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Our Mission Statement

Inviting all to grow in Christ!



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"Living Our Giving"

In the Old Testament book of Malachi Chapter 3, verse 10 states the following: "Test me this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

If you are like me, the first thing that comes into your mind when you hear the word stewardship is money. I don't like talking to people about money. My palms get all sweaty, and my stomach ties up in knots. Yet Jesus doesn't seem to have that problem. In his book, All the Good Gifts, Pastor Wallace Fisher notes that, according to the gospel accounts, Jesus spoke about earthly possessions five times more frequently than about prayer. Imagine that!

The Bible is clear in that all we have and are comes from God. It seems to me that stewardship is not nearly so much about giving as it is about living. Stewardship is a life that is lived in gratitude to God.

Each Sunday we confess, "I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth." One way of showing our thanks to God, the creator and provider of all that we need, is tithing, giving 10% of our income to God. How can anyone give 10%? For many people, growth giving has been the way of tithing.

Nancy and I first heard about Growth Giving and started out giving more like 5% of our income. Then we learned the blessing of God who continues to bless our living and our giving became not a chore, but the joy of sharing our resources. The money we contribute for the work of church is much needed by any congregation, but more than anything we learned is that our joy of giving, not giving financially only but for the involvement of the church life together. Giving is not a chore, but our response to God who loves and cares our lives.

In His Spirit,

Pastor Kishino





2015 Lenten Worship at Lord of Life

Please join us on
Wednesday March 4th,
11th, 18th, and 25th at
7:00 pm for our mid-week
Lenten worship services.

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 29th at 9:00 am

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd-Soup
Supper at 6:00 pm followed by worship

Good Friday, April 3rd - Worship only at
7:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 5th at 9:00 am

HEY KIDS...

Join us Palm Sunday,
March 29th 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 29th. Thanks
for your help!



**EVERYONE IS
INVITED FOR AN
EASTER SUNDAY
BREAKFAST
POTLUCK FROM
8:00-8:45 AM ON
APRIL 5TH. PLEASE
SIGN UP IN THE
NARTHEX.**

Lord of Life 30th Anniversary Celebration

You're invited!

Saturday, April 18th, 2015 at 6:00 pm

Teen Challenge at Benedict Castle

5445 Chicago Avenue, Riverside

Adults \$20.00/Children 12 and under \$10.00

Please RSVP by 3/15/2015 to 951-924-4887 or to lolmv@verizon.net

Menu: Herb Roasted Chicken or vegetarian. All dinners include salad, rolls, and a beverage

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

God's love, grace, and mercy be with each of you. What a time of joy these next two months will bring.

First of all, I would ask you during this time of Lent to think about who you are in God's life. Are you a Judas, who will do anything for a few coins? Are you a Peter, who Jesus called the "Rock," only to become like an ice cube when it became your turn to stand up for Jesus? It would be my hope that each of us would be like the thief on Jesus' right, who got the picture and asked Him to remember him in heaven. For forty day, Jesus faced the ultimate in temptations, but He used His father's promises to overcome them. I pray that we can do the same.

Next, I would like to ask that as Easter comes, we give thanks and praise for the sacrifice God made for us in His son, Jesus Christ. With Easter comes the assurance that we have a mansion awaiting us on our "Resurrection Day," a gift that is given to us just for the asking of God to fulfill His promise to us. We are commanded to ask God to fulfill His promises. Will you?

Finally, what a wonderful event to look forward to for our "Miracle on Nason Street." God has been using us for 30 years and, even though our numbers are small, our hearts are like pillars in our community. Each of us do our part to proclaim the gospel to all we meet. I look forward to being able to see many of you at this joyous milestone, especially those whom I have not seen over the years. God truly does continue to be with His "Big Miracle on Nason Street."

May God's peace continue to be with each of you as we embark on the next thirty years in service to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Yours truly in Christ,

John Lowe (church council)

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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.

Church Council at Work

- Redevelopment-LOL to explore redevelopment as a road for our church's future.
- Lenten services to be held Wednesday evenings.
- 30th Anniversary fundraiser-kickoff following Anniversary dinner. Pledge card to be fulfilled by end of the year.
- 30th Anniversary -invitations sent and program finalization.

