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# LIFELINE

## Our Mission Statement

*Inviting all to grow in Christ!*



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## "Happy New School Year!"

Ahh! The smell of new books and pencils; there's something enticing about it! At the beginning of a new school year kids exude excitement as they take another step on the journey to adulthood. They get to hang out with friends they've not seen since the beginning of summer. Some students will even be eager to learn new things. Parents are super-excited because they can recover from a summer of "relaxing" vacations and the responsibility of constant childcare. Teachers are glad to be back in the classroom, because, like students, the school calendar and the potential of new beginnings has shaped their lives.

Everyone's excited. This newfound energy might not last, depending on the circumstances, but in the rhythm of family life, the new school year—more than the liturgical New Year of Advent or the turn of the civil calendar—is the dominant New Year.

I've found that at the beginning of the school year, people we want to reach with the Good News are more open to an invitation to worship. As the wider culture is investing in a new school year, folks are interested in how to improve their lives. This is a time to build momentum in the life of the church as we seek to spread the influence of the Kingdom of God in our communities.

**Let's talk about back to school terms and how it can relate to our Christian Life.**

**The Three Rs are the basics.** They're fundamentals of education which form the basis of life in civil society. People need to be able to read, write, and master basic arithmetic. The three R's can be used to write words that we use in our daily Christian living.

### **Repentance, Redemption and Restoration.**

#### **Repentance – Mark 1:14-15**

Repentance is fundamental to the faith. By the Holy Spirit, God reaches out to us with grace, calling us into relationship with himself. Jesus' first word to us was a call to repent. "Repent" means to change your mind, or change your way of thinking. We respond to God's gracious call by repenting of our sins, turning our lives over to his care and direction.

#### **Redemption- Romans 3:21-26**

Redemption is the work of God through his covenant faithfulness and the faithfulness of Jesus. The ancients used the word "redemption" in the context of prison or slavery. To redeem someone was to free them from their imprisonment. It was especially used for prisoners condemned to death. Jesus has been faithful and wants to redeem us from slavery to sin and death.

#### **Restoration- 2 Corinthians 13:9-10**

Far too many Christians stop with only Two Rs. The word translated as "restoration" means "maturation." A disciple is one who learns from his or her teacher. Jesus is our teacher. Paul urges us to grow up in the faith. The finest athletes in the world become great by returning again and again to the fundamentals. We can allow the Holy Spirit to fill us and lead us into maturity, to learn the words and the ways of Jesus.

**We want to take advantage of this new school year by emphasizing these three fundamental R's of Christian living. Repentance, Redemption and Restoration give us the basic fundamentals for a life of faith and spiritual renewal. May we look forward to another great new year of school as well as a renewal in our spiritual lives.**

In His Spirit,  
Pastor Kishino



## “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Since 2013, thousands of ELCA congregations have participated in this opportunity and dedicated one day to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all people. The date for 2015 is **Sunday, Sept. 13**. Mark your congregation’s calendar today! If your congregation cannot participate on Sept. 13, please consider another time for your dedicated day of service.

We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work. Whether it’s volunteering at a shelter for people and families who are homeless, gathering food items to fill shelves at a local food pantry or advocating for peace and justice in communities, your service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: That all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.

*“When one congregation or a group of congregations gather for service in their local communities, they are the church in that place, taking care of that part of God’s vineyard. But this is all work that we do together. When one congregation works to feed people who are hungry, that is also the entire church coming together. ‘God’s work. Our hands.’ Sunday reminds us that we are church together for the sake of the world,”* says ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton.

You work every day to love your neighbors and make your community a better place. **Let’s continue doing this work together in 2015!**

The idea for “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday is this: ELCA members are called to put their faith into action by engaging in service activities in their neighborhood, surrounding community or designated area. While service opportunities are endless, ELCA members and congregations are invited to identify service projects that make sense for their local context and the congregation’s service capacity. In other words, the idea is to deepen a congregation’s

and/or member’s experience in their community and offer some way for congregations to play a critical part in addressing community needs.

