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Our Mission Statement

Inviting all to grow in Christ!



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Evangelism 2010 (and beyond)...

Romans 12:5 says, "In Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."

Our feet having been moving a lot since I wrote last. To

date, we have handed out 3000 flyers as a tool in our Evangelism efforts. Take a look at the map in the narthex to see where we have been so far; a lot of people have been connected with! A couple of folks who have been to church here in the past, have made mention of returning. The mustard seed is being planted in cultivating relationship with those we encounter. For this to be truly fruitful, it will take the collective effort of all the gathered in this worshipping community. And so again I come to you and ask how you might be willing and able to get involved in this effort. To the folks who have printed off flyers to be passed out, to the folks who have gone door to door, and to you who have prayed for this piece of our ministry life together; I give thanks! Especially I want to lift up in thanks: Dave and Paula Allbeck, Jim Cassem, Marv Egeland, Julie Ellingson, Bob Vernlund. As you look at the map in the narthex; you will find your street marked with a check mark. What if we took an hour or so out of our schedules and connected with some of those that live next to us. I have a smile that stretches from both sides of my face when I think of how much of Moreno Valley would then be introduced to the ministry of Lord of Life. Might you be willing to hand out some flyers? Most of my interactions with folks that I meet with are brief. I am giving my name and where I am from, extending an invitation by inviting them to come to church, and then giving them the flyer. Should these brothers and sisters want to talk more with me; I am open to that, if not; I thank them for their time and am on my way to the next opportunity, to the next house, to the next person I find. Again, I really want to stress

that Evangelism is something that we are doing everyday. Through whom we are, by way of our character and integrity, by what we say and what we do; we are indeed proclaiming the love of God to all we come in contact with! WE are all doing ministry each and everyday. As your pastor, brother, and ministry partner I am willing to go door to door with you if that would be better for you. Please let me know! Let the ways that Lord of Life is meaningful to you be known as well. Speak of this family from your heart. People will appreciate that, and will be warm to that. This is a special place for multiple reasons. First and foremost is because of God's presence in all of you. Go forth all you children of God!

On an average week, 85 % of folks who live in Moreno Valley will not make it to worship. In direct connection to this, I believe we can say that the same number, or close to it, do not have a church that they call home. That leaves a huge opportunity for us to go out into this mission field, this vineyard that we find ourselves in the middle of; and roll up our sleeves, and go connect with those folks in our very midst. 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!

May the Good News of this Easter season and the resurrection story of our Lord be a fruitful and joyous one for you this day forth. I look forward to seeing you in church!

Peace,

Pastor Shane

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HAPPY 25th ANNIVERSARY!

Sweet Monday on Wednesday

Well, summer is almost here, and we will be taking a break during June, July, and August. But for the month of May, Sweet Monday on Wednesday will be having a *Tea Party with God*. Everyone can bring their favorite tea cup or coffee mug, and be sure to let us know why this particular cup is special to you. I'll fix the dessert and if anyone would like to bring "tea party foods" (finger sandwiches, fruit, etc) we will have a light dinner. Also, if you have a special tea or coffee you would like to share, please bring that as well.



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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. No reservations are needed. All women are welcome, so bring a friend! The more the merrier at a party!

In His service,
Cindy Cassem

Narthex Tile Project

We look forward to having the tile project completed in May. There will be a kick-off Tile Signing party and potluck on May 1st at 5:00 pm. Jim Cassem will be bringing the pulled pork and chicken and others are asked to bring a dish to share. Anyone interested in signing a tile is welcome.

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.



