



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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Quilts for Lutheran World Relief



On April 5th during all of the Sunday services the M&M's of LGLC presented 14 quilts to be blessed, by Pastor Moore. Then on April 14th a few of the M&M ladies traveled to New Holland to deliver the quilts to Trinity Lutheran Church where they will begin the journey to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse for distribution throughout the world. While at Trinity Church all of the ladies gathered for a morning of quilting followed by a leisurely lunch. Congratulations to all of the women of the M&M's group who participated in creating the 14 beautiful quilts. The M&M's will resume quilting in September. If you have any question or are interested in joining the M&M's on Monday afternoon's please contact Deanna Arndt at 610-286-0182.

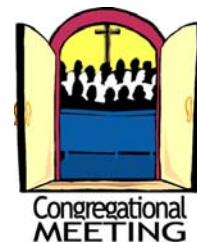


*The Annual Women's Tea is
Sunday May, 17th at 2pm.*

The theme is

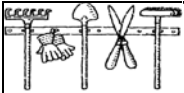
"Apron Ties to Tea"

*A sign up sheet has been
posted on the
bulletin board for
anyone interested in
joining us for the afternoon.*



**Sunday, May 17th
Congregational
Meeting
9:15am**

Support Team News



B&G Meeting



LGLC's Building & Grounds Team will hold their next meeting on **May 19th at 7:30 pm.** All are welcome to attend the meeting. If you have any questions about the team please contact Barry Buzzard at 610-273-2371.

Choir News



The LGLC Choir meets on Wed. nights, 7pm., at the church. Everyone is welcome, no experience necessary. Please contact Angela Zoltek, music director, at 610-873-7701 if you would like to participate.

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



H O L Y · W E E K

The Worship Team would like to thank everyone who assisted with the preparations that were carried out for Holy week. Many hours are spent setting up the church, formatting and printing 350 worship bulletins, and scheduling the 17 volunteers that are needed for the 6 services during Holy week.

Next Worship Team Meeting, July 19th

The Worship team will not meet the months of May and June. Due to scheduling conflicts we will resume our monthly meeting on Sunday, July 19th. Thank you, Lin Williams

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.



Spring Fling Fund Raiser Generated \$3,208

The Annual Spring Fling was held on **Saturday, April 18th**. Many volunteers gathered to prepare for the Fling. Wonderful baked goods, yard sale items, a \$15 gift certificate from Martin's Market and many other food donations started arriving on Wednesday morning. A constant stream of volunteers were in and out of the church from Wednesday to Saturday setting up tables, arranging and pricing yard sale items, and organizing the kitchen for the preparation of the chicken vegetable soup and chili. The Outreach Team would like to thank everyone who volunteered and contributed to this wonderful fund raiser. We thank God for the wonderful weather and we look forward to our next Spring Fling in 2010.

Women's Retreat Sat. May 2, 2009



The women of LGLC will hold a retreat entitled "God and Nature" on Saturday, May 2nd from 9-3. Please either bring a picnic lunch for yourself or one to share. Sloppy Joes will be provided for lunch. Weather permitting,

the retreat will take place mainly outside so dress appropriately with walking shoes or sneakers. Please bring either an item from nature, a poem or a song about nature that you would like to share with the group, and a bible. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board in the back of the church. The cost is free. Feel free to bring a friend. If you have any questions please contact Therese Mauchline at 610-942-3424

M&M's LUNCH PICNIC, MONDAY JUNE 8th

The M&M's will be meeting at Joan Pladek's home for a covered dish picnic starting at 12 noon. **All are invited to join us!** A sign up sheet will be posted for anyone interested in attending. For further information please call Deanna Arndt 610-286-0182.



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.



May 11th, Lunch at the Simpson House, in Eagle

The M&M's will meet at LGLC on **Monday, May 11th at 11:30am** and then travel to the Simpson House in Eagle for lunch. **All are invited to join us!** A sign up sheet will be posted for anyone interested in attending. For further information please call Deanna Arndt 610-286-0182.

The M&M's will not be quilting the months of July & August but will begin meeting regularly starting in Sept.



Outreach Team News



Inspirational Relay Basket Raffle-The Relay Team is putting together an inspirational basket to raffle at the Relay for Life event on June 19th and 20th. We are looking for donations of cards, devotionals, books, candles, soaps, teas, meditational CD's or anything that you feel would help someone to relax and de-stress. Please place your donation in the Relay for Life Basket that is on the table outside Donna's office. All items are needed by June 14th. Thank you for your support. E. Casey

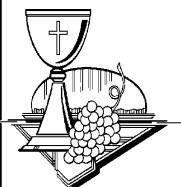
May 31st, RELAY FOR LIFE LUNCHEON=The Relay Team of Living God Church known as "Living God Lifesavers", is having a luncheon on **Sunday, May 31st from 2-4 p.m.** All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer society. The luncheon menu is roast beef, baked beans, various salads, desserts, and beverage. The cost is \$10.00 per ticket. Meals can also be ordered for take out if you are unable to attend the luncheon. A sign up sheet has been posted in the back of the church for anyone interested in donating items that are needed for the luncheon. A Longaberger *Horizon of Hope Basket* and other items will be raffled during the luncheon. Tickets may be purchased through the church office or on Sunday before or after each of the services. All checks should be written to Living God Lutheran Church. Thank you for your support.



