



Living God Newsletter

Sunday Worship
9:30 AM & 6:30 PM

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Go forth with the gospel!

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†Growing with Christ

†Welcoming All

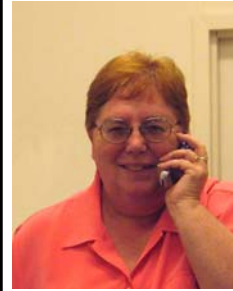
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Pastor Richard Moore
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Music Director Angela Zoltek

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Contribution Recorder- Linda Hume
Nursery Room Attendant-Bethany King

Welcome Our New Council Members

Living God Church is pleased to welcome **Luther Gates and Mary Wallett** as new members of church council. Luther was elected to a 3 year term and Mary a 1 year term during our congregational meeting that was held on Sunday, May 16th.



Thank You....

Living God Church would like to thank Jan Rudolph for her time and effort while serving on church council.

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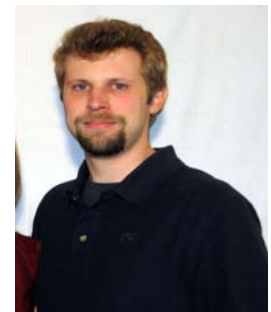
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Council News continued

Thank You....



Living God Church would also like to thank George Bradford for his time and effort while serving on church council.

LGLC's Contest Winner



Congratulations to Jerilyne Santors as the winner of Pastors Moore contest to rename the Morning Devotional. Jerilyne submitted the title "Manna". Her prize was a new Lutheran bible.

Congratulations!

Additional Notes

 **Fall Festival to Be Organized by Council-** Watch for upcoming information regarding the Annual Fall Fest. This will be the second year that council oversees the event. Date to be determined. 



New Project for Building & Grounds-The Building and Grounds committee is in the process of looking into the building of a permanent outdoor cooking grill. This structure will be located on the northside of the church building. Keep the team in your prayers as they move forward with the plans for this project.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

REMINDER- Please submit quarterly news-letter articles to living_god@verizon.net by the 15th of September for the 4th quarterly newsletter and December for the 2011, 1st quarter newsletter. Thank you

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



Michael R. Seay
Grandson of Carole Turner
Graduate of Penn State University
with a degree in Telecommunications.

Matthew Douglas Baer
Grandson of Rollin & Pat Baer
attending Drexel University majoring
in Architectural Engineering

Sergey Tosunian
Son of Vladimir & Anna Tosunian
attending Kutztown University
majoring in History
(The Tosunian Family from Azerbaijan
was sponsored by LGLC in 2003 through
Lutheran Children and Family Services)

Aaron Gursky
Son of Stephen & Amy Gursky
attending Kutztown University
majoring in Biology

Zachary Gursky
Son of Stephen & Amy Gursky
attending Bloomsburg University
majoring in Exercise Science

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, July 24: 9am
Saturday, October 23: 9am

A Project of your Stewardship Committee



EDUCATION TEAM NEWS

"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.



WORSHIP TEAM NEWS

FLOWERS, BULLETINS, CANDLE



Please check the Flower, Bulletin, and Eternal Candle calendar charts on the bulletin board. There are many dates over the summer that are available for you to choose. You can dedicate or pay tribute to someone for a \$10 contribution to offset the cost of expenses of these items.

Worship Team Meeting



The Worship team invites everyone to come to the next monthly pot luck lunch and meetings on **July 18th, August 18th, and September 19th following the 9:30am service.** Bring a side dish or dessert to share with the group, approximately 10 people.

Fellowship Team News



Summer trips to the shore and mountains, fun in the sun, and just a sigh of relief that we are not freezing. We hope you will be able to join us for some of the fun things the Fellowship Team has set up for these months. We all need friends, and to enjoy relationships in friendship and faith is just a wonderful gift.

July 25th Church Picnic, please bring your favorite outdoor game to play and a picnic lunch for you and your family to enjoy on the church property.

