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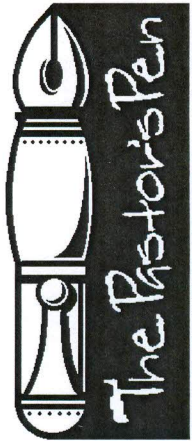
Our Mission Statement

Inviting all to grow in Christ!



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One of the reasons you called a pastor was to help the church grow. This brings up some questions. The big one is 'why.'

I read many authors on the subject of church growth and they are all in agreement that there is only one legitimate reason for desiring growth. And that is to *spread the Gospel*. Not to help pay the bills. Not to have a bigger pool from which to draw volunteers. Not to have or regain status in the community. Not to compete with the group down the street. Not to bolster the ego of either the pastor and/or the members.

Ouch! All those things are always brought up when church growth is discussed. We have some of the same issues and but let's not have the same motivation. Let's be motivated by what God has already given us and let growth happen because others are so intrigued and stimulated by what happens here that they want to be part of it.

That said, we have launched a new ministry - the Greeting Card Ministry. That will rebirth the Visitation Ministry here. Key to these kinds of developments is a vision of carrying out our mission and a vision of growing into the mission God has chosen for us.

Over the next two months, we will proceed with the Vision Team. We will look at all the aspects of being the beloved of God together in this place and what that can mean both to us and to our community. Many writers of church growth also lament the inside looking perspective so many groups embrace. Let our vision be this: It is not about us. It is about God.

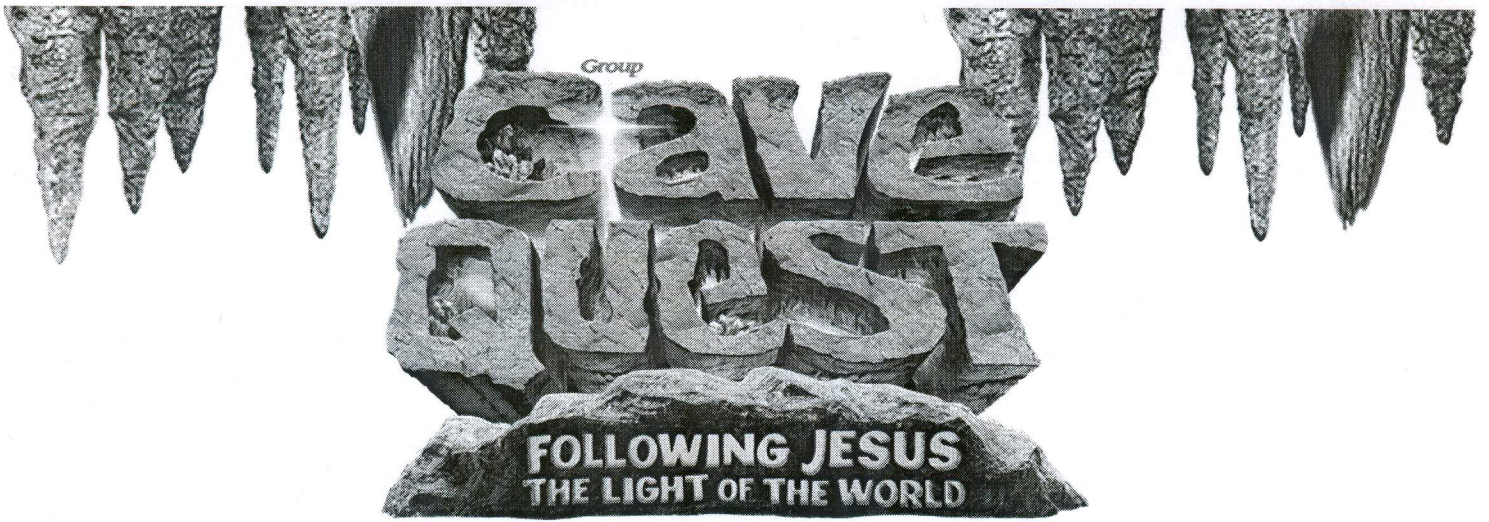
When David wrote the Psalms, he often left his heart on the page. What he was feeling, fearing, anticipating, wondering, whatever, there is it in words before us. How un-Lutheran! To actually be engaged with our feelings. Here is the thing. God gave us those feelings. It is foolishness to ignore or suppress them. If we suppress our anguish, we can never truly express our joy.

