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## Our Mission Statement

*Inviting all to grow in Christ!*



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# LIFELINE



## Happiness is a Journey, Not a destination!

I am sure some of you have already seen or read this statement, but if I asked you "What is your biggest motivation?," would you say it's to be successful, to have loving

relationships, to make a difference in the world, or to be wealthy? Maybe it's all of the above – though there is one common denominator for all of these: to be happy. We all want to be happy, right?

Some would say the search for happiness is the greatest motivator of humankind. For many people, this is the primary goal of their life. We do what we do in the hopes that we will ultimately find greater happiness.

Many medical doctors, councilors and therapist believe Happiness is something you have to create, not just given or learned.

Some of you read the following statement/Poem "**Happiness is a Journey, not a Destination**". If you didn't know yet, the following statement will show you how you become a happy, content person. Let me know what you think. The author is Crystal Boyd.

### Happiness is a Journey

*We convince ourselves that life will be better after we get married, have a baby, then another. Then we're frustrated that the kids aren't old enough and we'll be more content when they are. After that, we're frustrated that we have teenagers to deal with. We'll certainly be happy when they're out of that stage.*

*We tell ourselves that our life will be complete when our spouse gets his or her act together, when we get a nicer car, are able to go on a nice vacation, when we retire.*

*The truth is, there's no better time to be happy than right now. If not now, when? Your life will always be filled with challenges. It's best to admit this to yourself and decide to be happy anyway.*

*One of my favorite quotes comes from Alfred D. Souza. He said, "For a long time it had seemed to me that life was about to begin - real life. But there was always some obstacle in the way, something to be gotten through first, some unfinished business, time still to be served, or a debt to be paid. Then life would begin. At last it dawned on me that these obstacles were my life."*

*This perspective has helped me to see that there is no way to happiness. Happiness is the way. So, treasure every moment that you have and treasure it more because you shared it with someone special, special enough to spend your time with...and remember that time waits for no one.*

*So, stop waiting until you finish school, until you go back to school, until you lose ten pounds, until you gain ten pounds, until you have kids, until your kids leave the house, until you start work, until you retire, until you get married, until you get divorced, until Friday night, until Sunday morning, until you get a new car or home, until your car or home is paid off, until spring, until summer, until fall, until winter, until you're off welfare, until the first or fifteenth, until your song comes on, until you've had a drink, until you've sobered up, until you die, until you're born again to decide that there is no better time than right now to be happy.*

*Happiness is a journey, not a destination.*

**So work like you don't need money,  
Love like you've never been hurt,  
And dance like no one's watching.**

*Written by Crystal Boyd*

**P.S.** Let us enjoy life by living daily in happiness. If you find this difficult, ask God for help by prayer through his Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Pastor Kishino

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# Vacation Bible School

ARE YOU READY FOR BATTLE?

July 15-19, 2013

6-8 pm

This great VBS shows kids that God's Word connects to every area of their life! And it helps them to see that the Bible is as relevant today as it was thousands of years ago, so they will know its amazing message of salvation is true! With *The Kingdom Chronicles*, your brave knights and fair maidens will be equipped to put on the full armor of God so they can stand strong in the battle for truth. They'll love the fun songs, the daily skits, and games. Plus they'll realize that they are not automatically born into the "good" kingdom but need to be saved from the "bad" kingdom through faith in Jesus Christ. Prepare for a royally fun time! Dinner and a snack will be provided. A \$10.00 donation is requested.

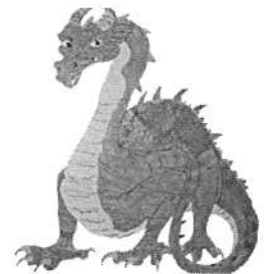
To register, fill out and return the VBS Registration Form to Margo Ross or to Becci Van Hoosier in the church office. Invite your friends and neighbors! Sign up today!



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

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

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



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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## Dear friends in Christ,

May God's grace and mercy be with each of you. Can you believe it? The year is already half over! We have been blessed by so much already this year: the coming of Pastor Kishino and his family; the opportunity for Pastor Chuck to be able to spend more time with his family; the "Relay for Life" last month; and, most importantly, once again we had the chance to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. What a beginning...and now we look forward to the second half of the year and the blessings God has in store for His "Miracle on Nason Street."

This month of July, we will share two very important events for our church. The first event will be Vacation Bible School. VBS is so important because it is a time to nurture our children, a time to help them experience Jesus a little bit more closely. Jesus said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, for such is the kingdom of God." I want to thank every one of you who will be helping with VBS, and also, those of you in the congregation who so willingly and readily embrace our little ones each week. Remember, they are our church's future. Following VBS, Pastor Kishino has put together a retreat for our high schoolers with his previous church on the coast. I believe that this will be a time of loving fellowship, and spiritual growth among their peers, and a time to make new friends and have fun. Second, we have our "Christmas in July" building fundraiser. Any of you who have been with this church over the years know the importance of our fundraisers each year. In recent years, the "Christmas in July" has covered the shortfall in our building fund, so this is a crucial fundraiser. I would ask that over the next few weeks, we prayerfully give as we are able. No amount is too small or too large, that is between you and God only. Last year, our Christmas in July fundraiser helped sustain us all the way through May of this year. Many thanks to all who gave from the heart for this cause.

