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Our Mission Statement

Inviting all to grow in Christ!



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By Pastor Carol

Because I write to you every week with my Ponderings page, I was a bit flummoxed about what to write about in the newsletter. Brianna came to the rescue with some questions for me to answer. Some were personal questions and I am happy to answer them. Let's continue with our in-home visits and do that. She did ask a much more important question.

What are my goals for Lord of Life?

The short answer is that my goals are your goals. Your goal is to grow the church. This is why I came. I believe it is also why God placed me here. And I think the newsletter is a good place to talk about how we are going to grow our church.

First of all, it is not magic. No one, let alone me, has a magic wand to wave to bring about growth. God is the author of growth and there is a particular order in God's methodology. In the Garden of Eden, God made Adam and Eve to participate in the care and management of the garden. They were given the job of stewardship over what God had created. That's our model.

God placed Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Moreno Valley, CA, to benefit the surrounding community and reach out to the world in the spirit of stewardship, or caring for one another. And God placed you and I in the position of stewards in that endeavor. As my grandma used to tell me, first you have to want to get anything done. If you don't want to, then you will work harder at not doing it than if you just got on with the project!

So first we take on the spirit of wanting to grow our church. That does, however, beg the question of why. An easy answer is that we die if we do not. So the stakes are high! How, then, do we want to?

This is a question worthy of lots of conversation, a bunch of experimentation and an amazing open-mindedness about what we do and why we do it. During the interview process before you called me, there was much conversation with the council for the need for hard work by everyone to make this a success. Pastors are not hired guns that come in and make things happen that the people don't think they can do. Like life, we are all in this together. The hardest work right now is being open-minded and patient. Right behind that is the willingness to be more than just one who goes to church and become one who is willing to be church.

Pastor's Pen Continued

Church is not just a place. It is an attitude and an activity. It is not just coming to be 'fed' the word and then going home until next week. It is coming together as community for the sake of the community. It is joining together as God's people and live out a plan each day to bring the good news of God's plan for all lives to be restored to the perfectness of the original creation. Being church includes engaging in worship and study and inviting others as well, even if you don't think they will come. And when they do come, and they will, often much to our surprise, we will be ready for them.

I would like a small group of people to meet with me maybe one Sunday a month for brunch and talk about how Lord of Life might live out God's plan for it as we go forward. Open to any age, any background, any gender. You do not have to feel like you have to be 'somebody' to be part of this. You are already the beloved of God and that is more than enough!



Installation

Lord of Life Lutheran Church invites you to join us for a worship service celebrating the installation of

The Reverend Carol J. Reed

*Sunday, May 22nd, 2016 at 3:00 pm.
Potluck immediately following in the
Fellowship Hall.*

*Rostered leaders are invited to vest and process:
The color of the day is White.*

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

- Marv Egeland
*Worship is evangelism.
Evangelism is worship.

2. Education

- open
*Lifelong learning — formal and informal

3. Fellowship

- Audrey Flickinger
*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, Jo Lippire
*Growing joyful stewards in your congregation

