!*



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# LIFELINE



Today, I'm praising God once again for the "Spiritual Renewal" that lifts me high each time I attend a Synod Assembly! Our theme was "Come to the Table – The Hospitality of God." I find it exciting to greet fellow pastors,

inspiring to hear the speakers, and hear how "awesome" the Bible Study leaders are, year after year. The Bishops are admired role models. Our delegates have always filled my heart with admiration and appreciation. Thanks again to our recent assembly delegates: Arthurine and Joe Broussard, and Jordan Safaipour.

Dr. Martha Stortz, Professor of Religion and Vocation, Augsburg College expounded Acts 2:42, "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

Jesus says "I am bread," because we all know hunger; "I am Light," because we have been in darkness; "I am the gate," because we have been on the outside; "I am the shepherd," because we are sheep; "I am the Resurrection and the Life," because we know the imitation life; "I am the way, the truth and the life," because we are lost, we lie, and we know death; "I am the vine," because we know what it's like to be left out on a limb. Bishop Murray said we are shaped by the Cross. The Bible invites us to be a cruciform people as we come to the table. Such an invitation puts us in a

precarious place, a risky place of sacrifice and love.

Arthurine Broussard introduced us to the ELCA Malaria Campaign in her Pacifica Synod report. "Christ came to bring healing. He charged us to continue this ministry of healing in His name. We are those who are to work for justice, peace, and healing in the world." The ELCA Malaria Campaign is an effort to raise 15 million by the year 2015. The goal of our Pacifica Synod is to raise \$250,000 of it. We will work with our companion churches in Africa to prevent and treat malaria and to contain the number of deaths in Africa related to malaria through prayer, advocacy, education, and fundraising.

The fight against malaria has taken the world stage and its eradication is part of the United Nation's Foundations Millennial Goals. Participation by the ELCA elevates the resources and mission of the Church to bring Christ's healing in a timely and decisive way. Please keep all this in your prayers.

I continually praise and thank God for our beloved congregation, the Lord of Life family. It is my blessing to serve God, together with you, in Moreno Valley.

In His love and in His Grip,

Pastor Chuck

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# Vacation Bible School

## Take kitchen fun to your kids!

Enjoy a fresh, one-of-a-kind VBS 2011 at Lord of Life's **Shake It Up Café** - where kids carry out God's recipe. This exciting VBS is for everyone between the ages of 3 and 13, and for those who are older, we welcome your help!

In this kid-friendly café, kids **explore the Bible** as a cookbook filled with recipes for **living out God's word**. Through **interactive lessons**, that are easy for kids to **apply to their lives** today, boys and girls will celebrate **biblical festivals** that reveal ingredients for being a follower of God: **Be ready** for God; **Give happily** to God; **Believe fully** in Jesus; **Remember** Jesus often; **Celebrate** God forever! Dinner and a Lord of Life Shake It Up 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 VanHoosier in the church office. Sign up today!



Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Last school grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirt size:

Child:

Adult:

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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: \_\_\_\_\_





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IN AMERICA

## Women of the ELCA Annual Convention

November 4-6, 2011

Hampton Inn, San Diego, CA

Theme: God's Promise, Purpose, Prayer, and Praise

Bible Verse: Psalm 138:8

"God made each of us for a purpose"

Bring your laughter, prepare to have fun and dust off your best  
Hawaiian dress!

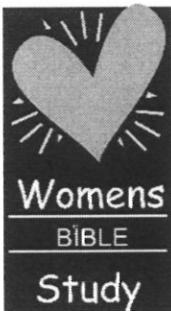
Women of Faith is coming around again soon. Save the date: Friday and Saturday SEPT 9 and 10, 2011. "Over the Top" is the theme. We will have many fabulous speakers and lots of good music. Only 7 tickets remain and will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. The ladies that attended this past year 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 the church office for further details.



## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

SUBMITTED BY MAGGIE AUGUST



WE HAVE STARTED THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE LENT AND EASTER SEASONS, THE GOSPEL READINGS ARE TAKEN FROM HIS MESSAGE. OUR GROUP IS OPEN TO QUESTIONS AND REFLECTION WHILE SHARING. WE HAVE FUN AND WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OUR TIME WITH YOU. IF THE SPIRIT WITHIN IS GIVING YOU A NUDGE, LISTEN AND COME TO LORD OF LIFE ON TUESDAY MORNINGS AT 10:00 AM. SEE YOU THERE!!

CHECK IT OUT! We have new vendors on our back page. Show them your gratitude and appreciation by looking there first and use their services when possible. Thank you.