Aug 21st Card and game night will be back, bring your own game or learn to play someone else's. Please bring a snack to share.

Sept 11th Movie at 6:30 (to be announced) we will also have a movie available for children in the education room as well.

Sept 12th Pot Luck luncheon following the morning service, please bring a dish to share and sit for a while to reconnect or meet new friends.

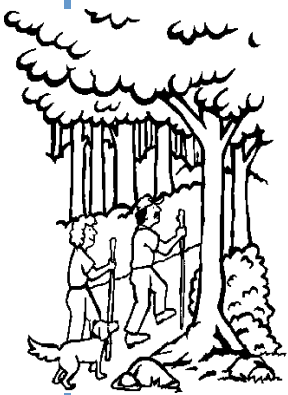
Sept 18th Bowling at Blue Ball Lanes 3:30pm, please sign up so we know how many will attend.

Sept 26th Pot Luck Dinner 5pm prior to the evening service, please bring something to share and relax with your friends.

Hope to see you all over the next few months and catch up! Barb Wolfe

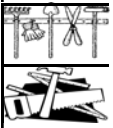
Support Team News

LIVING GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH WALKING TRAIL



Our nature walk trail has been dedicated and officially opened to the public. At the Spring Open House on June 5th, we had about 50 people walk the trail and they were very complimentary. The LGLC Walking Trail is open from dawn to dusk every day and we see residents of Heatherwood and people coming into our parking lot by car and motorcycle just to walk through our woods. (We are considering putting a "Comments Please" box up so that people can leave feedback.) We had 4 reporters and photographers come and there were articles and pictures in the Tri County, Community Courier, Daily Local and Reading Eagle newspapers. We are also spreading the word to local walking clubs, bird watcher groups and horticulture clubs. There are brochures available at church if you would like to share information about our trail. God has given us a beautiful piece of land and we think that it is being put to good use. It is a great place to enjoy nature and there are scripture plaques, bird houses, and benches to sit on and encourage people to be still and listen. Future events are being planned and one is to use the walking trail in such a way as to raise money for the American Cancer Society. This event will be in September and will be called "Hikers for Hope". There will be a planning meeting soon so watch the bulletin board for the date and time and please come and help us arrange it. The trail is 3/4 of a mile long and there is a short cut if you want to only walk a 1/2 mile. It is a circular route that starts and ends near the playground at the edge of our parking lot. It is a marked trail and the walking surface is mulch. The Trail committee thanks everyone who helped make this project a success and encourages all our church members to see what has been accomplished with their support.

Support Team News cont.



B&G Meeting— LGLC's Building & Grounds Team will hold their next monthly meetings on **August 17th and September 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.



Gardeners Needed- LGLC is looking for individuals that would be interested in volunteering to help with the gardening around the church building. Please contact Paula Horner for more information. 610-273-1026

COLUMBARIUM NEWS- It has been over six years since the Columbarium was installed. In spring of last year a large memorial rock with surrounding plants was installed.. This is another beautiful addition to the grounds around the Columbarium.. A tree memorial can also be purchased and placed on the south berm of the church property. Please contact the church office if you are interested in purchasing a tree for planting.

If you are interested in purchasing a niche or have any questions, you can contact any of the members of the committee— Dick Yontz, Ed & Kay Turner, or Donna Lewis. Our new brochures are available at the church for your review.

Please come out to see the new plantings surrounding the columbarium and if you have a few moments this area is a wonderful place for prayer and visitation anytime you have a need to talk to God.

FLOWERS FOR THE LIVING GOD LUTHERAN WALKING TRAIL- The Trail Committee is looking for plants and shrubs to plant along the trail that will entice birds and butterflies to the area as well as provide food and shelter for them. If you have any plants that you are willing to divide from your own flower garden please contact Kurt Schneidmiller 610-286-0877, Bob Hausch 610-269-7251 or Josie Davis 610-269-0838. A complete list of shrubs and flowers has been posted on the bulletin board for your convenience.