And in those Psalms, it is written a couple of times - make a joyful noise unto the Lord. It applies of course to singing, but it also applies to working together. I am so grateful that you work together well. I am so glad you are willing to give over to God, not just everything only God must handle, but also those things we think we can handle ourselves

As you go about your summer, some of you in different zip codes, continue to pray for us; for our Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, for Pacifica's Bishop-elect Andy Taylor, for your pastor and your church leaders, and dear ones, for yourselves, that we all desire to love and serve God well and always, with joy and compassion for one another. Those are the seeds. God will take care of the growth.

Shalom,

Pastor Carol



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 18-20, 2016 6-8 PM

Gear up for an over-the-top underground adventure! At Cave Quest, you'll ground kids in the rock-solid foundation of God's love, a love that carries us through life's dark times. On this courageous, captivating quest, kids sing, have fun, and experience Jesus-the light of the world. You'll encourage kids to look for God Sightings-everyday clues that God is present, passionate, and powerful. You'll learn that Jesus gives us hope, courage, direction, love, and His power. 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:
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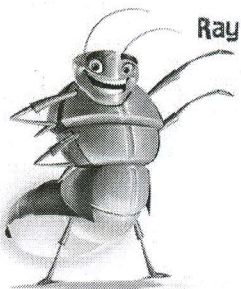


Parent/Guardian Name _____

Ray Address: _____

Home Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____

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





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

Hall for hotdogs and 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 a great view of the fireworks display from Morrison Park.



Please Pray for:

Cindy Cassem, Oly Vernlund, Harold Lester, Ira and Gene Yoder, Tonni Broussard, David Johnson, Corey Lester, Ann Miller, Kathy Youngblood, Mark Bueker, Odell Ross, Laura Entrekin, Jill Rasmussen, Shelley Palestis, Diane Kroh, the family of Maxine Cassem, the family of Jack

White, John Abramson, Cindy Matheason, Carole Horton, Craig May, Jason Withrow, John Simpson, Donna Messer, Steve Johnson, Brian Kelley, Bob Lantz, Karen, Fabian, Mike Johnson, Rita Nielsen, the family of Favian, Eunice Kahn, Joy, Mark Korshavn, Jewel Willis, Brian Kelley, the family of Jim Cooper, Kitty, Larry Wilderman, Kathy Bickel, Jeff Sims, Connie Lowe, Alan Yoder, Audra Ciasullo, Katherine Ward, Jack Hoffman, Janell Stanford; and all others needing God's healing touch.

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

- Marv Egeland
*Worship is evangelism.
Evangelism is worship.

2. Education

- open
*Lifelong learning — formal and informal

3. Fellowship

- Audrey Flickinger
*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, Jo Lippire
*Growing joyful stewards in your congregation

8. Worship and Music

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

9. Youth

- Audrey Flickinger
*Building our future with youth ministry.

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CHRISTMAS IN JULY FUNDRAISER

**"May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ
be with you."**



We celebrate 31 years as a family of believers at Lord of Life. We have much to be thankful for and much to look forward to in doing the will of God in our community. One of our challenges we can be proud of is

being able to meet our mortgage payments without impacting our social outreach programs and living our mission statement of "Inviting all to grow in Christ." The funds we collected in the previous years drive are being used to supplement the donations designated for the building fund and meet our monthly mortgage payments. We have not withdrawn any funds from the general fund so far. That is why we need a fundraiser and why we are asking you to be generous with your "gift" to "CHRISTMAS IN JULY" for the blessings each of you have received while members of this congregation. We are celebrating this fundraiser on Sunday, July 24th with special music and a goal of \$16,000.00. It is important that everyone contributes in some way...no gift is too large or too small if given from the heart.



July

Tom Hilker
Deuel Ross
Jason Ross
Jim Cassem
Katherine Ward

August

Chandler Kohr
Carole Korshavn
John Meeks
Heidi Avila
Kristin Freeman
Kyle Freeman
Matt Shoemaker
Dolly Kline
Schuyler Ciasullo
Jordan Campbell
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.

Lord of Life Lutheran Church *Receives 2016 Best of Moreno Valley Award!*

MORENO VALLEY June 15, 2016 --



Lord of Life Lutheran Church has been selected for the 2016 Best of Moreno Valley Award in the Places of Worship category by the Moreno Valley Award Program.

Each year, the Moreno Valley Award Program identifies companies that we believe have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and our community. These exceptional companies help make the Moreno Valley area a great place to live, work and play.