Although the designated day of service is targeted to take place on a Sunday, the service day should not be seen as “replacing worship.” Host your service event after worship or arrange for worship at the site you’re serving and welcome others! Also consider partnering with other ELCA congregations in your area. The possibilities are endless.

*“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.”* (Ephesians 2:8-10)

As you begin to plan your dedicated day of service in 2015, consider what these verses mean in your context, for your congregation, your neighbors, your friends and family. In what ways does this impact the work you’ll do on “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday, Sept. 13, 2015?

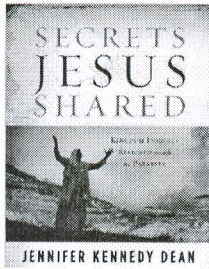
**\*\*On September 13th, Lord of Life will be headed to CCLM to help refurbish the social hall, the site from which CCLM serves over 5000 meals a month!**



### Fleece Tied Blankets for LWR

We would like to thank those that have contributed fleece, kits, and monetary donations to our project for Lutheran World Relief. As always, we appreciate you and the blessing you are to others. So far, Audrey, Schuyler, and Alyssa have completed **60** fleece tied blankets that will be shipped out on October 23rd. We thank you, ladies, for your hard work.





# I've Got A Secret

Jesus shared the secrets with the apostles. They were of such importance that the apostles recorded them in the Gospels. Being assessable in Scripture, those secrets are open to His disciples today-that's you and me.

In Women's Bible Study, we will hear the secrets Jesus revealed-secrets of the Kingdom of God. The secrets of the kingdom were told in the parables. So, let's come together to listen, learn, and share Jesus' parables. Everybody loves a secret and a story, and we hope more women will join us: Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am beginning September 1st.

Looking forward to the group re-gathering, and others joining us for story time.

See you-Maggie

**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

- Pastor Kishino
  - \*Worship is evangelism.
  - Evangelism is worship.

## 2. Education

- John Lowe
  - \*Lifelong learning — formal and informal

## 3. Fellowship

- Margo Ross
  - \*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, John Lowe, Jo Lippire
  - \*Growing joyful stewards in your congregation

## 8. Worship and Music

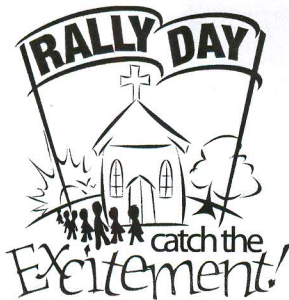
- Larry Olson
  - \*Worship service structure, content, and music

## 9. Youth

- Margo Ross
  - \*Building our future with youth ministry.

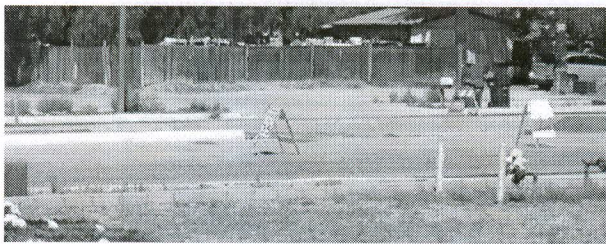
## YOU ARE INVITED!

Join us on Sunday, September 20th for "Rally Sunday!" Check out the different ministries that are available at Lord of Life, talk to the ministry leaders and get invested in your church! Whether it's joining a committee, getting involved in Bible studies, being an assistant during Sunday worship...there is a place for you! Have an idea for a new and exciting ministry? Let your church council know and see how God can help you share your time and talents!



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### WHEN WILL IT END?

