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Our Mission Statement

Inviting all to grow in Christ!



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LIFELINE



Dear Friends of Lord of Life Lutheran Church,

I cannot believe that it has been over two months since I came to Lord of Life Lutheran Church as your Interim Pastor. It always takes some time to get used to a new setting but, as the weeks go by, I am feeling at home and part of this energetic and very spiritual congregation.

I know many of the pastors who served this congregation. As you know, each pastor is unique and he or she has different gifts and different styles of ministry. It is important for the interim pastor to work closely with the president and the council members of the church.

You probably know by now that I do enjoy sharing Jesus' story and teachings by drawing pictures for the children to relate to. Actually, the children's sermon is for all people because it has to be fun, exciting and to the point to show how much love Jesus poured onto us.

It has been my joy and privilege to get to know many of you. You are loving, warm hearted, and dedicated people who want Jesus to be the center of your lives, and you also proclaim God's love in your words and actions.

It has been my experience that the happiest people are those who know they are loved despite their weaknesses and mistakes they make. Do you know, and do you realize, how powerful God's love is? God's love allows us to repent, forgive, and empowers us to become loving and considerate people.

I am aware that many of you call the church office if you are in need of prayer or have special prayer requests and Miss Becci sends on the prayer request to everyone who has e-mail. It gives me, personally, great comfort knowing that my mother, who has dementia and restricted mobility, is prayed for by many people in this church.

I have been familiar with the history of this congregation from the days when I was the Mission Director for this Synod. I also know you had quite a challenge to reduce the mortgage payment of this church. I enjoy getting to know many aspects of this church's operations as well as getting to know the wonderful people who make up this loving congregation. I also believe that I am becoming

more comfortable each Sunday at the worship services. This is always difficult for a new pastor to get used to, but thank you for your patience, especially when I say "Let us say the Lord's Prayer" rather than "Let us sing the Lord's Prayer". I agree with you, singing the Lord's Prayer is so meaningful and excites our spirit and we feel connected with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let me share with you my impression of you, the members of Lord of Life Church. You are a very spiritual and very friendly loving congregation. And I appreciate the kindness you extend and the warm welcome you give to new friends who come to this congregation.

Let me make a request: I want to continue to get to know you, and for you to get to know me. I would love to visit many of you at your home, or maybe we can have lunch or coffee together on your lunch break at your home or at work? Also, please stop by the church office and feel free to come and visit me. I want to get to know you, and I want to learn from you about what things we need to do, and engage in, within our community. I also want to find out from you what kind of things you would like our church to begin to do and or institute. Let me know when you are available for me to meet and visit with you.

Secondly, I want you to let me know if you have someone you know who may be interested in our church. I have no hesitation; in fact, I would love to visit these people and families. When I was a pastor developer in Grand Prairie, Texas, visiting people was the main thing I did every day and it was the way I was able to gather a group of people together to start the church. I visited and met with people who had an interest (and many who did not have an interest) in our new and local church. I know this church has great potential to grow and we must all feel free to invite and bring family, friends and acquaintances to this wonderful church. The Spirit is alive and present in this church, so invite people and they will see and feel how friendly, warm and truly caring this congregation is! A personal invitation is the best evangelism. I also want to start "door knocking" (doing door to door visitation) in the community, and pass out a church brochure to the people and households I visit. Again, a personal invitation to come to church worship is still the best evangelism.

*From the
Pastor*



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I would like to invite all those who are interested in helping me develop an

updated brochure about this great congregation to please let me know. I would also like to welcome anyone who wants to learn more about door knocking visitation to let me know as well. We can begin just one hour at a time. It is fun when we have several small groups of people who go out and visit. The most important thing is to let the community know we are a warm, inviting and friendly congregation with a tremendous expression of God's love.

In the short term and at your earliest convenience, if you know someone who you would like me to personally visit and invite to our church, please let me know. Our intention is not to ask someone who already is a member of an existing church, but we want to invite those people to our church who are not affiliated with any church or religious organization.

