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Our Mission Statement

Inviting all to grow in Christ!



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By Pastor Chuck Malloch

Thank you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; for Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Moreno Valley and for the solid ministry so evident here; for the Christian Love in caring for one another in this family of God; for the Spirit of holiness and the openness to God's word; for the enthusiasm in worship and music and reverence of the sacrament of the Lord's supper.

I am thankful for each precious member of this congregation where God has called me to serve, once again, as Interim Pastor. The kindness, openness, and hospitality have become a beautiful experience in my life. Thanks for everyone who has been so encouraging and helpful in my ministry here.

In just another three weeks, families across America will gather to celebrate Thanksgiving. It is more than 375 years since the first Thanksgiving, when Pilgrims and Indians huddled together on the edge of an unknown continent. And now as we look forward to the future, not unlike our forefathers, we are full of hope and trusting in God, as ever.

In the gospel, we read of the ten lepers. They all had the disease; they all cried out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." How did Jesus respond? He told them to go and show themselves to the priests. "And as they went, they were cleansed." The healing took place as they responded to the directions given them by the Lord.

The following words of this passage indicate that only one of the ten returned to give thanks. We know that to give is simple, but to receive is hard. In giving, anyone can be gracious, even generous with a genuine warmth. But in receiving, the real maturity is put to the test. Maturity is the art of receiving gratefully, gracefully, and graciously.

An old gospel hymn puts it this way: "Count your many blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done."

2010 is coming to an end! Time for Thanksgiving! Are you thankful for what you have harvested? As our pilgrim fathers we, too, may begin anew and create an atmosphere where love, freedom, and success reign.

The hungers of the human heart for forgiveness, a new start, a conviction of spiritual truth and fellowship have a right to be satisfied. May you find these answers and blessings in the worship services of Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Moreno Valley.

Together, let us say..."Thank you, Lord, for yesterday's blessings and tomorrow's opportunities." Each day has found God meeting us with new strength and a new start. "His mercy is every morning new." All of us have so much for which to say, "Thank you, Lord!" Perhaps you have had some very special blessing this year that occasions your "Thanksgiving" response to God. Nehemiah 8:10 "For today is a sacred day before the Lord your God; It is a time to celebrate with a hearty meal, and to send presents to those in need."

May God bless you in the great joy of giving! May your be the happiest Thanksgiving and be filled to overflowing with God's blessings,



Wise Men and Women Still Seek Him

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Attention All Ladies:
 Women of Faith will be coming around again next September. Save the date, Friday and Saturday

SEPT 9 and 10, 2011. "Over the Top" is the theme. We will have many fabulous speakers and lots of good music. A block of 15 tickets has been purchased. Tickets will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. The ladies that attended this year had a fabulous time. Talk to them and find out how much they enjoyed the conference.

Tickets are \$89.00 for the two days. Conference times are 10:00am to 3:00pm and 7:00pm to 10:00pm on Friday and 9:00am to 5:00pm on Saturday. Box lunches are included for both days. Please contact Deb Weitenhagen for further details.



Sweet Monday on Wednesday

Sweet Monday on Wednesday will be meeting on November 10 and December 8 from 7-9 pm. to finish off the year 2010. On November 10, in staying with the season, we will talk about thankfulness and praise for all the many gifts we have. On December 8 we will talk about receiving the best gift of all Jesus, and what that means for each of us as Christians. We will be meeting at Cindy Cassem's home at 24815 Moonshadow Dr, Moreno Valley, 92557. No reservations are needed. Please come for a night of wonderful Christian fellowship...and bring a friend. Call Cindy at 951-485-9660 if you need more information.

 **Thrivent Financial for Lutherans***
Let's thrive.®

Thrivent Counts

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has embarked on a new program called Thrivent Counts. They have reviewed all of the eligible investment products that each member household maintains and have determined their qualifying 'eligibility dollars.' The program is designed to allow each household to contribute their eligibility dollars to their church, if desired. You should have received a letter from Thrivent that explained your eligibility dollars in more detail. If needed, our Thrivent representative, Marlin Brandt, will come out to the church to go over any questions that you may have and help you designate where you wish your eligibility dollars to be applied.



LORD OF LIFE
 WISHES TO THANK
 EVERYONE FOR

THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT TO THE QUILT AND HEALTH KIT MINISTRIES. YOUR GENEROSITY AND HARD WORK ENABLED US TO SEND 30 QUILTS AND 500 HEALTH KITS. LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF WILL SEND THESE TO VICTIMS OF NATURAL DISASTERS ALL OVER THE WORLD. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A PART OF THIS WONDERFUL MINISTRY, PLEASE CONTACT AUDREY FLICKINGER.