THE NASON STREET CONSTRUCTION WILL HOPEFULLY BE OVER BY THE END OF OCTOBER. I RECENTLY SPOKE WITH THE CITY REGARDING SOUTH BOUND ACCESS, AS I DON'T SEE ANY POSSIBILITY TO TURN LEFT OUT OF OUR PARKING LOT. I WAS TOLD THAT THEY ARE TRYING TO CUT DOWN ON THE NUMBER OF POSSIBLE COLLISION POINTS AND FOR SAFETY REASONS, WE WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO TURN RIGHT AS WE EXIT. THEY HAVE MEASURED AND VERIFIED THAT THERE IS ENOUGH ROOM TO MAKE THE COTTONWOOD LIGHT AVAILABLE FOR U-TURNS, SO WE WILL NOT HAVE TO GO TOO FAR OUT OF OUR WAY. THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE ENTRANCE INTO OUR PARKING LOT FROM SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON NASON. SO, HANG IN THERE...IT SHOULDN'T BE MUCH LONGER.



**Please Pray for:** David Johnson, Marissa Sheffield, Larry Combes, Ikuko Kishino, Beatriz Gonzalez, John Abramson, Pat Rupert, Jason Withrow, Jackie Leany, Michael Brown, Robin Ott, Elijah Fields, Becky Sloss, Jorine Campbell, Laurie Curtis, Steve Johnson, Brian Kelley, Ira Yoder, Debbie Olson, Ken Conley, Margaret Krinke, Carole Horton, Tom Sanders, Jim, the family of Danelle Haskins, Mike Johnson, Rita Nielsen, Mark Korshavn, Jewel Willis, Brian Kelley, Oly Vernlund, Jim Cooper, Larry Wilderman, Kathy Bickel, Laura Entrekina, Diane Kroh and family, Connie Lowe, Alan Yoder, Audra Ciasullo, Katherine Ward, Jack Hoffman, Janell Stanford; and all others needing God's healing touch.



### September:

Alyssa Van Hoosier  
 Karen Ptacek  
 Barbara Shoemaker  
 Lola Booth  
 Teri Hilker  
 Michael Kline  
 Greg Van Hoosier  
 Katherine Coutu

### October:

David Johnson  
 Hailey Levi Campbell  
 Gina Yates  
 Dale Gardner  
 Dirk Gardner  
 Marilyn Jackson  
 Oly Vernlund  
 Deb Weitenhagen  
 Iver Sonnack

*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.*

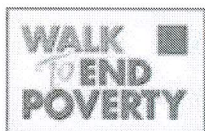


Looking for ideas that would appeal to all our youth: bowling, movie night, etc. Now that school is back in session, let's have more fun and fellowship time together. Also, looking to schedule another youth lock-in for older elementary thru high school for September 25th. If this is something you'd like to do, please contact Becci in the church office.



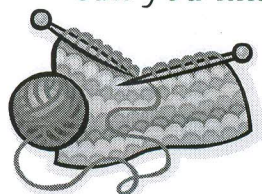
Huntington Beach trip, 2015





## Join us on October 3, 2015 at Hope Lutheran Church Help us fight poverty in Riverside

LSS Community Care "Walk to Fight Poverty" proceeds will go to those living below the poverty line in our community...The hungry, the homeless, the unemployed, the elderly, single mothers and children will all benefit from this event. Please use this POWERFUL "Friends Asking Friends" website to launch your effort and reach your fundraising goal! [www.LSSWalk.org](http://www.LSSWalk.org) or contact Helen Ross at [hross@lsscommunitycare.org](mailto:hross@lsscommunitycare.org)



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. Thanks!

### **Thrivent Financial for Lutherans\*** **Let's thrive:**

If you have an investment or insurance with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, you earn Choice Dollars. These Choice Dollars do not come out of your investment but are from Thrivent – like the Thrivent matching funds. Choice Dollars can be contributed to Lord of Life Lutheran Church. If you have questions, you can call your Thrivent representative or visit [Thrivent.com](http://Thrivent.com). *Thank you to all Thrivent members who have already designated Lord of Life Lutheran Church as the recipient of these Choice Dollars. Through this grant fund program, we have received over \$16,000.00 in additional donations that have helped Lord of Life further their ministries.*

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