



Living God Newsletter

Sunday Worship
9:30 AM & 6:30 PM

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Go forth with the gospel!

†Loving God

†Growing with Christ

†Welcoming All

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Join us on Thursday, January 6th at 7:30pm for an Epiphany service

to celebrate the revelation of Christ. Epiphany means "manifestation." On this day we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles—that is, to all nations. Christians traditions celebrate three great epiphanies on this day: the magi's adoration of the Christ child, Jesus; baptism in the Jordan River, and his first miracle, in which he changes water into wine.



The word and sacraments are for us, the great epiphany of God's grace and mercy. We go forth to witness and to see the light that shines brightly in our midst.

Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 9th at 11:00am

Over the past year a decision was made by our congregation to hold an annual meeting on the 2nd Sunday of January for the exclusive purpose of approving the budget. This letter is to announce the date and time of this annual budget meeting as January 9th, to be held following the morning worship service. If you have questions that can be addressed prior to the budget meeting please direct them to Bob Broody (council President) or Patty DeLong (church treasurer). Their contact information is listed below. Otherwise, come to the budget meeting and participate as a voting member of the congregation. At this writing a count of 65 members will be needed for quorum. In the event that a quorum cannot be reached, then the church council will adopt the budget on behalf of the congregation as it is proposed.

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Sincerely,

The Rev. Richard L. Moore, pastor

Stewardship

Elijah and I were raking leaves in the yard. Well...he's 4...I was raking leaves, and he was playing in them. Noticing that I was working hard to gather up the leaves, he began to help me. He was far too small to use a rake, but that didn't seem to matter to him. He took great

"And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God."

2 Corinthians 8:5

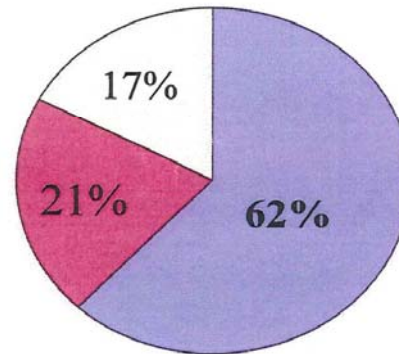
pleasure in scooping up as many as he could carry in his arms and bringing them to the pile we were making together. I had thoroughly expected him to want to jump and play in the leaves while I cleaned up the yard. But, he wanted to help. He wanted to give. Without my prompting he gave of himself this gift of help to me. He did so with great enthusiasm and without any expectation. His joy in giving and helping was a sign to

me of my son's love. "He loves me!", I thought to myself as I beamed with joy and love for him in return.

God is, of course, the all-sufficient one, totally self-existent. Our gifts are not necessary for the accomplishment of God's will any more than Elijah's help was necessary for me to finish the yard. But, how pleased God is with our joyful giving and commitment to service.

"Our gifts are not necessary for the accomplishment of God's will... But, how pleased God is with our joyful giving."

Did You Know?



- † 62% of our church's income is given by only 39 members.
- † 17% of our church's income is all that's given by the others, more than 100 members.
- † 21% is the gap between the member giving and the expenses. This is what we have to make up each year by anonymous gifts, and various fund raising efforts.

WE CAN DO BETTER

It's Pledge Drive Time

Our Annual Stewardship Campaign challenges all of us to increase our giving, and close the gap between our income and our expenses.

If your giving is less than \$100/ month then challenge yourself by making that your goal for 2011.

Together we can close the gap!

Have You Completed a Pledge Card for 2011?

Pledge cards are located at the back of the church next to the yellow box. Please fill out a card and place the portion marked 'Unified Plan for Giving' in the box. Thank you.



I answer God's call to be a steward of all that I am and have. As part of my response, I will give _____% of my annual income to Christ's mission. Of this percentage, I will give \$_____ per week through my local congregation. I understand that this pledge can be revised if necessary.

Signature(s) _____

Keep this portion of the card with your offering envelopes as a reminder of your plan for giving.

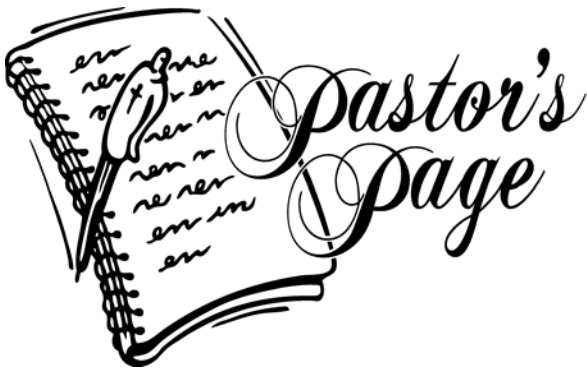
Unified Plan for Giving

As members of the body of Christ, and so that others may know God's love, I/we plan to give \$_____ per week to Christ's mission through my local congregation.

