



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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H O L Y · W E E K

Easter Service Times

April 5th, Palm Sunday
8, 10:30, & 6:30pm

April 9th, Maundy Thursday
7:30pm

April 10th, Good Friday
7:30pm

April 12th, Easter Sunday
6, 8, 10:30, & 6:30pm

April 12th, Easter Egg Hunt
9:15am



Sunday, May 17th
Congregational
Meeting
9:15am



April 5th is the last day to
submit your 2008 report

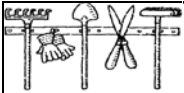
Reports for the 2009 Annual Report are due. The congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, May 17th at 9:15am. Please email your report to living_god@verizon.net. The 2009 Annual Report will be available during church services on May 3rd giving everyone two weeks to review the report before the Congregational 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.



LGLC will have an **Easter Egg hunt on Easter Sunday, April 12th at 9:30am**. If you would like to attend please write your name on the sign up sheet posted on the small bulletin board. All participants are to meet in the Sunday school room at 9:15am. The egg hunt will begin at 9:30am sharp.

Support Team News



B&G Meeting



LGLC's Building & Grounds Committee will hold their next

meeting on **April 21st at 7:30 pm.** All are welcome to attend the meeting. If you have any questions about the committee please contact Barry Buzzard at 610-273-2371.

Worship Team News

Worship Team Meeting

The Worship team invites everyone to come to the monthly pot luck and meeting on **April 19th 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



Choir News

The Living God Choir meets on Wed. nights, 7:00pm., at the church. Everyone is welcome, no experience necessary. If you have any questions, please contact Angela Zoltek, music director, at 610-873-7701."



Christ In the Passover Presentation

On Thursday, March 19th Melissa Moskowitz from the Jews for Jesus organization was at LGLC and presented the program titled "Christ In the Passover". The program covered the symbolism of different items traditionally used in the Jewish Seder meal as described in the book of Exodus. Thirty people attend this informative presentation

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.

Lamb of God Banner



The Worship Team would like to thank the anonymous donor for the monetary gift that was given to LGLC to be used for the purchase of this new banner for our worship space.



Stewardship Team News

Act in Stewardship

April 5 through October 18 Save the Pots

The humble flower pot (the plastic kind) plays a pivotal role in nurturing your garden plants for summer long enjoyment. They give shelter to fragile seeds and contain the soil that nurtures God's work in the growth of beautiful flowers and vegetables. And then we toss them out. Hundreds... thousands of innocent plastic pots. Well, they can be reused and put to work season after season if we gather them and recycle them.

After planting, bring your plastic pots to church! You can bring them any time and place them in the tan round garbage can marked "Save the Pots." **Look for it near the playground.** We'll deliver the pots to area greenhouses that can reuse them.

Collectors wanted: if you can help deliver the pots, please contact Lana Wolfe at 610-273-9180.



Help us give Mother Earth a Spring "facial"

Come be a steward for God's creation and let's clean up the trash, Saturday April 18th along our busy route 322.

We'll meet at church at 8:30am and start right away. All adults and youth 10 and over are welcome!! We're usually finished by 10:30...but we need 8 to 10 people to do it. Please sign up on the pink sheet on the bulletin board. **Come out and support our clean up crew** then enjoy a breakfast sandwich, hot dog and baked goods at the Spring Fling! Questions? Call Lana Wolfe at 610-273-9180.

Thank you for helping us keep this important Stewardship project going.

Fellowship Team News

Spring is almost here!



The Spring Fling will be held on **Saturday, April 18th.** Please come and help LGLC raise the much needed funds for our church. We are still in need of volunteers to help. The Outreach Team has a great group of people that are always ready to help but we could still use a few more good men and women!

Speaking of fun and great groups the **M&M's** are meeting every Monday to make tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief. They are doing a wonderful job to bring warmth and comfort to so many in need around the world.

Game night is another way to meet the wonderful people of this church. Each week we are learning new games and playing old favorites as well. (Ok ,the game Sequence is my favorite new game so far, I'll admit it) Come and bring a friend, the more the merrier!

The Women's Retreat is planned for **Saturday May 2nd**, watch your bulletin for details. Please take a look at the bulletins and the bulletin board for information, events and sign ups. Our volunteers put their heart into these programs and need your support. We hope to see you all within the coming weeks for fun and fellowship!



Blood Drive June 25th 2—8pm at LGLC

From its beginning, the American Red

Cross has formed a community of service, of generous, strong and decent people bound by beliefs beyond themselves. The American Red Cross blood donor embodies this principle. Every minute of every day, someone needs blood. That blood can only come from a volunteer donor, a person like you who makes the choice to donate.

