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Our Mission Statement

Inviting all to grow in Christ!



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LIFELINE



Dear Members of Lord of Life Lutheran Church,

The following is the condensed version of my personal history, so that you can get to know me and learn more about me. I was born January 3, 1952 in Tokyo, Japan. My parents Hiroshi and Ikuko Kishino became first generation Christians after the Second World War in Tokyo, Japan.

My father was walking by a small building on his way to work one day and heard music and singing coming from the building. He went in and was greeted by a newly sent missionary to Japan from the Evangelical Lutheran Church from the United States. The missionary invited my father to come and join in the festivities. My father and mother then joined the church and began attending this Koishikawa Lutheran Church in Tokyo, Japan. The missionary was Dr. Olaf Hansen, a Norwegian American and the first missionary who arrived to Japan from ELC after the war.

My parents became charter members of the church and they were the first couple married in this church in November 1950. Then I came along and was born in January 1952. I was the first infant baptized in this church.

During 1970-1971, I spent one year as an exchange high school student in Redding, CA. I then went back to Japan and graduated from St. Paul's Episcopal University majoring in Philosophy and Christianity in 1975. Upon graduation, I came back to the States, and this time I attended the Lutheran Theological Seminary from 1975-1979 in Gettysburg, PA. During my third year of seminary or the internship year I met my wife, Nancy, in Lebanon, PA which is near Hershey, PA.

I graduated from the seminary in May of 1979. I then got married in June and ordained in July all in the same year of 1979. My first call, in July of 1979 was from Zion Lutheran Church in Philadelphia, PA as Assistant Pastor. Nancy had been attending Temple University in Philadelphia. So, being newly married and having my first call in the same city Nancy was completing her education was a blessing for us.

In 1983, I received a call to Resurrection Lutheran Church in Plano, TX as Associate Pastor for 4 years. While I was there, I was guided and mentored by Pastor Martin Yonts (who later became the Bishop of the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod) to become a pastor developer candidate. In June 1987, I received a new call to be a Pastor Developer to start a new congregation in Grand Prairie, TX, where I organized Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in 1988.

I then received a call from the Division for Mission in North America or the ELCA headquarters in Chicago, Illinois to work as a Mission Director in Southern California. I served in this capacity from June of 1989 through October of 2006. My territory was the Pacifica Synod and later the Southern California West Synod as well, to oversee the new ministry developments.

Following my service as Mission Director, I attended Interim Pastoral training sessions. I then was called from November 2006 to July 2007 to be Interim Pastor of Claremont Lutheran Church, in Claremont, CA and from August 2007 to July 2008, I served as Interim Pastor at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Whittier, CA. In January 2009, I began serving in my most recent ministry assignment, which was in Huntington Beach, CA where I served as Pastor of the Japanese Ministry at Lutheran Church of Resurrection.

Throughout my life and my ministry, I always believed that my ministry was completely guided by the Holy Spirit of God and I always responded to these calls positively.

I will now serve you, as Interim Pastor, of Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Moreno Valley, CA until you are ready to call the next pastor, but until then I will stay close to you trusting the spirit of Jesus for his wisdom, guidance and blessings on this wonderful congregation. Thank you for all your prayers and support. Together we can do the work of the Lord and serve the community of Moreno Valley.

In His Spirit,
Pastor Kishino

CHURCH COUNCIL



Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Wow! What a whirlwind these last two months have been. I truly believe that God has, once again, come in and taken over His little "Miracle on Nason Street." He has seen us struggling in recent years, and He has come to the rescue, again. Are we ready to meet His challenges as we have in the past? Yes! I know we are, so let's start on our next chapter with God in control to see where He leads us.

From the bottom of my heart, I want to say THANK YOU for the outstanding support each of you showed Pastor Chuck at his farewell party. Shelley and Fred, what an awesome job you did putting it together; and Jim, thank you for all the meat you provided. Each of you in the congregation helped to make Pastor Chuck's party a success. Pastor Chuck stepped up when we needed a shepherd, and did what many retirees would not; he answered God's call with, "Here I Am, Send Me." I pray that God will continue to bless him with many more years with his family.

And, now, I want to say thank you to Nancy and Pastor Kishino for also being willing to answer God's call to come and guide us on yet another journey. Pastor Kishino comes to us with a wealth of knowledge of how to build up our church, and I know that is why God has chosen him to lead us into our church's next chapter. I want to thank each of you in the congregation for the welcome you have given Pastor and Nancy. May we continue to show them our love and be willing to support Pastor as he helps to make our beacon of light shine brighter in our community.

Now, in closing, I want to let each of you know how much I have appreciated your support of me this past year as your president. I came to that position with no experience at all, but I soon realized that it was not about me, but rather what God wanted to do through me. This past year has truly enlightened me on the importance of fully relying on God. With the help of a fantastic council, and the wonderful congregation you are, I made it through. While I will still serve on the council as Vice President, I ask you to support Bob Vernlund as the President now, just as you did me. Bob has served in this capacity before, and his experience will only help us as we enter our next chapter. God's Peace to each of you.

