



Living God Newsletter

Sunday Worship
9:30 AM

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Go forth with the gospel!

†Loving God

†Growing with Christ

†Welcoming All

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Congregational Meeting
May, 1st at 11am

REMINDER- Please submit your newsletter articles to living_god@verizon.net by the **15th of June** for the printing of the July, Aug., Sept., 2011 newsletter. Thank you

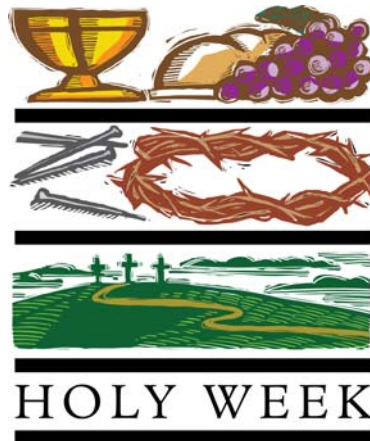


Living God is now on Facebook! Sign up with us and view information and upcoming events at Living God Church.



Names of Graduates

Do you have a son, daughter, or grandchild graduating this spring? If you would like to share their accomplishment with us please fill out the information form (at the top of the next page) and return it to the church office by Sunday, June 19th. The list will be printed in the July newsletter and included in the Sunday bulletin for 6/26.



HOLY WEEK

April 21st, Maundy Thursday Service 7:30 pm

April 22nd, Good Friday Service 7:30 pm

April 24th, Easter Sunday 9 am & 11 am



Your Name _____

Phone _____



Name of Graduate(s) 1. _____

2. _____ 3. _____

Your relationship to the Graduate(s) _____

Please list the name of the college, community college, trade school or place of employment the graduate(s) will enter after graduation.

1. _____ Grade/Major _____

2. _____ Grade/Major _____

3. _____ Grade/Major _____

Return form to the church office by Sunday, June 19th.



Hello church, :-)

With prayer-filled sympathy we've watched the reports from Japan of the devastating earthquake, and the ensuing tsunami that, as it turns out, shook the Japanese people more than the quake itself. Images of enormous boats that once hauled cargo to and from the Japanese coast now sit toppled over in the streets. Stories of people swept away by the rush of water that offered no warning. The threats of nuclear meltdown from power plants that have been literally shaken apart. Our heart breaks. Our mind is numb. We are helpless, and the situation

seems hopeless. But, then a small news story rises out of the rubble to take center stage for a day. A story of hope in the midst of hopelessness. The story of an infant baby found alive and well, and wrapped in a blanket. Immediately the heart and mind flashes with hope, be it ever so small.

Being created in the image of God, we have been crafted with the same will to strain all that we have, all that we are toward something that will restore hope in the midst of hopelessness. We find the very same straining forward to believe and hope in the message of Easter.

Christ is risen!....Alleluia!

The resurrection may not have been an actual earth quake. But it is the most earth-shaking thing that has ever happened! The resurrection is God's declaration to a hopeless world, that his love for us is greater than all things that attempt to destroy hope. Jesus, a dead man, is alive and he invites us to trust God through all things. But, if we leave this event in history, and mere orthodoxy then we are missing the much bigger picture. For God did not give to us merely a story to teach our children around the holidays, nor did He give us the church in which to merely celebrate the holidays. With the resurrection God gave to us His life in exchange for our death and all that brings us near to death. You know that straining for hope your heart and soul does whenever life takes a turn for the worse? You know that way your heart and soul lean forward expectant that things are going to improve? You know that timeless message in songs like, "Tomorrow", "Somewhere

Over The Rainbow”’? This capacity to remain hopeful—this is what separates us from all other creatures. This is the difference between behaving like a mere creature, and behaving like the humans that God intended us to be. It is this hope that restores all of us, redeems all of us, and has the power to save all of God’s creation. This is what’s so earth-shaking about Easter. It means we are never without hope, because God refuses to stop, or give up on us. Wherever we see humanity straining forward, like we see in the disaster of Japan, to bring hope from despair we are seeing the work of God. Our God is a resurrecting God, active in the world.

This resurrecting God calls us to worship, strengthens our faith in this hope with the Word and sacraments, and then sends us back to the despair of the world with the gospel. We are called to be Easter people—those who are alive with the hope that restores the image of God in all humanity. As we celebrate this season of Easter, ask yourself how it is that you are called to be a part of God’s resurrecting work in the church and in your day to day life.

Happy Easter,

+Rich

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE



Ink Recycling

RECYCLING REWARDS DOLLARS 2010

LGLC would like to thank everyone who participates in the Ink Recycling Program through the Staples Co. For the year 2010, we received \$420 in reward coupons. Each month 20 cartridges are drop off to the Staples store, in Downingtown, entitling us to a \$40 rewards coupon. The recycling program has enabled 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.

