

Living God Newsletter

Go Forth with the Gospel into Our Community and the World,
loving God, growing in Christ, welcoming all!



Sunday Worship 9:30

Office Hours
Tuesday thru Thursday
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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A Message To Our Supply Pastor



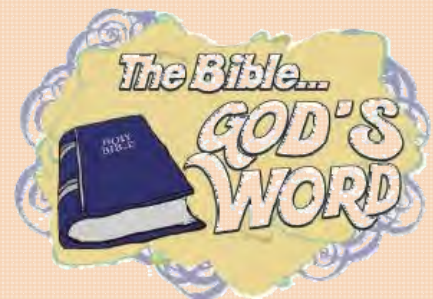
Our God has sent you to this place
To lead us in the way
That He would have us work and think
And live from day to day.

No matter the hour; whatever the need,
You go the extra mile
Always ready and willing to share
A comforting thought and a smile.

We're grateful that you're here with us
To teach us from His word,
And we will try to do our best
In service of our Lord.

We thank you for your ministry,
Your guidance and your care.
His greatest blessings for your life
Is our most humble prayer.

*Submitted by Naomi Fenstermacher
Office Coordinator*



A Message from Council President



Members 2017-2018

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We at Living God, continue to be a congregation . . . alive and well.

As we begin summer, take some time to update your church participation. One area of opportunity to enhance your spiritual experience is volunteering. We all have different skill sets and we need to utilize these skills to operate smoothly the congregation. Worship Committee has ushering, Sunday service reader or communion assistant as some of their weekly jobs. Support has Building/Grounds and Walking Trail Maintenance and can always use an extra hand.

Finally, if you have an interest and are willing to share it with others please contact a Church Council member. We are always open to sharing new activities with the congregation (such as our line dancing classes and the Bonsai workshop).

*Submitted by Jay Arndt,
Council President*

*** For complete Council Meeting notes see Council Meeting Minutes posted on bulletin board.*

Worship & Christian Education News



Upcoming Seasons of the Church Year:

Lent
3/01/17 thru 4/12/17

Easter Sunday
4/16/17

Time After Pentecost
6/11/17 thru 11/26/17

The Three Days
4/13/17 thru 4/15/17

Easter Season
4/13/17 thru 4/15/17



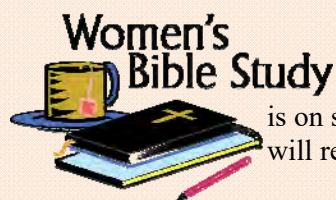
Adult's Bible Study meets
Every Tuesday (except 3rd
Tuesday of each month)
At 7:00 PM.



Women's Bible Study
Wednesdays, as assigned.
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Worship

The Call Committee continues to work with the Synod on finding qualified candidates to interview for pastor.



is on summer vacation and
will return in the fall.

Christian Education

Vacation Bible School is coming July 24th thru July 27th. Hero Central: Seek Your Strength in God! will be a fun filled week for kids ages 3-5th grade. If you have children who are ready to have fun learning about God our online registration is now available at <http://2017.cokesburyvbs.com/livinggod/> Adult volunteers are still needed as well. Contact Kayley Gates at (814)571-1912 or keg240@gmail.com with questions. Sunday School will resume in September, we are looking forward to seeing your children again then.

Submitted by:
Janet Krackov

THE BUTTERFLY

From Vol. 1, p. 121 – Grand Ole Fishwrapper Stories



A man found a cocoon of a butterfly. One day a small opening appeared. He sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole. Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it could.

He decided to help the butterfly. He took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon. The butterfly then emerged easily, but it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings.

The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that, at any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body, which would contract in time. Neither happened!

In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shriveled wings. It was never able to fly.

What the man, in his kindness and haste, did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening were God's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon.

Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our lives. If God allowed us to go through our lives without any obstacles, it would cripple us. We would not be as strong as what we could have been. We could never fly!

I asked for strength...and God gave me difficulties to make me strong.

I asked for wisdom...and God gave me problems to solve.

I asked for prosperity...and God gave me a brain to work.

I asked for courage...and God gave me danger to overcome.

I asked for love...and God gave me troubled people to help.

I asked for favors...and God gave me opportunities.

I received nothing I wanted...I received everything I needed!

Please pray and reflect upon this story as we continue to ask for patience in finding a Pastor!

Submitted by:

Sue Fessenbecker

Support Team News

Building 'n Grounds

Building and Grounds will not be meeting in July.

We welcome Joan Rumer as head of our Support Team.

Building & Grounds meets every
third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM

July 18th
August 15th &
September 19th



Stewardship

We are pleased to announce that Bob Hoffman will be our head of Stewardship.

We look forward to hearing more from him in the next newsletter.



All Is Given to Us by God

“As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God” 1 Peter 4:10

Everything we have –
Time, Talents, Treasures, Health, Property,
Material things, Relationships, Faith – All
Have been given to us by God.

Faith & Fellowship



*For where two or three
are gathered together
in my name, there am I
in the midst of them.*

Matthew 18:20

Fellowship Happenings

Fellowship continues to hold its monthly birthday pot luck with great attendance.

This year's spring fling featured a community yard sale and food sale. We made approximately \$600.00.

In June, we provided a luncheon for the family of Joe Fauser after his memorial service.

Fellowship is busy planning for our Food Taste Testing event in September. This will feature a variety of food samples ranging from appetizers all the way to desserts.

Fall Planning:

October will be the anniversary of Living God Church, as well as the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. LGLC will be celebrating by holding an October Fest, October 23rd with lots of German food, beverage and music.

On November, 11th we will be holding our Christmas Craft Bazaar and chicken corn soup sale.

More information for the fall events will be provided in our next newsletter issue.

