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Our Mission Statement

Inviting all to grow in Christ!



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LIFELINE



This reflective season, the 40 days of Lent, is a time of spiritual renewal; to reflect and reconnect with God, our neighbor, creation, and ourselves; to remember Jesus

is calling us today to follow, to pray, to serve, and to rediscover what it means to us to be and live as children of God. At Lord of Life, there are many opportunities to seek God in a fresh, new way this Lenten Season. Invite someone to join you and be prepared to meet the living Christ!

Lent is not all about penitence or mistakes or guilt. Entering into Lent is to enter with a time of introspection, its ultimate purpose is beyond penitence. Lent is an annual invitation to come closer to God. It offers us a chance to look at ourselves, not so we can punish ourselves, but so we can identify any obstructions that might keep us from God's continual nearness, that peace, God's peace, which does pass all human understanding! By moving any obstructions gently away, we come closer to the Love that gives spiritual life, the Love whose triumph we will celebrate on Easter morning. Lent gives us a time to see our current situation in complete honesty, to compare this present snapshot with an image of where we would like to be in that place God wants us to find. Self scrutiny is part of Lent's process, but we do not observe Lent for self scrutiny alone. To wallow in guilt

and shame would go against the Gospel message: "for freedom Christ has set us free."

Our Pacifica Synod has recommended our Malaria Campaign Drive be held during this season of Lent. The magnificent goal is to make Malaria history, stamp it out completely. World Malaria Day is April 25th, shortly after Easter. Thank you to Arthurine Broussard, who served as Lord of Life delegate to our Synod Conference last May, and now serves as Synod Malaria sponsor for our congregation. Her "Temple Talk" on Transformation Sunday, February 19th, made an appeal for each of us to share in this great, merciful ministry by making a special offering during Lent for this most worthy cause. Our prayer is for each member to make a \$10.00 gift during Lent. Some members are in a position to make a larger gift, and we pray they will. We want everyone to be a part of this ministry. Some people choose to give something up for Lent, and the reason we do this is to stay mindful of Christ during this Holy Season. This year, may we encourage you to focus your thoughts, prayers, and actions for those whom Christ has shown us need our help by giving a special gift. On your offering envelope or check memo line is where we can mark our special love gift for this ministry and project. Thank you for your loving care and generosity to this great cause.

In His love and in His Grip,
Pastor Chuck



Worship Schedule For Lent

2012 Lenten Worship at Lord of Life

March 1 - March 29

Simple suppers at 6:00 pm
Worship at 7:00 pm

- Thursday, March 1** – Taco Supper
- Thursday, March 8** – Finger Food Supper
- Thursday, March 15** – Chili Supper
- Thursday, March 22** – Salad Bar Supper
- Thursday, March 29** – International Supper

Holy Week Events

- Palm Sunday, April 1 at 9:00 am**
- Maundy Thursday, April 5** – Soup Supper
- Good Friday, April 6** –
Service only, no supper
- Easter Sunday, April 8 at 9:00 am**



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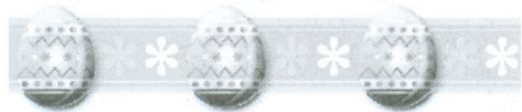


HEY KIDS...

Join us Palm Sunday, April 1st at 10:15 am for our annual children's Easter Egg Hunt. All children are welcome to join in the fun. Bring your Easter 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 April 1st. Thanks for your help!



EVERYONE IS INVITED FOR AN EASTER SUNDAY BREAKFAST

POTLUCK FROM 7:30-8:45 AM ON APRIL 8TH. PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX.

You may bring an Easter lily to decorate the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday. Your lily will be placed around the altar in honor or memory of a loved one or for Christ's resurrection. Please have them to the church office by Friday, April 6th. You may take them home to enjoy after the Easter worship service.





