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Inviting all to grow in Christ!



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FROM THE



PASTOR

Letter dated 05/27/2007 submitted to Council President Bob Vernlund by Pastor Kenneth Davis:

Dear Bob,

What a joy it has been to serve as the interim Pastor at Lord of Life Lutheran Church for the past 11 months. Working with you, the church council, transition team, and members of this congregation has served to strengthen my faith and I hope the faith of all those involved. Our journey together was not without changes or challenges. By the grace of God, I believe we met each of them and are the better because of it. A mark of a healthy progressive congregation is the ability of people with differing views and opinions to join together and work through their differences to achieve a common goal for the glory of God.

I will say again, what a tremendous opportunity I believe Lord of Life has in its future. It is a chance to grow, reach out to the ever-expanding community around you, and advance the gospel message and kingdom of God on Nason Street and throughout Moreno Valley. I truly hope and pray God will send the Pastor your way that, together, you can reach the potential this faith community has.

Having said that, it is with both sadness and joy I announce today, Sunday May 27th, 2007 that, after interviewing with several congregations in this Synod, I have accepted a permanent call to serve as the Pastor of Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church in Claremont, California. Per our covenant agreement, this letter will serve as my 30 days notice. Thursday, June 28th, 2007 will be my last day serving as Interim Pastor of Lord of Life Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Reverend Karen Parker and Reverend Dr. Gordon Peterson of the Synod office have both assured me they will work with you to find adequate supply pastors until you, too, complete your search and celebrate the call of your next Pastor.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve this faith community during your transition. I pray God's continued blessings on all you do in the future.

Blessed to be a Blessing,

Your brother from another mother,

Pastor Kenneth L. Davis



Dear Lord of Life Family,

Words cannot begin to express my family's appreciation for all the expressions of gratitude and love this past weekend. For the plaque, cards, gift cards, monetary gifts and kind words, we say Thank You! Lord of Life will forever hold a special place in all our hearts whenever we think back on the year we shared. I have no doubt that whomever God sends to be your next Pastor will also be received and showered with the love you have sent our way. We will "NEVER" forget you and pray that you will "ALWAYS" remember, "All things are Yours!"

Pastor KD, Cathy, Kennadi, Cassadi, and Camryn

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Can't Thank You Enough

by Jack Pavelich (6/2007)

It's time for a break. No, you don't get the summer off – there is much work to do! No, you don't get to sleep in on Sundays – those who worship with you will feel a great loss by your absence. And NO, this is not the time to put off that project another month – there comes a time when it is really time to start that long planned project.

Rather, I want to spend my time this month thanking you for all the things that you do. It is through people like you that we boast that we're the "Miracle on Nason Street." And I'll bet you know who you all are...

Thank you, thank you, thank you...

... for the times you lead our bible study (you help to bring the scripture alive.)

... for caring for all our flowering plants and landscaping (you bring a great beauty to our campus.)

... for working with our young people in those courses of study we call Confirmation and Sunday School/VBS (you enable them to form a firm foundation of the faith which will follow them all their days.)

... for all the work you do in leading and participating in our music groups (you bring fun and excitement into our worship lives.)

... for tending to the cleanliness and orderliness of our facility (you make for us an attractive and healthy place to do ministry.)

... for tending to our receptions, pot lucks, barbeques, and other social gatherings (your work and great effort do not go unnoticed – you give us healthy fellowship opportunities as we get to know each other better.)

... for assisting in our worship time (your effort makes our worship experience complete and comfortable.)

... for fixing the A/C (whew...); and for making other repairs and doing other maintenance and improvements in and around our property (you keep everything in working order.)

... for printing, collating, stapling, mailing, answering, guiding, calling, documenting, arranging, and, and, and (you enable us to be well informed and prepared for every task.)

Thank you, thank you ...

... for the sharing your Time, and Talents, and Treasure (you enable ministry to happen here.)

... for walking door to door to invite our new neighbors into our fellowship (you provide a way to Christ for those who need Him.)

... for preaching, praying, and teaching (you lead us to live the life.)

... for participating in our bible study life (you help those around you to understand the deep meaning of the scriptures.)

... for quilts and health kits, for uniforms and underwear, for toys and blankets, for lunch bags and peanut butter (you enable us to aid those who are far less fortunate.)

