

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

"Where There's Life For You!"

Volume 20 No.4

e-mail us at: lolmv@verizon.net

September-October 2010

Lifeline is a Newsletter published by Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Moreno Valley, California.

Our Mission Statement

Inviting all to grow in Christ!



Inside this issue:

From the Pastor.....	P. 2
Letter from the Church Council	P. 3
Sweet Monday on Wednesday.....	P. 3
Rally Sunday	P. 3
Christmas in July.....	P. 4
Cleaning for a Reason	P. 5
Prayers.....	P. 5
Baptism Anniversaries.....	P. 5
Lutheran World Relief.....	P. 6
Shop for a Cause.....	P. 6
LSS Walk a Thon	P. 6

LIFELINE



(copy of Pastor Shane's e-mail sent out 8/11)

From: Rev. Shane M. Freiberg, Pastor

To: Lord of Life Lutheran Church

Brothers and Sisters - Blessings to you all. I hope this finds you doing well. I want to let you know about a decision I have made. At last night's church council meeting, we were again reminded of the financial position of Lord of Life Lutheran at this point in time. This economic time has been hard on a lot of people, families, and churches alike. Lord of Life is not immune from that I must say. There is one sizeable place in the church budget that can still be cut at this time to be of benefit to the congregation; my compensation package. Out of a mutual decision between the council and myself: I will be leaving Lord of Life Lutheran by the end of this month; my last day with you will be August 31st. We have had 2 fruitful years in ministry together; which I am quite thankful for. You all are fantastic people in the Body of Christ. I and my family will miss you! It is with sadness that I write this to you; but I also write this with continued faith that our Lord and Savior will feed and sustain us all as we go forth in continued service to Him. At this point, I am looking into the possibility of going onto Active Duty in the United States Navy as a Chaplain. Wherever I go and whatever I do I will take you all with me. I do look forward to connecting with you soon, and continue to hold you all in my prayers this day. May God continue to work through you all for the benefit of those you come in contact with on your daily walk.

Peace,

Pastor Shane

(Copy of recent council letter to the congregation)

As you may know by now, there were some hard decisions made at the last council meeting. As result of a difficult but mutual decision by Pastor Shane and the church council, Pastor Shane has decided to leave his position as pastor of Lord of Life Lutheran Church, effective August 31, 2010. Please know that the executive board is working with Bishop Finck and the Pacifica Synod to make this a smooth transition. Until we are able to procure a suitable interim, we will be utilizing Pastor Chuck, Synod supply pastors, and our own lay members. If we remember to pray, have faith, work and stick together, our church family will be well taken care of. Please, don't hesitate to talk with members of the Church Council or the Church Office of any concerns or needs during this transition.

The ministries at Lord of Life will continue as planned with Rally Sunday scheduled for September 12th. This will kick-off the new year of Sunday school, Women's bible study, adult and children's choirs, Confirmation, and Adult Forum time. The Prayer Shawl Ministry has been wrapping up our members in love and prayers; Lutheran World Relief will be picking up the quilts and health kits at the end of October; and we will be scheduling more exciting family fellowship activities. We have enclosed a Spiritual Gift survey for you to fill out and return to Lord of Life. This will help us make sure that everyone can have a part in the continuation of LOL's ministries and everyone's concerns and needs will be met. Please consider where you would like to utilize your talents and volunteer, join, or plan something that interests you.

Lord of Life has a wonderful future ahead, as we all continue to work together for the glory of God. He will continue to bless us as we go forth being that "Miracle on Nason Street."



Sweet Monday on Wednesday

Fall is in the air (well, maybe somewhere) and that means it is time for Sweet Mondays on Wednesdays to begin a new season of learning, laughing, and luscious snacks. We meet the second Wednesday of each month from 7-9 pm.

The theme for September 8th will be on "A new season: Fall." For October 13th we will be talking about prayer.

