

# Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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## Our Mission Statement

*Inviting all to grow in Christ!*



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# LIFELINE



## "Greetings from the heart of Grace"

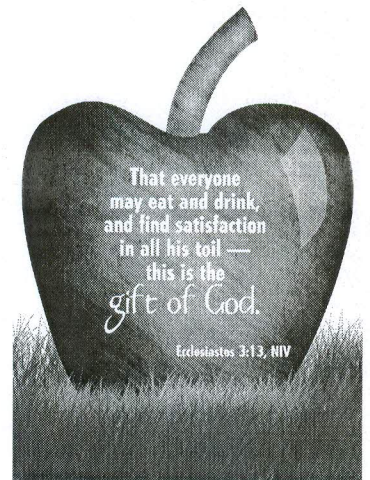
The Bible shares the following statement:

"Everything that happens in this world happens at the time God chooses."

He set the time for birth and the time for death, the time for planting and the time for pulling up. the time for killing and the time for healing, the time for tearing down and the time for building. He sets the time for sorrow and the time of Joy, the time for making love and the time to abstain, the time for kissing and the time to avoid kissing. He set the time for finding and the time for losing, the time for saving and the time for throwing away, the time for tearing and the time for mending, the time for silence and time for talk. He sets the time for love and the time for hate, the time for war and the time for peace.

What do we gain from all our work? I know the heavy burdens that God has laid on us. He has set the right time for everything. He has given us a desire to know the future, but never gives us the satisfaction to fully understand what he does. I realized that all we can do is to be happy and do the best we can while we are still alive. All of us should eat, drink, and enjoy what we have worked for. It's God's gift.

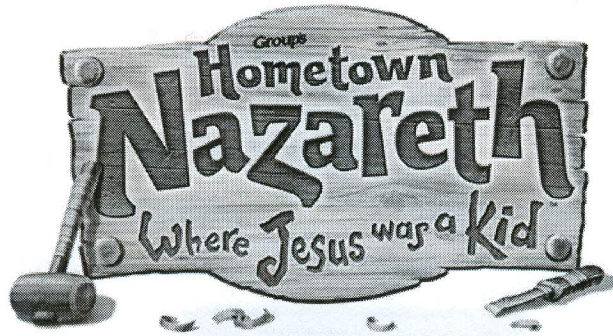
In our busy lives, I feel the words of Ecclesiastes 3 are good, though, for us to ponder. We don't understand why things happen as they do, but we should all do the best we can; be thankful for our Lord Jesus, our church where we are fed the Word of God, be glad and rejoice that you are a part of this body of Christ at Lord of Life.



Philippians 4:6-7 (NRSV) states: "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." We need to be sure we are talking to, and thanking, God daily in our prayers. I want to start prayer sessions here at Lord of Life and pray for the needs of people, whatever the reason. Please speak to me if you want to join such a prayer group so that God will lead us to our wholeness...trusting He has the power to comfort, empower, and of course, give consolation, forgiveness, and the power of healing. Many people are skeptical of the power of prayer, but this is the serious and intimate time to talk with God and, at the same time, keep a sense of urgency to our members who want to be prayed for. Prayer works when you realize God is in that process of conversation. He will always respond to you and I for whatever we will pray and give power, peace, and love to those who need the presence of Jesus Christ.

In His Spirit,

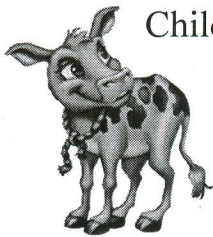
Pastor Kishino



CARVE OUT SOME TIME FOR  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
JULY 13-17, 2015 6-8 PM

Imagine what it was like to live and work in the dusty town of Nazareth, just as Jesus was beginning his ministry around Galilee. You'd hear whisperings about Mary's son, Jesus-the local carpenter's kid who says he's the Son of God. Maybe the boy Jesus even had dinner at your house or played tag with the kids. As you tend your sheep or bake your bread, perhaps you secretly wonder if it's really possible that Jesus-the boy down the street-could be the Messiah. Each day, your family members can become part of history as they see, hear, touch, and even taste what it was like to live in Jesus' hometown. You'll explore Marketplace shops, visit Jesus' mom, Mary, take part in games, dance to lively Bible songs as you discover more about Jesus' childhood. These experiences make God's Word come alive with new meaning for all who participate. This unique, hands-on approach to Bible learning is one that kids and adults won't soon forget! 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:                      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: \_\_\_\_\_



## Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace, mercy, and peace to all. Summer is once again upon us. Many of our church activities will take a break for the summer to get refreshed and ready to use our talents again in the fall. I would like to take this time to say thank you to our faithful Sunday school leaders who gave from their hearts to help our young people know more about Jesus. Margo, you have done an awesome job filling some of the large shoes I've ever seen...Shelley's. Thank you for hearing God's call and answering, "Here I am." Denise, Maggie, and Wendy G., you have done so much to enhance our children's knowledge of Jesus. Also, many thanks to our middle schoolers who assist the Sunday School teachers. You are truly blessings from heaven. I would also like to thank: Pastor, Brianna, and Mindy for taking time out of their busy schedules to help lead our young people. Sunday school teaches about Jesus, but these leaders show our young people that loving Jesus can be fun, also.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, and choir, you have done that and more. Our numbers may be small, but when we let God use our talents of voice, the heavens ring out. Regretfully, we lost a major musical talent in Ira's stepping down, but God is always in control. We are blessed to have Jeffrey, who brings another vision of musical talent with him. While Jeffrey is filling two areas right now, accompanist and director, please consider bringing your musical ability to the choir and partner with Jeffrey.

As is always the case in my articles, I would be remiss if I did not mention our young people. I am so proud of them. Do you see them bringing their friends to church with them? If only we as adults could be more like them sometimes. As I am writing this, our youth have already had their first event of the summer with more to follow, I'm sure. Our high schoolers are, once again, preparing for their annual beach trip. May God's blessings and their fellowship together grow their faith in Christ.

In closing, I just want to thank God for each and every one of you for the love you continue to show each week for our "Miracle on Nason Street." It is my hope that none of you ever feel like you are nothing in our little part of God's family. You may not even know the blessing you are giving someone each Sunday, but believe me, someone knows and appreciates each and every one of you. I know I do!

God's peace be with you,  
John Lowe (church council)

**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

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

### 5. Property

- Jim Cassem  
\*Maintain and monitor all church property

### 6. Social Ministry

- Jo Lippire  
\*Igniting the fire of faith

### 7. Stewardship

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

### 8. Worship and Music

- Larry Olson  
\*Worship service structure, content, and music

### 9. Youth

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

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Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship on Saturday, July 4th at 7:30 pm. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a dessert

potluck prior to the fireworks. Please bring a dessert to share, along with your chairs or blankets, as we end the evening with the fireworks display from Morrison Park.



Alex and Katie Johnson, Ikuko Kishino, Beatriz Gonzalez, John Abramson, Alivia Gardner, Jayme Brest, Jason Withrow, Malcolm, Steve Johnson, Brian Kelley, Ira Yoder, Debbie Olson, Lola Booth, Ken Conley, Havanna, Carole Horton, Tom Sanders, Jim, Mike Johnson, Rita

**Please Pray for:** Nielsen, Mark Korshavn, Jewel Willis, Brian Kelley, Oly Vernlund, Maggie August, the family of Michael Brown Jr., the family of Hugo Plasencia, Jim Cooper, Larry Wilderman, Kathy Bickel, Laura Entekin, Diane Kroh and family, Connie Lowe, Alan Yoder, Audra Ciasullo, Katherine Ward, Jack Hoffman, Janell Stanford; and all others needing God's healing touch.