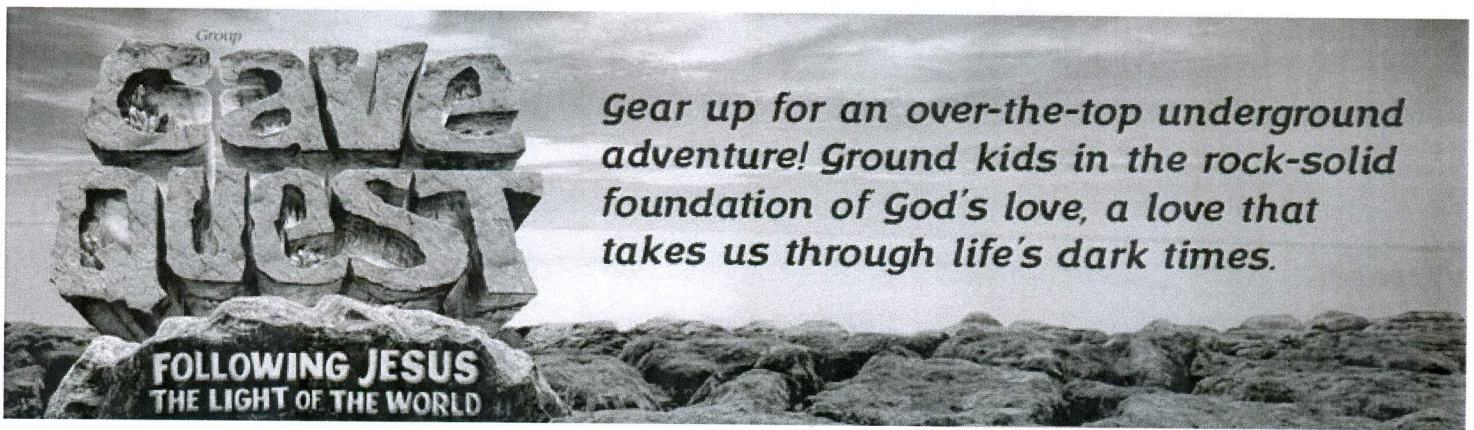
8. Worship and Music

- Larry Olson
*Worship service structure, content, and music

9. Youth

- Audrey Flickinger
*Building our future with youth ministry.

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We need your help to make this a VBS to remember. Do you have an idea that would draw more children in? Is our dinner/evening hours the best time of day to hold this event? How can we publicize more effectively? How do we reach those who need it most? We have a wonderful program with fantastic volunteer involvement and would enjoy hearing from you. Please contact Pastor Carol or the church office and let us know your ideas.



Please Pray for:

Cindy Cassem, Oly Vernlund, Harold Lester, Jeannine Lester, Ira and Gene Yoder, David Johnson, Corey Lester, Kathy Youngblood, Jill Hall, Mark Bueker, Odell Ross, Laura Entrekin, Jill Rasmussen, Maxine Cassem, John Abramson, Cindy Matheason, Carole Horton, Karen, Craig May, Jason Withrow, John Simpson, Donna Messer, Steve Johnson, Brian Kelley, Bob Lantz, Karen, Fabian, Mike Johnson, Rita Nielsen, the family of Favian, Eunice Kahn, Joy, Mark Korshavn, Jewel Willis, Brian Kelley, the family of Jim Cooper, Kitty, Larry Wilderman, Kathy Bickel, Jeff Sims, Connie Lowe, Alan Yoder, Audra Ciasullo, Katherine Ward, Jack Hoffman, Janell Stanford; and all others needing God's healing touch.

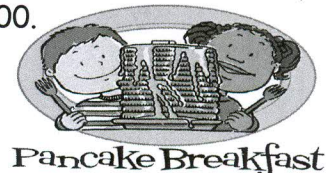
JOIN US FOR FUN AND FELLOWSHIP: THE SIXTY SIXERS BASEBALL OUTING IS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH AT 2:00 PM WITH OUR OWN LOL CHOIR SINGING. TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH JIM CASSEM. LET'S GO FILL THOSE STANDS AND CHEER THEM ON!



Lord of Life will be hosting Life Line Screening Thursday, May 26, 2015. These screenings go beyond regular checkups to provide a more thorough look at your health. You must pre-register at the dedicated

Helping Hands number at 888-653-6450 to receive your \$10.00 discount.

Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser presented by the parents of Boy Scout Troop 100. Join us May 14th from 8-10 am for all-you-can-eat Pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, juice and coffee. Tickets are available from Audrey for \$10.00 each. Don't miss out!



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Grace, mercy, and peace be with each of you. Wow! God continues to keep His "Miracle on Nason Street" under His wing, and provides us with what we need. I believe that God knows each and every one of our hearts, and the desire to share the good news we receive each Sunday with all we encounter each week. I thank God every day for each of you, whether it be the support you share with me, or the refocusing I often need in my life.

God's care for our congregation has, once again, been demonstrated to us by sending us a pastor who, like each of those in the past, truly loves our Lord and Savior just as we do. How fitting it was that Pastor Carol's first week with us was "Holy Week," the most important week in our lives as Christians. Pastor Carol truly loves our Lord and is willing to follow His call, no matter what it takes. How many of us would be willing to make a 70 mile commute one way, just because. This is our Pastor Carol.

With Pastor Carol comes a wealth of knowledge. She, like Pastor Kishino, brings the ability to grow our church. But she cannot do it alone. God has put her here to help us go out and share her message from God each week with confidence and without fear. We all have daily interactions with our community, and not all of us can start a conversation about God and our church. God can and will start the dialogue for us, all we have to do is answer the questions we are asked by our neighbors, friends, or even a stranger in the grocery store. God promises us that He is always with us and that we do not have to be afraid. When we ask God to fulfill His promises to us, He will, but we have to ask and believe. Pastor Carol also brings with her the desire to see our youth flourish in the church. After all, they are the future of our church. It brings joy to my heart and the many others who have helped to bring our young people up in our church. Our youth are willing to step up to the plate and help in any way they can. Pastor Carol has plans for our youth and she will be demonstrating her support of them on Sunday, June 26th when, just like our "Souper Bowl Sunday," she will let them lead the service from start to finish. We have already seen our youth in action, so now it's Pastor Carol's turn.

