



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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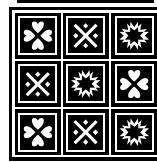
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NOTES FROM THE OFFICE



Thank you for the Bouquets of Flowers

After many years of arranging and designing the weekly flowers for the church altar, Carla Trego has decided to stop providing the weekly arrangements. We appreciate all of her wonderful work in preparing the arrangements and for sharing the beautiful gifts of God's creations with the congregation of LGLC.



Winner's of the Quilt

LGLC would like to congratulate Ed & Kay Turner as the winners of the Quilt raffle. The winning tickets was drawn by church council during their last meeting on Dec. 3rd.

Shrove Tuesday

Feb. 16th,
5:00—7:30pm



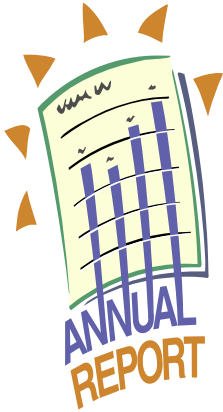
The J.A.M. youth group will host the Shrove Tuesday dinner. The menu is pancakes, sausage, apple-sauce and donuts. Adults \$5, Children \$2, Family \$12. Sign up and invite a friend. Proceeds to benefit J.A.M.

Subscription Renewal



In the January offering envelope packet *an envelope for the Lutheran magazine has been included for the yearly renewal.* If the church office does not receive your payment we will conclude that your subscription is not to be renewed. If you have any questions please contact in the church office 610-273-9383.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE *(continued)*



2009 REPORTS DUE

Please email your report to living_god@verizon.net no later than **March 30th**. Reports for the 2010 Annual Report are needed. The congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, May 16th at 9:15am. The 2010 Annual Report will be available during church services on May 2nd 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 and support as I begin the set up of this annual project.

Donna L.

Annual Budget Meeting

The annual congregational budget meeting will be held 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 budget meeting as January 10th, to be held after the morning worship service, beginning at 10:45am. To date our church's Finance Team, led by Jay Arndt, has presented a budget to the church council. The council has made the changes they believe are necessary and the final step is for the council to propose a budget for your approval. So, now it's your turn. If you have questions that can be addressed prior to the budget meeting please direct them to either Jay Arndt (Support Team Leader), or Bob Broody (council President). Their contact information is listed below. Otherwise, come to the budget meeting and participate as a voting member of the congregation.

Jay Arndt
Support Team Leader
610-286-0182
jaytarndt@aol.com

Bob Broody
Council President
610-942-1940
rbroody@hotmail.com

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Richard L. Moore'.

The Rev. Richard L. Moore, pastor
pastor_moore@hotmail.com

610-273-9383 (office)

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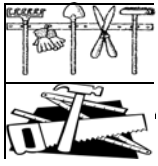
2010 Flower, Bulletin, and Eternal Light Sign-ups

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.

Support Team News



B&G Meeting- LGLC's Building & Grounds Team will hold their next meeting on **January 19th, February 23rd, & March 23rd 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.



Trail Update

Our trail thru the woods has been completed and has been marked by trail blazers. Two benches have been placed along the trail with three more in the works and we are hoping to have more in the future.

We have a contract to have any dead tree's and branches removed that could come down the trail and hurt anyone, all other's will be left in place for the wildlife that inhabit the wood's.

We are in the process of looking into all types of signage, bible verses, tree and flower identification and all other points of interest. The trail is not funded thru the church budget. Everything is being purchased thru donations only.

At the present time we are installing different types of birdhouse's. Some of which have been donated and some that have been purchased. Donation's of \$10 per birdhouse would be appreciated by our feathered friends in God's wood's.

Any other monetary donations will be used to purchase wood for sign's, benches, and special bushes which would supply food for the bids and any thing else that would be appropriate.

We will also need materials to help maintain the trail. We wish to thank all the people who have helped build the trail and donated to help make it possible.

Please do not hesitate to help or to donate money to help keep this project going.

Stewardship Team News



Highway Clean up

Lend a hand for highway clean up in 2010. Our clean ups are tentatively scheduled as follows...watch for sign up information.

Saturday, January 30: 9am

Saturday, April 24: 9am

Saturday, July 24: 9am

Saturday, October 23: 9am

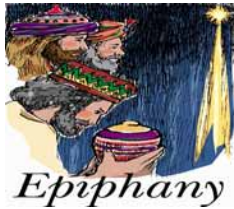
A Project of your Stewardship Committee

Worship Team News



Worship Team Meeting- The Worship team invites everyone to come to the monthly pot luck and meeting on **January 17th, February 21st, & March 21st following the 9:30am service.** Bring a side dish or dessert to share with the group, approximately 10 people.

