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## Our Mission Statement

*Inviting all to grow in Christ!*

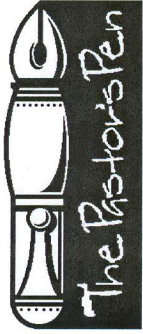


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# LIFELINE





## "Is It Enough?"

Dear Friends,

Three years ago, when I was serving the Resurrection Lutheran Church in Huntington Beach, I officiated the wedding of a Japanese couple. When the wedding ceremony was over; the dinner completed, the gifts opened, Tom and Kathy, his bride, were alone in their car.

As the car pulled from the curb, Kathy moved as far away from her new husband Tom as she could. "Take me home," she said.

"Home? But we haven't started our honeymoon yet and our new house won't be ready for another two weeks!" Tom replied.

I don't mean our new house, "said Kathy. "Take me back to my apartment."

Tom looked at his bride in confused curiosity, but there was no doubt about it – She was serious. He became even more confused when she said, "Tom, please don't misunderstand me. I'm glad we're married. I know we belong together. I'm glad to have your name. But please, I want to go to my apartment. We can get together once a month or so, that should be often enough. Other than that, I want to continue with my old life, my old friends, and my old diversions.

Don't worry, if I'm sick or need help, I'll call you right away. After all, you promised to be beside me through thick and thin. It's just that I can't live my whole life just for you. It's just that I can't live my whole life with you."

You might think this is a strange article, but I use this story to get you to think about your relationship with Jesus. If it is not what you think it should be, you have the freedom to change it.

Pastor Kishino

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### Older Sunday School Youth-Holy Week Happenings

Please take a moment to encourage these young writers to continue to share the Good News as they gain wisdom and faith through Sunday School and confirmation.

#### **A Donkey is Needed**

Written by Schuyler Ciasullo

James and Deborah were playing and looked up and saw two tall men walking towards their donkeys. "However can we help you?," James said.

James and Deborah stood up and wiped their hands. Why had these men come here? What were they going to do?

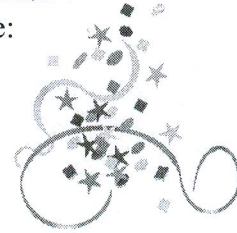
"We've come to get your donkey," they said. James and Deborah loaned their donkey to the men. As the two men led the donkey away the kids heard shouts of "Hosanna" from the people. Who was being praised, they wondered? They were praising Jesus; the prophet of Nazareth. Mark 11



## Congratulations on the 30TH ANNIVERSARY

The celebration at Benedict Castle was a great success! Thanks for the:

- leadership and guidance of Tom and Janice Gardner
- hard work of many volunteers
- guests and members
- musical talent
- grace of God



The words of Bishop Finck, the inspiration of Pastor Dave Miller (PD), and the insight of Councilman George Price provided a great evening to remember. It wasn't about our past accomplishments, it was about what God called us to do and how He was with us every step of the way. We are not "the miracle on Nason Street" by who we are or what we do, but by God's blessing and the power of the Holy Spirit. Our focus will remain on doing the will of the Lord as it is written and by looking forward and prayerfully listening for His guidance. We will continue to meet as a family of believers because that is important to each of us. It is not what we do while at church, but what we bring out of church as we go into our community, our home/family life, or our work/play environment that does the will of God. Our mission statement remains, "**inviting all to grow in Christ**".

We are starting a new direction with the formation of a "Vision" or "Dream" Team. They will be tasked with the completion of the Transformation Profile and will meet with Rev. Tim Philips from our synod to draft a covenant, which then goes to the Council and, ultimately, to the congregation for approval. This is part of the "redevelopment" program where we work with the Synod and other congregations to develop a more "**inviting**" church to better serve our community and carry out our mission statement.

The "**30 for 30**" fundraiser campaign is all part of our commitment to make this possible. It replaces our "Christmas in July" fundraiser and allows each pledge the rest of the calendar year. We need everyone's pledge card returned by **Pentecost Sunday, May 24th**. This is the completion of our Easter season, and is the birth date of the Christian Church. Pray on supporting your church with a pledge that will allow it to grow and share the love of Christ with all. When your card is complete, put it in the collection plate, place it on the altar, or mail it in. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Thirty years is a great milestone. We didn't start a church 30 years ago; we joined the Christian church that has been there since the first Pentecost, some 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus the Christ. Glory be to God!

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### The Garden of Gethsemane

Written by Shynell Stanton

After dinner, Jesus and his disciples went to the Garden of Gethsemane. The disciples got very sleepy. Jesus prayed to his father all night. "My Father, if there is a way, deliver me from what lies ahead. Let your will, not mine, be done."

Matthew 26

His disciples saw the Roman guards coming. Judas (as Jesus predicted) came over to Jesus and betrayed him with a kiss. He was paid thirty pieces of silver. As the Roman guards put on ropes to tie Jesus' hands, the disciples hid in some bushes.

