



NEW LIFE FOR THE "SAME OLD – SAME OLD"



At some time you have probably answered someone's question with "just the 'same old-same old'"

True – much of our lives fits that tired, gloomy description. Same routines – same problems – same mistakes – yes and the same sins and at the end the same old death.

The GOOD NEWS this week – this EASTER is that Jesus is here and want to infuse NEW LIFE into your "same old – same old."

He does it the hard way because it was the only way. He comes into our humanness as our serving, suffering dying brother. He bears our griefs and carries. He bears our griefs and carries our sorrows. He takes on himself our sins, our hatreds, our violence and our DEATH so that His resurrection can infuse new life into our own death.

How about our church life? It too tends to become "same old" – same old Nicene Creed, same old pew, same old songs, same old hearing without doing, same old Palm Sunday, same old Good Friday – even the same old Easter.

This Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter, Jesus is here wanting to infuse new life into our persons, our songs, our creeds, our prayers and most of all or actions. Will you be open to the Holy Spirit breathing new life into your body, mind and spirit?

Praying that "We too may walk in Newness of Life"

Pastor Ron

PASTOR RON'S OFFICE SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – 9am to 12:30pm and Saturdays by appointment.

PASTOR ALLEN'S OFFICE SCHEDULE

Monday & Friday - 9 am to 12:30

Please stop by to share your thoughts and hopes.



Searching for a New Pastor



CALL COMMITTEE

The Call Committee has now been formed and will begin the process of selecting candidates for the position of our pastor. Forms are available in the church lobby for any member who wishes to submit the name of a pastor to be considered for this position The

completed forms can be submitted to any call committee member. The members chosen by the M&M board are Janet Gasco, Eunice Kang, Kia Kerr, Gary Palmer, Dennis Paulsen, Joshua Stange, and Paula Winn. These members will be meeting soon with the circuit counselor to begin the call process.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Your pastors, your lay ministers and the church office want to know when someone is hospitalized or home bound. There have been instances of not finding out for several days. We would rather hear from several sources than none at all so, PLEASE – PLEASE pick up the phone or e-mail us whenever there is an opportunity for ministry to members or to family or friends.



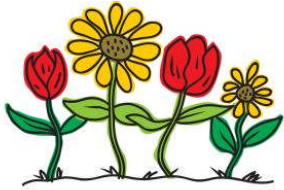
HELLO EVERYONE FROM THE QUILTING GROUP!

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Hello from the church quilting group. We are busy putting baby quilts and adult quilts together for our groups that we do each year. We have several new ones in the planning stage and we're ready to get them done. The good news is that 77 of our adult quilts have been delivered to an India mission.

We would like to thank Dorothy Grzeskowiak for the gift card to the Hancock fabric store and thanks to Benita Crawford for delivery of materials from Lord of Life church. Your donations are very much appreciated.

Remember that next month the quilting date has been moved up one week. We will meet on April 18th at 9:00 am until noon. If you would like to help us work or donate clean, stain-free sheets come visit us on Saturday the 18th in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions call Linda Olson at 276-0373.



*Bloom Where You
Are Planted!*

We will be hosting the LWML (Lutheran Women's Mission League) Spring Rally in the fellowship hall.

Our theme will be: Bloom Where You Are Planted. The LWML Zone Counselor, Pastor Paul Wenz will present the program titled, "Living God's Plan for Your Life / Lifestyle Evangelism." It will be followed by a yummy lunch provided by us so we need volunteers to help make the day a success. Please consider being involved and use this opportunity to let your light shine! If you are interested in helping please contact the Church office. Watch for a sign up sheet to RSVP if you are coming to the Rally.



LADIES!

PLEASE JOIN US:

SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH

REGISTRATION FEE: \$5.00

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE AND CRAFT FAIR 2015

Shepherd's Annual Boutique and Craft Fair will be November 14th this year, so please mark your calendars! Our first craft workshop held on March 20th was a blast. We had eight ladies working on angel pins and other crafts. Our next session is Friday, April 17th starting at 5 pm in the hall. Not sure what the craft is we'll be working on but we have room for all skill levels! Other workshops will be May 29, Aug 7, Sept. 11, and Oct.16. And we have a canning workshop scheduled for Saturday, September 19th. So mark you calendar and plan to join us!