Lord of Life Lutheran Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 7/2/2015. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries; abdominal aortic aneurysms; hardening of the arteries in the legs; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat; and a bone density screening. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Also, we are happy to announce that Life Line Screening is working with us to provide LOL members \$10 additional discounts off of a screening package **in addition** to a \$10 donation to Lord of Life Lutheran Church. **Please note that you must sign up on either the provided registration sheet (available on the flyers) or by calling the special Helping Hands registration number, which is 1-800-324-9458, in order for us to receive our \$10 donation as well. If you prefer to visit the exclusive Helping Hands website to register, you may do so by visiting [www.helpinghandsforhealth.com](http://www.helpinghandsforhealth.com). You must sign up one of these three ways in order to get both the \$10 discount as well as the \$10 donation for our organization.**

**ALL YOUTH:**

Stay tuned for some more fun summer activities that are currently being planned. Let us know if there is something special that you would like the group to do.



**July:**

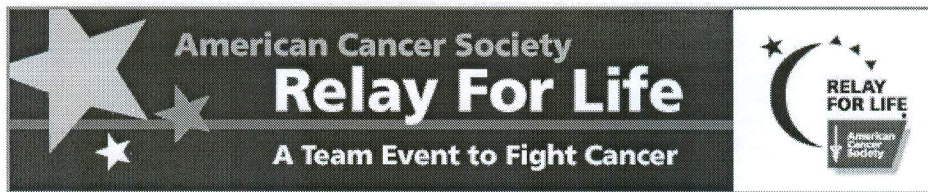
Tom Hilker  
Deuel Ross  
Jason Ross  
Jim Cassem  
Alexis Flores  
Katherine Ward

**August:**

Chandler Kohr  
Carole Korshavn  
John Meeks  
Heidi Avila  
Robin Althoff  
Kristin Freeman  
Kyle Freeman  
Matthew Shoemaker  
Dolly Kline  
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 of our back page. Show them your appreciation by looking there first, and use their services whenever possible. Thank you!\*\*\***



Dear Lord of Life Relay Team Members and Friends of Relay:

THANK YOU for your interest and participation in the American Cancer Society's Moreno Valley Relay For Life event held at Valley View High School, May 16, 2015. Whether you were a participant, a survivor, a caregiver, a sponsor, cheerleader, donor or a friend of Relay, our mission to eradicate cancer for our generation and future generations would not be possible without your support. As of this writing, we have raised an astonishing \$6,620. We were pleased to receive a Five Star Award which included our very own private VIP area complete with a trendy purple tent, WiFi services which the kids used to play games, a cooler stocked with beverages, and pizza delivered at the dinner hour.

The Relay started with the Opening Ceremony. Our own renowned Pastor Kishino received a thunderous applause from those in attendance for delivering a rousing invocation of HOPE to cancer survivors, patients and their families. This was an event to remember our loved ones, celebrate those who are survivors and pay tribute to our caregivers. We remembered our beloved, Diane Combes, by linking hands with Larry as we walked together in her memory.

The surprise and fun highlight of the day was when Moreno Valley Police Officers came to our campsite, put yellow tape around our VIP area and placed the whole team under "arrest" and handcuffed us to one another. Our charge was for "being too nice and awesome". We were placed in a makeshift "jail" and could not leave until "bail" was made. We did not have the opportunity of even one phone call. The other teams in attendance took up a collection and "bailed" us out. I can't wait to see the pictures of us behind bars.

Many thanks to the top team fundraisers, Willie Rasmussen, Ira Yoder, Jim Cassem and Wendy Eder. Willie, Ira and Jim were also Sponsors of the Moreno Valley Relay. Kudos to Alyssa Van Hoosier who manned our booth by making and selling rubber band characters. She took in \$60 in sales! Accolades to Shelley Palestis and Pastor for their posters that adorned our booth. And a special salute to our Logistics Team, Marv Egeland and Jim Cassem for putting up and taking down our campsite. Congrats to Becci for winning the Spirit Stick baton contest which was carried proudly on the track.

At Lord of Life Lutheran Church we know how to reach out into the community demonstrating that we are more powerful than each of us could be alone. Our teamwork showed that our generosity and willingness to help have allowed the American Cancer Society to fund research, education, advocacy and patient services locally, statewide, and nationally.

We all look forward to 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.

With Praise and Heartfelt Gratitude,

Pat Rupert, Team Captain