Sincerely,
John Lowe



Praising God for you, each one, your encouragement, support, and prayers in making God's work – our work! You have blessed me and our ministry these past years with your love, faithfulness, and kindness.

I continue to rejoice and thank you! The farewell party was awesome: Beloved friends, delicious food, kind words, gifts, pictures, retirement cards, gift box put together by Audrey Flickinger, and my treasured keepsake of memories in the beautiful album created by Jan Egeland.

Thanks to the Cassems and Palestis' for their organizing and producing this extravaganza. I loved it and I love you, each one!

Today's forecast: God reigns and His
Son shines!

In God's Love and in His grip,

Pastor Chuck

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**2013
Lenten Worship
At
Lord of Life**

February 13 – March 21

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

**Worship
Schedule
For Lent**

Wednesday, March 6 – Finger Food Supper

Wednesday, March 13 – Salad Bar Supper

Wednesday, March 20 – International Supper

Holy Week Events

Palm Sunday, March 24 at 9:00 am

Maundy Thursday, March 28 – Soup Supper

Good Friday, March 29 – Service only

Easter Sunday, March 31 at 9:00 am



EVERYONE IS
INVITED FOR AN
EASTER SUNDAY
BREAKFAST
POTLUCK FROM
8:00-8:45 AM ON
MARCH 31ST.
PLEASE SIGN UP
IN THE NARTHEX.



HEY KIDS...

Join us Palm Sunday, March 24th, 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 March 24th. Thanks for your help!



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, March 29th. You may take them home to enjoy after the Easter worship service.



LIFE LINE SCREENING
The Power of Prevention

Lord of Life will be hosting **Life Line Screening** on Monday, March 25th, 2013. Life Line will be screening for blockages in the carotid arteries, abdominal aortic aneurysm, and peripheral arterial disease. They can also do an EKG and osteoporosis risk assessment, not to mention lipid and enzyme panels. This is a preventative program and your screening results are sent to you within 21 days, after they are reviewed by a board certified physician. You are then able to take those results to your own personal physician. Every LOL member that signs up and attends this screening will receive a \$10.00 discount, and LOL will receive a donation. You must register at the dedicated Helping Hands number at 800-324-9458.



SixtySixers Baseball

Faith and Family Night

Friday, May 10th, 2013

Game starts at 7:05 pm

This game is for individuals, families, and entire church bodies to come together and enjoy a group night at the ball park! Game includes \$.50 hotdogs and breadsticks, as well as a post game concert. It will be a time of enjoyment and fellowship. Tickets are \$7 or \$9 each. Contact the church office for more information.



We are in need of someone to be in charge of the Lord of Life Team for this year's Relay for Life. As you know, the 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, support those currently fighting cancer, and pay tribute to caregivers. It gives us all the power to help the American Cancer Society's progress toward a future where cancer does not take the lives of our friends and family. If interested, please contact Becci in the church office.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us for some fun and very interesting discussions about women of the bible, who are just like you and me. If the spirit within is giving you a nudge, listen and come to Lord of Life on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the library. See you there.



Please Pray for:

Pastor Chuck, Kristi Lippire, Hannelore Heindinger, Gerald Harlow, George Scott, John Mitchell, Fred Gonzalez, Debbie Olson, John Abramson, Bill Ward, John Baginski, Mary Lou Ptacek, Maxine Lowe, Kathy Bickel, Jim Rome, Dennis Johnson, Don Wyatt, Connie Lowe, Jane Mann, Pauline Broussard, Dorothy Broussard, Tom Jones, Mary Jones, Bill Huie, Marshall Whitney, Alan Yoder, Michael and Bea Brown, Audra Ciasullo, Katie Spaulding, Katherine Ward, Jack Hoffman, Janell Stanford, Arnette Lester; and all others needing God's healing touch.



March:

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

April:

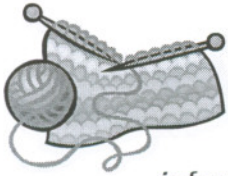
Zoe Ross
Derrick McMillian
Joseph McMillian
Emery Zappulla
Bryan Slaton
Jackie Silvey
Pat Rupert
Larry Olson
Marie Bundura
Darlene Bueker
Shynell Stanton

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.



God has given us the task of telling everyone what he is doing. We're Christ's representatives. God uses us to persuade men and women to drop their differences and enter into God's work of making things right between them. We're speaking for Christ himself now: Become friends with God; he's already a friend with you.

Registration and other information is available in the church office or visit www.LRCCHOME.COM



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. *****Please note: This is not only for the members of Lord of Life, but for friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers, acquaintances...anyone you know that needs prayers and hugs. Just let Audrey know and we'll get one to you. Thanks.***



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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.

****** 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! ******