As always, if you are interested in being a part of our fellowship activities, please see Liz Risbon.

*Submitted by:
Liz Risbon*

Events at a Glance

Jul/Aug/Sept Birthday Potluck

7/23 - July Potluck

Aug. & Sept. - Dates to be determined.

Food Taste Testing

9/23 from 4 PM – 7 PM.

FALL EVENTS

October Fest

10/28 – time to be determined.

Christmas Craft Bazaar

&

Chicken Corn Soup Sale

11/11 from 9 AM – 3 PM

Outreach Doings

Greetings from the Outreach Committee. We hope you are enjoying your summer thus far. Thank you for your support and participation in the various church activities including worship and outreach activities. We certainly cannot be a “living” church unless we have active members. We hope to continue to see you at these events, etc. Some of the outreach efforts over the next few months and into the future include:

- Continue to work with Fellowship, Health & Wellness and other groups and committees on different activities for church and community members.
- Line dancing sessions at the church on Sunday evenings from 6pm to 8pm are in progress and will continue through Sunday, August 6th. After taking a break for a few weeks, we plan to resume them again in mid-September approximately. There has been varying turnout due to holiday and summer plans but we will continue offering this activity to members of the church and our community. So, if you know someone who likes to line dance, let them know they are welcome to join us anytime. We will continue to ask participants to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to our local food banks.
- Continue to collect food on Sundays for local food banks (Twin Valley and Honey Brook food banks). Any non-perishable items you wish to donate are welcome. Please feel free to place them in the basket in the narthex area.
- Continue working with Heart in Hands with their efforts to meet the needs of the community members they serve. We will notify you of any pending events as they arise. Please look at the bulletins and the emails sent out by our church office.
- Thank you for your past contributions to the Seafarer’s International House and their outreach to members of the merchant ships that arrive in our ports including Philadelphia, New York and Baltimore to name a few. This is an important and often overlooked ministry supported by the ELCA and we will continue to support this program in various ways.



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Line Dancing/Lessons

***Line dancing is in progress and
will run through Sunday, 8/6
from 6-8 PM.***

M&M's Stitchin' Time News

The M&M's will be on hiatus until September.

We have completed approximately 30 quilts to date. These will be on display at the dedication service in the fall.

*Submitted by
Deanna Arndt*



- We would like to start a more formal support system for members of our church and community that may be elderly, disabled or recently discharged from hospitals or long-term care facilities and require assistance with small projects and tasks around their homes/residences. We are already doing this in many instances but we would like to organize it a little better. This outreach effort could be called “Handy Andys and Handy Annies” or something like that. (Your thoughts on a name are certainly welcomed!) If you are willing to share your skills in any area including small handyman projects, lawn work, helping around the home/kitchen, driving people to appointments, doing shopping for someone, etc., please let us know by contacting me or contacting the church office. We will compile the information for use when the church becomes aware of a need in our members or the community around us.

Thank you so much for your help in the past with the church’s outreach efforts. We hope God continues to bless you and your loved ones richly and allows you to share those blessings through our outreach efforts. Please feel free to contact me at any time with any suggestions you may have for outreach efforts. Let’s truly make our church a “living God” church.

*Submitted by:
Beth DeFeo*

MY FUN PAGE



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Although churches didn't look like this until the 2nd century enjoy coloring this symbol of the early church.

Color in the picture with 1. white/cream 2. blue 3. green 4. black 5. brown 6. grey.



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Just for KIDS

Bugs in the Bible

Whether at a picnic, on the beach or playing outdoors, it seems like we're always joined by uninvited guests – bugs! Bugs and other little creatures are mentioned in the Bible.

Fill in the blanks with the little creatures mentioned in each verse. Circle them in the puzzle below.

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Proverbs 6:6 _____ | Exodus 16:20 _____ |
| Psalms 78:45 _____ | 1 Sam. 24:14 _____ |
| Matt. 23:24 _____ | Isaiah 50:9 _____ |
| Judges 14:8 _____ | Isaiah 59:5 _____ |
| Acts 12:23 _____ | Leviticus 11:22 _____ |
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| Deuteronomy 7:20 _____ | _____ |

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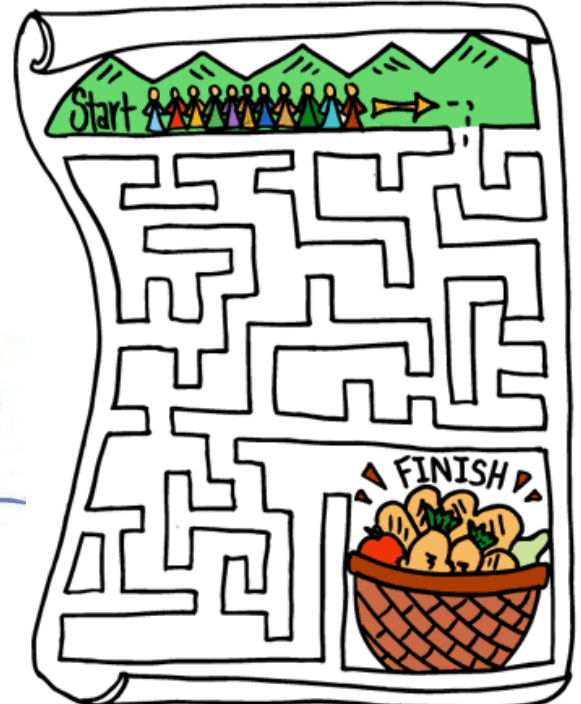
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G F L I E S W O R M S

Answer: ant, flies, gnat, bees, worms, locust, grasshopper, hornet, maggots, flea, moths, spider, katydid, cricket



Without **GOD**
i am **nothing**

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