A New Email Address for Pastor

Please use the following address for all future church related matters. Thank you.
pastor@livinggodchurch.org *+Rich*



Croppers Reward Program



At Cropper’s Shurfine Supermarkets, they are committed to supporting nonprofit organizations within the community. LGLC has been a participant of the Gold Card program since 2006 and has received over \$700 from the company. The bi-annual amount that we receive is based on the percentage of Gold Card purchases made by the members and friends of LGLC. If you shop at Croppers Market and would like to be a part of the Rewards Program please let me know. Donna Lewis

WORSHIP TEAM NEWS

Team Meeting The Worship team invites everyone to come to the next monthly pot luck lunch and meeting on **May 22nd**, following the 9:30am service. Bring a side dish or dessert to share with the group, approximately 10 people.

FLOWER, BULLETIN AND ETERNAL CANDLE



The cost of each vase of flowers that are placed beside the altar each week is \$10. Envelopes to dedicate the flowers are in a holder on the bulletin board. Choose a date, mark the envelope for 1 or 2 vases and enclose a note with what you want printed in the bulletin on that Sunday. You are welcome to take the flowers with you after the service, or they are delivered to a church member, or the front desk at Tel Hai, for many people to enjoy. Bulletin donations are \$10 a week; the Eternal Candle is \$5 a week. Envelopes for either of these 2 items are available in a holder located on the bulletin board. Please beautify our church and help defray the cost of these items as well as honor a loved one at the same time.

WORSHIP TEAM NEWS CONTINUED



Lenten Dinners

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS DURING LENT- Each Wednesday night, our LGLC cooks are preparing a meal from a different country. We share information about the population, expected life expectancy, poverty level and average annual income for that country. The recipes and resource material are provided by ELCA World Hunger and we will have a donation can on the table so we can support their efforts world wide. Besides food, World Hunger supports schools, the purchase of livestock so families can have a source of income and employment, Mobile Meals (similar to our Aid For Friends program), and health clinics. Please come enjoy a meal prepared by our LGLC cooks. Dinner is from 6 to 6:30. Pastor will instruct us on the 5 important parts of a Worship Service from 6:30 to 7:30. Choir will have their weekly practice after 7:30. Listed below are the upcoming dinners that will be prepared during the last few weeks of Lent.

Wednesday March 30;Focus on Bangladesh. Meet Salma and her family. Able to purchase 2 cows with the help ELCA World Hunger, she and her family now sell milk and raise a few other animals. From that income, they were able to purchase a small farm plot and can now feed the family and send the children to school. Menu: Bhorta (Mashed Potatoes seasoned with onion, green chili, and coriander.) Biryani (Diced chicken seasoned with onion, ginger, cumin, cinnamon and cardamoms., and served over Pullao rice)

Wednesday April 6;Focus on Tanzania: Learn about 2 year old Baraka, cared for by his grandmother after he lost his mother to drought. Without his mother's milk, he became severely malnourished and developed tuberculosis. His grandmother walked a full day to get him to a health clinic supported by ELCA World Hunger where he was helped and able to return home, healthy. Menu Pilau Rice with chicken and seasonings. (Rice, chicken, seasonings of cardamom, cinnamon, onion, tomatoes and green pepper, served with a side dish of Kachumbari; raw shredded cabbage with tomatoes, green pepper, tomatoes and lemon ice.)

Wednesday April 13;Focus on United States Menu: *To Be Determined. Locally raised and produced food items from within a 100 miles. (Supporting local food suppliers is good for the environment, local economy and our health. It costs an average of 17% less oil and gas for shipping too.)

Sign up sheets are posted for anyone that would like to attend.

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).

OUTREACH TEAM NEWS CONTINUED



Aid for Friends Cooking Night's-The following dates have been scheduled for AFF cooking nights. **Tues., April 19th; Tues., May 17th; & Tues., June 21st.** We will begin at 7pm. If you would like to help please contact the office at 610-273-9383

APRIL 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27  9:30 AM Worship 2:00 PM WELCA Tea	28 1:00 PM M&M Women's Fellowship	29 	30 10:00 AM Mid Week Bible Study at Heatherwood 6:00 PM Soup Supper 6:30 PM Education Program- The Sacred Assembly 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM Wednesday Bible School	31 10:00 AM Bible Study at Tel Hai 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study	1 7:30 PM AA Meeting	2
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17  9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Worship Meeting 4:30 PM Confirmation Class 6:30 PM Luther's Lounge	18 1:00 PM M&M Women's Fellowship	19 7:00 PM AFF Cooking Night 7:30 PM Building & Grounds Meeting	20 10:00 AM Mid Week Bible Study at Heatherwood 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM Wednesday Bible School	 10:00 AM Bible Study at Tel Hai 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 7:30 PM Maundy Thurs. Service	 7:30 PM Good Friday Service	23
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OUTREACH TEAM NEWS CONTINUED



SPRING
FUNDRAISER

8th ANNUAL LGLC SPRING FLING- On Saturday, June 4th

Join us for the Annual Spring Fling held here at LGLC. In the kitchen we will be cooking up some Chicken Pot Pie, and on the outside grill some Chicken BBQ. We will have a huge yard sale, and bake sale with many yummy desserts and goodies.