Outreach Team News

SAVE THE DATE— SAT. SEPTEMBER 18- The Outreach Team is currently working on plans for a children's carnival during the annual **HARMONY DAYS** in Honey Brook. Information will be posted throughout the coming months. If you would like to participate please call the church office.

UPDATE on the PHILABUNDANCE program— On behalf of all the mothers and their babies associated with Philabundance program they would like to thank LGLC for the gift of \$143 toward the Baby Manna project.

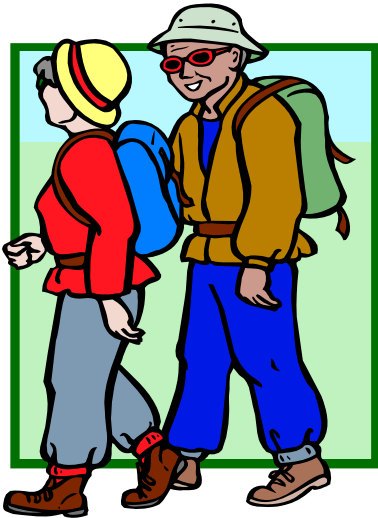


Aid for Friends Cooking Night's- The following dates have been scheduled for AFF cooking nights **July 20th, August 17th, September 21st**. We begin at 7PM. If you would like to help please contact the office at 610-273-9383.



UPDATE-The Spring Open House "Come Walk With Us" that took place on Saturday, June 5th was well received. Many of our visitors enjoyed walking the new trail and returned the following week to walk it a second time, also several visitors attended church services with us the next day. The members and friends of LGLC did a wonderful job organizing this event. The "Spring Open House" was designed to show the community what LGLC is all about and showcase the events and organizations that we participate in annually. Each of the team tables were covered with great displays, giveaway items, and numerous handouts describing our church activities and interests including the various organizations that we work with and contribute to.

To everyone who participated in the planning, set-up, advertising, contributions, enthusiasm, and time, toward this wonderful project **THANK YOU**. **Great things happen at LGLC when we work together.**



**JOIN US FOR THE
“HIKERS FOR HOPE”
WALK
TO SUPPORT THE
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY
BEGINNING 12:00PM ON FRIDAY, SEPT 10TH
UNTIL 12:00PM SATURDAY, SEPT 11TH**

PLACE—LIVING GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH
3200 HORSESHOE PIKE, HONEY BROOK, PA

PURPOSE—TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE AMERICAN
CANCER SOCIETY.

**LET’S GET TOGETHER FOR HOURS OF
FUN, FOOD,
ACTIVITIES AND FELLOWSHIP.**

We will be hiking the new church walking trail. You are welcome to bring a small tent for rest and sleeping during the walk.

**WATCH OUR WEBSITE FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION**

**Living_god@verizon.net
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Albert Einstein once said, "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result." Is our church insane?

Fortunately, NO! There are actually lots of things that we're doing differently. In worship we continue to learn new songs, test the waters of technology, we're working the kinks out of an evening contemporary model, and since last year we've moved from two services to one. In other areas of ministry, we have made various different tweaks here and there. With morale, attendance, and even giving showing upward trends I think it's

safe to say that God has been generous enough to bless us with the enthusiasm to continue with all of these changes. But, the most recent changes to our ministry were to move from the Spring Fling to a Spring Open House, and to open a public walking trail.

The Spring Open House was actually more of a shift in purpose than anything else. In the past we would always make use of this event for one singular purpose, to ask our neighbors to empty their wallets. The change this year was to showcase our church and its ministry alongside the effort to raise money. Throughout the day we introduced hundreds of people to our ministry and along the way gave away various promotional items such as pens and brochures. Some of the folks working the event became inspired enough to even invite folks to join them for church the next day, and I'm pleased to say that there were indeed several new faces in the church that week as a result of those invitation. At the end of the day, we did manage to raise about \$1300, but most importantly we managed to do without subverting our mission.

