

# Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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## Our Mission Statement

*Inviting all to grow in Christ!*



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# LIFELINE



## DOOR KNOCKING EVANGELISM

When I interviewed with the church council for Lord of Life's Interim Pastor over a year ago, I promised that I will do door knocking evangelism and hand out brochures about this church as part of my commitment to help this congregation to grow. It's been a little over a year since then and I need to keep my promise. A brochure of our church is in the process of being made and when completed, I will begin knocking on doors street by street within a half mile of our church and then begin extending the area to a larger target area of Moreno Valley.

This was my methodology of evangelism and church development for the first 4 months of the new ministry I started in Grand Prairie, Texas. Mind you, I did this in Texas during the hot summer and into the fall months. Some experiences were pretty scary when I was told to "get lost" or when I had doors closed on my face. However, there were wonderful experiences as well when people would invite me in to their homes so that I could pray with them or when they were excited that they were asked to be a part of a brand new church. It was my experience that over half of the people who answered their doors were very friendly. A few volunteers and I were able to gather a core group of people who were interested in being part of a wonderful new and exciting community church.

South Grand Prairie, Texas was a new developing community and many new homes, parks, and schools were being built in the area. The volunteers and I had a good time and the more we went out and planned our target areas for the week and month the more confidence we developed and we felt empowered to continue to do the Lord's work and invite people to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Becci will oversee the production of the LOL church brochure, and I will make a plan to begin the door knocking evangelism street by

street. Yes, I might even knock on your doors so that I get to see a friendly face.

The best method of evangelism is simply personal invitation and that is to invite the "unchurched" person to attend Sunday worship with you.

I have faith and confidence that Jesus Christ is the one in charge of this evangelism. There are so many people living in our communities who have no idea of the love of Jesus Christ and that he died for our sins and promised us eternal life. Jesus will be with us as we go door to door and invite people to attend our church.

You may feel uncomfortable about door knocking evangelism. Many people may feel that religion is a personal matter and that we should not talk about religion or invite people to come to church. How then will people know and experience the joy of knowing Jesus and his love for all people? We have an obligation to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Evangelism is one of the highest priorities in the church and every one of us needs to take some small part in this endeavor.

We often talk about how to grow LOL church. We want new people to come and visit LOL. Now is the opportunity! Every one of you have friends who are not attending church for whatever the reason. It is exciting when someone who you invite becomes excited about attending LOL and following Jesus Christ.

Door Knocking is old fashion evangelism that has been proven successful in many areas. We won't know until we try! I want to ask LOL members to volunteer and help me with this experience. Together we can make a difference!



Talk to me if you are willing to engage in this old fashion evangelism endeavor.

In His Spirit,

Pastor Kishino

# Our Journey with His promise

Submitted by Bob Vernlund

We are traveling on a 50 day time line that we celebrate each church year from Easter to Pentecost. It is both a time of anticipation and one of realization that what Christ left us is still with us. Jesus Christ was the most important person that has ever lived in the history of this world. He died for all sins and His resurrection overcame death. As He told his disciples in John 16:7; *"But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you."* And in John 16:33; *"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace...But take heart! I have overcome the world."* This Advocate, Comforter, or Holy Spirit is with us today.

Yes we have a lot to celebrate and be thankful for as the Holy Spirit resides with us each day and joins us as we gather to worship and praise. This is as important for our youth as it is for our aging parishioners. The presence of this power is the uplifting feeling we experience each time we join together and sing the Lord's Prayer. It is also apparent as we reflect on where the Lord has led this congregation in doing His will in our community and our world.

For this reason it is important to ask all who have ever felt the "miracle on Nason street" to ensure our house of worship remains strong and ready to do His will. We are going through our annual "Christmas in July" during this 30th anniversary year for this family of believers. All funds raised will go to pay our mortgage. This enables our general fund to be used for the ministry of this congregation. It is important that we keep our focus on doing the will of God and letting the Holy Spirit guide us. Our God is a loving god that is in control. He has provided us with everything necessary to do His will. As Christ stated in Acts 1: 8 *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth."*

**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

- Amy Freeman, Harold Lester  
\*General, building, designated funds and budgets

## 5. Property

- Jim Cassem and Fred Palestis  
\*Maintain and monitor all church property

## 6. Social Ministry

- Jo Lippire  
\*Igniting the fire of faith

## 7. Stewardship

- Bob Vernlund, John Lowe, Jo Lippire, and Amy Freeman  
\*Growing joyful stewards in your congregation