HOPE RELAYFORLIFE2015

2015 Moreno Valley Relay for Life

This fundraising community event will be held Saturday, May 16th at Valley View High School. It will be a 15 hour event beginning at 9:00 am with the Opening Ceremony and Cancer Survivors Lap. The Luminaria Ceremony will be at 9:00 pm and the Closing Ceremony at midnight. If you wish to participate on the Lord of Life "Love of Life" team, there is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. You can also sign up for your time to walk the track. If you wish to help in any manner, please contact Pat Rupert. We will dedicate our walk in memory of Diane Combes, as well as honoring our LOL Cancer Survivors, in memory or honor of our loved ones, and honoring our caregivers.



*Anchored: Based on Hebrews 6:19
A ship without an anchor gets tossed
around by the waves and the wind.*
LRCC invites you to come and see Jesus,
the anchor that holds us safe and secure.
All of our camps are week-long experiences
that include games, crafts, swimming,
campfire, Bible studies, worship, hiking and
more. Weeks of camp start Sunday
afternoon with registration at 3 and end
Friday with closing worship at 11:15
followed by lunch at noon. You will find
everything you need to plan for summer
camp at lrcchome.com



Please Pray for: Nielsen, Mark Korshavn, Jewel Willis, Sara Ulate, Ikuko Kishino, Jeannie Mooney, Oly Vernlund, Maggie August, the family of Robbie Taylor, the Faulkner family, John Messer, Jim Cooper, Larry Wilderman, Kathy Bickel, Laura Entekin, Charles Vogelgeseng, Diane Kroh and family, Connie Lowe, Marshall Whitney, Alan Yoder, Audra Ciasullo, Katherine Ward, Jack Hoffman, Janell Stanford; and all others needing God's healing touch.



March:

John Abramson
Jill Gardner
Tom Gardner
Maggie August
Fernando Garcia
Jacob Avila
Alivia Gardner
Caitlyn Jackson

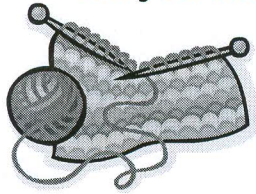
April:

Zoe Ross
Derrick McMillian
Joseph McMillian
Bryan Slaton
Pat Rupert
Larry Olson
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.

The three classic disciplines of Lent-prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are examples of practices that can give us spiritual benefit. Joining in the church's prayers builds a habit of personal and frequent prayer that carries beyond corporate worship to all parts of life. Fasting reminds us of our need for God's providence and translates to a hunger for God's Word. Almsgiving starts a pattern of sharing with people who are in need that continues long after Lent is over and reminds us that all things are God's and we are but stewards. When we walk and live in the ways God has set before us, we soon discover we are not simply living according to a good philosophy for a successful life, we are headed toward God! And when this happens, we also become more loving and effective servants to our neighbors as well.

(Excerpt from Christ in our Home daily devotional for 02/20/2015.)



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. Thanks!

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Let's thrive!

If you have an investment or insurance with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, you earn Choice Dollars. These Choice Dollars do not come out of your investment but are from Thrivent – like the Thrivent matching funds. Choice Dollars can be contributed to Lord of Life Lutheran Church. If you have questions, you can call your Thrivent representative or visit Thrivent.com. *Thank you to all Thrivent members who have already designated Lord of Life Lutheran Church as the recipient of these Choice Dollars. Through this grant fund program, we have received over \$6,000.00 in additional donations that have helped Lord of Life further their ministries.*

The Simply Giving® Program

The **Simply Giving** Program endorsed by Thrivent Financial Bank is a simple, reliable way to make your regular contributions to our congregation through automated giving.

An easy, generous choice

The program is designed to help you conveniently, consistently and joyfully give financial gifts to our congregation's ministry. You can use electronic funds transfer to give your weekly, semi-monthly or monthly offering. To learn how, contact Becci in the church office.

You can make a difference

Let the **Simply Giving**® Program endorsed by Thrivent Financial Bank help you build better stewardship by turning a simple choice into a generous response.

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