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Our Mission Statement

Inviting all to grow in Christ!



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Returning to my home in Palm Desert last Sunday, I realized that the air-conditioner was not working properly. My son came to check out possible causes, and we determined that I needed to call the installing company. I learned from the repairman that I was still under warranty for parts, but not for labor. He soon had it functioning again, and I was thankful!

I was thinking of an appropriate scripture verse to comfort me in my situation. I was helped by Jesus' words "Be of good cheer." Four times, Jesus used this very special phrase.

Just before His crucifixion, Jesus said, "In the world, you shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33) When he healed a paralytic man, Jesus assured him: "Son, be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven." (Matthew 9:2)

Another occasion, in the Sea of Galilee, Jesus calmed His terrified disciples with these words, "Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid." (Mark 6:50) And the risen Christ stood before Paul in his prison cell, and encouraged him, "Be of good cheer, Paul: as you testified for me in Jerusalem, so must you witness for me in Rome." (Acts 23:11)

These accounts give me four reasons to "be of good cheer." First, Jesus has power that transcends every heart-wrenching situation. Second, nothing is beyond His forgiveness when I put my trust in Him. Third, because He is near, I do not have to give in to fear in any situation. Fourth, even when I feel stressed, I can dare to hope, knowing that He has redeemed my future.

I want to encourage you to do something each day that helps you feel recharged and refreshed. Plan personal time for reading your Bible, offering personal prayers of thanks to God for your special gifts, count your blessings, invest some time appreciating and enjoying nature, listen to some beautiful music.

Take time for yourself, no matter how busy your schedule. My doctor tells me to be physically active, even just 10 or 15 minutes at a time. Get enough sleep. Eat regular, healthy, satisfying meals.

And remember, the "Good Cheer" promises of Jesus. "Be of good cheer" – four small words reverberating with hope, because Jesus spoke them for us.

In His grip and His love,

Pastor Chuck



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CHURCH COUNCIL

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

God's grace and mercy be with each of you. Once again, I can only say thank you for all you do.

I can hardly believe that summer has already come and gone. The month of July was action packed from start to finish. We had some good fellowship at our annual 4th of July party, and then our children got the word of God brought to them in a new way at VBS. I'm told that all had fun, and my thanks go out to all who made VBS a success, including the overnigher hosts, Brianna and Rob. And then we had our "Christmas in July" celebration service. I would like to thank the Lowe family for sharing their God given gift of music during the service, which was a nice addition. My humble thanks go out to those who contributed financially. For many of us, our budgets are tight, but still, we trusted God to fulfill His promise that He will sustain us if we only believe. To date, we have put almost \$11,000.00 toward our building fund. We truly are a faith driven congregation.

As I am writing this, I am thinking of Carole Horton, who is in the Bay Area for her daughter's memorial service. I just want to let you know how much it means to me, as your council president, to see the love and support you show to each other in times of grief and despair. You just wrap your arms around those that need God's loving care. Thank you.

I hope all of you have seen our new fire hydrant out back. While the insurance took care of most of the cost, we were still left with a balance of \$1,000.00. This was paid from our general fund, so, if God inspires you to contribute towards the hydrant, just let the church office know.

I want to thank a particular group within our walls, who go over and beyond for

our shut-ins. Every Friday, they visit 4 or 5 members of our congregation and bring the message and Lord's Supper, and on Sunday, they make sure that Ruby and Maxine make it to church. These are Pastor Chuck, Marv & Jan Egeland, David Jackson, David Johnson, and Cindy Cassem. Thank you so much for what you do.

In closing, I just want to thank each of you for all you do. I thank you for going and taking the message to our community each and every week, by both your words and actions.

In God's Peace,

John Lowe, President

P.S. Thank you, Jim Cassem, for the beautiful, new prayer box. I'm sure it will be well used.



Don't just sit there...Here is your invitation! Join us on Sunday, September 9th 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 its usher, stewardship, outreach, fellowship, fundraising, altar care, bible studies, worship, youth, or choir...there is no reason not to be involved. Have an idea for a new and exciting ministry? Let your church council or office know and see how God can help you share your time and talents!