WARNING!

Last year, I warned church members to beware of home improvements utilizing the H.E.R.O. program or other types of P.A.C.E. financing where the expense is assessed to your tax bill. I even contacted the Press Enterprise and Board of Realtors. But at that time, in 2014, I found no one interested in investigation this practice.

However, just recently the newspaper has exposed some of these pitfalls. They interviewed me, after I spoke to Paul Herrera of our Inland Valley Association of Realtors, at a local meeting, now that law suits are growing. It sounds very enticing to upgrade your home with energy efficient improvements with no out of pocket expense. But, I have found that the services the contractors offer, may be far more costly than they should be.


In the case I worked with, the contractor's bill was nearly three times the bid from a competing A/C company. To add to that, there are finance fees that the H.E.R.O program and the County tag on to the bill resulting in a very high tax assessment you will pay every year until the term is completed. Oh, and yes, there are prepayment penalties as well. FHA and FANNIE MAE will not allow buyers to assume your tax bill. You will pay it in full when you sell your home. (Solar Leases are handled differently.)

SO, please shop around. Know what your home improvements would cost if purchased from a window or A/C company. Investigate other ways to finance the improvements, either through the contractor directly, or with a small home equity line of credit. KNOW your options.. before you sign.

Janet Riccardi, Realtor

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THE MAGIC OF MOZART



Mozart's "Coronation Mass"
and
Concerto for Piano & Orchestra No. 21, K 467

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2015 AT 4:00 P.M.
SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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TICKETS: ADULTS -- \$15.00
SENIORS, STUDENTS, CHILDREN -- \$10.00

For information contact: www.morenovalleymasterchorale.org, or call 951-485-8414

Dear Mission Partner,

Central City Lutheran Mission (CCLM) wishes to express our gratitude for the many gifts - clothes, shoes, blankets, dollars, and others - that have come to our Mission from the hearts and homes of Shepherd's people. It's hard to imagine a new life in the same soiled clothing. Simple problems can seem insurmountable to one with so little. Recently a CCLM case manager heard a resident regretfully turning down an immediate job offer because he didn't have any work boots. The case manager had him get back on the phone and take the job and told our Chief Operations Officer, Maria, who immediately went out and bought him work boots. CCLM can do that because we have donor dollars and because it just makes sense. You make that happen. To move on, people need ID, transportation, clothing, and sometimes boots or many other things your congregation has helped make possible.

In Christ, through Christ, and as the body of Christ, we have the privilege of meeting and loving people in their struggles and dark places. Together we encounter our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer who promises us all new life.

Marilyn Kraft, Central City Lutheran Mission, www.cclm.org

Thank You!

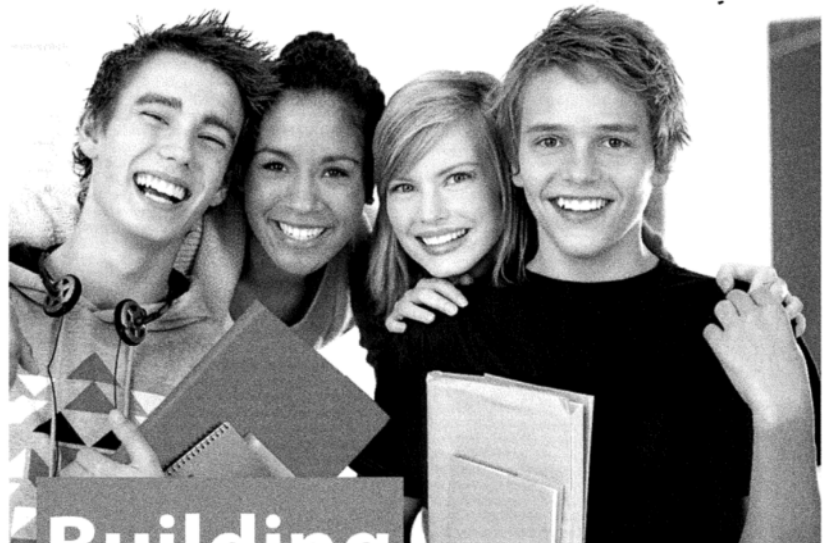
Dear Members of SVLC,

Thank you for all of your cards, words of encouragement, and prayers since learning of my breast cancer. We have turned one corner on the road to recovery, that being the surgery went well. The cancer had not spread into the lymph nodes, praise God! I'm feeling better than I ever expected. We know we have some more "bumps" in the road ahead, but with God's help and your prayers, we will get through them. In the meantime, please remember all the others in our congregation and families that are ill or struggling.

