



Living God Newsletter

Sunday
Worship
9:30 AM

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†Go Forth with the Gospel into Our Community and the World!

WORSHIP TEAM NEWS



Please join us for Christmas Eve.

4:00pm A Traditional Christmas Pageant

8:00pm A Traditional Christmas Eve service,
the LGLC choir and special musicians.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR CARLSON

New Year's greetings to you and your family! Every year is an opportunity to grow and become even more the person we desire to be. May it be so in your life!

As many of you know, I am currently serving as the "bridge" pastor for you at Living God. What this means is that I come each Sunday -- or most Sundays anyway -- to preach and preside at your worship. I am retired, living in Coatesville, and enjoy spending time with my family. Currently, I care for two grandchildren (ages 3 and 3 1/2) two days a week and each morning I take four other grandchildren to the bus so their parents can get to work on time. In addition, I am reading books, trying my hand at some carpentry work, and generally taking it easy after 38 very full and active years in the ordained ministry.

Someone has said "the only constant in life is change". That can be said about your personal life and certainly is true about church life as well. You are in the midst of a transition, your pastor has taken another call, and you are in a time of waiting.

Waiting is an Advent theme but it is already Epiphany and the Star in the East beckons us to be bearers of the LIGHT we call Christ. Of course, we can wait until the new pastor comes, but what a waste! Right now, you have been washed in the waters of Baptism and blessed with the presence of the Holy Spirit who calls each and every one of us to be ambassadors and bearers of Good News to family, friends, and neighbors.

So, while you wait for a new pastor, let your light shine. Invite old friends and new friends to come and worship with you. Do as the wise men did after they encountered the Son of God in that stable so very long ago -- GO and BEAR WITNESS to what you have seen and heard!

John Carlson, Pastor

A MESSAGE FROM OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

As we transition to new pastoral leadership, we have continued to grow and expand our outreach to the community. Our support of Hearts in Hands and the Honey Brook and Twin Valley food pantries are just two examples of this effort. Take some time and find a ministry here at Living God and help us continue to share God's love with our community. Jay Arndt

SUPPORT TEAM NEWS

The Building & Grounds team had a busy fall with some needed equipment updates:

-Our 14-year old water heater finally needed to be retired, so the team compared a few local quotes and had a new replacement installed in November

-After a harsh winter of 2012-2013, we learned that our church needs newer battery back-up, programmable thermostats. Also, we learned that one of two thermostats was not functioning. Today, we have 2 new replacements and our heating equipment was tuned up for this winter.

-We took inventory of our supplies that our congregation has gratefully donated this past year. We're in really good shape with paper products, so we thank everyone for their gifts!

-Our talented craftsmen on the team finishing painting and setting the sliding door to the storage end of the pavilion.

-Our handy trail stewards cleared a very large tree that fell over the trail during a wind storm in October.

-Barry Buzzard continues to repair our chairs...he glues and tightens legs and seats to keep our chairs sturdy for us!

-We're in the process of comparing quotes to replace the carpeting in our fellowship area.

-Paula Horner provided planters at our church entryway and lent her time and talents to do needed clearing of our perennials which decorate our sign.

Please stay tuned in to work dates to come for spring clean-up on the trail. And remember that the trail and our playground are open year round! You can always access the grassy trail circle now available if the wooded area is snow covered.

Building and Grounds Meeting Dates for 2015

January 20th @ 7:30pm

February 17th

March 17th



STEWARDSHIP TEAM NEWS

NEEDED, EMPTY INK TONERS LGLC still wants your empty ink toners for the Staples recycling program. Through the program LGLC received \$480 Rewards Dollars to use toward office supplies in 2014. Please place empty containers in the designated box on the table in the vestibule. Thank you for supporting the program.

OUTREACH TEAM NEWS

M&Ms Updates

On September 13, 2014 the M&Ms held their first "Community Quilting Day". The event was held in the church from 10am to 2pm. Over thirty people attended and ten quilts were completed. As each one was completed a gong was sounded so that everyone could be aware of the progress. Dessert and fellowship followed.

On September 21st our quilts were dedicated and after the service as part of "Be the Church Sunday" twenty seven quilts were labeled and boxed

On October 11th the quilt boxes were loaded and taken to Bergstrasse Lutheran in Ephrata. We placed them on a truck that took them to a warehouse in New Windsor, MD. From there Lutheran World Relief will distribute them to areas of natural disasters. Due to the newly bar code system we will eventually know exactly where they were sent and will share that information with the congregation.

We continue to meet at the church each Monday at 1:30pm and have so far completed five more quilts. Deanna Arndt



November update from the Twin Valley Food Pantry

In November a total of 144 families served, 19 new families visited the pantry. 168 turkeys were donated so each family received a turkey. 17,500 pounds of food, cleaning supplies, personal health and hygiene items were distributed. (accounting for 491 people).

Dates scheduled for the 2015

Pot Luck Lunches

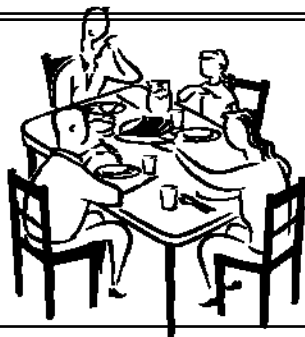
Sunday, March 8th

Sunday, June 14th

September 13th

December 13th

All are welcome to join us for lunch.