And thank you for those pastors who have been such an important part of our 22 years:

Pastor Jim Shimota (Mission Developer)
Pastor Bob Larson (Interim)
Pastor Eric Reinhard
Pastor Bob Larson (Interim 2)
Pastor Jay Lane
Pastor Levon Spath (Interim)
Pastor David Miller
Pastor Kenneth Davis (Interim)

(you have made us who we are, led us through adversity, celebrated with us in joy, and shown us how to live the Gospel.)

Amen?



Lord of Life is taking part in the Moreno Valley 4th of July parade again this year. The theme is "Celebrating America." We would like everyone to be involved, so please ride, walk, or sing with us. We are also accepting candy donations through July 3rd in the church office. Let's introduce all of Moreno Valley to the "Miracle on Nason Street!"

Bake Sale: Lord of Life will be having a World Hunger Bake Sale the eve of July 4th from 7-9pm. Be sure to support our efforts by purchasing a cookie to two before you sit down to enjoy the fireworks show. Remember, we



have the best seats in the house to watch the fireworks display from Morrison Park. Bring a chair or a blanket and enjoy the fun & fellowship.

Uniform Drive for Edgemont Elementary

It is time to begin our school uniform drive for the children of Edgemont Elementary (K-5). This is the most economically challenged area in Moreno Valley, where 100% of the students qualify for free breakfast and lunch. Although school uniforms are no longer mandatory, a school uniform is provided for those students who cannot afford one or for those who come to school dressed inappropriately. The cost of a two piece uniform is approximately \$15.00. White socks and underwear are needed on a continual basis and it is necessary to collect these items throughout the year.

May God richly bless you for continuing to meet the needs of the children of Edgemont Elementary. Submitted by Mona Daugherty



Great Bible Reef is coming!!



Kids from age 3 through middle school: **The Great Bible Reef is coming!** It's time to sign up for VBS 2007 at LOL. This fun underwater program will help you discover how you can live each and every day as God's disciples. The kid-friendly Bible stories emphasize discipleship, combined with fathoms of hands-on, fun-filled activities. The Great Bible Reef will help kids learn that it is fun and faithful to share the good news of Jesus' love with everyone!

At Great Bible Reef kids will hear stories about Jesus, make cool crafts, learn catch reef tunes, play zany games, eat yummy snacks, and make lots of new friends. Dinner and a special Reef T-shirt are included in the registration cost of only \$5!



Join us July 16th through the 19th from 6 pm - 8 pm for all the fun, and bring a friend! Registration is going on now. For more information or to register for VBS, sign up on Sundays with Heidi Avila (924-2032) or call the church office!

Any and all volunteers are welcome! Be sure to contact Heidi - Volunteers are paid with yummy dinners, snacks, a cool T-shirt, and TONS of fun with our kids! It's a great week at LOL! Be a part of it!!!

Searching for a **New** Pastor



Where's our New Pastor???

Close only counts in horseshoes and explosive devices. So, we may have been close, but God has another plan for us.

After working for 3 months in evaluating our candidates, we have come to the conclusion we need a new list. The Pastors we have interviewed are absolutely wonderful with many and varied gifts, but...

Remember when you asked your Mom, "How will I know when I meet the right guy/girl?" She probably answered something like, "You'll know it when it happens!"

When we come across the Pastor chosen for us, we'll know it.

Presently, the Bishop's (Murray Finck) staff is putting together a new list of candidates for us. They are reviewing our Congregation Profile and comparing it to the profiles of potential candidates. Those who show a close match between what we are looking for as compared to the gifts they have will be added to our list.

Please continue to pray each day for this discernment process, and for the members of your Call Committee: David Allbeck, Jim Cassem, Jan Egeland, Pat Fulgenzi, Teri Hilker, Megan Hudson, Marilyn Jackson, and me...

Jack Pavelich
Call Committee Leader

Fred Bueker, Eddie Avila, Daniel Gonzalez, Fran Nash, Jerry Dagen, John Baginski, Abbey Tomlinson, John Vermilya, Steve Ellis, Ed Shipley, Joe Dutched, Colleen Johnson, Maxine Cassem, Mary Chipman, Aaron Boydston, Margaret Kent, Katherine Ward, Pearl Gerken, the family of Ervin Matheason, John Gerken, Susan Konarzewski, Marilyn Rome, Brooke Bedard, Shannon Bedard, Carole Horton, Jessie McMillian, John Murray, Evelyn Furseth, Mary Beth York, Francis York, Barbara Whiteman, Arnette Lester, Margaret Wang, Randy Taylor, Richard Weber, and Judith Askol.