Sign up sheets will be posted for volunteers and supplies. **YARD SALE ITEM'S** can be dropped off Tuesday, May 31st — June 4th between the hours of 9:30am and 3:00pm. We are requesting all items be pre-priced. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 610-273-9383.



DAFFODIL DAYS 2011-We raised over \$515 to support the American Cancer Society. This was our 12th year of being included in this fund raiser. Thank you to all who participated. Lin Williams



Sunday, April 17th at 6:30pm-The choir of Living God Lutheran Church will be performing a Holy Week Cantata at Luther's Lounge. They will be performing "Song of the Shadows" written by Joseph & Pamela Martin. Pastor Moore will offer an encouraging message and discussion, and a generous supply of munchies and beverages will be provided, in a lounge-like atmosphere.

EDUCATION TEAM NEWS



First Communion

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@livinggodchurch.org.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL- Save the date and join us for the **Big Jungle Adventure**. The Education Team has scheduled VBS for the week of June 27th-June 30th. I have included Kayley Gates contact information for those interested in helping. Kayley's phone number is 814-571-1912 or email her at keg240@gmail.com

YOUTH TEAM NEWS

February 8th Souper Bowl of Caring— The youth group J.A.M. placed two kettles with the names of the football teams playing in the Super Bowl. Members placed money and cans of soup in the kettle representing the team they believed would win the game. The Steelers came out ahead with \$101.09 and 8 cans of soup, and the Packers with \$37.05 and 7 cans of soup. J.A.M. also collected a total of \$37.06 in support of our hometown team, the Eagles, and the new commercials shown during Super Bowl. Steeple to People receive a total of \$175.20 and 15 cans of soup. Thank you for your support.



SHROVE TUESDAY

The youth group J.A.M. would like to thank everyone who participated in the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper including those who helped set up, cook, cleaned up, and reset the chairs in the sanctuary. A total of \$302.40 was collected for the youth group.

SUPPORT TEAM NEWS



Building and Grounds Meetings-The Building & Grounds Team will hold their next monthly meetings on **Tuesday, April 19th, Tuesday May 17th, and Tuesday, June 21st 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.

QUARTERLY SYNOD OFFERING

So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.
Romans 12:5



It Takes All The Saints to...

- Nurture the formation of future rostered leaders like Jack Ambuka, Rebecca Horn, and Jim Goodyear, and 30 candidates for rostered ministry.
- Help start innovative ministries such as The Welcome Church, an outreach to Center City homeless, and Rhawnhurst Turning Point, an ecumenical center for teens and young adults in the Northeast.
- Walk with 25 congregations this year in the process of calling a new pastor.
- Keep members of the Synod connected and equip congregations to tell their story through social networks, eCommunications Boot Camp, the www.MinistryLink.org website, SEPAnews e-mails, www.sepayouth.org, Facebook and Twitter.
- Encourage and support youth leaders through regular networking and specialized training.
- Send nearly 500 people over the last six years on servant trips to South Dakota, Mexico, Miami and other sites.
- Help struggling congregations find renewed vigor through consolidation, including New Life Ministries and Saints United in Philadelphia and Emmaus Road in Lower Bucks County.
- Inspire hundreds of congregational leaders through Assembly presentations by visionaries and theologians, our annual Conference Gatherings, which offer a menu of experiences congregations can translate to their ministries, and our bishop's convocation which supports and equips rostered leaders for mission.
- Link more than a dozen congregations in partnership with Tanzanian parishes.

Won't you help ensure that this vital Lutheran witness continues to thrive? Your gift will help us continue to provide the services that congregations and pastors deserve in these challenging economic times.



It Takes All The Saints

Name _____

Member of Living God Lutheran? Y or N

If No, please provide the following

Phone _____

Email _____

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Please make your offering out to Living God Lutheran Church and enclose this slip with your gift. Living God Lutheran will then forward the sum of all gifts directly to the synod.

Enclosed is my quarterly offering of _____ to the Southeastern PA Synod and the ELCA.

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

Honor and remember those you love with flowers for the Easter Service.

Order Deadline is April 17th

Cost: Lilies \$9.00 Tulips: \$7.00

**You may pick up your flowers on Easter Day.*



Your Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Order Amount: Lilies _____ **Tulips** _____ **Total cost: \$** _____

Tribute: (print) _____

Memorials: (print) _____

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