Various sources of information were gathered and analyzed to choose the winners in each category. The 2016 Moreno Valley Award Program focuses on quality, not quantity. Winners are determined based on the information gathered both internally by the Moreno Valley Award Program and data provided by third parties.

About Moreno Valley Award Program:

The Moreno Valley Award Program is an annual awards program honoring the achievements and accomplishments of local businesses throughout the Moreno Valley area. Recognition is given to those companies that have shown the ability to use their best practices and implemented programs to generate competitive advantages and long-term value.

The Moreno Valley Award Program was established to recognize the best of local businesses in our community. Our organization works exclusively with local business owners, trade groups, professional associations and other business advertising and marketing groups. Our mission is to recognize the small business community's contributions to the U.S. economy.

SOURCE: Moreno Valley Award Program

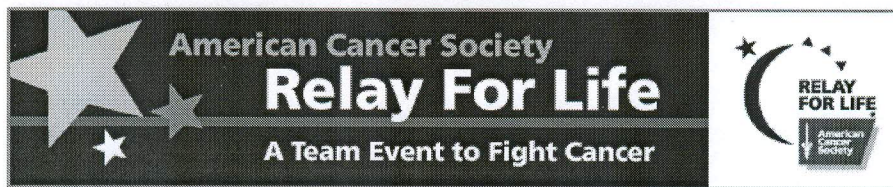
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Thank you to the following for your participation in the American Cancer Society's Moreno Valley Relay For Life event held at Valley View High School, May 14-15, 2016.



Lois Allbeck, Maggie August, Helen Bedford, Lola Booth, Arthurine Broussard, Darlene Bueker, Jim & Cindy Cassem, Schuyler & Spencer Ciasullo, Ursula Clark, Larry Combes, Mona Daugherty, Wendy & Arlene Eder, Brianna Egeland, Marv & Jan Egeland, Laura & Eric Entrekin, Audrey Flickinger, Amy, Kyle & Kristin Freeman, Tom & Janice Gardner, Carole Horton, Tony Ingrassi, David Jackson, Pastor & Nancy Kishino, Carole Korshavn, Gabriel Kroh, Bob & Carole Lantz, Harold & Jeannine Lester, Connie & John Lowe, Mindy Lowe & Jeren, David & Ann Miller, Larry & Alice Olson, Shelley & Fred Palestis, Willie Rasmussen, Pat Rupert, Louise Russell, Christina Torres, Becci, Greg, Alyssa, & Trevor Van Hoosier, Bob & Oly Vernlund, Katherine Ward, Matt Wooten, Ira and Gene Yoder.

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, Lord of Life Lutheran Church team "Love of Life" raised an astonishing \$8,286.30. We were pleased to receive a Five Star Award, a Team Spirit Award, and placed first place in the city for our fundraising efforts.

The Relay started with the Opening Ceremony with our own beloved Pastor Yutaka Kishino, who gave an invocation of hope to cancer patients and survivors. This was an event to remember our loved ones, celebrate those who are survivors, and pay tribute to our caregivers. Spencer Ciasullo and Trevor Van Hoosier took second place in the Car Derby/Miss Relay contest. Brianna, Matt, and the youth built the cardboard racer which was designed by Brianna Egeland.

Many thanks to the top team fundraisers: Jim Cassem, Wendy Eder and Pat Rupert. Accolades to Willie Rasmussen and Ira Yoder, who were the Gold Sponsors of the event. You may have noticed their names on the back of our Relay t-shirts and there was signage indicating their sponsorships as well.

Kudos to entrepreneur Alyssa Van Hoosier of Alyssa's Creations, who once again manned our booth by making and selling her famous and sought-after rubber band bracelets and characters. Hats off to Tom and Janice Gardner of ACE Hardware who donated a raffle basket and gift card and also to Jim and Cindy Cassem who donated a picnic basket with a Stater Bros gift card. Accolades to Shelly Palestis who created a beautiful Learn Live Love poster signifying the five colors of cancer. And a special salute to our Logistics Team Marv Egeland, Jim Cassem, Tony Ingrassi, Fred Palestis and David Jackson for putting up and taking down our campsite. A shout-out to Pastor Carol for her support and to Becci Van Hoosier and Audrey Flickinger for their undying assistance.

We are truly a special congregation who knows how to reach out into the community showing that we are more powerful than each of us could be alone. Our teamwork showed that our generosity and willingness to help others 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 our loved ones 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, Honorary Captains – Becci Van Hoosier and Audrey Flickinger