



Living God Newsletter

Sunday Worship 8 & 10:30 AM
& 6:30 PM

...building a church for people who have no church.

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EPIPHANY

Join us on Tuesday, January 6th at 7:30pm for an Epiphany service to celebrate the revelation of Christ. Epiphany means "manifestation." On this day we celebrate the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles—that is, to all nations. Christians traditions celebrate three great epiphanies on this day: the magi's adoration of the Christ child, Jesus; baptism in the Jordan River, and his first miracle, in which he changes water into wine. The word and sacraments are for us the great epiphany of God's grace and mercy. We go forth to witness to the light that shines brightly in our midst.

Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 11th at 9:15 am

Over the past year a decision was made by our congregation to hold an annual meeting 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 first annual budget meeting as January 11th, to be held between the two morning worship services, or 9:15am. 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. At this writing a count of 62 members will be needed for quorum. In the event that a quorum cannot be reached, then the church council will adopt the budget on behalf of the congregation as it is proposed.

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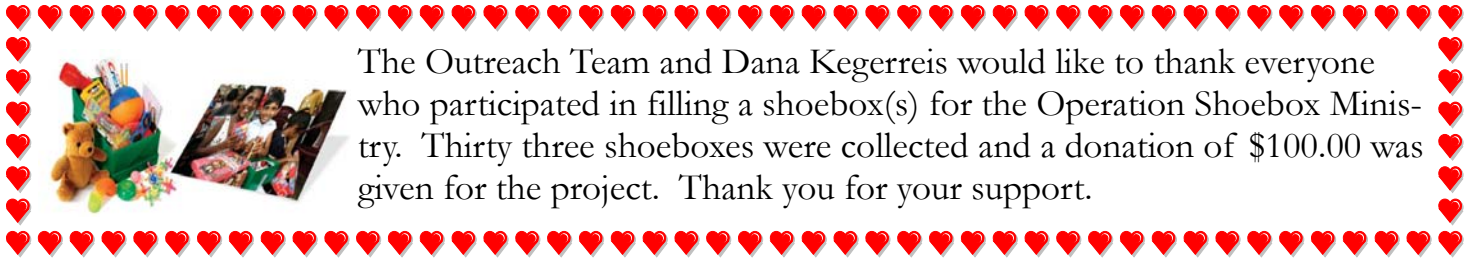
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Sincerely,

The Rev. Richard L. Moore, pastor



Outreach Team News



The Outreach Team and Dana Kegerreis would like to thank everyone who participated in filling a shoebox(s) for the Operation Shoebox Ministry. Thirty three shoeboxes were collected and a donation of \$100.00 was given for the project. Thank you for your support.



Thank you for all of your help- I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Fall and Winter Outreach Projects. LGLC pledged 50 school kits and with your help we were able to send a total of 53 kits. The Christmas Angel Gift program for the foster children was a great success. LGLC members were able to provide 2 gifts for each of the older children and 3 gifts each for the babies. You also gave a total of 75 bars of soap to be given to the Seaman Institute. God bless all of you for your generous support of these Outreach projects. Pam Latham

Thank You For Your Wonderful Support This Past Year.

Dear Friends,

As I write my finale Outreach article it reminds me of the first time I stepped through the doors of Living God Church. It was exactly a year ago I walked through that front door and received a hug from someone who had never met me while others welcomed me with a friendly "good morning" and a handshake. From that welcoming experience I knew I had found the type of church I had been looking for. Not only did I find God at LGLC but I also made a lot of wonder friendships. It wasn't long before I was full of excitement, joy and love from God that I felt I needed to share this with others. I offered to organize a spaghetti dinner, then a breakfast that was held once a month and it was during this time that Pastor Rich asked me if I would be interested in becoming the Outreach Team leader. I accepted the offer of team leader and with great support, and encouragement from so many this leader position started to come together for me. Even during the time of Link's father's illness I was able to fulfill my commitments as the Outreach Team leader because of the wonderful support I received from the members of the congregation. I thank everyone for all that you have given to Link and I this past year and as we prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord this Advent season I ask you all for one more prayer. Please keep Link and I in your prayers as we make our move down to Virginia and that our new church is as welcoming as Living God Church.