In closing, I just want to thank each of you for the support you continue to give to the council and myself. As a result, I am no longer afraid to push the limits. Each of you has enabled me to have a faith like I've never had before and I am totally thankful for you! God's peace to all.  
Sincerely, John Lowe

Dear friends of Lord of Life,

For the first time in over 5 months, I have seen my son, Bill, stand. Yes, stand! The first fitting of his prosthesis was today (6/20) and he was able to take a few steps-actually walking; and of all days, it was his birthday. God is Great, God is Good. He has listened to all your prayers and all our families prayers and they were answered. I thank each and every one of you for continued prayers and support.

Bill has had a positive attitude through this whole procedure, from the very beginning. With continued physical therapy, he will recover and, one day, be able to go back to work.

Your friend in Christ, Katherine Ward



### Please Pray for:

Iver Sonnack, Mark Korshavn, Oly Vernlund, Maggie August, Laura Entrekin, Lola Booth, Penny Nay, Ikuko Kishino, John Messer, Kelly Wockenfuss, Fred Gonzalez, Bill Ward, Hannelore Heidinger, Diane Kroh and John Meeks, Donna, Karman Johnson, Mary Lou Ptacek, Trish Walker, Connie Lowe, Jim Busick, Marshall Whitney, Alan Yoder, Michael Brown, Audra Ciasullo, Katie Spaulding, Katherine Ward, Jack Hoffman, Janell Stanford, Arnette Lester; and all others needing God's healing touch.



### July:

Tom Hilker  
Katie Kozma  
Deuel Ross  
Jason Ross  
Jennifer Dixon  
Jim Cassem  
Alexis Flores  
Katherine Ward  
Ruby Sonnack

### August:

Chandler Kohr  
Carole Korshavn  
Heidi Avila  
Robin Althoff  
Kristin Freeman  
Kyle Freeman  
Matthew Shoemaker  
Dolly Kline  
Nicole Kozma  
Schuyler Ciasullo  
Jordan Campbell  
Aaron Egeland  
Victoria Kohr

*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.*



## Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back.®

Dear Team Members and Friends of Relay for Life:

Once again we have been the church community that took up the challenge by participating in the American Cancer Society's 24-hour Moreno Valley Relay For Life event held at Valley View High School May 18-19, 2013. I am proud to say that to date, Lord of Life's team "Love of Life" has raised \$4,000!

The following Relay warriors took part: Arthurine Broussard, Jorine & Hailey Campbell, Cindy & Jim Cassem, Spencer Ciasullo, Diane & Larry Combes, Wendy & Arlene Eder, Marv Egeland, Audrey Flickinger, Amy, Kristin, & Kyle Freeman, David Jackson, Pastor & Nancy Kishino, Harold & Jeannine Lester, Connie, John & Mindy Lowe, Karen Osmon, Willie Rasmussen, Pat Rupert, Bob & Oly Vernlund, Denise Slaton, Ira & Gene Yoder.

Pastor Kishino made us very proud as he gave the inspirational and memorable invocation at the opening ceremony. This was followed by our Lord of Life cancer survivors who walked in the opening lap of the event. We applauded Arthurine Broussard, Jim Cassem, Diane Combes, Nancy Kishino, Harold Lester, Connie Lowe, Oly Vernlund, and Ira & Gene Yoder as they proudly made their way around the track. They received special purple t-shirts and gift bags.

Kudos to Jim Cassem and Marv Egeland, Logistic Chairs, who arrived early Saturday morning to set up the campsite, returned Sunday morning to take it down, and still managed to attend church service.

Top Individual Donors: Willie Rasmussen, Ira Yoder. Willie was also a Silver Sponsor of the event.

Top Fundraisers to date: Pat Rupert, John Lowe, Wendy Eder, Arthurine Broussard, Denise Slaton.

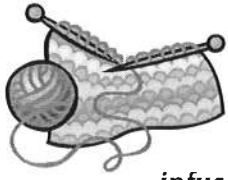
Cancer Essay Prize Winners: Connie, John, and Mindy Lowe. Their essays are displayed in the Narthex. Please take time to read these heartwarming stories.

Raffle Chair, Audrey Flickinger and Becci Van Hoosier big-heartedly created 3 beautiful baskets containing hand-knitted prayer shawls, spa and beach items. Winners of the baskets were: Darlene Bueker, Marv & Jan Egeland, and Leslie Silvey and Sophia. Ticket sales totaled \$162. Audrey also made yarn bracelets/key chains for the event cancer survivors. She brought her Boy Scout Troop 100 to walk the track and to help out. She also camped out overnight.

I thank all participants for sacrificing your weekend. Your generosity, time and commitment will help make a world with less cancer and more birthdays. You have been an important part of an incredible movement in the fight against a dreaded disease. When we walk together, we are bigger than cancer.

With Praise and heartfelt gratitude,

Pat Rupert, Team Captain



## 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. *\*\*Please note: This is not only for the members of Lord of Life, but for friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers, acquaintances...anyone you know that needs prayers and hugs. Just let Audrey know and we'll get one to you. Thanks.*

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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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