Name(s) _____

Phone _____

Return this portion of the card



Hi folks,

By this time, I pray that you're having a joyous Christmas and a happy start to the new year.

Five years ago, December 1st, I began as the pastor of LGLC. That's right...five years have gone by already. A lot has come to pass in those years, some good and some not so good. With faith, though, hindsight always

offers us a 20/20 view of God's presence and blessing. We say to ourselves, "That was a really difficult period, but I'm thankful to have endured it, because God did so much with it to make me a better person today." With hindsight like this, our faith matures. It is often this faithful view of the past that enables our faith to face the troubles of the present. Trusting that God is with us now in the same way that God was there in those trying times of the past opens us to have hope. This is good to keep in mind as we look upon the changes God is calling us to make in the year or years ahead.

As I consider the past five years of my own ministry at LGLC, I sense God's call away from much of the administrative work that I've been doing and toward much more relationship building within the congregation. This will be a challenge because so much of what I do is focused upon the management of the day to day tasks of the organization. On the other hand, however, it will build up a stronger sense of community within the congregation. Trusting the council, and the congregation members to carry out the various ministries of our church instead of my own micro-management will allow me to be more available as your pastor. It's also a much more faithful use of my own strengths.

One immediately noticeable change is in the day that I take off each week. Beginning with the start of 2011, I will be taking Fridays off instead of Mondays. Sunday is the day that I get the best opportunity to connect with the congregation. One thing I've learned is that many of these connections call for a follow up of some sort, and waiting until Tuesday to do so is often problematic. A more gradual change will be for me to devote less and less time to matters of the day to day administration of the church organization. The less time I devote to these things, the more time I can devote to the encouragement and availability for relationships that make up the congregation. I believe these are the foundational necessities of ministry, and that I've drifted away from them over the last five years.

I guess I'm looking at this as a new year's resolution. So, what's yours? What is God calling you to change about yourself, or the way you do things? Whatever it is, even if it seems like a dramatically difficult challenge, if God is the one calling you to do it, then God will also provide you with whatever is necessary to accomplish it.

A blessed new year,

+Rich

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

RECYCLING REWARDS DOLLORS

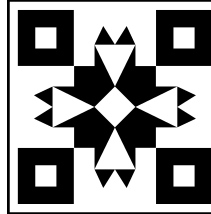


Ink Recycling

LGLC would like to thank everyone who participates in the Ink Recycling Program through the Staples Co. To date, LGLC has received \$340 in reward coupons for the months of January-October 2010. Each month 20 cartridges are drop off to the Staples store, in Downingtown, and that entitles us to a \$40 rewards coupon. The recycling program has enabling us to save a few dollars each month toward needed office supplies. Please continue to bring in your empty ink cartridges and place them in the container located in the church vestibule so we may continue to receive the reward dollars to help offset some of our purchase costs. Thank you for your support.

REMINDER- Please submit your newsletter articles to living_god@verizon.net by the **15th of March** if you would like to have it printed in the April, May, June 2011 newsletter . Thank you

Winner's of the Quilt



LGLC would like to congratulate Debbie, from Messiah Lutheran Church in Downingtown, as the winners of the quilt raffle. The winning ticket was drawn by church council during their last meeting on Dec. 9th 2010.



Committee Reports

2010 REPORTS DUE

Please email your report to living_god@verizon.net **no later than March 30th**. Reports for the 2011 Annual Report are needed. The congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, May 15th at 11:00am. The 2011 Annual Report will be available during church services on May 1st giving everyone two weeks to review the report before the Congregational Meeting. If you have any questions please call me at 610-273-9383. Thank you for your cooperation.



2011 Flower, Bulletin, and Eternal Light Sign-ups

FLOWERS- When signing up for flowers please write your name **twice (next to the date) if you are buying both vases of flowers; once if you are buying only one vase.**

BULLETINS- Place your name next to the date that you want to purchase the bulletins for.

ETERNAL LIGHT- Place your name next to the date that you want to purchase the eternal light for.

All dedication information has to be submitted to the church office two weeks before your selected date to insure that your information is printed in the Sunday bulletin. The envelopes for your order are in the black container located below the flower chart. On the front of the envelope record your dedication information for the flowers or bulletins and then place your payment within the envelope. If you have any questions please contact Donna, in the church office.

WORSHIP TEAM NEWS

Team Meeting

The Worship team invites everyone to come to the next monthly pot luck lunch and meeting on **February 20**, following the 9:30am service. Bring a side dish or dessert to share with the group, approximately 10 people.



LGLC Choir

Choir practice is in full swing. The LGLC **choir meets Wed. evenings at 7pm**. Rehearsals for the upcoming Christmas Cantata have begun. If you are interested in participating please contact our music director, Angela Zoltek at 484-678-6485.