God bless,

Link and Pam Latham

Fellowship Team News



LGLC would like to thank Barbara Wolfe for accepting the position of Fellowship Team Leader. Barb will hold her first team meeting on Tuesday, January 6th at 7:00pm. Everyone is invited to the meeting to share idea's for the 2009 calendar year. If you have any questions please contact Barb at 610-273-2902

Support Team News



The Support Team has received 2 card tables in memory of Roberta Bencker from an anonymous donor. Living God Church and the Support Team is very thankful for this wonderful gift.

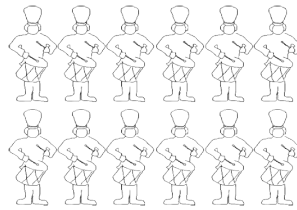


Time To Renew Your Subscription

January, is the month your payment should be submitted to LGLC if you are interested in continuing your subscription of the Lutheran Magazine . In your monthly offering envelope packet an envelope for the magazine has been included for the 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 Donna in the church office 610-273-9383.

Worship Team News

On the 12th day of Christmas...



No..No..No..

The 12th day of Christmas is the
Day of Epiphany
Celebrate the Day of Epiphany



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

Worship Team Meeting

The Worship team invites everyone to come to the monthly pot luck and meeting on **January**



18th following the second service. Bring a side dish or dessert to share with the group, approximately 10 people. Everyone who volunteers as usher, reader, prayer leader, communion assistant, prayer intercessor, altar guild and/or hospitality is encouraged to attend Worship meetings.

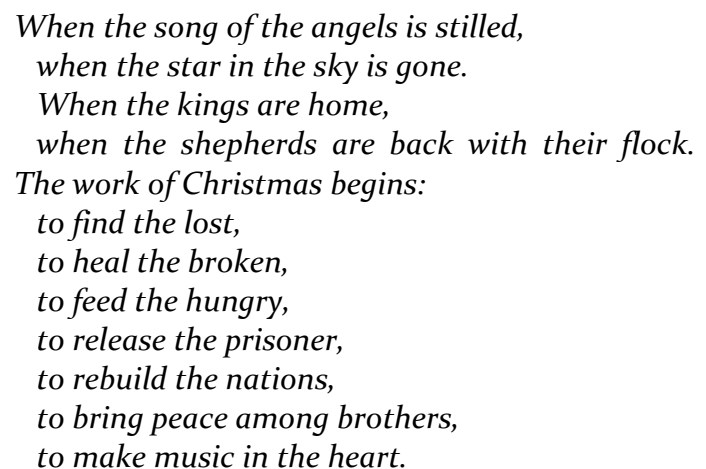
Lin Williams, Team Leader
Jan Rudolph, Council Representative

Dear friends,

Somewhere around early January parents of small children hear the lament, “Why can’t it be Christmas every day?” The thought may even splash across our minds with a brief sense of child-like wonder before being snuffed out by a quick reminder of reality. Truly there are some things about Christmas that our lives simply could not handle if we were to try to maintain them everyday, all year. The first, of course is our wallets. Can you imagine having to shop for folks in such a way that everyday was Christmas? Oh, and by the way, you would likely have no income because if everyday was Christmas your place of employment would likely never be open. If everyday was Christmas much of our way of life would soon be in jeopardy. The truth is; if it were Christmas everyday we couldn’t handle it. We must go back to work. Kids must go back to school. The celebration must cease, and we must face the realities before us.

The call from God through the child in the manger is not that we would abandon reality and merely celebrate everyday, but that everyday we might find a reason to be thankful, and in the face of reality we would realize that we have a reason to rejoice. Thankful of all that God has already given us in Jesus. Rejoicing in the Lord for all that God has promised to give today and tomorrow. With thankfulness and a renewed reason for rejoicing always we can face whatever looms in our reality.