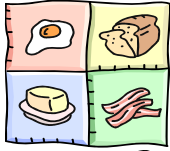
Please help The American Red Cross in their mission to maintain a safe and stable blood supply by making an appointment to donate blood.

To be eligible you must: *Be age 17 or older, *Weigh at least 100 pounds, *Be in good health.

If you would like to make an appointment please contact Barb Wolfe at 610-273-2902. Walk-ins are welcome.



Fellowship Team News



6th ANNUAL LIVING GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH'S SPRING FLING Saturday, April 18th • 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Featuring

Breakfast Sandwiches,
Homemade Soup & Chili, Burgers & Hot Dogs,
Baked Goods & More

Also Included

HUGE Yard Sale,
(\$15 if you would like your own space for the day)
Raffles, & Bake Sale

Sign up sheets have been posted in the back of the church for volunteers, various items needed, baked goods, and donations. Thank you for your support.

YARD SALE ITEM DROP OFF DATES

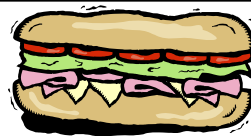


We will be accepting yard sale items on Sunday, April 5th and 12th during regular church service hours. We will also accept items the week prior to the Spring Fling on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 15th through the 17th between the hours of 9:00am and 3:00pm. We are requesting all items to be pre-priced and dropped off by the piano in the Sunday school room. If you have any questions, please call Linda Hume at 610-273-7620.



On **Saturday, April 25th** LGLC is having a Car Wash and Bake Sale to help raise money for the American Cancer

Society. The Relay for Life walkers are looking for volunteers to wash cars and some bakers to provide some tasty treats to sell. Sign up sheets are posted if you would like to help with this fundraiser. If you have any questions please contact Elaine Casey at 610-273-9370

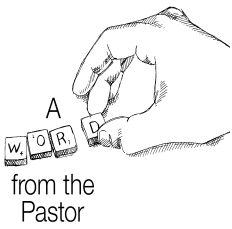


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THERE ARE 3 TYPES AVAILABLE... ITALIAN, AMERICAN, AND CHEESE. THE COST IS \$5 FOR AN ITALIAN AND \$4 FOR AN AMERICAN OR CHEESE. ORDERS AND PAYMENT DUE BY WED. 4/22. PICKED UP WILL BE AT LGLC ON SAT. 4/25 BETWEEN 12 & 2PM. ORDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH OR CALL JERRIANNE HUNT AT 610-273-3616.



On **Sunday, May 31st at 2:00pm** the Living God Lifesavers will be hosting the Second Annual Roast Beef Luncheon to raise money for the ACS. Mark your calendar and help support our team!!!!



“Living God Lutheran is a church for people who have no church.”

Huh?

If I was handed a dollar every time someone asked me what this statement meant I think I would be able to pay off the church’s current budget deficit. This statement is our church’s mission statement. Ever since I started here as your pastor I have been fielding questions about this statement, and I have been supporting it as a guiding definition of our congregational identity. However, in order to do so, I have had to do all sorts of interpretation gymnastics to try to convince many of you, as well as myself, that this statement speaks clearly of who and what we are as a church. After three years, I am still fielding questions about the definition of this statement. Meanwhile, our church finds itself struggling to stay ahead of its budgeted expenses. The truth is, we are barely making it. Is it just me, or do you see a connection here? If there is only one lesson I have learned about the use and function of a mission statement, it is that the church members must own it for it to have any influence within the systems that be. In other words, if the congregation doesn’t own it, then it’s not their mission. It’s someone else’s or it has run its course. Either way its usefulness is lost. And, no amount of the pastor’s persuasion is going to make it somehow miraculously useful. If there is anything that we have learned together so far, it is that when the pastor tries to push something upon the congregation, it only produces rebellion away from ministry, not motivation toward it. So, maybe its time I stop turning a blind ear to your questions and complaints about this mission statement. Maybe its time I stop doing interpretation gymnastics to try to clarify its usefulness. Maybe its time we ask the question, “Why has God called us to be together here in Honey Brook?”

In the scriptures we find that Jesus offers more than enough help to get us started. In Matthew 28, we find what has come to be known as The Great Commission. Here, Jesus commands us to “Go and make disciples of all people, baptizing them...and teaching them to obey my commandments.” Jesus gives us five action-oriented things to do. He calls us to (1)Go, (2)make disciples, (3)baptize, (4)teach, and (5)obey. A sixth is also helpful, which comes from the statement just following the Great Commission, and that is to (6)remember. Now, we could spend a lot of time going over what it means for us here in Honey Brook to put these six actions to work in our own unique way, but that would be much more extensive than this newsletter calls for. Nevertheless, it gives us a place to start, and something to think about as we go forward together as a congregation.