LGLC Council Members

Jay Arndt-**President**, Mary Walleth-**Vice President**
Julie Funk-**Secretary**, Sue Fessenbecker, Gary Howell,
Randy Press, Liz Risbon, Doug Thompson, & Lana Wolfe

Church Staff

Music Director-Angela Zoltek

Treasurer-Patty DeLong

Contribution Recorder-Linda Hume

Nursery Room Attendants-Sharon Pierce

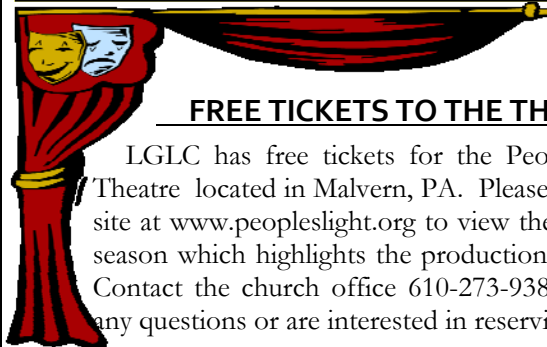


REMINDER—Newsletter articles for the April, May, and June, 2015 newsletter are due **by March 10th**. Please email your article to living_god@verizon.net Thank you!

EDUCATION TEAM NEWS

Children's Ministry Children ages 3-4th grade are welcome to join us for Sunday school every Sunday, through June 2015 at 11am.

FELLOWSHIP TEAM NEWS



FREE TICKETS TO THE THEATRE

LGLC has free tickets for the People's Light & Theatre located in Malvern, PA. Please visit the website at www.peopleslight.org to view the current 2015 season which highlights the productions for the year. Contact the church office 610-273-9383 if you have any questions or are interested in reserving tickets.

Answer to puzzle on page 3: Kingdom of God

NEWS FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

Thank You Donna! We want to thank Donna Lewis for her 12 years of service as Church Manager. Donna's last day was December 31st, as she has decided to resign and continue her work in her family business. Donna's role came at a pivotal time for our church family as it grew into our beautiful facility. She has worn many hats over the years, maintaining church and columbarium files and records, providing bulletins and service materials, assisting Pastors, cooking delicious food, and coordinating the needs of our building and special events, like weddings and memorial services.



Donna, we appreciate your laughter, your attention to details and dedication over the years. God Bless You in your future endeavors!

From the Council Members

Thank You for Serving on Council A heartfelt thank you to Denise Singer-Ott, and Joyce Ring for their time and hard work while serving on council.

During this time of transition we would also like to thank Liz Risbon and Doug Thompson for stepping in to cover the two vacant seats on council.

From the Council Members

Congregational Budget Meeting LGLC will hold the annual congregational budget meeting on Sunday **January 18th, 2015** following the morning service. All members of LGLC will receive a letter including a copy of the proposed budget two weeks prior to the meeting. If you have questions that can be addressed prior to the budget meeting please direct them to Jay Arndt (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

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PattyDeLong, Church Treasurer 610-273-9677

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NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

It's that time of year again!

Reports for the 2015 Annual Report are needed. Please email your report to living_god@verizon.net no later than **April 12th** Copies of the 2015 Annual Report will be available two weeks prior to the May 17th meeting.

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

All the words listed below are in the puzzle - left, right, up, down or diagonally. Find each word and *circle each letter of the words you find*. After you have found all the words, write down all the leftover letters in the correct order from left to right to find the **mystery answer**. *Answer also listed on page 2 listed above Church Council heading.*

Be with HIM, Bring together, Elated return, Faith, Follow HIM always, Green pastures, Guard, Heal, Hear HIS voice, Heaven, Holy Spirit, Holy Trinity, Jesus shows us, Know my sheep, Lead, Lord my Shepherd, Recovery, Redemption, Rejoicing, Sacrifice, Son of God, Takes care of us, Trust, Watches over us, We know HIM



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NEWS FROM THE WORSHIP TEAM

The 2015 Flower/Bulletin/Eternal Candle calendar has been posted on the bulletin board. Please sign up to honor or remember a loved one or celebrate a special day. The cost of one flower vase is \$20 and there are two openings for every Sunday. You are encouraged to take the flowers home after the service. Any flowers left behind will be given to others in our community such as Tel Hai, Heatherwood, members who are shut in, etc. A special thanks to Carol Hunter who does such a beautiful job in arranging them for us to help beautify our church on Sunday mornings.

On Sunday December 21st, the Living God Choir presented the Canticle of Joy Cantata during the 9:30 service. Great job by everyone who participated!

There will be two Christmas Eve services this year. There will be a simple children's Christmas pageant at the 4:00 p.m. service. A traditional candlelight service will be held at 8:00 p.m.

On Sun. 12/28 our service will be the "Sunday of Carols".

There will NOT be an Epiphany Service on Tuesday, January 6th, 2015.

Upcoming Seasons of the Church year:

- Christmas Dec. 24, 2014 through Jan. 6, 2015
- Time after Epiphany Jan. 7, 2015 through Feb. 17, 2015
- Lent Feb. 18, 2015 through April 1, 2015
- The Three Days April 2, 2015 through April 4, 2015
- Easter Sunday April 5, 2015
- Easter Season April 5 through May 24, 2015

In September we were blessed with several volunteers that agreed to form a Tech team lead by Bob Aronson. Bob has been the sole creator of the Sunday Powerpoint slides that we have come to rely on every Sunday. He is also working to reorganize our Sunday Service Powerpoint files so this task can be rotated among the other team members who are: Jeff Dremann, Stan Zoltek, Tim Bream, Josh Bream, and Nathan Bream. Please take a moment to thank Bob and the team for their efforts and good work! Thanks to all others who volunteer their time and talents to the service of Living God.

Have a Happy New Year and a Blessed 2015!



View LGLC's website calendar at
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