



Happy 17th Anniversary to Living God Lutheran Church



Sunday Worship
9:30 AM & 6:30 PM

Living God Newsletter

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Go forth with the gospel!

†Loving God

†Growing with Christ

†Welcoming All

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Installation of New Members



During the morning service on Sunday, October 24th Living God Church welcomed 18 new members to our congregation. Following the service we gathered for a luncheon and spent some fellowship time getting to know the new members of our church family. We welcome...

Marc, Jennifer and Caitlyn Dojka,
Ray & Jean Emplit, Jerriann, Tia and Anthony Hunt,
Donna Kelly, Shirley Lesoken, Randell and Crystal Press
Olivette Renn, Chris and Dorothy Wagner,
Charles and Ann Ward, Kristine Zoltek

A Great Turn Out for the 1940's Party



A 1940's theme party was held at LGLC on Oct. 9th with over 30 guests in attendance. Our church member, Maryann Dymond provided a wonderful roast beef dinner for the evening meal. Maryann also created a USO banner that was used as a back drop for anyone that wanted to have pictures taken. She incorporated many other decorations to transform the sanctuary into a 1940's welcome center. Pastor Moore put together a montage of pictures, music, and trivia questions for everyone to enjoy through out the evening.



Hiking for Hope Raises Over \$4400 for ACS!! LGLC will send over \$4400 to the American Cancer Society. Registration fees, individual donations, luminaria donations, food and beverage purchases make up the \$4400 to be given to ACS. Seventy people walked a combined total of 318 miles during the 24 hour event. LGLC looks forward to seeing everyone next year for the 2011 Hiking for Hope event.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE



Ink Recycling

Recycling Reward Dollars

LGLC would like to thank everyone who participates in the Ink Recycling Program through the Staples Co. To date, LGLC has received \$340 in reward coupons for the months of January-October 2010. Each month 20 cartridges are drop off to the Staples store, in Downingtown, and that entitles us to a \$40 rewards coupon. The recycling program has enabling 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 Check from the Croppers Reward Program-

I would like to thank everyone who participates in the Croppers reward program. For the months of January 2010—June 2010 your support of the program enabled Living God Church to earn \$96.81. If you want to be apart of

helping LGLC earn money through the Community Rewards Program and you are a Gold Card Member at Cropper's Supermarket here is what you need to do. Write your name and the Gold Card number (the 10 digit number on the back of the card) on a piece of paper and drop it off at the church office. If you have already given me your card information you will not need to re-register. IT'S THAT EASY. Thank you for your support.



Bake goods needed for the annual Christmas Bazaar.

A sign up sheet will be posted for anyone that would like to sign up to donate one or two of your favorite sweet creations. Donation goodies can be dropped off on Friday, 11/12 by 3pm or Sat., 11/13 by 8:30am. Thank you.



Remember to turn your clocks back, 1 hour starting November 7th.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM NEWS



Saturday, October 23rd at 9am

On Saturday, October 23rd the last highway cleanup for 2010 was completed. Thank you to everyone who has participated in this project throughout the year. Great job!

WORSHIP TEAM NEWS



LGLC Choir

Choir practice is in full swing. The LGLC choir meets **Wed. evenings at 7pm**. Rehearsals for the upcoming Christmas Cantata have begun. If you are interested in participating in either the choir or the Cantata please contact our music director, Angela Zoltek at 484-678-6485.



Community Worship Service

A Thanksgiving community worship service will be held on Sunday, November 21st at the Honey Brook Presbyterian Church beginning at 7pm.

All are welcome to attend.

Fellowship News



A Progress Lunch and House Tour

The M&M's Group will be having a progressive lunch and house tour on **Monday, December 29th**. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board for anyone that would like to join in on the fun.

Outreach News



A Windy Day for the LGLC FALL FESTIVAL

We had a sunny, windy day for the annual Fall Festival held on Saturday, October 16th from 10-3pm. For the children (and adults) we had pumpkin painting, hayrides, scarecrow making, and a balloon chucking game. The entire festival was a great deal of fun for the children and their families. Many visitors ordered bowls and quarts of chicken corn soup, and 64 delicious 1/2 chicken meals prepared on the new BBQ grill were sold. Thank you to everyone who helped to put this project together.



*“And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord,
and unto us by the will of God.”
2 Corinthians 8:5*

Elijah and I were raking leaves in the yard. Well...he's 4...I was raking leaves, and he was playing in them. Noticing that I was working hard to gather up the leaves, he began to help me. He was far too small to use a rake, but that didn't seem to matter to him. He took great pleasure in scooping up as many as he could carry in his arms and bringing them to the pile we were making together. I had thoroughly expected him to want to jump and play in the leaves while I cleaned up the yard. But, he wanted to help. He wanted to give. Without my prompting he gave of himself this gift of help to me. He did so with great enthusiasm and without any expectation. His joy in giving and helping was a sign to me of my son's love. "He loves me!", I thought to myself as I beamed with joy and love for him in return.