My Dear Friends:  
 Please accept my heartfelt appreciation for your many prayers, phone calls, flowers, cards, prayer shawls and the many expressions of sympathy regarding the passing of my precious daughter, Linda. She fought a courageous and valiant battle with cancer these past four years and is finally at peace and safely in the arms of Jesus. It will not be the disease though, or her fight against it that defines her, but it will always be her love of family, her kind heart and the way she inspired and helped others.  
 Since my family is very small, I am so pleased and honored to have you as my respected extended family and valued support system.  
 With love and blessings,  
 Pat Rupert



**Please Pray For:** Oly Vernlund, Pastor Chuck, David Jackson, Audra Ciasullo, Mike Slaton, Ira Yoder, Trish Walker, Victoria Kohr, Carole Horton, family of Charlotte Nelson, Cathy Fulgenzi, Roy Johnson, Jessie McMillian, Alan & Orpha Yoder, Corey Lester, Ian Abramson, Katherine Ward, Mary Wendorf, Judy Christensen, Larry Schmid, the Fortine family, Ruth Hernandez, Victor Jones, Helen Bedford, Denise Wampole, Abdi Sami, family of Sandy Yamagata, family of Emily Muñoz, Glafira Tinoco, Jack Hoffman, family of Linda Baginski, Janell Stanford, Connie Lowe, Karen Osmon, Josh Althoff, Maya, Julie Johnson, Arnette Lester, the people most affected by flooding; and all others needing God's healing touch.



**July:**

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|------------------------|----------------|
| Russ Hagle             | Jim Cassem     |
| Tom Hilker             | Alexis Flores  |
| Katie Kozma            | Josh Flores    |
| Deuel Ross             | Katherine Ward |
| Jason Ross             | Ruby Sonnack   |
| Jennifer Davis (Dixon) |                |
|                        | Sheri Petersen |

**August:**

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| Dee Gordon        | Nicole Kozma      |
| Chandler Kohr     | Schuyler Ciasullo |
| Heidi Avila       | Jordan Campbell   |
| Robin Althoff     | Aaron Egeland     |
| Kristin Freeman   | Victoria Kohr     |
| Kyle Freeman      | Christopher Winn  |
| Matthew Shoemaker | Dolly Kline       |
| Tammy Booth       |                   |

*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.*



**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

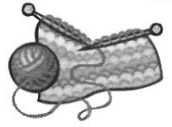
treatment. All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service.

<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.

**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. Special thanks go out to Audrey, Jackie Silvey, Darlene Bueker, and Penny Nay for all the beautiful blankets and prayer shawls!



## Moreno Valley Relay For Life 2011 A Winning Team Effort

Dear Team Members, Friends and Supporters of Relay For Life:

Thank you so much for your participation in the American Cancer Society's 24-hour Moreno Valley Relay For Life event held at Valley View High School April 16-17. We were presented a trophy and also won a highly regarded Spirit Award at the Relay Wrap-up Awards Ceremony held June 7 at Home Town Buffet. We hold 2<sup>nd</sup> place as our fundraising efforts, with matching funds, now total over \$9,000.00. In addition to John Lowe, we would also like to acknowledge Ira Yoder and Willie Rasmussen as our top donors.

The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life event 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. Our donations will fund research, education, advocacy, and patient services.

With Praise and heartfelt gratitude,

Pat Rupert, Team Advisor



As most of you have heard, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Thrivent Builds has again teamed up with Habitat for Humanity to build a home in Rubidoux for a needy family. The program is entitled "Homes for Heroes" which means that the home will be provided to the family of a veteran. The family has been selected and the building has begun. It is scheduled to be completed by the end of August.

With a project such as this, there are many ways that you, as Lutherans, can participate and offer your support:

**Financial support:** All Lutheran churches in the Western Riverside Chapter were asked to raise \$1,500 that goes directly to the Thrivent Builds program to help offset the cost of the home. To do this, we are building our own log homes. Each log costs \$5 and so far we have raised \$300 towards our goal. Please take a moment to check out the progress of our own "home build" which is on the table in the narthex, just outside of the office.



**Sharing your talents** For those of you that enjoy being hands on, there are 5 Saturday workdays scheduled during July and August and they are looking for volunteers. Each date has been assigned a specific task so you can pick the one that you are most comfortable with.

- The tasks are: July 2<sup>nd</sup> – paints walls
- July 9<sup>th</sup> – caulk & spackle
- July 16<sup>th</sup> – paint baseboards & casings
- August 6<sup>th</sup> – irrigation plants & sod
- August 13<sup>th</sup> – final paint touch up & basic cleaning

**Help to feed the workers** – Lord of Life has signed up to provide the lunches for the workers on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. Our confirmation students have been asked to help prepare and deliver the lunches. If you would like to help to provide some of the food items, please see Amy Freeman for more details.

All of the community projects that the members of Lord of Life have participated in have always been a tremendous success and I know that this one will be no different. Anyone that wishes to volunteer on one of the workdays should contact Christine Morgando at (951) 787-6754 x112. Please let her know that you are a Lutheran volunteer. Thank you to all of you who have already contributed and I look forward to working with more of you as the project progresses.