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WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

NEW YEAR...NEW THEME!
COME SEE WHAT ALL THE FUN IS ABOUT! MAGGIE IS LEADING US IN ANOTHER INFORMATIVE AND INTERESTING BIBLE STUDY ABOUT WOMEN IN THE BIBLE. OUR GROUP IS OPEN TO QUESTIONS AND REFLECTION WHILE SHARING. WE HAVE FUN AND WOULD LIKE TO SHARE OUR TIME WITH YOU. IF THE SPIRIT WITHIN IS GIVING YOU A NUDGE, LISTEN AND COME TO LORD OF LIFE ON TUESDAY MORNINGS AT 10:00 AM. SEE YOU THERE!!

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. Special thanks go out all the wonderful ladies for the beautiful blankets and prayer shawls!



This year's theme **Facing Giants** is based off the story of David. David led a remarkable life of faith and we can learn so much from him. David gives all of us an example in how to follow God, how to overcome challenges in life and how God is with us in those times of trouble, how to live in community and love our neighbors as ourselves, how to lead, and how to praise God.

*For information and registration, go to www.LRCCHome.com When registering for camp please use the camper's grade level in the **Fall of 2012** to determine grade level.*

Newsletter



Check it Out! We have new vendors on our back page. Take a look through the fine people

who care about this congregation enough to purchase advertising space in our newsletter. Show them your gratitude and appreciation by looking there first and use their services whenever possible. Thank you!



Dale and Michelle Gardner and family, Oly Vernlund, Fred Bueker, Mike Kline, Jackie Gravlin, Jamie Brest, Taylor, Bea Brown, Rick, Mike Zeltner, Clayton Diskerud, Maria Meyer, Candy Keenan, Marshall Whitney, Dustin Atkins, Glafira Carr, Dale Husser, Tom Yoder, the family of Jacqueline Ross,

Please Pray for:

George Scott, Audra Ciasullo, Katie Spaulding, Bill Huie, Jessie McMillian, Katherine Ward, John Abramson, Abdi Sami, Jack Hoffman, Janell Stanford, Connie Lowe, Josh Althoff, Maya, Arnette Lester; and all others needing God's healing touch.



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.



March:

John Abramson
Jill Gardner
Julie McAlister
Tom Gardner
Kaysie Ellingson
Maggie August
Bob Lantz
Greg Luna, Jr.
Jacob Avila
Enjoli Zappulla
Trent Zappulla
Caitlyn Jackson

April:

Zoe Ross
Derrick McMillian
Joseph McMillian
Bryan Slaton
Jackie Silvey
Pat Rupert
Marie Bundura
Aaron Saxton
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.



Relay For Life April 14-15, 2012



Valley View High School Track
13135 Nason, Moreno Valley

"We are the church community that takes up the challenge"

JOIN Lord of Life's award-winning #1 team in Moreno Valley, "Lord of Life for Love of Life". Relay is much more than a walk around a track – it's an event to remember those lost to cancer, celebrate those who have survived cancer and pay tribute to caregivers. It gives us all the power to help accelerate the American Cancer Society's progress toward a future where cancer doesn't take the lives of our friends and family.

Registration (2 methods):

- Sign-up online. Go to relayforlifemorenovalleyca2012. Click on the Sign Up icon on the Moreno Valley homepage and join the Love of Life, Lord of Life Lutheran Church team. Next, log in to your participant center and create your own personal page and customize it with a photo and a short story as to why you Relay. From there you can email your friends, family and co-workers the email link. Ask them to join your team, to donate, and to visit your personal web page to track your progress or...
- Get a packet from Pat or Becci and fill out the registration form. Sign up for a time to walk. Registration fee is \$10.

Calling all Cancer Survivors - All cancer survivors are invited to attend the event as the guests of honor. They will get a free purple tee-shirt, goody bag, and plenty of eats. Survivors line up to walk at the opening ceremony which begins at 9am, April 14. Invite your friends and neighbors. Forms are available for this.

The evening luminaria ceremony begins as darkness falls. Illuminated luminaria bags will line the track bearing the name of someone who has battled cancer. Forms are available for this.

Needed: Decorated cakes for a cake-walk with a sports theme, items for the goody bags, your support.

If you are interested in being on the team, being on a committee, being a sponsor or helping out in any way, please contact Becci or Team Captain, Pat Rupert at 951/243-1045 or email pat.bill.rupe@verizon.net.