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

JOIN US FOR SOME FUN AND VERY INTERESTING DISCUSSIONS ABOUT WOMEN OF THE BIBLE, WHO ARE JUST LIKE YOU AND ME. IF THE SPIRIT WITHIN IS GIVING YOU A NUDGE, LISTEN AND COME TO LORD OF LIFE ON TUESDAY MORNINGS AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE LIBRARY. SEE YOU THERE!!

Health Kits

LOL is continuing to collect items for the much needed health kits, and we have almost reached our goal of 500! We will be shipping off the health kits on October 26th and are in need of hand towels, soap, and nail clippers to make our goal. Once we have collected all of the supplies, we will need your help assembling the health kits for shipping. Please join us on Thursday, October 25th at 6:00 pm to wrap, tie, and box up the health kits. Thank you all so much for your support of this wonderful outreach opportunity. You are a blessing!

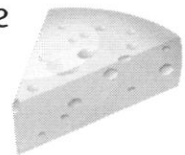
Greetings from Wisconsin

Dear Family of Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to thank each and every one of you from the bottom my heart for the wonderful send off to my new life's adventure. I arrived and have been busy getting ready for all of your visits (I still have a few more boxes, so you may want to wait a little bit more).

I have had a wonderful time getting to know, and establishing a bond with, my great nieces and nephew. I miss you all more than you could possibly know and apologize for my delayed word of thanks. Those that I have shown the quilt to are truly impressed and remark of the love and well wishes displayed in your wonderful work. It brings back great thoughts and memories when I share it with family.

You all are true gifts from God and I hope and pray that you continue to share your love and support with all those that cross the threshold of LOL. God's continued blessings to you all.



Love and prayers to all of you, from your Wisconsin sister in Christ.

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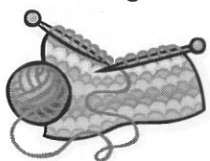
Please Pray for:

Oly Vernlund, Harold Lester, Jan Egeland, Maxine Hagle, Cathy Fulgenzi, Bill Ward, the family of Laura Horton, Alivia Gardner, Kolton Klug, Sue Scoville, The family of Taylor Avery, Wayne Eder, Nick and Fran Fulgenzi, Don Wyatt, Dorothy Parr, Connie Lowe, Nancy Demichelis, Jane Mann,

Tom Jones, Mary Jones, Bill Huie, Marshall Whitney, Dale Husser, Alan Yoder, Bea Brown, Cheryl Jones, George Scott, Audra Ciasullo, Katie Spaulding, Jessie McMillian, Katherine Ward, Jack Hoffman, Janell Stanford, Jeanne Garrett, Burt Palmer, Arnette Lester; and all others needing God's healing touch.



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. Special thanks go out to Audrey, Penny Nay, Darlene Bueker, and Jackie Silvey for the beautiful blankets and prayer shawls!

**** Please note: This is not only for the members of Lord of Life, but for friends, relatives, neighbors, co-workers, acquaintances...anyone you know that needs prayers and hugs. Just let Audrey know and we'll get one to you. Thanks.**



September:

Alyssa Van Hoosier
Diane Combes
Karen Ptacek
Nicholas Shearer
Robert Nelson
Barbara Shoemaker
Chris Silvey
Lola Booth
Teri Hilker
Mike Kline
Katherine Coutu
Gary Ellingson

October:

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

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.



ATTENTION KIDS OF ALL AGES:

Please join us on
Saturday, October

27th at 6:00 PM for a potluck dinner followed by fun, games, and trick-or-treating with your friends here at LOL. This is a church wide event and fun for the whole family! See Becci for more information.

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. Thank you to all Thrivent members who have already designated Lord of Life Lutheran Church as the recipient of these Choice Dollars.

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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.

Women of the ELCA 25th Annual Convention and Gathering will be held November 2-4, 2012 at Ayers Hotel and Suites at Ontario Convention Center. See Becci in the church office for registration and convention information.

Check it Out! We have new vendors on our back page. Show them your gratitude and appreciation by looking there first and use their services whenever possible. Thank you!