9th Annual Relay For Life (Cancer Society Berks Unit), June 20-21 The Relay for Life team will be selling luminaries for the Luminaria Ceremony, 10pm Friday night, dedicated to honoring and remembering those afflicted with cancer. The luminaries can be purchased for \$10.00 each. Your purchase can be given in memory of someone who has lost their life to cancer, in honor of someone who is still fighting cancer, or a survivor of cancer. Order forms are located at the back of the church. Please place your completed form and payment within the basket located on the table in front of the church office. **If you would like to participate in the Relay For Life Walk or if you have any question please contact Elaine Casey at 610-273-9370.**



Church Office



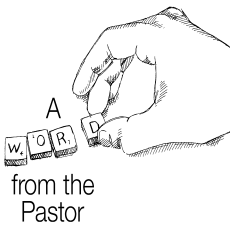
First Communion

During the Maundy Thursday Service on April 9th, Living God Church welcomed Sara Kauffman and Myha Hunt to receive Holy Communion with the congregation. We congratulate Sara and Myha on this special occasion.

Edward Frazer Ulmann
1918-2009



Our member, Ed Ulmann passed away on Friday, April 17th. Please keep Bettye and the Ulmann family in your thoughts and prayers



Dear friends,

“Pastor, what is an ‘active’ member?” That’s the question that was recently put to me.

The answer begins with the church constitution. When we speak of “active members” we are referring to those who have the ability to participate in the fullness of the life of the church, the decision-making process, leadership, etc. Constitutionally, these folks are the voting members of the church. So, to define what we mean by “active membership” we look to the constitution’s definition of “voting membership”. Voting members are those who, during the current or preceding calendar year, have communed in this congregation and have made a contribution of record to this congregation. Put another way, since we have communion each time we worship, active members are those who have come to worship and contributed financially at least once within the last year.

To many of you reading this, I’m sure this strikes you as a very low expectation of membership in the church; come to church just one time in a whole year, put a dollar in your envelope and you remain an “active” member. I understand how you feel on this one. I confess that I find it a bit bothersome myself. But, to others this is a statement of God’s amazing grace. It communicates exactly what we believe, that God’s church is in His hands, and up to his mercy. Thankfully, we are a people of God’s grace, so this articulation of what many of us think is too low an expectation remains necessary.

Nevertheless, it is also necessary to give the members of the church a clear understanding of their role as “active” members. The way I look at it, the difference between active and inactive members is to do with the mission. The gifts of the church (worship, fellowship, prayer, education, growth, connection, etc.) are all free for anyone who will receive them whether you are member or visitor. Meanwhile, it is the “active” members of the congregation who step across a threshold of sorts. They go from being merely recipients of these gifts to those who are committed to providing them for others.

I like to think of our church as that of an umbrella—one that can fit hundreds of people under it. I believe we live in a very rainy world. The rain, of course, is a symbol for the pain, suffering, struggle that we all face every day. Sometimes, it rains really hard! This is why I like to think of our church as a gigantic umbrella, under which we who gather close together in God’s grace find protection and warmth from the rain. The protection and warmth are God’s free gifts, and all are welcome to come and gather together to receive it. The umbrella itself is the gospel of Jesus Christ. Jesus withstands the beating of the rain so that we might gather under him and find shelter.

But, just like an umbrella, someone has to hold it up. The gospel is God’s free gift to us, but someone has to be willing to hold it up so that it’s shelter can be realized. If no one holds up the umbrella, then no one finds shelter from the rain. Active members are the ones under the umbrella who are willing to hold it up and allow everyone to gather underneath. A church without active members, is not a church at all. It’s just a group of people standing together in the rain.

Thankfully, Living God Lutheran is not a group of people standing in the rain. But, the list of people holding up the umbrella is terribly small when we consider the constitutionally defined size of our membership. For instance, as of our recent stewardship emphasis, out of more than 300 members only 57 have filled out a time, talent, or treasure card; committing themselves to holding up the umbrella. In other words, there is only 20% of our congregation who are actually and functionally “active” in this church’s ministry.

The rain falls just the same on all of us. Thankfully, God shelters us from the storm by the free gift of his Son, made known in the work of the church. Now, if you’re one who appreciates the shelter of the umbrella, but has not committed yourself to holding it up, then please consider doing so. There are 57 people who could really use your help.

The golden yellow stewardship campaign box is still available. Please fill out your pledge cards.






In Christ,

+Rich

Jesus said,
“If anyone
would come
after me, he
must deny
himself and
take up his
cross and
follow me.”

*Matt. 16:24,
Mark 8:34,
Luke 9:23*

MAY 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School for Children and Adults 10:30 AM Worship 12:30 PM New Member Classes 6:30 PM Worship	27	28	29 10:00 AM Mid Week Bible Study at Heatherwood 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM Mid Week Bible Study at LGLC	30 10:00 AM Bible Study at Tel Hai	1 7:30 PM AA Meeting	2  9:00 AM Women's Retreat at LGLC 5:30 PM Wilt/Moore Wedding
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YOUTH GROUP

'08 - '09 Program & Registration Information

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!

JAM

Sessions

- May 3rd
- May 17th
- May 31st
- June 14th
- June 28th

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



J.A.M.

Jesus And Me

MAY 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.

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.

Next Month Mark Your Calendar!!

Week of June 21st



Located at Camp Caesar, in Cowen WV, this Christian camp offers a summer youth experience that is both scenic and faith formative. Welcoming children and youth from grades 3 through 12, and attracting a staff made of clergy and adults whose dedication goes back generations, this camp is unique and precious.



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Office Hours

Tues., Wed., Thu.,

9 AM to 4 PM



Adult Sunday School- Chris & Therese Mauchline will teach Adult Sunday School between the morning worship services starting at 9:15am . Class will be held in the kitchen. The SS class will continue through the summer months. If you have any questions please contact Chris at 610-715-8658