Lord of Life Lutheran Church will offer Vascular Screenings

Lord of Life Lutheran Church will host **Life Line Screening** on Tuesday, August 7th, 2007. Life Line Screening will be screening for blockage in the carotid arteries in the neck (75% of all strokes are linked to carotid artery blockage). They will also be checking the arteries in the legs for Peripheral Arterial Disease, or PAD, which is linked to heart disease. They offer a third screening that tests for aneurysms in the aortic vessel in the abdomen and a fourth screening for early detection of osteoporosis.

This is a preventative program for anyone over the age of 40 and it is worth participating in. Your screening results are sent to you within 21 days after they are reviewed by a board certified physician and you are then able to take those results to your own personal physician. These low cost, non-invasive, completely painless screenings take about 10 minutes each. You must pre-register by calling **800-324-1851** for an appointment. Informational flyers will be available the beginning of June. You can visit the website at www.lifelinescreening.com

Lord of Life Team "Daisy's Chain" is #1 again!



Lord of Life's Relay For Life team "Daisy's Chain" raised \$9,678 and once again received the top team fundraising award which was presented at the Moreno Valley Relay For Life Wrap-Up party, June 26, at the Perris Speedway Sports Center. Jack Pavelich received an award for top individual fundraiser in the city.

We held a collective breath when another team gave us a challenge. It was touch and go and down to the wire but the competitive and generous nature of our members pushed us ahead. What would we do without Jack Pavelich – our continuous top fundraiser, and David Korshavn who went from street to street and door to door to collect donations in the fight against cancer.

Our heartfelt appreciation goes to a #1 Team Captain, Becci Van Hoosier, who, with Trevor, spent the entire 24 hours at the event making sure that the needs of the team were met. She did a great job as she has in the past to make it successful. The Weitenhagens, Audrey Flickinger and Spencer, who also spent the night.

A special thanks to the assistance of Deb and Mike Weitenhagen, Julie McAlister and Audrey Flickinger. Thanks, also, to David Johnson and Norm Flickinger for their added assistance in setting up the camp site. Audrey was the one who wore a "sandwich board" all day questioning and educating the attendees about the specifics of cancer research. If the question was answered correctly, grandson Spencer, along with Trevor and Alyssa Van Hoosier gave them Mardi Gras beads. Thanks also to David Allbeck and Tom Daugherty who provided their fantastic bands to entertain at the event. Our nightwalkers who walked into the wee hours of the morning are also deserving of kudos. (Cheryl, how was that S'more?) Pastor Kenneth Davis came out to support us in our efforts and we thank him for that.

A huge thanks to all of you who gave a day out of your life for those who may not have another day. You may have noticed similarities between Relay For Life and a cancer patient's experience: It may get hot during the day but you keep on walking. It may get windy and cold at night but you keep on walking. You don't quit but press on through the darkest hours knowing that the sun will come up and it will be a new day. You witnessed the sense of victory when those who have and are now battling cancer walked their first Survivor Lap. You can't forget the emotion of placing a luminaria bag around the track for someone you love.

You have been a part of something **BIG**. The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is the largest annual not-for-profit fundraising event in the world.

The strength of people coming together for a common cause is greater than the strength of one. Please plan to attend Relay 2008!

Submitted by Pat Rupert, Co-Captain, Team Advisor 951/300-1223 patricia.rupert@cancer.org

Thanks - Team Members, Friends, Supporters, Entertainers

Lois Allbeck, David Allbeck, Robin Althoff, Margaret August, Helen Bedford, Joe Broussard, Darlene Bueker, Diane & Larry Combes, Tom & Mona Daugherty, Pastor Davis, Arlene & Wendy Eder, Marv Egeland, Beverly Erck, Audrey Flickinger, Wendy Grygar, Cindy Hall, Mary Jean Harriman, Sally Haase, Carole Horton, Cheryl Hudson, Marilyn Jackson, Julie & David Johnson, David & Carole Korshavn, Bob & Carole Lantz, Jeannine Lester, Connie & John Lowe, Julie McAlister, Tim & Martha Mott, Fred & Shelley Palestis, Gabriele Parsons, Jack Pavelich, Willie Rasmussen, Nancy Reining, Patricia Rupert, Louise Russell, Wendy Shipley, Denise Slaton, Ruby Sonnack, Becci Van Hoosier, Oly & Bob Vernlund, Deb & Mike Weitenhagen, Gene & Ira Yoder.