Lent has always been my most special time of the church year. I'm still hoping and praying that I'll get to see all of you on Palm Sunday. If not, we wish all of you a most blessed Holy Week and Easter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Ruby Kraft



Building Healthy Families

ALL EVENTS ARE HELD

VVHS LIBRARY

@ 6:30 PM

Tuesday April 7th

SEDUCED: The Grooming of America's Teenagers. Join us in exploring how online gaming and social media is used to influence our children's attitudes on morality, sexuality, and spirituality

Tuesday April 28th

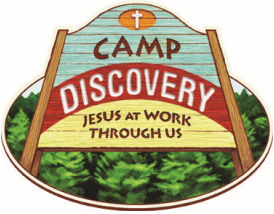
BUILDING A HEALTHY PLATE: Join us as we talk nutrition and its importance for building healthy families

Tuesday May 5th

PARENTING THROUGH DEPRESSION AND EMOTIONAL BARRIERS: Enjoy some practical help in combating issues with depression and other emotional needs.

VALLEY VIEW HIGH SCHOOL 13135 NASON STREET MORENO VALLEY, CA 92555

Email: morenovalleyfc@gmail.com



Our Vacation Bible School theme and date have been chosen! We will be using Concordia's *Camp Discovery: Jesus at Work Through Us* on July 20th through the 24th.

The children will learn about God's Word through games, crafts, Bible stories, snacks, and music. It will be open to all children in preschool through 5th grade. We need many volunteers doing all sorts of jobs to make this wonderful children's ministry happen. Please sign up to join us!



Sodium and sugar. How do they effect blood pressure? In a three year study using 3000 subjects, it was found that sugar, in the form of sodas, desserts, donuts, etc. caused a greater elevation in blood pressure than sodium. Subjects had their b/p taken minutes before consuming a high sodium food such as potato chips, luncheon meat sandwich, etc. Ten minutes after eating their b/p was repeated with no increase in pressure. Where as, those having eaten high sugar drinks or foods had their blood pressure increase by 25% to 30%. NOT GOOD!

By decreasing the amount of sugar we usually consume in a day could be the catalyst to starting a reduction in our weight.

Suzy Langhorne, Health Minister



On Thursdays at 9:30 am we have our Tai Chi class. The first 30 minutes consists of stretching, breathing and balance exercises. Most of these can be done in a chair. Anyone interested is very welcome. We have some real success stories to share. Please join us!

May God bless you all.
Suzy Langhorne, Instructor



If you need to change your schedule, or have any questions on how to run the system, please contact Drew Covert at 951-525-8111 or lcms-drew@roadrunner.com. Thank you all for your service to our Church and our Lord!

First Service:

Apr. 5 Joshua Stange
Apr. 12 Josh Hamann
Apr. 19 Mike Olson
Apr. 26 The Youth

Second Service:

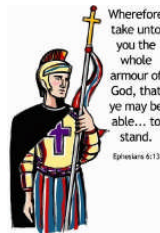
Drew Covert
Abby Covert
Marvin Niles
The Youth

NEXT LUTHERAN CURSILLO WEEKENDS

**July 6 - 9 for Men and
July 16 -19 for Women**

Cursillo is an organization serving the Lutheran churches of Southern California to develop leaders in the Lutheran church through training and spiritual renewal. There is no cost to you to attend a weekend but you must be a baptized member in good standing at a Lutheran church. You will be paired with a sponsor who has been through a Cursillo weekend and have your pastor endorse your reservation request. We recommend praying about it first, then talk to your pastor or others who have attended Cursillo (Pr. Deinert, Larry & Marlene Alexander, Bob & Carole Johansen, Helen Bedford, Marge Clark, Eunice Kang, Vicky McKay Cannon, Janet Riccardi and Laurie White) about what you may be able to gain from attending a Cursillo weekend before applying. You can also check out their website for more information at www.lcsocal.org.

One of the pastors involved in Cursillo used to tell his congregation that Cursillo was one of the best things going in their church. Now he tells them it is the best thing going in their church! Please pray about saying YES to God's call to attend a Cursillo weekend.