I am very pleased that Bishop Finck suggested my name to work with you here at Lord of Life. I am honored to work with you and make this congregation the best spirit filled congregation in the Moreno Valley neighborhood!

In His Spirit, Pastor Yutaka Kishino (PK)



Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

God's grace and mercy be with each of you. How wonderful it has been to see the church filling up again. Each of you help to make this happen every week with the loving and caring arms you share with all you see enter into the sanctuary each week, be it friends or strangers. I know how hard it is not to come back after the first visit; I've been there and done it.

Easter! The resurrection of our Lord and Savior; what a joyous celebration we had. While we cannot pay for our Savior's dying on the cross with material things, we can do as God told us to do: Go! Share the Good News of Jesus with all you meet each day. Each of you do this on a daily basis. I also would like to thank all those who made the Easter festivities possible, from the children's Easter egg hunt to the awesome ladies who served us breakfast on Easter Sunday. Let us take heed to what our children sang a few weeks ago: Every Morning is Easter Morning! Praise God – Hallelujah - Amen!

May is now upon us and, with May, comes Relay for Life this year. I would encourage all who are able to, to come out and share the track sometime during those 24 hours. I want to especially thank Pat Rupert for heading up the team again this year. We are so blessed to have her as a part of our congregation. I would ask that we support her in any way we can from setting up and tearing down, or occupying the booth, or just being on the track. One day, cancer will be defeated.

In closing, I would just like to say thank you to Bob Vernlund for the vision he has shared with the council to help make the "Miracle on Nason Street" a better and more attractive place for people to come. Bob has put together some committees to enhance our church, but neither he nor the council members can do it alone. So, please, if you are asked by a council member to participate, know that you were prayerfully thought of. There are no jobs too small. VBS is coming soon, so please think about where you can help show Jesus to our children. God's Peace to each of you.

Sincerely,
John Lowe

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YOU'RE INVITED

By Bob Vernlund

The mission statement of our church is "Inviting all to grow in Christ". These six words start with the word "inviting" encourage each member to do exactly that. The second Sunday of every month is usually set aside for prayers at the end of the service for those gathered with special needs. This would be a great time to invite friends, family, neighbors, or anyone to see how friendly and warm and "spirit filled" our "Miracle on Nason Street" can be. Use this second Sunday as your personal "bring a friend" or "invite" time each month. The rest is up to God!

We come and worship together because when we are gathered in the house of the Lord we are in His presence and His spirit is with us.



As we celebrate the Easter season it is by the blood of Jesus Christ that we may enter the holiest part of the church to worship and "grow in Christ". When you go to church you are professing your faith, but when you "bring a friend" or "invite" someone else you are giving them the blessing of having life more

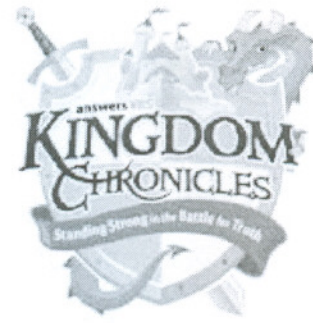
abundantly through Jesus Christ.

Does this mean friends, family, neighbors, or anyone else is only welcome on the 2nd Sunday of each month? No, they are welcome anytime, at any occasion, whether they are Christian or non-Christian. We only want to remind each of us that it is good to share the "good news" anytime with anybody because that is our mission, "Inviting All".



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join us for some fun and very interesting discussions about The Fruit of the Spirit. 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.