Now, about our youth: I am so proud of them and the roles they are filling in the congregation. Kristin, Trevor, and Kyle do a wonderful job on the power point each week. We now have our youth sharing scripture lessons on Sunday mornings, and Alyssa, Schuyler, and Shynell joining the Assisting Minister roster and also the choir (two things that are dear to my heart). Spencer and Gabriel also help in our worship services by acolyting and sharing the scriptures. Please, when you see our youth, let them know how much you appreciate them.

In closing, I would just ask that you not forget about the Relay for Life event on May 14th and 15th. This is an excellent way to share the love of God and Lord of Life with our community. See you there!

God's Peace,
John Lowe



May

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

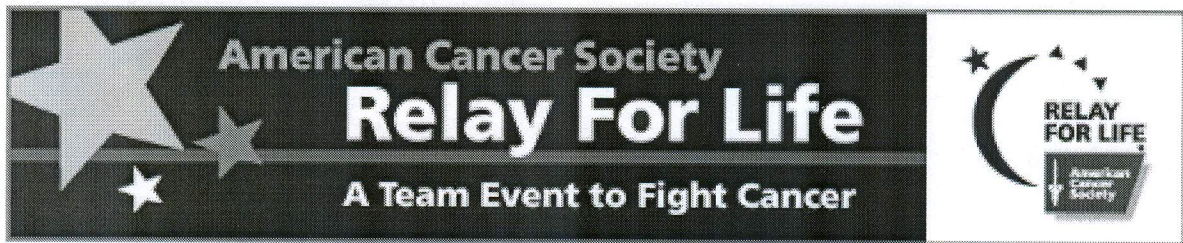
June

Audrey Flickinger
Pat Fulgenzi
Wendy Eder
Jan Egeland
Marv Egeland
Sharon Hummel
Fred Palestis
Margo Ross
Johnathan Coutu
Travis Coutu
Denise Slaton
Janice Gardner
Mike Weitenhagen

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.

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Teaming up for the Relay fight

Moreno Valley Relay For Life, May 14-15, 2016, 9am, Valley View High School

Attn: Team members, friends, survivors, caregivers, donors, sponsors, supporters

Relay For Life is just two weeks away. If you have not joined the Lord of Life Team "Love of Life" please sign up in the Narthex or better yet sign up online. Have you signed up for a time to walk? Clip board is also in the Narthex for this purpose.

Good News! So far we are top team in the city and have over raised \$4,500 to date.

Trevor Van Hoosier and teen pit crew are building a Lord of Life cardboard car to enter in the Road to Recovery lap car race. Auto racing enthusiasts are welcome to offer ideas and/or help.

Our goal is once again to be a Five Star Team as we were last year. **The following are needed to reach this goal by May 1.**

- **As many as possible** to sign up online at: www.relayforlife.org/morenovalleyca
- **Cancer Survivors** (this includes those who have had cancer as well as those who are in treatment or remission) please register – forms are in the Narthex. You will receive a special commemorative purple T-Shirt, goody bag and food and refreshments in the Survivors Tent. Be sure to indicate your shirt size.

Remember, team members who raise \$100 or more will get a Relay For Life T-Shirt. Be sure to indicate your size on the sign-up form.

Invite family, friends and neighbors to this annual community event. We will be walking for Lord of Life cancer survivors, past and present and in remembrance of our loved ones.

Upcoming local Relay fundraising events:

- May 12, 2-9 pm, Rubio's Restaurant, 2694 Canyon Springs Pkway, Moreno Valley. Rubio's will donate 20% of proceeds from your meal to the Moreno Valley Relay. ***Must present a flyer which is located on the table in the Narthex.**
- June 25, 8am to 11am, Bark For Life (A dog event to fight cancer, Valley View High School, 13135 Nason St, Moreno Valley Register online at: relayforlife.org/BarkMorenoValleyCA or phone Yvonne England, 951.300.1232 for more info.

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Audrey Flickinger and Becci Van Hoosier
 Honorary Team Captains



"We are the church community that takes up the challenge"