Worship Team News (continued)



Celebrate the Day of Epiphany
Wednesday, January 6th 7:30 pm
Come and give thanks to God for the gift of God's guiding light.



Easter Service Times

March 28th, Palm Sunday
9:30am & 6:30pm
April 1st Maundy Thursday 7:30pm
April 2nd, Good Friday 7:30pm
Easter Sunday 6, 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 February 17, at 7:30pm for Ash Wednesday service.



Wed. Night Soup & Evening Devotion 6—7:30pm Lent is often experienced as a season of reflection, looking inward, and soul-searching. Starting Wednesday, February 24th — March 24th we will meet for a humble soup dinner followed by an evening devotion. On the bulletin board look for the sign up sheet for anyone interested in providing the soup for the evening dinner.



Easter Tributes and Memorials 2010

Orders will be taken for Easter flowers during the month of February. Order forms will be placed in the Sunday bulletins and on the information rack at the back of the church during February. Flowers can be picked up on Easter Day 4/4/10.

Fellowship Team News

Fellowship Committee- Happy New Year to all! Hoping we all made it through the holidays without too much stress, and looking forward to a new and exciting year here at the church. We welcome the chance to get to know you all better, and grow into new relationships and friendships. Please join us for any of the events we will be holding thru-out the year.

M&M's- Are still meeting 3 Mondays out of the month to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief. And pick an activity for the other Monday, Stop by and join us! For more information contact Deanna Arndt 610-286-0182

For the Kids- Chris and Therese Mauchline will be having a movie and seed planting for ages 4-12 on March 20th from 1pm to 4pm at their home, if interested please contact them at 610-942-3424

For Adults- A French menu dinner with a movie will be held at the church, cost will be divided but not to exceed \$10 per person. Reservations will be required for the Feb 6th event and a menu will be posted. For more information contact Deanna Arndt at 610-286-0182 or Barb Wolfe at 484-712-5373

For the Family- New bowling dates have been set for January 23rd and March 27th at Blue Ball Lanes, time TBD, look for a sign up sheet with all details!

PLEASE be sure to check the bulletin board for sign up sheets and read the weekly bulletins for updates and news.

Outreach Team News

RECENT OUTREACH ACTIVITIES COMPLETED REPORT

In November

You supplied 33 Christmas Shoebox's of gifts for children somewhere in the world through Samaritan's Purse

You provided 27 bags of groceries for Steeple to People + over \$250 for heating and rent help for local needy families.

In December:

You provided 25 Health Kits + cash donation for shipping of same to go to displaced persons in foreign countries.

You provided Christmas presents for 25 children in Foster Care through Lutheran Children and Family Services.

You provided 25 bars of soap for the Seaman's Institute in Philadelphia.

*The **Outreach Service Committee** wishes to express our deep appreciation for your generosity. Thank you for **your** care and concern for others, locally and internationally.*

2009 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR REPORT

Over \$1,600 was raised at our 6th annual Christmas Craft Bazaar. Thanks to all who worked so hard to make this event a success, and had fun while doing so!



Aid for Friends Cooking Night's

The following dates have been scheduled for AFF cooking nights.

Tuesday, January 19th; Tuesday, February 9th; & Tuesday, March 16th.

We will begin at 7PM. If you would like to help please contact the office at 610-273-9383

Education Team News



Easter Egg Hunt at LGLC- The education committee is working on an Easter Egg Hunt for the children of LGLC. More information to follow in the next few weeks.



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 in March following the morning service. Please contact Pastor Moore for more information pastor_moore@hotmail.com.



The Lantern a Mid Week Bible Study program

At 10am "The Lantern" 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 7pm. For more information pamphlets are available on the information stand located at the back of the church.

.....THIS IS A TEST, THIS IS ONLY A TEST.....

We've all read that or heard that statement letting us know that we need not worry because this is only a test, after all. So, in similar manner I write this month to alert you that this message is a test, it is only a test.

For years now, the members of Living God Lutheran have been receiving a newsletter as a primary means of communication about things happening in our church. The trouble is, those of us who prepare this periodical receive practically no feedback of its effectiveness. More often than not, Donna, myself, and the others who post things in the newsletter receive confirmation of our suspicion that the newsletter is actually wasted paper and postage expense. This confirmation comes in the form of questions about upcoming events (THAT ARE POSTED IN THE NEWSLETTER), folks who angrily comment that they were not made aware of something (THAT WAS POSTED IN THE NEWSLETTER), and other similar comments. So, this month I thought I'd launch a test. This is a test, this is only a test. Anyone who reads this message, please tell me so. You may email me: pastor_moore@hotmail.com, text me: 610-401-5602, or just let me know face to face on Sunday. I hope to hear from every person we send this newsletter out to. I want to know how many are actually reading this publication which Donna and I put so much energy into producing and the church puts so much money into mailing.