The 25th Anniversary Celebration was held on April 24, 2010 at Teen Challenge at Benedict Castle in Riverside. What a beautiful setting for such a grand celebration. It was a great night of fun, food, and music (with a special musical appearance by Pastor Chuck Malloch). Members of the Church Council even performed a skit. However, we were told by Pastor Dave Miller to keep our day jobs. Special guests included Bishop Murray Finck and his wife Rhoda, Pastor Dave Miller and his wife Ann, Pastor Chuck Malloch, and Moreno Valley Mayor Bonnie Flickinger, (who presented Lord of Life with a Proclamation). Kay and Harry Carter get the prize for the longest commute, coming clear from Tennessee. It sure was great to see them again! Now that the celebrating is over we must get back to work. Our tile fund/reserve fund can still use a boost to help us make all of our budget goals for the year. Please, prayerfully consider how you can help in this area.

We look forward to another 25 years of ministry here in Moreno Valley and all with whom we come in contact.
Your Church Council!



GOD'S GREAT GET-TOGETHER

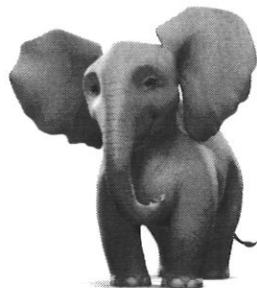
Baobab (bä' öbäb') is a gigantic tree found in Africa that creates its own ecosystem. A baobab tree's hollowed-out trunk, leaves, foliage, nectar, fruit, and bark provide basic life needs for many different creatures. The baobab tree serves as a meeting place for many people to gather, discuss, and share stories.



Baobab Blast is an open invitation to be a part of God's Great Get-Together. Set under the impressive baobab tree, kids will have the opportunity to hear the Word, be amazed at God's wildlife creations, and be a part of a supportive community.

This will be a life-changing experience for your kids as you gather together as a community and grow in faith. As the sun rises and sets on the savannah, so, too, will faith and relationships grow as kids explore connections with God, family, friends, and others around the world. Get ready to experience the most amazing community get-together under the sun.

Mark your calendars!
Join us at Lord of Life during the week of July 26-30, 2010 from 6-8 pm. Come and have a "Blast" this summer at VBS!



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.



May

Heather Althoff
Amy Freeman
Willie Rasmussen
Karman Johnson
Joshua Althoff
Robert Winn
Bryan Cassem
Jorine Campbell
Cindy Cassem
Tom Daugherty
Arlene Eder
Bob Vernlund
Jennifer (Parsons) Dragovich
Kristin Freiberg
Cathy Fulgenzi
Zachary Coleman
Craig Fulgenzi
Kimberly Fulgenzi
Maxine Hagle

June

Audrey Flickinger
Pat Fulgenzi
Wendy Eder
Jan Egeland
Marv Egeland
Robin Hiatt
Sharon Hummel
Adam Mahnken
Fred Palestis
Jabez Ross
Margo Ross
Becci Van Hoosier
Mike Weitenhagen
Johnathan Coutu
Travis Coutu
Denise Slaton
Paula Winn

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.

PICNIC

JOIN US FOR FUN, FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP ON SUNDAY JUNE 13TH FROM 1-5 PM FOR AN ECUMENICAL PICNIC. WE WILL BE MEETING AT WOODLAND PARK ON CACTUS AND HAVE INVITED THE MEMBERS OF MORENO HILLS SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST AND GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES TO GATHER WITH US. THERE WILL BE A SIGN UP FOR ATTENDANCE AND FOOD. BE SURE TO BRING YOUR BASEBALL GEAR AND ANY OTHER OUTDOOR GAMES THAT YOU ENJOY. MORE INFORMATION AND DETAILS TO COME.



Volunteer Opportunity at Camp Yolijwa

Join us from Sunday, June 20th to Wednesday, June 23rd for a mini work week at Camp Yolijwa. There are various tasks that need to be done and all ages are welcome. If you are unable to stay the whole time, come as your schedule allows. Lodging and food will be provided at no charge. Lodging will be at the Luther Glen Conference Center. Please contact Pastor Shane if you have any questions.

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

"Hospitality"

Raincross Summer Cluster Event

June 19th, 2010; 8:30 am-noon

First Lutheran Church

203 East G Street

Ontario, CA

Speaker: Barbara Martyn

Hospitality is more than being warm and friendly to others. It is a transforming way of life that opens our hearts not only to see Christ in the other, but also to move us to make room, make ready, and be available to those in need.