The Walking Trail is a huge success, and I can personally say that it is a joy not just to walk it but to look out my office window and see cars of people come and go all day long for the trail. The feedback I've heard so far has been incredibly positive. Last weekend, we had our first visitors in worship who said they came to church simply because they were so taken by the walking trail. This, I hope, will become a common trend.


Clearly, God has blessed these changes in such a way that, at this point, is immeasurable. No, Mr. Einstein, Living God Lutheran Church is not insane. :-)

Our Sunday School program, however, does reveal that we are vulnerable to insane tendencies. Every year we do the same thing. We put together a group of teachers, give them curriculum, promote it and try to get the kids to come. With the attendance of children averaging in the single digits, every year it is short of success. Yet, every year we feel this urge to do the same thing every Sunday. Since I've been the pastor here, we've tried the one room school house model at 9:15am, between the two services. That didn't work. We've tried a Sunday School program during worship, that didn't work. One year we even tried doing both. We had Sunday School between the services and a nursery type education program during the worship service. That didn't work. This year we tried the traditional model before worship. That didn't work. It's summer and here we are again trying to figure out what will work for Sunday School. Maybe it's time to think outside the "Sunday School" box. At this writing there are more than 30 kids enrolled in an evening VBS program, and they are loving it! The purpose is to teach our kids about Jesus, so maybe it doesn't have to be on Sunday. Let's stop the insane tendencies over "Sunday School" and find a program that will work for our congregation, regardless of tradition. Let's get everyone's support behind teaching our kids about Jesus the way we supported the Walking Trail and the Open House. Then, let's see if God can resist to bless it. :-)

Have a blessed Summer,

+Rich

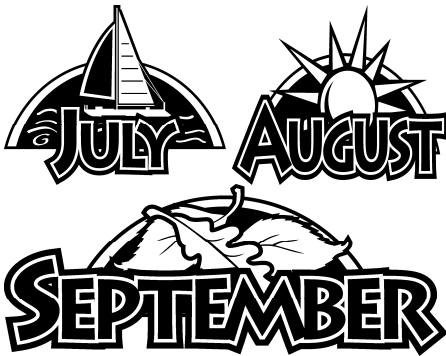
JULY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 9:30 AM Worship 6:30 PM Worship	28	29	30 10:00 AM Mid Week Bible Study at Heatherwood 7:00 PM Mid Week Bible Study	1 10:00 AM Bible Study at Tel Hai 7:30 PM Council Meeting	2 7:30PM AA Meeting	3
4  9:30 AM Worship 6:30 PM Worship	5	6 7:00 PM Fellowship Meeting	7 10:00 AM Mid Week Bible Study at Heatherwood 7:00 PM Mid Week Bible Study	8 10:00 AM Bible Study at Tel Hai	9 7:30PM AA Meeting	10
11 9:30 AM Worship 6:30 PM Worship	12	13 3:00 PM Prayer Chain Meeting	14 10:00 AM Mid Week Bible Study at Heatherwood 7:00 PM Mid Week Bible Study	15 10:00 AM Bible Study at Tel Hai	16 12:00 PM Outreach Meeting 7:30PM AA Meeting	17
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Youth News

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!

QUESTIONS?

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Dear Parents, Vacation Bible School was an exciting week. The Education Team at Living God Lutheran Church would like this excitement to continue in the fall, with Sunday school. We have four options for Sunday school times. Please look them over and choose the option that would work best for your family. The Education Team will compile the answers and report the decision.

Thank you for your help and support.
The Education Team

Of the four options listed below please select the time that would work best for you and your children.

1. 8:30-9:15am **Sunday morning before church.**
2. 9:45-10:15am **Sunday morning during church.**
(a shortened version lasting about 25-30 minutes)
3. 11:00-11:45am **Sunday morning after service**
4. 7:00-7:45pm **Wednesday evening during adult bible study and choir practice.**

Please submit this questionnaire to the church office no later that Sunday, July 18th.