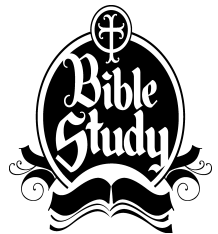
Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able... to stand.
Ephesians 6:13

THE KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

will meet on Saturday, April 11th at 9:00 am in the hall. This will be session four of the series on the Mormons. Please join us for the study, food, and fellowship.

Notice of Temporary Time Change:

The Life of Christ Bible study which meets Thursday nights at 7 pm, has decided to meet on the second and fourth Thursdays in April. They will resume meeting on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays in May.





Join your church family for a fun, relaxing dine-out meal at Polly's Pies on April 29th all day - 8 am to 8:30 pm. You will be eligible for a prize drawing and we will receive 20% of the sales of your meal that will go to the "Pastors Moving Fund" for our new pastor. Any questions, contact Janean Hamann. You will need to bring a pre-printed flyer to Polly's - look for them in your weekly announcement or in the church or office soon.

2015 FLOWER CHART

If you'd like to donate flowers for the altar, sign up on the board hanging in the lobby. Indicate what the flowers are for - anniversary, birthday, in honor of or in memory. Take a slip with ordering instructions. Flowers are ordered by you from Bradley's Florist (242-1519) and they deliver them to church. Each large bouquet is \$26. Small bouquets for the altar are \$19 each. Questions? Call the office.



Joseph Project - Community (Citywide) Food Bank

Shepherd is working with other churches in Moreno Valley with this community food bank that provides food for the needy every Thursday from a distribution center at the Koinonia Evangelistic Center, 21866 Brill Rd., Moreno Valley (951-867-3050). Volunteers are needed to help out with distribution, sorting, clean up, etc. at the center. Contributions to the Joseph Project will be gratefully accepted through Shepherd. Please pray for this ministry and volunteer your time and talents! Contact Larry Alexander for more information.



DON'T FORGET YOUR FOOD DONATIONS FOR CAP - Moreno Valley's Community Assistance Program EACH SUNDAY! Thank You!

JOIN IN THE CHALLENGE

This is a plea that you help build the Prayer Army we need so badly. Join us in choosing a time (maybe even 10 or 15 minutes) of any day of the week that is best for you individually and lift your silent (or loud) voices to the Lord. Ask for His touch on Shepherd, our Pastors, the members of our congregation, our school, and our community. His promise is clear - if His people gather together in prayer, He will hear our prayers. Let's do it!



INVITE OTHERS TO OUR CHURCH AND SCHOOL!

Business cards are available in packets of 10 in a basket in the church lobby. Take a pack and pass them out to friends and neighbors who need a church home or a preschool for their children.

NEEDED FOR NURSING HOMES: Magazines and greeting card fronts. Bring to the church or office.



DID YOU KNOW?

The top four health habits that take the most years off of your life are in descending order: smoking, obesity, hypertension, and physical inactivity. While God is ultimately in control of our time on earth, a change in those habits could translate into having more opportunities for ministry, more time to play with your grandkids, and perhaps even more time on this earth to one day hug your great grandchildren.

Source: Good Housekeeping



Thursdays at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall Presented by Suzy Langhorne Certified Instructor FREE! Please join us.

SAVE BOX TOPS FOR OUR SCHOOL!



Specially marked box tops are worth \$.10 each when redeemed from Box Tops for Education. Encourage friends & family, near & far to help, too. Thanks for taking the time to help our school.

The sponsors appearing on the back cover of the newsletter help defray the cost of printing the Shepherd's Staff, please give them your consideration when possible.

