

# Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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## Our Mission Statement

*Inviting all to grow in Christ!*



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# LIFELINE



## GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES

Respected church consultant Rev. Herb Miller wrote the following article that I would like you to think about. In the title "Opening Doors" he writes, "Christianity is a house with many rooms: Feeding the hungry, faith for daily life, lifting up the oppressed, spiritual growth. When we help evangelism happen, we hold open a door that leads to all those rooms. That is surely why Jesus began his ministry, by telling his disciples to become fishermen, and ended his ministry by telling them to go make disciples."

Evangelism is not the only important work of the church, but it is the only work upon which all other work depends.

We are disciples of Jesus who asked us to live our lives as example of those who still do not know the love of Jesus Christ. Make sure you greet visitors to our worship. Growing churches are very intentional in making visitors welcome.



We will be visiting streets handing church brochures to our neighbors. Some have a spiritual gift for visiting strangers. Some feel uncomfortable doing so, but join this worthy effort. Evangelism is everybody's responsibility. We know God is preparing the place and people who are hungry for the love of Jesus.

In His Spirit,

Pastor Kishino



# EVANGELISM:

*Sharing Christ With Others*

## Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

God's grace and mercy be with each of you. I thank God each and every day for all of you who make our little "Miracle on Nason Street" continue to do as our Lord and Savior has told us, to go out and spread the Good News.

As I am writing this note, our VBS is coming to a close. I just want to thank each and every one who heard the call, and answered "Here I am, use me." I don't know what our total numbers were in attendance yet, but I do know that Jesus promised us that "where two or more are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Our children are our church's future, and what better way to keep them interested in God's word than to have something fun to share it with.

Now, quickly, I want to thank Pastor Kishino, Mindy Lowe, Brianna Egeland, and Robbie Tarbaux for the leadership they brought to our high schoolers 2<sup>nd</sup> annual beach retreat. Thank you, Pastor, for only getting sunburned this time and not beaten up by the waves. I trust that the presence of God was felt during the whole retreat. I want to say thank you also to Mindy for taking our younger youth under her wings and trying to help them to also feel a part of our church. She is trying to incorporate some activities for them so that they don't feel left out. We as adults can do our part to support our youth leaders, by helping in any way we can. If we are asked to do something for them, let's try to do it.

Yes, it's that time of year again, our annual "Christmas in July" fundraiser. For those of us who have been with the "Miracle on Nason Street" for any length of time, you know how important this fundraiser is. This fundraiser pretty much sustains our building fund for the year. Amy does an outstanding job keeping us posted each week on where we are with our building fund and, as you saw last week, we only had \$754.00 in reserve left with June's payment due. Each of you should have received your Christmas care for your donation to be put in and, as God allows you to, please help to keep our little church with a Big Heart continue to meet its needs and the needs of our community. I want to especially thank Nancy Kishino for her massage fundraiser. She sees a need and is trying to help as she is able. I

hope many of you are able to support this excellent fundraiser.

In closing, our church flyers will hopefully be coming out soon, and I ask that all who are able to come join Pastor in our door knocking campaign. We can all go around our immediate neighborhoods and share our church with them.

God's peace to all,  
John Lowe

### **Committees: It's time to get involved and share your love of Christ.**

As mother Teresa said, "We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love." The following are a list of committees with their point(s) of contact and a short definition of what they do.

#### **1. Evangelism**

- Pastor Kishino  
\*Worship is evangelism.  
Evangelism is worship.

#### **2. Education**

- John Lowe  
\*Lifelong learning — formal and informal

#### **3. Fellowship**

- Margo Ross  
\*relay, fellowship meal, small groups, mission festival, special event and personal visit

#### **4. Finance**

- Amy Freeman, Harold Lester  
\*General, building, designated funds and budgets

#### **5. Property**

- Jim Cassem and Fred Palestis  
\*Maintain and monitor all church property

#### **6. Social Ministry**

- Jo Lippire  
\*Igniting the fire of faith

#### **7. Stewardship**

- Bob Vernlund, John Lowe, Jo Lippire, and Amy Freeman  
\*Growing joyful stewards in your congregation

#### **8. Worship and Music**

- Jim Cassem  
\*Worship service structure, content, and music

#### **9. Youth**

- Margo Ross  
\*Building our future with youth ministry.



Lord of Life is taking part in the Moreno Valley 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade again this year. The theme is "Saluting our Patriots of Liberty." We would like everyone to be involved, so if you plan to ride, walk, or sing with us, meet at the staging area at 8:30 am. We are

also accepting donations of hard candy through July 3<sup>rd</sup> in the church office. Let's get the word out in the community. Please contact the church office if you have any questions

(Followed by...)

Join us for an afternoon of fun beginning with a BBQ on Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Meat will be provided, so please bring a dish to share. Have some good food, fellowship, and fun with the family.



(But that's not all!)



Be sure to bring your chairs or a blanket because we will end the evening with the fireworks show. We have the best seats in the house to watch the fireworks display from Morrison Park.

### 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Quilt

Start thinking creatively, because soon I will be asking you to contribute a quilt square for a congregational quilt with the theme "Lord of Life." I will assemble it and it will be auctioned off for the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Squares can be embroidered (by hand or machine), counted cross stitched, appliquéd, pieced, painted or a picture can be printed on the fabric. You can also do a typical quilt square: log cabin, Ohio Star, bow tie, or flying goose, for example. I'll be handing out the squares of cotton in a couple of months, so get your creative thinking caps on. If you need any help with implementing your design just give me a call.