There’s another action that Jesus commands of the church. He says we are to, “Love each other as I have loved you.” To love each other as he loves us, would be to create a community where certain key elements reflective of Jesus’ love for us would be common place, such as forgiveness, acceptance, service, generosity, encouragement, respect, dignity etc. A community where these were common place would be a place that was profoundly real, and genuine; something counter-cultural, and therefore profoundly attractive to people for miles around. By it’s very nature, it would be a place where people would encounter the love of Jesus in the very real actions of the people. Could any place on earth be better than that?

When you think about it, mission statements help to guide and shape the decision-making process, and they help to unify the members around common goals. These are important for the church. But, at the end of the day, has God not called us together here in Honey Brook for something more than just the fulfillment of a constitution, a budget, and a membership roll? Imagine what a difference it would make if we tried, even just a little, to become the community that Jesus envisions we can be when he commands us to love one another? Wouldn’t our care for each other and for the world be more real, more authentic? Wouldn’t our efforts at telling others about the good things at our church be more genuine? Wouldn’t people everywhere be attracted to what’s going on here? Wouldn’t our church’s budget be a little less of a threat to the ministry? Would any place on earth be a better place to be than among our friends at church?

Jesus called and commissioned the first disciples to continue his ministry. What’s totally miraculous is that they actually did it. And, when they did they found the joy, the hope, and the healing that Jesus had promised within the community that they formed and grew. Today, we are recipients of their legacy, and therefore recipients of the very same call and commission of Jesus. Just as he had faith in them in that first century and they did it, so, Jesus has faith in us today that we can do this. By each of us making conscious decisions to try to care for each other, look out for each other, forgive each other, accept each other etc. we can create the community that God has been dreaming about for the people here in Honey Brook. That mission may require a revitalized statement to help clarify our decision-making and unify our congregation, but at the end of the day let’s not celebrate that we are fulfilling our mission. Let it be that we are joyful and thankful because of Jesus’ mission being done through us.

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The Office

LGLC Church E-Mail



Within the last two weeks I have had several individuals ask me why they have not received church information by e-mail. (Specifically relating to the recent passing of two of our members).

Some of the reasons are: 1. You have not provided your email address, or 2. You have changed your email address and have not informed the church office of the change.

Several months ago I posted a sign-up for members and friends who do not have a computer to list their name and phone number so I could relay information as needed. (two individuals signed the sheet).

On the church bulletin board I have posted a listing of all the names and email addresses that I have listed for the LGLC bulk email list. Please check to see if your email address is correct and if you are currently not listed notify the office with your correct information. If you have any questions please contact me at the church office 610-273-9383. Thank you Donna Lewis

A Check from the Croppers Reward Program- I would like to thank everyone who participates in the Croppers reward program. For the year 2008 your support of the program enabled Living God Church to earn \$179.91. If you want to be apart of helping LGLC earn money 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.



NEWS & NOTES



All are welcome! The M&M's are having so much fun we have increased our meetings to every Monday. At this time we have completed 10 quilts for Lutheran World Relief. We are doing this in Christ's name for very needy people and find the work very satisfying. On the 3rd Monday of each month we will have lunch out. We'd love to have you join us. For further information please call Deanna Arndt 610-286-0182.

We will not be quilting the months of April, June, or July.



\$529 for World Relief

On Sunday, Feb. 22, the congregation of LGLC was invited to host a breakfast buffet for the youth group and the congregation following our participation in the 30 Hour Famine World Relief program. Because of your support and contributions we are able to give \$529 toward the purchase of food to be given to children and families around the world. Thank you, J.A.M.

62 Attended Fat Tuesday Dinner



On Tuesday Feb. 24th, our youth group, J.A.M. hosted the Shrove Tuesday dinner. Proceeds for the evening totaled \$270.

YOUTH GROUP

'08 - '09 Program & Registration Information

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



Jesus And Me

JAM

April 5th

April 19th

May 3rd

May 17th

May 31st

June 14th

June 28th

Sessions

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!

APRIL WEEKEND EVENT

Scheduled 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.



April 18th: We will start the day with a service project that will help to raise money for the youth program. For the church members who need help around the house we will do it for them.

Movie Night: Pizza and Movies on the church's new 10 ft. wide screen.
Jr. Hi Youth: 1 movie, 7pm until 10pm.
Sr. Hi Youth: All night, 7pm until 7am.



Next Month Mark Your Calendar!!

May 16th:



Ride along the Schuylkill River Trail beginning in King of Prussia. Select from a list of rides varying from short a distance around Valley Forge Park, or ride as far as the Philadelphia Art Museum and back.

Each participant will ride to raise money for the youth group by inviting sponsorships.

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