## 8. Worship and Music

- Jim Cassem  
\*Worship service structure, content, and music

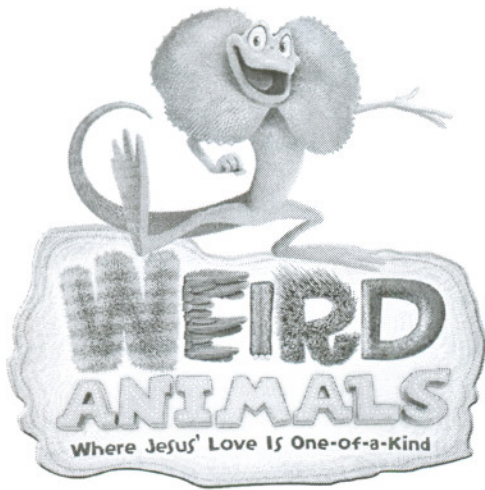
## 9. Youth

- Margo Ross  
\*Building our future with youth ministry.

## Your Church Council at work . . . . .

- An Audit Committee is being formed to review the Church's financial records.
- The Executive Committee is performing a membership roster review.
- Tom Gardner is heading up the Committee for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration in 2015.

***We're collecting Christmas cards for Christmas in July. Cards can be left at the church office or contact Jo Lippire.***



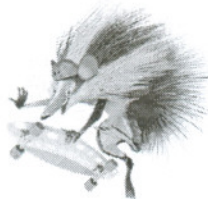
**Weird Animals VBS 2014**  
**June 23-27, 2014**  
**6-8 PM**

God filled the world with a lot of crazy creatures...including you! When kids feel weird, different, or even lost in a crowd—nothing compares to the extraordinary love of Jesus.

Weird Animals VBS connects with children when they feel different by introducing them to wonderful animals around the world. When "weird" means special, unique, and one-of-a-kind, kids are reminded of Jesus' special love for them - even when they feel different!

*Jesus loves you even when...you're left out, you're different, you don't understand, you do wrong, and when you're afraid.*

At Weird Animals vacation Bible school, kids experience God's Word in surprising and unforgettable ways! Each day, leaders reinforce one simple Bible truth—which makes it easy for kids to remember and apply to real life!



Invite your friends and neighbors to join in the fun. A \$10.00 donation is requested. Dinner and a snack will be provided each evening. Registration sheets will be available in the Narthex. As always, we need volunteers to help the week be successful. Please contact Margo Ross with any questions.



Pastor Kishino has arranged to take the high school youth to Huntington Beach June 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> for some fun and fellowship. Contact Becci in the church office for release forms and other information.

All youth: Stay tuned for some other fun summer activities that are currently in the planning stages.

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### Take me out to the ball game...



Join us for Faith-N-Family night on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at San Manuel Stadium for the Inland Empire 66ers vs San Jose Giants. Game time is 7:05 pm. This is a time of fun and

fellowship. Enjoy \$.50 Hotdogs and breadsticks, and stick around for a post game concert. Tickets are \$11.00 each. Sign up in the Narthex or contact Jim Cassem. Let's go fill those stands!

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Join the parents of Troop 100 on May 31<sup>st</sup> from 8-10am for their annual Flapjack Fundraiser at Applebee's on Day Street. You can enjoy all you can eat pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, coffee, and orange juice. To purchase tickets, see Audrey Flickinger.



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**Enjoy a day of music and support Josh Chandra as he performs with the Rio Hondo Symphony Orchestra Sunday, May 4, beginning at 3:00 PM Whittier High School's Vic Lopez Auditorium At the corner of Bailey & Whittier Ave, Whittier, CA**

Shostakovich's 2nd Cello Concerto, music from Star Wars and E.T., and more! This concert is free to attend and is open to the public.

**Our Church's Anniversary**



Be involved in the planning of our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration to be held at Benedict Castle on April 18, 2015! Contact the church office or Tom Gardner and help make this a celebration to remember!



Lord of Life Lutheran Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 6/24/2014. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries; abdominal aortic aneurysms; hardening of the arteries; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat; and a bone density. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners).



