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# LIFELINE

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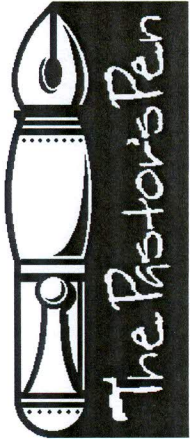
## Our Mission Statement

*Inviting all to grow in Christ!*



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Our Lord is Risen! Now what?

Planning ahead requires a review of where we have been and a look at where we wish to go. 'Now what' sums that up nicely.

The past year has been exhilarating, revealing, and full of great promise for the future. Yes, we have some challenges and your council is working hard to help us meet them all. A bond proposal is before you that has the potential to save us countless dollars in mortgage interest. Dollars of expense saved mean dollars available for ministry.

The end of April, we met with Greg Shepherd. He is the Synod's representative to help us consider and prepare for endowments to enhance our future financial stability. His services are of no cost to us and we intend to pursue his instruction. Stay tuned for more.

He showed us that a church's financial standing is based on a three legged stool. Those of you with experience with three legged stools know they cannot wobble. They are very stable. One leg is our weekly offerings. The second leg is our offerings for specific things (not to the General Fund or mortgage). And the third leg is leaving a legacy to your church in your final bequests. It is surprisingly easy and there are wonderful tax benefits for your survivors when done properly. I got the impression that inheritances left improperly, according to the tax code, send unnecessary dollars to the tax people. Left properly, those same dollars could go to your church. Interesting, huh? Stay tuned.

By this point you should have received a quarterly financial report showing our income is a fraction less than we had hoped, but so are our expenses. If you remember, our budget shows expenses of \$2,000 a month more than our expected income. This is after all our reserves are exhausted. It is time for us once again to step up to make up the difference. There are plans afoot again for Christmas in July. Again, stay tuned.

The financial picture is complicated and challenging, but doable. It will take many different approaches and all of them will be important. Short of someone winning the lottery and gifting us with a huge check, we are left to wait on the blessings of God. But waiting on God does not mean doing nothing. It means doing lots of things and each one counts for something, no matter how small.

We have come a long way over the past year. We have identified where our challenges are and have explored ways to meet those challenges. Your council president likes to say 'nobody buys a ticket to the Titanic.' And he is right. But we no longer have the taint of the Titanic. We have potential and promise. We have God desiring to bless our ministry into the community.

# The Pastor's Pen

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The computer has arrived for the youth digital video ministry and they will begin learning how to make movies to give their peers a voice. Adults can imagine, even comment on, the challenges of youth today. But it ain't the same as when we were young. It is much harder. Giving them a viable voice helps them meet their challenges. We grey-haired fuddies cannot do that. The good news is that these kids are smart and know how to use resources at their finger tips. Our job is to provide the opportunity, pray for them, and support them as they go along. We can do that. Yes, we can.

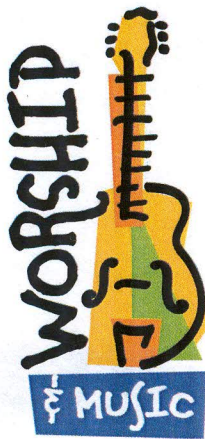
The resident adult ministry that I have heard there is interest in again is a visitation group. Stay tuned for more information as we breathe some life back into that.

Then what? Don't know. God will reveal. And that is the exciting part. Remember the last petition of prayers on Sunday? 'Gracious God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown.' One thing is sure. God is with us. God will never abandon us. God loves us. If we lose connection with God it is because we have turned away. We are not going to do that. What we choose to do going forward will be to the glory of God. Or we don't do it.

Shalom,

Pastor Carol

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Now calling all interested parties:

We will be having a Worship Committee meeting on May 28th following the service. It will be to help select songs to sing and also consider worship practices and types of occasional unique services to have. Please come and share your ideas.

WE'RE GOING TO A



BALL GAME!

Join Lord of Life for Faith and Family Night at the Inland Empire 66er's on Friday, May 19th. Tickets are \$11.00 each. Game time 7:05 pm. There will be a pregame concert, .50 cent hotdogs, and postgame fireworks. Sign up in the Narthex and let's fill those stands!

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You Shop. Amazon Gives.

If you purchase from Amazon, you can now get donations for our youth programs from the purchases you make. Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), select Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Moreno Valley for the charitable organization to support, then shop. In order to earn donations, be sure to log into smile.amazon.com whenever you shop Amazon. Thanks for your support!