Thanks  
Jo Lippire



### "God's work. Our hands." Sunday

is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. On **Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014**, the nearly 10,000 congregations of this church gather to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God's people.

Whether it's 30,000 young people doing community volunteer work at an ELCA Youth Gathering, the passionate volunteers of the ELCA homeless ministry network or the devoted members of our congregations who fight for peace and justice in their communities every day, we are a church that boldly does God's work of restoring and reconciling communities.



*"When one congregation or group of congregations gather for service in their local communities, they are the church in that place, taking care of that part of God's vineyard. But this is all work that we do together. When one congregation works to feed people who are hungry, that is also the entire church coming together," says ELCA Presiding*

*Bishop Elizabeth Eaton.*

**"God's work. Our hands." Sunday** reminds us that we are church together for the sake of the world. Our lives have been changed by our relationship with God through Jesus Christ, and it's that encounter with Jesus that frees us to make a difference. As you participate Sept. 7, 2014, in the dedicated day of service, may you witness the love of God, who knows and loves each one of us."

You work every day to love your neighbors and make your community a better place. Now let's do it together!

**\*\*On September 7, Lord of Life will be headed to CCLM to help install a new playground for the children in the neighborhood. There is opportunity for all ages and abilities!\*\***

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## SUMMER CAMP AT YOLIWA

*Log on to [LRCCHOME.COM](http://LRCCHOME.COM) for further details*



Summer Camp offers a variety of fun and fantastic opportunities for campers in grades 1-12. All of our camps are week-long experiences that include games, crafts, swimming, campfire, Bible studies, worship, hiking and more. Summer Camp 2014 invites you to experience the **POWER** of God's dynamic love and grace. **POWER** is an inherent characteristic of God, seen around and within our world. From God creating, through Christ's resurrecting, to the Holy Spirits dwelling in our lives, **POWER** is the active foundation for an abundant life. In **P**rayer, **O**thers, **W**ord, **E**quipping, and **R**esponding, we will "become servants of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given to us through the working of God's power." -Ephesians 3:7

### Our Church's Anniversary



Be involved in the planning of our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration to be held at Benedict Castle on April 18, 2015! Contact the church office or Tom Gardner and help make this a celebration to remember!

### Your Church Council at Work

- Council received and approved a proposal from Mindy Lowe for working with the youth of the church. This includes all ages of youth.
- Marv Egeland will serve as a liaison between the church council and the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee.
- Jo Lippire will head up the creation of a congressional quilt to be auctioned off for the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary fund raiser.



The family of Elmer Nelson, the family of John and Pat Martin, Ira Yoder, Dave, Victor Barrios, Cindy Wade, Mrs. Gonzales, Gi Pierce, Kenneth Judson, Rikkia Vinans, Karen Ptacek, the family of Josephine Bobb, Carole Horton, Rita Nielsen,

**Please Pray for:** Jewel Willis, Rachel, Dr. Don Capra, Don Walker, Debbie Olson, Dotti Marconi, Katheryn Young, Mark Korshavn, Oly Vernlund, Maggie August, Kathy Bickel, John & MaryJean Abramson, Laura Entekin, Gertrude Munoz, Dave Williams, Lowell Rasmussen, Diane Kroh and John Meeks, Reannon Castro, Karman Johnson, Mary Lou Ptacek, Connie Lowe, Jim Busick, Marshall Whitney, Alan Yoder, Audra Ciasullo, Katherine Ward, Jack Hoffman, Janell Stanford; 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

### June:

Chandler Kohr  
Carole Korshavn  
John Meeks  
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.*

**\*\*\*\* 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 whenever possible. Thank you! \*\*\*\***



Lord of Life high school youth recently returned, sun burnt and tired-but happy, from the Huntington Beach retreat. Spencer Ciasullo, Kristin and Kyle Freeman, Trevor Van Hoosier, and their youth leaders enjoyed playing pool, going to the beach, barbequing hamburgers and hotdogs, making s'mores and generally having a great time. In speaking with Trevor about the trip, he really enjoyed the Bible study, where Pastor had them choose a person in the Bible and get to know more about them. Then they had to tell why they chose that person and what intrigued them about him/her. It was a great exercise and made them actually open and read their bibles! The kids are already looking forward to next year.

**Other youth news:** We have a lock-in all nighter, bowling, and a visit to a water park in the works, so please stay tuned for further announcements!

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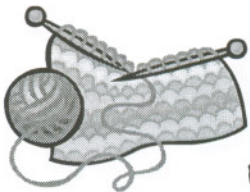
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**CAN YOU KNIT, CROCHET, OR SEW? AUDREY FLICKINGER HAS STARTED A PRAYER SHAWL/BLANKET MINISTRY FOR THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF LORD OF LIFE. IF YOU WANT TO HELP WRAP SOMEONE IN A WARM HUG INFUSED WITH PRAYER, PLEASE CONTACT AUDREY. THERE ARE PATTERNS FOR ALL SKILL LEVELS. IF YOU OR ANYONE YOU KNOW WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE A PRAYER SHAWL, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE. THANKS!**