WORSHIP TEAM NEWS CONTINUED

Wednesday Mid Week Bible Study

At 10am a mid week bible study program led by Pastor Moore is held at Heatherwood Retirement Community located next door to LGLC. The evening class held at LGLC begins at 6:30pm. For more information, please contact the church office.



Thursday Bible Study

Join us on Thursday mornings at 10am for a Women's Bible Study. The group meets each week at Barb Dremann's home. Please call Barb Dremann for directions/more info (610-273-2616).

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 17th,
Palm Sunday
9:30am & 6:30pm
April 21st, Maundy Thursday 7:30pm
April 22nd, Good Friday 7:30pm
Easter Sunday 7:30, 9:30am, & 6:30pm



Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Join us on **March 9th, at 7:30pm for Ash Wednesday service.**



Wed. Night Soup & Adult Bible Study 6:30—8:00pm Lent is often experienced as a season of reflection, looking inward, and soul-searching. **Starting Wednesday, March 16 — April 13th.** There is a sign up sheet for anyone interested in providing soup and bread for all to share.



Easter Tributes and Memorials 2011

Orders will be taken for Easter flowers during the month of March. Order forms will be placed in the Sunday bulletins and on the information rack at the back of the church during March. Flowers can be picked up on Easter Day 4/24/11



DAFFODIL DAYS- Although you will be receiving this newsletter just at the start of winter, the date for the Daffodil Days is set by the American Cancer Society for just after the official beginning of Spring 2010. LGLC will participate again this year and hope we get the strong support of our congregation as in the past. A picture of the 2011 ACS vase, Boyd's ACS Bear and the order slips will be made available as soon as they are received.

Many people in our congregation and in their families are affected with Cancer and ACS Daffodil Days helps raise money for programs in Chester County and research for treatments.

Lin Williams and Elaine Casey, Daffodil Day Coordinators

Outreach Team News



THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR HELP— We would like to thank everyone who participated in the Fall and Winter Outreach Projects. LGLC collected 19 Health kits for the Lutheran World Relief program. The Christmas Angel Gift program for the foster children was a great success. Barb Aronson did a great job of organizing the names and making sure all gifts were collected and delivered for 24 children. We also collected a total of 50 bars of soap to be given to the Seaman Institute. God bless all of you for your generous support of these Outreach projects.

OUTREACH TEAM NEWS CONTINUED



Aid for Friends Cooking Night's

The following dates have been scheduled for AFF cooking nights. **Tuesday, January 18th; Tuesday, February 15th; & Tuesday, March 15th.** We will begin at 7pm. If you would like to help please contact the office at 610-273-9383



8th ANNUAL LGLC SPRING FLING- A planning meeting for the Spring Fling will be held during the month of February. Please consider participating in this wonderful fundraiser. If you have any idea's or suggestions please plan on attending the meeting. Information as to the date and time of the meeting will be posted on the bulletin board and weekly bulletin within the next few weeks.

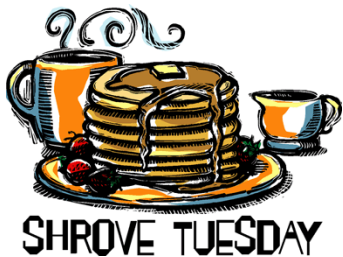
EDUCATION TEAM NEWS

First Communion Classes- Children in the fifth grade, and those children believed ready for Holy Communion by their parents, are invited to attend two classes prior to receiving their First Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday. Classes will be held on April 10 & April 17 following the morning service . Please contact Pastor Moore for more information pastor_moore@hotmail.com.

YOUTH TEAM NEWS



February 8th Souper Bowl of Caring- The Youth Group, J.A.M of Living God Church will be collecting cans of soup and monetary donations to support Steeple to People (the local, ecumenical, food pantry ministry). Kettles will be located at the back of the church for your donations. LGLC appreciates your participation of this project.



Shrove Tuesday

March 8th,
5:00—7:30pm

The J.A.M. youth group will host the Shrove Tuesday dinner. The menu is pancakes, sausage, applesauce and donuts.

Adults \$5, Children \$2, Family \$12.

Sign up and invite a friend. Proceeds to benefit J.A.M.





SUPPORT TEAM NEWS



Building and Grounds Meetings

The Building & Grounds Team will hold their next monthly meetings on **Tuesday, January 18th, Tuesday February 15th and Tuesday, March 15th at 7:30pm.** All are welcome to attend the meeting. If you have any questions about the team please contact Barry Buzzard at 610-273-2371.

JANUARY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:30 AM Worship 6:30 PM Worship	27  Progressive Lunch & House Tour	28	29 10:00 AM Mid Week Bible Study at Heatherwood	30	 7:30 PM AA Meeting	1
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