Peter chopped off a Roman guard's ear. Jesus healed him. They still arrested Jesus. The disciples quietly continued to follow Jesus.

### Barabbas and the Court

Written by Alyssa Van Hoosier

After Jesus was taken by the guards, He appears at court in front of the Elders and High Priests. The High Priest asks Jesus if he is the Son of God, in which Jesus replied, "It is as you say." The people present did not believe him. Matthew 27

In the court yard, a woman notices Peter. Peter denies that he follows Jesus. Jesus predicted that Peter would deny him three times. Judas hanged himself after he was the way Jesus was treated.

Jesus appears in front of Pilate. Pilate asks Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus replies, "Yes." The elders and High Priests jeered him again and Jesus stood by silently.

Ancient tradition states that a prisoner is released during the Passover feast. Barabbas, a murderer, is released. Jesus gets beaten and is falsely accused of troublemaking. He is nailed to a cross.



## Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Blessings to all. What a wonderful opportunity our Lord and Savior has given to His little flock with huge hearts on Nason Street. We've just celebrated 30 years of sharing our Savior's love with our community. Are we ready to begin our next thirty year journey? I know I am.

We have just witnessed the resurrection of our Savior; showing us, once again, why we proclaim the good news each day. What a glorious celebration we had on Easter. We started with a wonderful time of fellowship over breakfast, and then we gathered together for worship. In an effort to make sure our Miracle on Nason Street lives on, we must support our youth. What better way to do that than to incorporate them into our services on Easter Sunday. Alyssa and Shy, when approached about participating in the service, answered with an enthusiastic "yes" even before I finished the sentence. We have some wonderful young people in our congregation and it is my prayer that we will continue to encourage and nurture them. After all, they are our church's future.

By the time you read this letter, we may already have had our farewell party for Gene and Ira Yoder. What a blessing they have been for our congregation; Gene with her wonderful smile each week, and Ira with his musical talents he has so graciously shared over the years. The Yoders will surely be missed! As I am writing this, the council is diligently searching for a new director of the choir so that the music will continue to live on in our services. We have a fantastic accompanist and God will provide a director to work alongside him to keep the Lord of Lifers alive and well. Mindy Lowe will remain committed to our children's choir and is passing down the music she sang when she was young. Those of us who were at the dinner got a glimpse of both Mindy's, and the children's passion to serve our Lord.

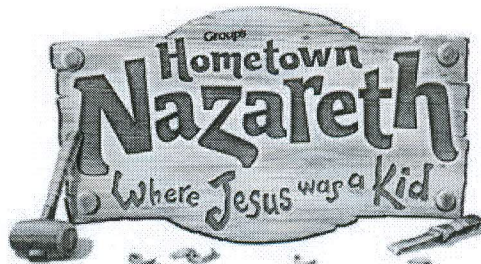
Speaking of the anniversary dinner, a huge Thank You to Tom and Janice Gardner for such an outstanding job putting the celebration together. The entertainment was truly a testimony to the many talents in our congregation. Once again, Pastor Dave enlightened us with his message encouraging each of us to reach out to our community. Thank you to all who gave of their time to help make the celebration a success. Thank you to our youth, Lord of Lifers, and Mindy and John Lowe for their musical contributions. It truly was a special night!

Yes, it's "Relay for Life" again. The event is 9 hours shorter this year than last, so please, if you are able, come on out and help us walk for a cure to

cancer. This year's walk is dedicated to Diane Combes, so let's show Larry the love we had for Diane by walking the track in her memory.

In closing, just let me say God has plans for "The Miracle on Nason Street." I hope that each of us can continue to listen to God's call for us and, like Samuel, to be willing to say "Here I am, Lord. Send me."

Yours truly in Christ,  
John Lowe (church council)



**VBS at LOL**  
**July 13-17, 2015**  
**6-8 pm**

***Hear stories about Jesus' childhood from the best source of all...his mom, Mary!***

Everyone knows what it's like to hear your mom tell stories from your childhood. Can you imagine the kinds of stories Mary could tell? They learn to relate to Jesus since he had a family (Luke 1), a name (Luke 2), a home (Matthew 2), he went to church (Luke 2:41-52), and served others (John 2). Take your kids back to Hometown Nazareth, where they'll stand up for their faith among people who doubt that the carpenter's son is really God's son.

### **Experiencing God's Word**

At Hometown Nazareth VBS, you'll reinforce Bible truth in a big way because the daily Bible Point is carefully integrated into each activity. God's Word comes alive through engaging interaction with Bible history!

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.

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



Join us for Faith-N-Family night on Friday, May 29th at San Manuel Stadium for the Inland Empire 66ers vs Lake Elsinore Storm. Game time is 7:05 pm. This is a great time of fun and fellowship,

enjoying your typical baseball food and snacks. Sign up in the Narthex or contact Jim Cassem. Let's go fill those stands!