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Thanksgiving Food Baskets to be distributed November 21st



We are once again getting ready to provide a Thanksgiving dinner to those struggling in our area. Our goal is to provide baskets of food that include: a turkey, potatoes, canned vegetables, canned yams, stuffing, cranberry sauce, fruit cocktail, and dessert. We will also be providing dinner for the families at the transitional living shelters: Amelia's Light and the Genesis Shelter. Any food or cash donations will be greatly appreciated. See the sign up in the Narthex. Please have all donations to the church by November 19th. Thank you for being a blessing to others!



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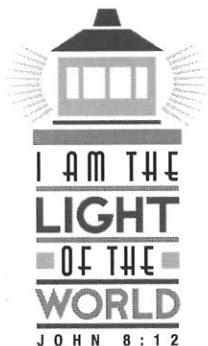
Lutheran Retreats, Camps and Conferences

Winter Retreats 2011 Theme: **iFollow**

Based on John 8:12

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world.

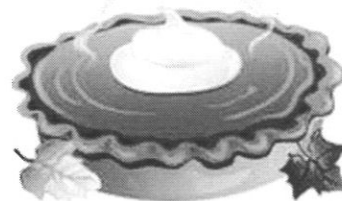
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."



Our Winter Retreats are our most popular youth program, so register now. For information and registration, go to www.LRCCHome.com

Come worship with us
Wednesday, November 24th
at 7:00 PM

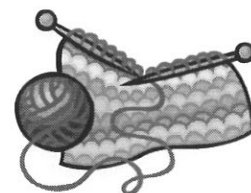
Thanksgiving Eve Worship



Pie and coffee will be served
after the worship service in
our fellowship hall!

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 be sure to check out the sponsors on the back page of the newsletter and use their services when possible. Thank you.



Please join
Lord of Life
Thursday
December 2nd, 9th,
and 16th for mid-

week Advent services. There will be potluck suppers at 6:00 pm followed by service at 7:00 pm. Please come, enjoy food, fellowship, and worship as we prepare for the coming of the baby Jesus.

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.



November:

- Meggie Hilker
- Kristina Hooper
- Daniel Grygar
- Hailey Levi
- Louise Russell
- Linda Rasmussen
- Lorie Tronti

December:

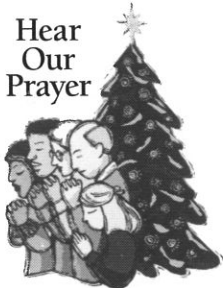
- Phyllis Nelson
- Judith Cassem
- Trevor Van Hoosier
- Matthew Winn
- Mike Althoff
- Patty Bundura
- Lindsay Ellingson
- Meagan Hood
- Garrett Bundura
- Joey Bundura

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.

Christmas
 Eve
 Worship



Candlelight Service
7:00 pm



Oly Vernlund, Pastor Dave, Corey Lester, Mark Bueker, Denise Slaton, Trish Walker, Jack Hoffman, Charlotte Rutter, Linda Baginski, Pastor KD, Adrienne Record, Connie Lowe, the family of Sharon Pring, the family of Roger

Stites, Dave Korshavn, Ronnie, Jeanette Ramirez, Janell Stanford, Tim Coleman, Stella Hunter, Karen Osmon, Jim York, Tom Yoder, Rudy Franco, Marie Hyta, Bill Ward, Francis York, Barb Shoemaker, Josh Althoff, Maya, Alan Yoder, Julie Johnson, Arnette Lester, the people hit hard with flooding and tornadoes, and all others needing God's healing touch.

ANNUAL TOY DRIVE FOR EDGEMONT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



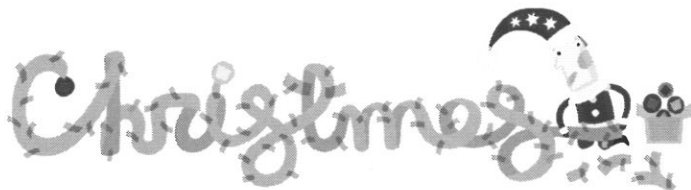
There are 750 students (boys and girls between Kindergarten and 5th Grade) who attend Edgemont Elementary School - and we would like to provide each of them with a gift for Christmas again this year. We are looking for toys that keep the kids active or stimulate thinking and creativity. Some suggestions are: basketballs, soccer balls, footballs, skateboards, board games, trucks, and cars. Toys need to be at least \$10.00 in value each. Start early and look for great sales. Cash donations are also accepted. We do ask that no used toys or stuffed animals be given.

All gifts need to be turned in by **Friday, December 10th** to be counted and sorted.



A wrapping party and dinner will be held on **Saturday, December 11th** from 3:30-7:00 PM at
Lord of Life Lutheran Church
13600 Nason Street
(one block south of Cottonwood)

We also need "Elves" to help deliver the gifts to Edgemont Elementary School
27190 Eucalyptus Avenue
Friday, December 17th at 8:00 AM



We appreciate all the help we can get. Please let us know if you would like to be involved in any way. You may contact Becci in the church office at 924-4887.