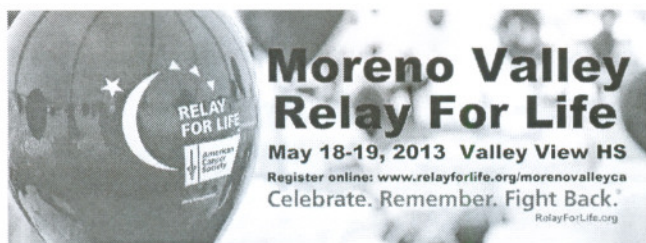


ARE YOU READY FOR BATTLE? July 15-18, 2013

6-8 pm

This great VBS shows kids that God's Word connects to every area of their life! And it helps them to see that the Bible is as relevant today as it was thousands of years ago, so they will know its amazing message of salvation is true! With *The Kingdom Chronicles*, your brave knights and fair maidens will be equipped to put on the full armor of God so they can stand strong in the battle for truth. They'll love the fun songs, the daily skits, and games. Plus they'll see the contrast between God's kingdom and Satan's kingdom of darkness, and they'll realize that they are not automatically born into the "good" kingdom but need to be saved from the "bad" kingdom through faith in Jesus Christ. The evangelistic appeal of this VBS is amazing. Prepare for a royally fun time! Dinner and a snack will be provided. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us. A \$10.00 donation is requested. Registration sheets will be available in the Narthex. As always, we need volunteers to help the week be successful. Please contact Becci in the church office with any questions. Many thanks to Margo Ross for stepping into the leadership role this year.





Moreno Valley Relay For Life

May 18-19, 2013 Valley View HS
 Register online: www.relayforlife.org/morenovalleyc
 Celebrate. Remember. Fight Back.
 RelayForLife.org

Relay for Life is almost here...have you signed up for your time to walk? 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.

This year's Relay will also offer some exciting new things:



Our chili cook off will take place on-site, Saturday, May 18 at 2:30. Interested participants need to fill out a form (see Becci) and return it by **Monday, May 13th**. Participants will

bring their crock-pots to the tasting area by 2:00pm on Saturday and tasting begins at 2:30. \$5.00 to taste and vote on all entries. The prizes are: 1st - \$100, 2nd - \$75, 3rd - \$50. (**Prize money will be credited to your teams totals; no cash to exchange hands. Award given at the Relay Wrap-Up party.)

ART FOR A CURE: Our very 1st Art Show for kids will also be held onsite. This is for kids ages 2 yrs to 18 yrs who have been touched by cancer in some fashion. We will display the art in our 'Art Gallery' and hold a Silent Auction. If your team has an entry, all money from that art piece (if sold) WILL go towards your teams fundraising. The artist is responsible for purchasing their own supplies. Art must be turned in by our last meeting on May 13th. All children are welcome to participate whether affiliated with a team or not. All proceeds from the art work will be donated to the Moreno Valley Relay For Life. Please contact me with any questions at Julie.Pizzitola@cancer.org.

MOSS BROS is having the **TEST DRIVE FOR LIFE** at our Relay. We need 500 people to test drive and Moss will give us back \$25 for each one + \$10,000!!! BUT...If we don't get the 500 test drives, they won't sponsor us in the future. It's FREE, NO Obligations. You only have to be 18 years or older with valid insurance! TELL EVERYONE YOU KNOW to come DRIVE!!!



Please Pray For:

Janice Gadbaw, the family of Jim Rome, Cathie Shields, Dennis Johnson, Don Wyatt, Connie Lowe, Dorothy Broussard, Tom Jones, Mary Jones, Marshall Whitney, Alan Yoder, Michael Brown, Audra Ciasullo, Katie Spaulding, Katherine Ward, Jack Hoffman, Janell Stanford, Arnette Lester; and all others needing God's healing touch.



May:

Heather Althoff
 Amy Freeman
 Willie Rasmussen
 Karman Johnson
 Josh Althoff
 Bryan Cassem
 Jorine Campbell
 Cindy Cassem
 Tom Daugherty
 Arlene Eder
 Bob Vernlund
 Jennifer Parsons
 Jason Shoemaker
 Cathy Fulgenzi
 Zach Coleman
 Kim Fulgenzi
 Maxine Hagle

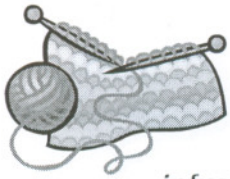
June:

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

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.



Hey Middle and High School Kids: Stay tuned for some fun summer activities that are currently in the planning stages.



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! ******