Please join us at my home at 24815 Moonshadow Dr, Moreno Valley, 92557. If you need directions or have questions, please call me at 951-485-9660. No reservations are needed. Come and enjoy the fellowship of other Christian women and bring a friend. The more the merrier!

In His service,
Cindy Cassem



Join us on Sunday
September 12th for
"Rally Sunday!"

Check out the different ministries that are available at Lord of Life, talk to the ministry leaders and get involved.

Whether it's stewardship, outreach, bible studies, worship, or choir...there is something for everyone!

Lifeline is a newsletter published bi-monthly
By Lord of Life Lutheran Church
13600 Nason Street, Moreno Valley, California
Volume 20 No. 4 September-October 2010



Submitted by Barb Shoemaker
and Becci Van Hoosier

I just wanted to say a big "thank you" to all who participated in the Christmas in July event we had on July 25! I am overwhelmed with joy and appreciation at the response we received - just shy of

\$20,000.00 – 48 families - Praise the Lord!!!

TREE OF GIVING LEVELS

TREE TOPPER \$2,500.00
4 DONORS

HIGH BRANCHES \$1,000.00
5 DONORS

LOWER BRANCHES \$250.00
20 DONORS

CHRISTMAS TREE SKIRT \$25.00
17 DONORS

STOCKING STUFFER
2 DONORS

And I want you all to know I can't take full credit for this event - I did have divine inspiration!! And the day itself was magnificent! The feeling here at Lord of Life was amazing! Over 100 family members gathered for special music, decorations, and Christmas Carols. We were blessed with the voices of Pastor Chuck and Pastor Dave singing with the choir. The Lowe family sang beautiful Christmas songs for us during communion. Richard, Linda, Katie, and Bobby Rauch extended their California vacation to be here and sing for us, too. What a wonderful surprise! A special thank you to Pastor Dave, Pastor Chuck, and all who helped make the service special!

I feel it is a confirmation that we can face the challenges that are ahead of us with the spirit that is alive and well here at "the Miracle on Nason Street".



Christmas Cards

For a few hours that Sunday in late July, we were transported to a time of celebration with family and friends for the joy of Christmas without the hassle. PD reminded our children of the birth of Christ; the people and animals gathered around the nativity, especially the...**basset hound?** Or how about the "**Prince of Peace who disturbs the Peace;**" who came to bring peace with his restlessness, not just by letting things be? We all have things to do; choices to make, and they won't be easy. We can help bring peace to the world, but only through the giving of ourselves as the "Prince of Peace" did. I exited the sanctuary feeling uplifted and positive.

A number of Christmas Cards were returned and displayed on the mantle during the service. Some were simply signed, while others included heartfelt wishes:

"My best wishes to all. With Love and Prayers"

"I like our church"

"A blessed Christmas to our LOL family"

"From Texas to California, we wish you many blessings from the Lord's rich storehouse"

"With wishes of success for LOL and its members"

"To the Miracle on Nason Street from a grateful parishioner"

"Thanks for more than a decade of great memories!"

"Wishing and praying for blessings"

"We are so grateful to be members of LOL. You have served us well and our faith has been strengthened through worship with this loving congregation. God bless you as we continue to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ."

"God's continued blessings on LOL"

"We hope and pray we get a lot of new members and that the friends that left "Lord of Life" will come back to us. Oh, how we miss them! It's sad to see so many empty seats."

"Praying for a bountiful new year"

I also would like to thank everyone for their involvement in the "Christmas in July" fundraising event. Thanks to your generosity, Lord of Life was able to get current on all of the monthly bills. The portion that was designated to the Building Fund will temporarily cover the monthly shortfall in the building fund offering. Lord of Life has some hard work ahead of us and, banded together, we can do it!

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.