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 7/2/2015. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries; abdominal aortic aneurysms; hardening of the arteries in the legs; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat; and a bone density screening. 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. Also, we are happy to announce that Life Line Screening is working with us to provide LOL members \$10 additional discounts off of a screening package **in addition** to a \$10 donation to Lord of Life Lutheran Church. **Please note that you must sign up on either the provided registration sheet (available on the flyers) or by calling the special Helping Hands registration number, which is 1-800-324-9458, in order for us to receive our \$10 donation as well. If you prefer to visit the exclusive Helping Hands website to register, you may do so by visiting [www.helpinghandsforhealth.com](http://www.helpinghandsforhealth.com). You must sign up one of these three ways in order to get both the \$10 discount as well as the \$10 donation for our organization.**



Maya Evangeline Wandsberg  
Master of Arts in Sociology

*Congratulations, Maya!*



Pastor Kishino has arranged to take the high school youth to Huntington Beach June 29th-July 1st 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 being planned.



John Abramson, the family of Dorothy Parr, Rodney, Alivia Gardner, Jason Withrow, Steve Johnson, Brian Kelley, Ira Yoder, Debbie Olson, Lola Booth, Ken Conley, Carole Horton, Tom Sanders, Mike Johnson, Rita Nielsen, Mark Korshavn, Jewel Willis, Sara Ulate, Brian Kelley, Jeannie Mooney, Oly Vernlund, Wendy Eder, Maggie August, the family of Marylou Slaton, Jim Cooper, Larry Wilderman, Kathy Bickel, Laura Entrekkin, Charles Vogelgeseng, Diane Kroh and family, Connie Lowe, Alan Yoder, Audra Ciasullo, Katherine Ward, Jack Hoffman, Janell Stanford; and all others needing God's healing touch.



### BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY

#### **May:**

Amy Freeman  
Willie Rasmussen  
Karman Johnson  
Jorine Campbell  
Cindy Cassem  
Arlene Eder  
Bob Vernlund  
Jason Shoemaker  
Cathy Fulgenzi  
Craig Fulgenzi  
Kimberly Fulgenzi  
Zach Coleman  
Maxine Hagle

#### **June:**

Audrey Flickinger  
Pat Fulgenzi  
Wendy Eder  
Jan Egeland  
Marv Egeland  
Sharon Hummel  
Fred Palestis  
Margo Ross  
Becci Van Hoosier  
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.*





## FINISH THE FIGHT



**Support your Lord of Life team --- Come out to cheer us on!**

**Moreno Valley Relay For Life - Saturday, May 16, 2015 - 9am 'til Midnight**

**Valley View High School Track, 13135 Nason St, Moreno Valley**

**Opening Ceremony: 9:00 am - Survivor's Walk: 9:30 am - Luminary Ceremony: Dusk**

**Are you ready to Relay?** Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Team "Love of Life" will once again be participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life, a community event which celebrates those who have fought cancer, remembers the loved ones we've lost, honors our caregivers and fights back against a disease that has taken too much from too many. Your participation means that you will be part of more than 4 million people in 5,200 communities in the U.S. along with communities in 19 other countries who are gathering to take part in this global phenomenon. No matter why you take part in Relay, however, one thing is clear – with every step you take, you are helping to save lives.

The theme this year is "Board Games" and Shelly Palestis has created a Monopoly Board poster to be displayed at our campsite. The poster will include our Lord of Life cancer survivors (members & friends) including those who are with us now and those we have lost to cancer. Our walk will be dedicated in memory of our beloved sister, Diane Combes, who passed away this past November. We will rally around our current survivors, Ira Yoder, Oly Vernlund, Connie Lowe, Carole Horton, Harold Lester, Larry Combes, Laura Entekin, and Pastor Dave. And we will also remember our friends and loved ones who are currently fighting cancer, support our survivors and caregivers and remember those we have lost.

**Are you ready to join the fight?** If so, please contact Pat Rupert at 951/243-1045 or email [pat.bill.rupe@verizon.net](mailto:pat.bill.rupe@verizon.net). Registration and miscellaneous forms are available in the Narthex or see either Pat or Becci, church office manager. You can also register online by visiting our website at [Relayforlifemorenovalleyca2015](http://Relayforlifemorenovalleyca2015). Be sure to click on Lord of Life Lutheran Church. Please sign up for a time to walk – forms are also on the table in the Narthex. **If you are interested in being on the team, being on a committee, being a sponsor or helping out in any way, please contact Pat or Becci.**

Team members who raise at least \$100 will get a commemorative 2015 Relay t-shirt. Cancer survivors will get a free shirt, gift bag and lunch at the Survivor's Tent, and are welcome to walk in the opening ceremony. Be sure to fill out the survivor's registration form. Please go on Facebook or other social media and let your friends know that you are participating in the event

*Relay For Life is a family friendly tobacco-free, alcohol-free community event with fun and entertainment for all ages.*

Pat Rupert, Team Captain