There are several stories of God testing his beloved people. The most classic is the story of God's test of faith for Abraham. Abraham had grown so accustomed to having God with him day in and day out that it is quite possible that he began to take his relationship with God for granted. So, one day, God put Abraham's faith to the test. He asked him to take his dear son, Isaac, and kill him as a sacrifice to God. Now, in the very moment that you and I declare this is to be preposterous, and cruel the essence of the test of Abraham's faith is revealed. God commanded him to do this preposterous and horrific thing. If Abraham dismisses it and claims it to be what we all admit it to be, essentially a blatant scandal of God's nature, then he has taken God for granted and dismissed his relationship with God. Abraham, in order to put his relationship with God first, he had to walk faithfully according to the will of God. In an act of sheer faith alone Abraham walked up a hill with his son and eventually raised a knife to slay him before God intervened and stopped him. God would never have let even so much as a gnat harm Isaac, but Abraham had to believe that and march up the hill with his son.

There are many things that test us. In this newsletter, I'm testing whether or not you're paying attention to the forms of announcements that we're investing in. There is a great deal of human as well as financial resources that go into this form of communication, and I don't want it taken for granted. But, more importantly, there are times when our faith is tested. I don't expect that God would test any of our faith the same way that he tested Abraham. We are in a different time and place, and we have been given the gospel message. But, there are many other ways in which we are tested. In what ways is your faith being put to the test? As you look toward the coming of a new year, what changes do you want to make with your relationship to God? What temptations can you anticipate being your test of faith to stay on course with your New Year's resolutions? Consider these questions, and then remember that Jesus gave his life so that you and I would be free to fail and start again. This new year, leave the failings of the past behind, and begin again with grace and hope.

Just as I look forward to hearing your opinions about our newsletter, I would also like to start over again with you as your pastor. Four years ago, I asked you to invite me over for introductions. Let's try that again. Invite me to talk, at your house, over lunch, in my office.....whatever. Let's start over with grace and hope.

I look forward to hearing from all of you,

Youth News



Youth Worship Service

January 17th

We will volunteer to cover all aspects of the morning worship service.



January 30th

A trip to Bear Creek for a day filled with fun in the snow.

February 13th—February 14th from 9am—Noon the next day



30 Hour Famine is an international youth movement to fight hunger. It will bring you closer together with others and to God, feed hungry children, and make a difference in the world.

The congregation will throw a breakfast buffet after church on the 14th. If you would like to provide some of the items needed for the breakfast a sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin within the next few weeks.

March 27th



Bowling at the
PALACE
in
Downtown



Youth
Bowling
Night

March 28th

We will deliver
Easter Baskets
to shut-ins.



YOUTH GROUP

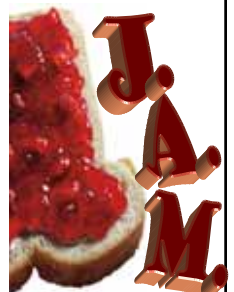
Every Month, youth from grades 5-12 are invited to come to the JAM SESSION. Here we will have fun and make friends. Most importantly, we will grow closer to Jesus in faith through fellowship and monthly service projects. The ones with the JAM next to them are free to all active J.A.M.mers.

How do I become a J.A.M.mer?

1. Have mom or dad fill out a registration form located on the information rack.
2. There is a donation request of \$30 for each registration. This is per year, and helps to provide funds from which a variety of program expenses can be drawn.
3. Come to each monthly JAM Session.
4. Abide by the behavior covenant.
5. HAVE FUN!

JAM Session Schedule 11:00am to 12:30pm (At the church)
January 17th, February 28th, March 14th,

Questions? Contact: Pastor Rich, Pastor_moore@hotmail.com
or Doug Thompson at dathompson@buckman.com



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February 7th 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.



7th 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.



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 2010 ACS vase, Boyd's ACS Bear and the order slips will be made available as soon as they are received.

At this time, we are expecting the date to pick up your orders at church to be Sunday, March 21st, the Sunday before Palm Sunday. This is a sure sign that winter will be ending and we can look forward to flowers blooming and warmer weather. 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