God is, of course, the all-sufficient one, totally self-existent. Our gifts are not necessary for the accomplishment of God's will any more than Elijah's help was necessary for me to finish the yard. But, how pleased God is with our joyful giving and commitment to service.

At the beginning of the year, in my winter newsletter, I suggested a campaign to increase everything we do by just 10%. It was called 10% in 2010. I said in that letter that if each of us were to increase our attendance and our financial contributions by just 10%, our church would not only overcome our budget woes, but that we would end up with a surplus. All that was necessary was for each of us to do our part and increase by 10%. Well, as I look over the information before me it seems that some of you really took this campaign to heart. These records are confidential, so I can't list your names here in some form of celebration, but you know who you are, and think by now you've already come to realize how pleasing your generosity is to God. Your willingness to increase by 10% has made a big difference. Unfortunately, we didn't grasp this campaign as a whole congregation and we still have much work to do to overcome our financial crisis. But, I am pleased to say that both regular giving and attendance have improved over the past six months. This is a very good sign, even if we are still in the red. Let's keep this campaign going. Better yet, let's turn up the intensity.

If the good news is that many of you have increased your giving and attendance, the bad news is that we need many more to do the same. Over the last two years, we have accumulated a deficit of approximately \$30,000. Now, if you're unfamiliar with deficit spending, this means we are drawing from reserve funds in order to pay the bills. Naturally, we can only do this for so long before the reserve funds run out. Once they run out, we will have no choice but to eliminate expenses. Since our budget is down to the very bare necessities, the next cuts will have to be from our staff.

That doesn't sound good, but actually it's not as bad as it sounds. For a church of our size, with an outstanding mortgage, our budget remains relatively small; approximately \$216,000 per year. With about 180 active households, that works out to only about \$1200 per household per year, or about \$100 per month. Fortunately, God has provided this church with a number of households who are already contributing far more than that. So, this is what I'm asking. Next year is going to be a critical one in terms of whether or not we have to let go of much needed staff. Look at your own giving to the church. If it's less than \$100 per month, consider making that your goal for 2011.

We've managed to make improvements in our finances with the 10% in 2010 campaign. Now, let's try to improve our general understanding of what it means to be good stewards of God's ministry. What joy we will share, and how pleasing it will be to God, when we are out of the red and into the black as a result of *our* generosity. This is God's work, this is God's church; but oh, how pleased God is with our joyful giving and commitment to service. Like leaf raking with your child, God may not need us or the money we give to do His work, but what joy there is in heaven and earth when we give ourselves to help our Father in heaven.

May God bless you with thanks and joy as our calendars turn to November and December.

+Rich

Outreach Team News (continued on the last page)



Harmony Day Kid's Carnival— The LGLC children's carnival held during Harmony Day on September 18th was very busy. We handed out about 175-200 information packets along with a lot of free hotdogs, bags of popcorn, and balloons to all the children that attended the carnival. Great time, great weather, great day!!



Living God Lutheran Church 7th Annual Christmas Bazaar On Saturday, November 13th from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Crafters can rent a table space for \$20. Please contact Lin Williams at 610-857-3247 (before 8pm) if you would like more information. The day's events will also include many raffles, bake good items, soup, and other good food from the kitchen. Bring a friend and start your Christmas shopping at LGLC.



HOT CHOCOLATE GIVE AWAY— The Outreach Team is planning the second annual **Hot Chocolate** give-away at the Parksburg Wal Mart and Croppers Market in Gutheriesville on Saturday, Dec. 11th, 11am-4pm. We will be giving away cups of hot chocolate, including a church brochure and a book mark with information regarding our Christmas Eve service times. All are welcome to participate. A sign up sheet will be posted for those who want to be apart of this wonderful outreach project.



LGLC Hosts a Community Dinner Saturday, December 18th

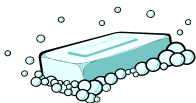
LGLC will host a community dinner at 6pm and a Cantata performance at 7pm.

Our guests will enjoy a Christmas Cantata Performance by the LGLC choir. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board for anyone interested in helping with the set-up, needed supplies, serving dinner, and re-setting the sanctuary. Thank you for your support of this project.

