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Our Mission Statement

Inviting all to grow in Christ!



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Evangelism 2010(and beyond)... Romans 10:15 says, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" This verse appears on the back of the ministry/business card that I hand out to people in my daily journey around Moreno

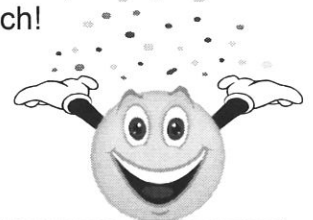
Valley. It gives me great joy to be in conversation with others proclaiming my love for God and His presence in my life. As you read this, Lord of Life Lutheran Church has just kicked off what I hope and pray to be a fantastic mission and outreach component of our life together. This can not be done by just one person, or just a few. To be truly fruitful, it will take the collective effort of all the gathered in this worshipping community. A couple of you have said that you are not able to do Evangelism. There are multiple pieces that comprise our Evangelism efforts. A few of us have dedicated ourselves to going door-to-door and leaving a door hanger at each home in the neighborhoods that will be visited. I especially thank Dave and Paula Allbeck for their design of the door hanger that each household will receive. Their commitment to this is truly appreciated! A couple have committed to opening up their home for a neighborhood bible study. These couple of opportunities may not sound like something that you feel comfortable doing. What is always needed in all times and places is a reliance on prayer. In my experience, I know firsthand the power of prayer. In speaking with many of you, I know you believe that too. I would ask that all of us pray for this part of our life together. If at this point you do not want to go door-to-door, or want to host a home bible study, please include the Evangelism efforts of the congregation in your daily prayer time. You will find a map of Moreno Valley in the narthex each time you come to church. This will indeed show the places that have been connected with. You will also find door hangers available too. If over the course of time, you decide that you would be willing to

take a handful with you, and give them out to homes in your neighborhood, that would be much appreciated. It is my opinion that all can do Evangelism. In fact, I think we all are doing it without realizing it. Simply stated, I believe Evangelism is proclaiming the Good News of Christ. This, I believe, takes place by what you say and do; how you carry yourself, the kind of character and integrity that you live your life by. How you speak of your relationship with God only has to come from your heart. Let the relationship that you have with God, come forth for all to experience. Let the ways that Lord of Life is meaningful to you be known as well. This is a special place for multiple reasons. First and foremost is because of God's presence in this place. Secondly, is because all of you. It is a joy for me to speak of our God, and also a joy to speak of this place that does so many wonderful things for others as an expression of God's presence on all of our journeys with Him.

We all know somebody who does not have a church home. I know of a fantastic one on Nason Street! Invite these folks to church. Extend an invitation for these brothers and sisters to come and be in the presence of other children of God as we worship Him with all of our hearts and all of our minds. I am truly excited to be participating in this outreach effort with you and with our creator God! I look forward to connecting with all who call this part of God's vineyard their home.

May your Lenten journey be a fruitful and introspective one. May the promise of His resurrection on Easter morning encourage us all to proclaim loudly and proudly, 'He Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed.' I hope you are as ready as I am to go and share with all in our midst, and all who are willing to receive, the news of our Savior. See you in church!

Peace,
Pastor Shane



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Lenten Journey Continues...

Our 2010 Lenten journey continues with Lenten services on Thursday evenings. All services are at 7:00 pm preceded by a simple supper at 6:00 pm. Don't miss out!

Thursday, March 4 – Finger Food Supper

Thursday, March 11 – Chili Supper

Thursday, March 18 – Salad Bar Supper

Thursday, March 25 – International Supper

Holy Week Events

Palm Sunday, March 28

Monday-Wednesday – Morning Prayer Time at 7:30

Maundy Thursday, April 1 – Soup Supper

Good Friday, April 2 – No Supper

Easter Sunday, April 4 – 6:30 AM & 9:00 AM

Please join us for Easter Breakfast from 7:30-8:45 am



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

On Saturday April 24th at 6:00 pm, we will be gathering at the Benedict Castle to reflect, to dream, and to enjoy. A 25th Anniversary in a community that is not much older says a lot. The evening is for every member, new and old, who has had anything to do with Lord of Life. The funds raised by "Andy Verse Sari," Anna's close relative, will allow this to be an affordable evening of food, friends, and fellowship. Mark this on your calendar and plan on having a great time. If you want your children to attend, we ask that they be 13 years old or older. We are providing food and entertainment at the church under adult supervision for children 12 years and under. It is important that we, as a congregation, take time to acknowledge the milestones and focus on our future. Even if you are the newest member, you are part of our dream. If your schedule will not permit your attendance, maybe you would like to purchase some tickets for those who can least afford the cost. This is family celebrating a great achievement and enjoying the ride. We don't know where the Holy Spirit will lead us, but we all know that the Holy Spirit has been with us this far and isn't about to let go. **See you there!**



Sweet Monday on Wednesday

Sweet Mondays on Wednesday will be meeting on March 10 and April 14 at 7 pm at the Cassem's house. The theme for March 10th will focus on "Marching Toward Salvation" as we march towards Easter. For April 14th, we will discuss "Blooming in the Sonshine."

Please join us at my home at 24815 Moonshadow Dr, Moreno Valley, 92557. If you need directions or have questions, please call me at 951-485-9660. Sweet Mondays is open to all women. No reservations are needed. Come as you are and bring a friend or two.

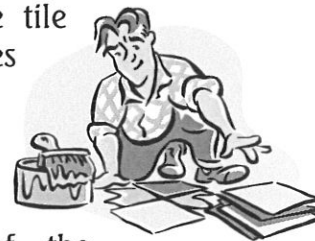
In His service,

Cindy Cassem

Narthex Tile Project

March is Lord of Life's 25th Anniversary! Fred Palestis and Jim Cassem announced the beginning of the Narthex Tile Project Fundraiser in which the end result will be a beautiful new tile floor in the Narthex. Each tile will now be sold for \$50. If you had made a previous donation, your tile purchase has been doubled. The center piece of the floor will have the church emblem. There are also needs for other donations to help cover the costs of needed supplies such as grout and mortar. Once the tile sales are completed the tiles will be installed.