The cost of this event is \$5.00 and includes a Continental Breakfast and Lunch. Contact Dona Jenkins at 951-784-1188 by June 12, 2010 for reservations.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Movie night returning to LOL on May 23rd from 5-8 pm! We will be watching the movie "The Blind Side" with Sandra Bullock and Tim McGraw. This is the story of Michael Oher, a homeless and traumatized boy who became an All American football player and first round NFL draft pick with the help of a caring woman and her family. Bring a snack to share.



Families with young children will be meeting at Fiesta Village Family Fun Park on Saturday, May 29th from 1-4 pm. The address is: 1405 E. Washington St, Colton, CA 92324. On June 26th, we will meet at Brunswick Bowl on Sunnymead from 1-3 pm. Come, let the kids have fun and fellowship time together.



Please Pray for:

Tom Gardner, Ira Yoder, Diane Combes, John Carson, Linda Baginski, Carole Korshavn, Dave Korshavn, John Abramson, the family of Melissa Lundquist, Janell Stanford, Erick & Jill Wockenfuss, Anita Haase, Jessie McMillian, Donna Delaney, Karen Osmon, Tom Yoder, Katherine Ward, Marie Hyta, Bill Ward, Tammy, Nicole Morrissey, 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, the people of China and all others needing God's healing touch.



RELAY FOR LIFE

Our team is coming together with approximately 41 members (this includes several people from Moreno Valley Academy Church and Home Depot). We have raised about \$650.00 so far. Wendy Eder is our STAR Fundraiser with over \$300.00. Each team has picked a different holiday for decorating their booth, in keeping with the Relay theme of "Celebrating More Seasons". We will be decorating our booth in a St. Patrick's Day theme. Watch out for the Leprechauns! The Survivor Booth will be the Birthday Booth with gifts, food, games and lots of fun planned for their day. The Opening Ceremony will begin at 9:00am with an invocation by Pastor Shane, and then Reveille will sound for the presentation of colors by the US Air Force.

This will kick off the Survivor and Caregiver Laps and then the relay begins. There will be a team member from each team on the track for the next 24 hours. There will be fun laps (purple lap, bubble lap, crazy hat, i-pod lap, Hawaiian lap, military and police and fire service recognition laps and more). There will be prizes for each of these laps, best decorated booth, most spirit team and many more. So come and be a cheerleader for your team and walk for the cure.

Relay for Life is a 24 hour walk because cancer never sleeps. Funds raised go to research for ALL cancers. It also helps support many patient services such as Rode to Recovery, Look Good-Feel Better and a hotline for families and caregivers and patients to go to for help, to name just a few.

Our team "Lord of Life/Love of Life" will be handling the Luminaria Booth, Ceremony and Lap which happens from 8:30-9:30pm. With the help of Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts from the Moreno Valley area, we will be setting the luminaria up and lighting them as the Bagpiper leads the teams in a lap of remembrance of those who have lost their battle with cancer. This is a very emotional lap for many, but a time for coming together and knowing that the fight is not a lonely fight. There are many families that have been touched in some way by cancer and this is a way of letting each of the families represented, know that they are not alone in the battle against cancer or caring for a loved one that is battling or lost the fight to cancer.

There will be a couple of special surprises, but you will have to come out to see what they are. It would be especially nice if as many folks from our team could come out and do a lap for Dave Korshavn. He has been one of our biggest supporters in raising funds every year and this year he is battling cancer. I can't think of a better way to show our support for him than doing an honorary lap for him, so join us at 11:00am Saturday, May 15th for that.

We hope to unveil our new church banner, which is being designed by Arlene Eder. Thank you, Arlene, for all of your hard work.

Continuing to WALK in HOPE until there is a CURE.

Your team Captains: Deb Weitenhagen, Becci Van Hoosier and Audrey Flinginger