As Howard Thurman in the above poem expresses so beautifully, now is when the work of Christmas begins. Most people might think that the work of Christmas is all the preparations of the month of December. Not so. The work of Christmas begins in January, when we take this gift and offer it to others.



*When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone.
When the kings are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flock.
The work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among brothers,
to make music in the heart.*

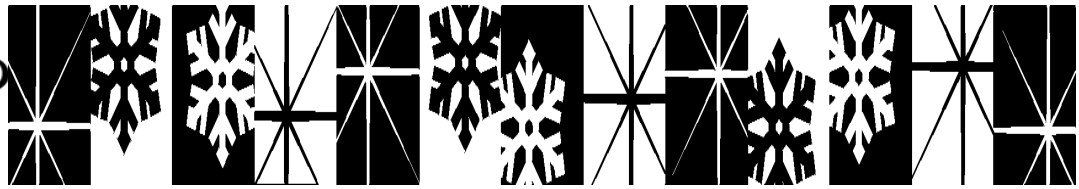
Howard Thurman

Living God Lutheran offers many opportunities for a person to put the gift of Christmas to work. You could volunteer in various ways with worship. You could participate with the M&M’s group who are making quilts for needy folks. You might help with the Sunday School program, or maybe you’ll just bring your kids and give it a try. You could sing in the choir. Maybe you have a bit of talent with PowerPoint projections and/or sound systems. If so, we now have a system that needs your help. There are lots and lots of ways and openings for you to volunteer at our church. Maybe you have your own fresh ideas for a needed church ministry. Whatever it is you can offer, please do so. The work of Christmas begins now.

In the end, when the gift of Christmas puts us to work on behalf of others, we find great blessing. The true gift of giving continues beyond the celebration of Christmas day. To live each day like this, as a servant of Christ, is to live each day in the light of the first Christmas. With this light, we can face the darkness of reality. With this light, Christmas is indeed born again in us each day.

Blessings.

+Rich



M & M's

All are welcome! Come bring your portable sewing machines, your pink-ing shears, pins and sewing supplies to make quilts with the M&M's for Lu-theran World Relief on January 12th & February 9th starting at 1pm. LWR's previous supply has been distributed around the world due to natural disas-ters. People of LGLC have a wonderful opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus by donating new or gently used sheets and blankets at least 60" X 80". For detailed information, please pick up an information sheet at the back of the church. A box will be there for the donation. Please contact Chris Lamos 610-901-3005 or Deanna Arndt 610-286-0182 for more information.



2009 Flower, Bulletin, and Eternal Light Sign-up

FLOWERS- When signing up for flowers please write your name twice if you are buy-ing both vases of flowers; Sign our name once if you are buying only one vase.

BULLETINS- Place your name next to the date that you want to purchase the bulle-tins for.

ETERNAL LIGHT- Place your name next to the date that you want to purchase the eternal light for.

All dedication information has to be submitted to the church office two weeks before your selected date to insure that your information is printed in the Sunday bulletin. The envelopes for your order are in the black container located below the flower chart. On the front of the envelope record your dedication information for the flowers or bulletins and then place your payment within the envelope. If you have any ques-tions please contact Donna in the church of-fice.

RECYCLE YOUR CELL PHONE

S.E.P.A. is working with the Women's Funding Network to collect 500 cell phones by June 20, 2009 for recycling. With one simple act, you can create two lasting solutions for women and families in poverty and help combat climate change!



The Benefits-This recycling program will generate much needed funding to;

1. Support programs that lift women and families out of pov-erty;
2. Help provide lasting solutions to climate change, a major contributor to poverty worldwide; and
3. Provide 911 emergency phones for senior citizens and peo-ple at risk.

Why is This Important? In the U.S., more that HALF A BIL-LION cell phones are no longer being used and are ready for recycling.