We wish to thank everyone who has participated in this wonderful endeavor and encourage all members of the congregation to participate in this once in a lifetime opportunity to give back to the church and beautify the Narthex for many years to come.



Lord of Life

25th Anniversary Celebration

You're Invited

Saturday, April 24 at 6:00 PM

Teen Challenge at Benedict Castle

5445 Chicago Avenue, Riverside

Menu:

Choice of Herbed Roasted Chicken Breast,
Roasted Pork Loin with Fruit Compote,

or

Fresh Salmon with Orange Citrus Glaze
served with a side dish and vegetables, or you
may request a vegetarian meal.

All meals include salad, rolls, and beverage.

Tickets will be available to purchase at church
for \$10.00 each. Out of town guests may RSVP
by e-mail at lolmv@verizon.net

There will be youth activities, movies and pizza with adult
supervision held at the church for all children age 12 and under.



Valentines for Vets

Submitted by Deb Weitenhagen

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we were unable to

schedule a time for Valentines for Vets this year at Loma Linda VA or San Diego VA Hospitals. But on Tuesday, Feb. 9, Mike and I received a call from March ARB, to serve coffee and sandwiches to a Marine deployment of approximately 150-200 on Sunday, Feb 14. An email for Valentines was sent out and we had a great response. We were able to hand deliver Valentines to these young men and women as they departed for their duties overseas. It was a long day for them, many were sleeping, playing card games, watching a little TV, reading or just wandering around waiting for the plane to be readied for flight.

As I was handing out valentines to each of the Marines, I saw smiles and a great deal of appreciation for the remembrance. Many were like little children comparing and sharing the different valentines that they received with each other. I had an officer say that his men needed the cards more than he, but I assured him that we had enough for everyone. As they departed to board their plane, there were more "thank you's" and smiles that day than we had had in a long time.

So that other members of the congregation may have the experience of reaching out and offering a friendly greeting to Veterans, we are planning

"Shamrocks for Veterans" on March 13 at Loma Linda Veterans Hospital at 10:00am. All members are welcome to come along. We will need handmade shamrocks with a short greeting for approximately 250 patients and staff. Some guidelines: We cannot have any references to God or religion. We can also donate cookies as long as they are store bought (NOT HOMEMADE) It is a tremendous experience to greet and talk with these soldiers and veterans. They need to know that we care for them and are grateful for the job that they are doing and have done for our country. I encourage all to participate in this outreach program.



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.



BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY

March

John Abramson
Jill Gardner
Julie McAlister
Kaysie Ellingson
Maggie August
Bob Lantz
Breanna Freiberg
Alison Mott
Jonathan Cruz
Greg Luna, Jr.
Jacob Avila
Enjoli Zappulla
Trena Zappulla
Brayden Freiberg
Brendan Freiberg
Caitlyn Jackson

April

Derrick McMillian
Joseph McMillian
Ciera Silva
Bryan Slaton
Jeff Egeland
Pat Rupert
Shane Freiberg
Phillip Mott
Marie Bundura
Darlene Bueker
Shy Stanton

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.



JOIN US PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28TH AT 10:15 AM FOR OUR ANNUAL CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT. CHILDREN AGES 1-10 ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN THE FUN. BRING YOUR BASKET AND MEET IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AT THE END OF THE SERVICE. IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO DONATE CANDY AND/OR FILLED EGGS, PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BEFORE MARCH 28TH. THANK YOU!

Join us as we
unveil our new
Team name!



Relay for life is fast approaching and we need your help! There are many things to be done in preparation for this event on May 15-16, 2010. There is something for everyone! In an effort to involve all church members, we would like to invite all age groups, including children, middle school, high school, college, and beyond to join us. Lord of Life will be in charge of the Luminaria bags this year so, anyone that has an artistic flair, we need you, too! You will be able to pick up your sponsoring envelope and registration forms from Deb Weitenhagen or the church office. Sign up for your time to walk, whether it be for 1/2 hour, 1 hour or longer. We need walkers for the full 24 hours of relay, because cancer never sleeps! Let's show Dave Korshavn and all others our support and help us win the fight against Cancer!



PLEASE JOIN US
EASTER SUNDAY FOR
A SUNRISE SERVICE
AT 6:30 AM ON THE
FRONT LAWN.

EVERYONE IS INVITED FOR AN EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST FROM 7:30-8:45 AM ON APRIL 4TH. PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX.



We would like to thank all of our friends and church family for the kind words, cards, food, lovely flowers and prayers during the recent illness and death of our wife, mother, daughter and grandmother, Colleen Johnson. Your expressions of sympathy and love were and are most appreciated.

*God Bless You,
Jim & Cindy Cassem and families
Roy Johnson
Dorothy Parr
All the children and grandchildren*



Please Pray for:

The family of Colleen Johnson, Dave Korshavn, John Abramson, Karen Ptacek, Maxine Hagle, Anita Haase, Jessie McMillian, Karen Osmon, the family of Joseph Dutched, Tom Yoder, Katherine Ward, Marie Hyta, Bill Ward, Steve Johnson, Francis York, Patricia Soto, Barb Shoemaker, Linda Baginski, Josh Althoff, Maya, Philip Delaney, Alan Yoder, Connie Lowe, Julie Johnson, Arnette Lester, the people of Haiti, and all others needing God's healing touch.

Please be sure to check out the new sponsors on the back page of the newsletter and use their services when possible. Thank you.