# CHURCH COUNCIL

Your church council has an exciting proposal for the future of our church. After much prayer and consideration, we would like to expand the miracle on Nason St. by increasing our ministries and expanding our outreach. But first, the facts:

- Our property and building is worth over \$1.3 million dollars
- Our current loan has around \$180 thousand dollars remaining in the next five years at 5 1/8% to the Mission Investment Fund
  - This results in monthly loan payments of \$3,890
  - The mission investment fund is not willing to lower our interest rates

Our proposal is to have the members (current, former, & future) and friends of Lord of Life assume the loan and allow for the expansion of ministries and outreach. This is how it is going to be done:

- We ask everyone to pray for this church, its ministries, and its expansion into the community
- We offer bonds that will pay you back with interest on your investment
- We have a goal of \$200 thousand with bonds in \$5,000 blocks with a term of one, three and five years. (There are also five \$1,000 blocks available)
- The interest rates are simple and paid annually
  - \$1000 block for one year @ 1.75%
  - \$5000 block for one year @2%
  - \$5000 block for three years @ 2.5%
  - \$5000 block for five years @ 3%

We need your prayer and commitment during the months of April and May. If we have reached our goal by the end of May, we can collect the funds during June, pay off our high interest loan, and start expanding our ministries. Now is the time to pray about investing your money where your heart is and just see what God can do with this miracle on Nason Street.

Bob Vernlund



BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY

### May

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

### June

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



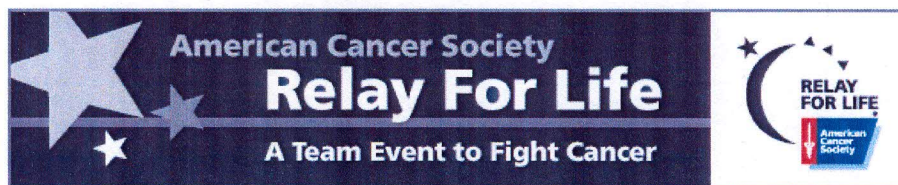
### **Please Pray for:**

Harold Lester, Oly Vernlund, Connie Lowe, Ira and Gene Yoder, Katherine Ward, Lola Booth, Pat Rupert, Jeff Merritt, Bill Shulin, Ona Ellington, Carole Horton, Jill Rasmussen, Julia Fanning, Marcy Bart, Carla Engle, Laura Entrekin, the family of Barb Claassen, Gail Paddock, Megan Kelley, the family of Rogelio Uy, the family of Mary White, James Ward, the family of Tim Bruzzusi, Bruce Gaynor, John Abramson, John Simpson, Margaret, Steve Johnson, Brian Kelley, Mike Johnson, Rita Nielsen, Mark Korshavn, Larry Wilderman, Kathy Bickel, Jeff Sims, Alan Yoder, Audra Ciasullo, Jack Hoffman, Janell Stanford; and all others needing God's healing touch.



I would like to say thank-you so very much for the wonderful surprise and outpouring of generosity that you showed me on April 30th. I appreciate the cards and gift certificates to Starbucks, Macy's, Starbucks, Sizzler, Starbucks, Visa, Starbucks, TJ Maxx, and Starbucks. I enjoy working with you and doing what we do for the glory of God. It's hard to believe that it's already been 10 years working together, and I pray that we can continue moving forward together for many more years to come.

God bless you all,  
Becci



Thank you for your participation in the American Cancer Society's Moreno Valley Relay For Life event held at Valley View High School, April 29-30, 2017. Whether you were a participant, a survivor, a caregiver, a sponsor, cheerleader, donor or a friend of Relay, our mission to eradicate cancer for our generation and future generations would not be possible without your support.

The Relay started with the Opening Ceremony with Pastor Yutaka Kishino, who gave an invocation of hope to cancer patients and survivors. This was an event to remember our loved ones, celebrate those who are survivors, and pay tribute to our caregivers.

Many thanks to the top team fundraisers: Jim Cassem, Wendy Eder and Pat Rupert. Accolades to Willie Rasmussen and Ira Yoder, who were Platinum and Gold Sponsors of the event. You may have noticed their names on the back of our Relay t-shirts and there was signage indicating their sponsorships as well.

This year's theme was "Once Upon A Cure" and Team Captains Schuyler and Alyssa chose the Disney movie "Moana." Kudos to Alyssa Van Hoosier, who made the survivor gifts from the shells and beads purchased by Audrey. There are a few available for purchase and support of Relay for Life. Audrey made wonderful pillows and pouches for surgery patients. And a special salute to Jim and Cindy Cassem for helping put up and decorate our campsite complete with flowers, leis, and a grass skirt.

We are truly a special congregation who knows how to reach out into the community showing that we are more powerful than each of us could be alone. Our teamwork showed that our generosity and willingness to help others have allowed the American Cancer Society to fund research, education, advocacy and patient services locally, statewide, and nationally. We all look forward to the hope that our loved ones lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported and, that one day, cancer will be eliminated.

With Praise and Heartfelt Gratitude,  
Schuyler and Alyssa, Team Captains



Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Lord of Life Lutheran Church on

6/26/2017. 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, for men and women. 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/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle) or text the word circle to 797979**