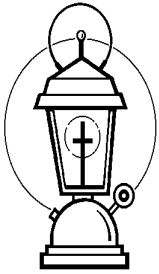
1. Each cell phone recycled helps prevent 66 pounds of car-bon dioxide from entering the atmosphere.
2. Recycling just one million cell phones reduces green-house gas emissions equal to taking 1,368 cars off the road for a year.
3. If all 500 million cell phones no longer in use are recycled, we could save enough energy to power more that 970,000 U.S. households with electricity for one year.

Your Job

1. Deactivate your phone service.
2. Turn the phone off, leaving the battery attached.
3. Place the phone in the box in front of the church office.

If you have any questions please contact Lin Williams 610-857-3247

Education Team News



The Lantern

a Mid Week Bible Study program

At 10:00 am "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 7:00 pm . For more information pamphlets are available on the information stand located at the back of the church.

Choir News



Angela Zoltek, LGLC's New Director of Music

Living God Church welcomes Angela Zoltek as our new Director of Music. Angela has lived in Downingtown for 26 years with her husband Stan, a Verizon employee to whom she has been married to for 34 years. She is originally from Ventnor, at the Jersey shore, where she still goes to the home where she grew up for fun and relaxing family time. In addition to her position at Living God, Angela teaches piano in her home studio. She has been providing music and leadership in churches for over 40 years. In her most recent position, she built a thriving and diverse music and drama program that served the mission of the congregation, as well as expanded the options available for individual participants, seeking to express their love of God, and share the Good News of Jesus Christ, through the musical and dramatic arts.

FROM THE NEW DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Dear LGLC Congregation members,

Thank you so much for the warm welcome that you have extended to me in my first month at LGLC. I have so enjoyed meeting and getting to know some congregation members, and I look forward to meeting and getting to know many more of you. I'm eager to learn how I can best serve God and the LGLC congregation as Director of Music here, so please feel free to share your thoughts and ideas with me anytime, as well as any special instrumental or vocal gifts that you would like to share with the congregation in worship. Thank you again for a wonderfully warm welcome!

Angela Zoltek
Director of Music



Make a Joyful Noise! The LGLC choir is meeting on Wednesday nights, 7:00 p.m., at the church. Everyone is welcome, no experience necessary. If you have any questions, please contact Angela Zoltek, music director, at 610-873-7701."

YOUTH GROUP

'08 - '09 Program & Registration Information

IT ALL BEGINS
WITH J.A.M.
EVERY OTHER
SUNDAY
12:30PM—2PM



Jesus And Me

J	January 11th
A	January 25th
M	February 8th
	February 22nd
	March 8th
S	March 22nd
e	April 5th
s	April 19th
s	May 3rd
s	May 17th
i	May 31st
o	June 14th
n	June 28th
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Every other Sunday, 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 weekly devotions. And, active J.A.M.mers get to participate in special monthly events for free.

Grades 5-8 will be among our Jr. Hi Youth. They will get the opportunity to participate in activities that are age appropriate and assist them with the topics they need to know for their confirmation of faith at the end of 8th grade. Grades 9-12 will be among our Sr. Hi Youth. They will get the opportunity to participate in activities and discussions that help them to bring their faith to action in love and service.

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

1. There are flyers and registration forms available at the church.
2. There is a donation request of \$30 for each registration. This is per year, and helps to provide a fund from which a variety of program expenses can be drawn. We also ask that each J.A.M.mer practice good financial stewardship by setting aside a small donation for each week.
3. Come as often as you can. Abide by the behavior covenant. HAVE FUN!

JANUARY WEEKEND EVENT

These events are open for anyone between grades 5 and 12. Bring your friends. The ones with the JAM next to them are free to all active J.A.M.mers. More details about each event will be distributed as the dates draw near.



January 17th
Laser Tag Party:
Price and Time: YTBD

Play Laser Tag at Lancaster's Laser Dome
Followed by a Pizza Party



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*Tues., Wed., Thu.,
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