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The Shepherd's Staff

WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES: Sunday: 8:00 & 10:45 AM

"Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary, use words." — Francis of Assisi

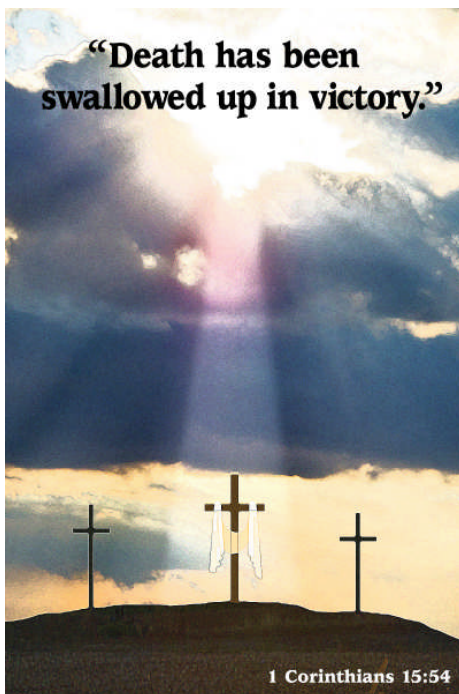
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**RON KRAFT & ALLEN DEINERT, INTERIM PASTORS
LINDA WILLIAMSON, SCHOOL DIRECTOR**

APRIL 2015



**"Death has been
swallowed up in victory."**

Maundy Thursday Service: Thursday, Apr. 2 - 7 PM

Good Friday Service: Friday, Apr. 3 - 7 PM

Easter Services: Sunday, April 5th

Sunrise Service - 6 AM

Traditional Service 8 AM & Praise Service 10:45 AM

**Breakfast served by the youth in the Fellowship Hall
after the Sunrise and 8 am services.**

**Egg Hunt following Sunday School for the children
at 9:30 AM in the preschool area.**

April 2015

Sunday Worship: 8 AM and 10:45 AM - Communion: 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>The Lord is Risen!</i></p>			<p>1</p> <p>7:00 PM Praise Team (S)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:00 AM BrailleMail(H)</p> <p>9:30 AM Tai Chi (H)</p> <p>7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service (S)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00 AM Schod Chapel (S)</p> <p>12:00 PM School & Office Closed</p> <p>7:00 PM Good Friday Service (S)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:30 AM Cursillo Grouping @ Panera Bread</p>
<p>5</p> <p>6:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service (PS)</p> <p>8:00 AM & 10:45 Easter Services (S)</p> <p>9:30 AM Sunday School & Egg Hunt (PS)</p> <p>12:30 PM Grace Korean</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00 AM First Place TLC (H)</p> <p>6:30 PM Women of Faith TLC</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:30 PM School Board (O)</p> <p>5:45 PM Chancel Choir (S)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:00 PM Praise Team (S)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:00 AM BrailleMail(H)</p> <p>9:30 AM Tai Chi (H)</p> <p>10:00 AM Schod Chapel (S)</p> <p>7:00 PM Life of Christ Bible Study (H)</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00 AM Knights of the Holy Spirit Bible Study (H)</p>
<p>12</p> <p>9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class (O-H+PS)</p> <p>12:30 PM Grace Korean</p> <p>5:00 PM Confirmation (O)</p> <p>6:30 PM Jr/Sr Hi Youth (Y)</p> <p>BP Screening after Services</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00 AM Women's Koffee Klatch @ Brandon's</p> <p>10:00 AM MV Faith-Based Collaborative (H)</p> <p>6:00 PM School Staff (O)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>5:45 PM Chancel Choir (S)</p> <p>7:00 PM Lay Ministers (H)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:00 PM Call Committee Meeting (O)</p> <p>7:00 PM Praise Team (S)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:00 AM BrailleMail(H)</p> <p>9:30 AM Tai Chi (H)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10:00 AM School Chapel (S)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:00 AM Quilting for LWR (H)</p> <p>9:00 AM Re-Sod Playground (PS)</p>
<p>19</p> <p>9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class (O-H+PS)</p> <p>12:30 PM Grace Korean</p> <p>4:00 PM MV Chorale Concert (H-S)</p> <p>5:00 PM Confirmation (O)</p> <p>6:30 PM Jr/Sr Hi Youth (Y)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:00 AM First Place TLC (H)</p> <p>6:30 PM Women of Faith TLC</p>	<p>21</p> <p>5:45 PM Chancel Choir (S)</p> <p>7:00 PM M & M Board (O)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:00 PM Praise Team (S)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>8:00 AM BrailleMail(H)</p> <p>9:30 AM Tai Chi (H)</p> <p>10:00 AM Schod Chapel (S)</p> <p>7:00 PM Life of Christ Bible Study (H)</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:30 AM Men's Breakfast at Brandon's</p> <p>9:00 AM LWML Spring Rally (H)</p>
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