SEPA Christmas Ingathering God's Work – Our Hands; Doing the Will of God Through Service



LGLC has participated for several years in **Christmas Shopping for children that will be in Foster Care over Christmas**. We have requested the names of 20 children and suggestions of what they want for Christmas. Each child should get a gift(s) valued at \$25, wrapped and tagged with their name card. Please see Barbara Aronson to request the name and information of a foster care child for Christmas.



Bars of soap, in their original wrapper, are very much **appreciated by the Seamen's Church Institute**. Someone from the organization visits ships in Philadelphia ports during the Christmas season and provides the soap to the captains for each sailor. These men and women are from foreign ports and will not be with family and this could be their only gift at Christmas.




Health Kits for Lutheran World Relief










Each kit must contain all the items listed and only those items. Please note that while a toothbrush is listed, LWR provides the toothpaste because only certain brands are acceptable. A wash cloth and hand towel in matching or coordinating dark colors. (No large towels, please.) A new toothbrush and a bath size bar of soap, each in original packaging. A sturdy, wide tooth comb. Nail clippers; with a nail file attached or else a nail clipper and a separate metal nail file. Six band-aids, preferable ½ to ¾ inches, wrapped with a rubber band or an elastic band. Wrap all the smaller items in the towel and tie it firmly with ribbons or yarn. "Clean hands, good grooming, bright and shining smiles-you can help bring them about through the gift of health kits."

The due date for all these projects will be November 21st. Please place all donations on the table in front of the church office. Thank you for your support.

NOVEMBER 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>31</p> <p>9:30 AM Worship 11:00 AM Treats from the Trunk 6:30 PM Worship</p> 	<p>1</p> <p>1:00 PM M&M Women's Fellowship</p>	<p>2</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>10:00 AM Mid Week Bible Study at Heatherwood 6:30 PM Bible Study "The Shack" 6:30 PM Wed. Bible School</p> <p>7:00 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study at Tel Hai</p> <p>10:00 AM Women's Bible Study</p> <p>6:00PM Outreach Meeting at LaPiazza</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:30 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>6</p>
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<p>21</p> <p>9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Worship Meeting Pot Luck Lunch, Decorating the church, Advent Wreath Making</p> <p>6:30 PM Worship</p> <p>7:00 PM Community Thanksgiving Service at HB Presbyterian Church.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>1:00 PM M&M Women's Fellowship</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:00 AM Mid Week Bible Study at Heatherwood</p> <p>6:30PM Wed. Bible School</p>	 <p>7:30 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:30 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>27</p>
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DECEMBER 2010

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<p>26</p> <p>9:30 AM Worship 6:30 PM Worship</p>	<p>27</p>  <p>From our house to yours Season's Greetings</p> <p>Progressive Lunch & House Tour</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10:00 AM Mid Week Bible Study at Heatherwood</p> <p>6:30 PM Wednesday Bible School</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>  <p>HAPPY New Year!</p> <p>7:30 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>1</p>

*May the light of His Love shine in your heart and
in your home this Christmas season and all through the New Year.*



Christmas Eve Services

3:00 pm

Traditional Service, candle lighting,

7:00 pm

Traditional Service Children's Message,
candle lighting, and choir

10:00 pm

Traditional Service,
Candle lighting and choir

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Office Hours

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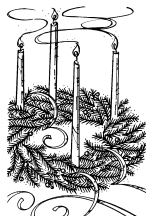
9AM to 4PM

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Outreach Team News cont...



Advent Wreath Making will be offered on **Sunday, November 21 after the 9:30 am service**. We will provide fresh greens, a metal wreath frame and wire. Please bring some ribbon or pictures with you to personalize your wreath. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board 2 weeks in advance so we get an idea of how many frames and materials needed. A free-will collection will be taken to cover the cost of materials. Extras will be on hand for last minute participants so everyone may make a wreath to start celebrating the season of Advent in preparation for Christmas. Come learn more about Advent! An abbreviated Worship meeting will take place during this activity.



DECORATORS NEEDED to help prepare the sanctuary for **Advent and Christmas on Sunday, November 21 after the 9:30am service**. The Worship Committee would like to have help preparing the sanctuary for Advent. If you could come for an hour, or longer, we could use your help. We will hang the widow wreaths, set up and green the Advent candle stand, decorate the window sills, change the altar cloth and banner, put greenery around the bulletin board etc.



The planning of the **Annual Ladies Christmas Dinner** is underway and details will be announced closer to the date. This has traditionally been a pot luck candle light meal held on a week night in early December.



We will be **taking orders for poinsettias** for anyone that would like to purchase a flower in honor, memory, or tribute of a loved one. Order forms will be placed within the service bulletins during the month of November. All orders are due by Sunday, December 12th.