Please Pray for:

Oly Vernlund, Corey Lester, Gene Yoder, Diane Combes, Willie Rasmussen, Lola Booth, Jack Hoffman, Charlotte Rutter, Linda Baginski, Pastor KD, Roy Johnson, Cindy Cassem, Jim Cassem, Carole Korshavn, Mark Burac, Dave Korshavn, the family of J.D., Sandra Kennedy, the family of Mary Ballard, Ronnie, Jeanette Ramirez, Janell Stanford, Anita Haase, Donna Delaney, Stella Hunter, Karen Osmon, Jim York, Tom Yoder, Katherine Ward, Marie Hyta, Bill Ward, Francis York, Barb Shoemaker, Josh Althoff, Maya, Philip Delaney, Alan Yoder, Connie Lowe, Julie Johnson, Arnette Lester, all affected by the oil spill, the people hit hard with flooding and tornadoes, and all others needing God's healing touch.



September:

Alyssa Van Hoosier
Diane Combes
Karen Ptacek
Nicholas Shearer
Robin Althoff
Bob Nelson
Barb Shoemaker
Chris Silvey
Lola Booth
Danny Egeland
Teri Hilker
Mike Kline
Greg Van Hoosier
Katherine Coutu
Gary Ellingson

October:

David Johnson
Julie Johnson
Gina Yates
Dale Gardner
Dirk Gardner
Marilyn Jackson
Kurt Kozma
Oly Vernlund
Deb Weitenhagen
Iver Sonnack
Alex Kozma
Tim Mott

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.

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



LOL is continuing with much needed quilts and health kits, and we are asking for your support. We are currently in need of hand towels, toothbrushes, combs, soap, and band-aids for the health kits. For quilts, we are in need of gently used, clean sheets. We could also use assistance with pinning and/or sewing. Please contact the church office for quilt requirements. Special thanks to Audrey Flickinger for organizing these efforts and for all the wonderful people who volunteer their time and talents to meet the needs of others.



WHAT A
DIFFERENCE
A DAY MAKES!

Join us Saturday, October 16th at Macy's for a fund raiser for the Moreno Valley Relay for Life. A \$5.00 donation gets you an all day pass for 10-20% off of your store purchases. You will also receive a 25% off coupon good on any one apparel item or accessory. With these wonderful coupons, you will get an entry form for a chance to win a \$500.00 gift card. See Deb Weitenhagen to purchase your "Shop for a Cause" pass and help raise money for cancer research.

LSS Community Care Center

(Lutheran Social Services of Southern California)

Invites you to participate in our annual

Walk-a-Thon

"Come One & All!"

Individuals, couples, families, and groups are all invited to come out and enjoy a day of fun & fellowship, while supporting the many programs of Lutheran Social Services.

Saturday, October 09, 2010

**REGISTRATION: 8:30 AM @ HOPE LUTHERAN, 2882
Arlington Avenue**

**Walk begins at 9:00am, ending at noon with
Celebration at**

Eden Lutheran Church, 4725 Brockton Avenue

**For more information, please contact
Lutheran Social Services at**

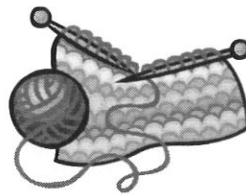
Amelia's Light, (951) 656-6020 –

Lurinda Stubblefield, Outreach Liaison

Genesis House, (951) 689-7847 –

Deniece Marshall, Program Director

Lutheran Social Services is a non-profit organization celebrating the love of Christ for all people through acts of service. Since 1978, we have served individuals and families in Riverside County through our Transitional Living Program for homeless mothers with children, Outreach Services such as a community food pantry, donations, emergency transportation, affordable housing referrals, counseling, & other local resources.



Can you knit, crochet,
or sew?

Audrey Flickinger has
started a **Prayer
Shawl/Blanket Ministry**
for the members of

LOL. If you want to help wrap someone in a warm hug infused with prayer, please contact Audrey. There are patterns for all skill levels. Join us for a meeting on September 14th at 7:00 pm for an introduction to, mission and goal of this ministry. There will be a time of instruction also, for those wanting to learn. All are welcome!