**Please Pray for:**

The family of Ruby Sonnack,  
The family of Roy Johnson,  
Josh Chandra, Ira Yoder,  
Larry and Alice Olson,  
Kenneth Judson, Rikkia  
Vinans, Josephine Bobb,  
Carole Horton, Rita Nielsen,  
Beverly Erck, Mark Bueker,  
Mark Korshavn, Craig May,  
Oly Vernlund, Maggie August,  
Kathy Bickel, John &

MaryJean Abramson, Laura Entekin, Gertrude Munoz, Dave Williams, The family of Jane Mann, Carole Korshavn, Fred Gonzalez, Lowell Rasmussen, Diane Kroh and John Meeks, Karman Johnson, Mary Lou Ptacek, Connie Lowe, Jim Busick, Marshall Whitney, Alan Yoder, Audra Ciasullo, Katie Spaulding, Andie Jaeger, Katherine Ward, Jack Hoffman, Janell Stanford; and all others needing God's healing touch.



**May:**

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

**June:**

Audrey Flickinger  
Pat Fulgenzi  
Wendy Eder  
Jan Egeland  
Marv Egeland  
Sharon Hummel  
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*

**\*\*\*\* 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! \*\*\*\***



## Moreno Valley Relay For Life, April 26-27, 2014 Wrap-Up – Thank You!

"Thank you" does not seem to be enough to say how much you are appreciated for all your efforts to help save lives this past weekend at the American Cancer Society's Moreno Valley Relay For Life. As of this writing, our Lord of Life team "Love of Life" raised over \$5,000! Monies are still trickling in. Due to your hard work and passion you helped to get us one step closer to finishing the fight against cancer. Your involvement as a team member, a donor, a survivor, a supporter, a walker on the track was so special and the millions of people who beat cancer every day are grateful for all your help.

We are proud of our dedicated "warrior" walkers who made sure the track was covered 24/7: Cindy and Jim Cassem, \*Mark Chun, Wendy & Arlene Eder, Marv and Jan Egeland, Daniel & Wendy Grygar, Pastor & Nancy Kishino, Harold Lester, John, Connie & Mindy Lowe, Alice & Larry Olson, Willie Rasmussen, Pat Rupert, Ira & Gene Yoder, Alyssa & Trevor Van Hoosier.

The following spent the entire 24 hours on the track: Mindy Lowe, Trevor Van Hoosier, \*Mark Chun.

The following survivors attended and were presented with special purple t-shirts and gift bags: Jim Cassem, Connie Lowe, and Ira & Gene Yoder and Nancy Kishino.

Logistic Committee Chair, Jim Cassem had his "muscle and brawn" team consisting of Marv Egeland, David Jackson, Fred Palestis and Trevor Van Hoosier arriving Friday night and early Saturday morning to set up the campsite and returning Sunday morning to take it down.

Top Team Individual Donors & Silver Sponsors: Willie Rasmussen & Ira Yoder. They received special recognition at the event from the American Cancer Society and signage along the track.

Top Team Fundraisers: Jim Cassem, Wendy Eder, Pat Rupert. Kudos to Wendy for obtaining a Stater Bros gift card for our raffle basket as well as an oil change and air-conditioning inspection from Espinoza's Automotive. She walked Sunnymead and Perris Blvds for sponsors.

A BIG THANKS to Shelley Palestis who created our Survivors Superheroes poster and Spirit Stick and to Audrey Flickinger who made yarn bracelets/key chains for the event cancer survivors.

An Honorable Mention goes to Alyssa Van Hoosier who sold raffle tickets for "Shamrock" the plush pony. Who could say "no" to that sweet little face. She brought in \$98. Trevor and his committee sold tickets for the Spring Easter basket bringing in \$100.

We dedicated our walk to our Lord of Life "Superheroes", Oly Vernlund, Connie Lowe, and Ira Yoder currently battling cancer and to all our loved ones dealing with the disease and to those no longer with us as well as caregivers, volunteers and the medical community.

The dedication of volunteers like you helps to save lives and brings us one more step closer to a world with less cancer and more birthdays. We are truly grateful and honored by your commitment to help us finish the fight. Thanks to Pastor Kishino, Nancy, and Becci Van Hoosier for your spirited support!

With Blessings and heartfelt appreciation,

Pat Rupert, Team Captain

*\*P.S. You may be wondering who Mark Chun is as listed in this writing. I met him as I was unloading my car at the Relay event. I asked him for help as he was walking by and he graciously said yes. He had never been to a Relay before and said he had to do community service for Rancho Verde High School and was prepared to spend the entire 24 hours. This 18 year-old senior said he was not on a team and I let him know that he was now a welcomed honorary member of our Lord of Life team. Besides walking he helped out when asked. He was born in China and came to this country just 3 years ago.*