



Living God Newsletter

Sunday Worship 8 & 10:30 AM
& 6:30 PM
...Go forth with the gospel!

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STEPHEN LAMOS

Living God Church is pleased to welcome Stephen Lamos as a new member of church council. Stephen was elected to a 3 year term during our congregational meeting that was held on Sunday, May 17th.



DOROTHY

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

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Support Team News



B&G Meeting

LGLC's Building & Grounds Team will hold their next meeting on **June 16th 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.



THANKS

The Support Team and the Trail Committee would like to thank the Lyons & Hohl Co.

for supplying 2 large rolls of underlayment, and Kurt Schneidmiller for locating the wood chips that will cover the walking trail.

If you would like to participate in building the walking trail a group of volunteers, men and women, meet every Saturday starting at 9am. (weather permitting)

Worship Team News

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

RE-CYCLE INK CARTRIDGES



The Stewardship Committee, in the interest of going Green, asks that you bring your used Printer Ink Cartridges to church to be recycled. Any brand; color or black

cartridges can be donated. There will be a special box in the foyer to place them in. We will reduce the waste entering landfills by taking the cartridges to a collection drop where they can be recycled properly. Even better, you'll help our church receive up to \$30 a month on our Staples Reward program account for the cartridges collected to help defray the cost of our church's office supplies.

FYI: Staples stores collect used e-waste; computers, monitors, laptops etc. A maximum of \$10 for large items is all it will cost you to dispose of old unwanted items. Small items such as keyboards, mice, speakers and toner cartridges are accepted at no charge. The stores also collect cell phones, PDAs, pagers, digital cameras and rechargeable batteries. They use a data destruction first, then send them to be refurbished, if possible, or taken apart and the parts recycled separately. Check out the Staples Soul-Recycling page for further recycling details. A PROJECT OF YOUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE.

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.

Fellowship Team News



FELLOWSHIP UPDATES

Hi all!! May was a busy month, Relay for life is an on going fundraiser for cancer research, and will continue on until the "relay" June 19th and 20th, Elaine Casey does a wonderful job being our Relay chairperson. The hoagie fundraiser raised \$100 for our general fund, thanks to the Hunt family for their efforts and yummy hoagies. The ladies Victorian Tea was May 17th, Apron Ties to Tea, Catherine Cattell and Deanna Arndt worked very hard along with other volunteers to put that together.

June is here! The graduations and weddings keep us all busy. Please try to remember your church friends and family through these months of summer activities, we always have something going on at the church for you to keep connected, Bible study on Wednesdays, our potluck Bluegrass service once a month, and the new crocheting sessions on the 3rd Thursday of the month. So never feel disconnected from this group of amazing people, pick 1 thing, or come to everything, we are always happy to see you.

Our church will be hosting a Red Cross blood drive on June 25th, please sign up to donate, the summer months are the times blood banks run low, let's help them to keep the supplies strong. Call me or sign up online. Barb Wolfe 610-273-2902. Please read your bulletins to look for current and up coming events.



Upcoming Events



M&M's PICNIC LUNCH, 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.



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



9th Annual Relay For Life (Cancer Society Berks Unit), June 19-20 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.**



On **Saturday, April 25th** the LGLC Relay for Life team "LGLC Lifesaver's" held a Car Wash and Bake Sale. We raised a total of \$393 for the American Cancer Society. The Outreach Team and the "LGLC Lifesaver's" would like to thank all of the bakers that donated so many wonderful desserts (Lutheran cupcakes) and to everyone who volunteered to wash and dry the cars that left our parking lot sparkling clean.

Youth News

J.A.M.

Jesus And Me

JUNE WEEK
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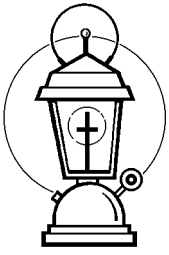
Week of June 21st



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.



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.

VBS Training- Thursday evening, June 25th from 7-8:30pm Mary Wallett will hold a VBS staff training night. If you would like to help with VBS please contact Mary at 610-209-7617 for more information.



VBS Discovery Canyon is coming...

The time has come for LGLC to participate in "Discovery Canyon." **The week of July 13th- 17th 5:30pm—8:30pm** will be a busy week as children ages Preschool through 6th grade join their enthusiastic leaders to begin an exciting canyon adventure. Come and "explore the wonders of the Word" while enjoying the majestic wonders of God's creation in an awe inspiring canyon. LGLC walls will be echoing with the sounds of faith filled activities!

Registration forms are now available.

Please complete one for each child who will be participating and return it to the church office. You may contact Mary Wallett (610-209-7617) or the church office with any questions you may have.



The following article is featured in the June 2009 issue of *The Lutheran* magazine.

Sweet change

Congregation grows by drawing Sunday evening toe-tappers

More than a year ago, an idea surfaced that would result in dramatic change for Living God Lutheran Church, Honey Brook, Pa. Those resisting change left, but most stayed. And in the end, the church found harmony through a toe-tapping, hand-clapping Sunday evening worship of bluegrass gospel called Sweet Water Sabbath.

Richard L. Moore, pastor, wanted not only growth for the 15-year-old mission congregation but also to ensure community outreach.

"We take a usual contemporary service and retrofit it to bluegrass," he said. "We probably have the only Sunday evening bluegrass service east of the Mississippi."

Howard Moore (no relation) and Ramona Wilt of Sweet Water Bluegrass provide the music. They first played for an evening service during Holy Week. Then they helped out when the church was short a musician for the regular worship service. The positive congregational response resulted in evening services on a trial basis. "They packed the church," Richard Moore said.

Bluegrass lyrics, with its roots in African-American gospel music and blues, speak about day-to-day life experiences. Sweet Water's songs enable listeners to connect biblical stories to their life stories. "All we care about is giving people an uplifting experience — bringing them out of their rut for a short while," Howard Moore said.

After the trial period, the congregation wanted even more. But that meant paying previously unpaid musicians — a big step.

Member Steve Schmidt (recently deceased) donated \$9,000 to cover a half-year's expenses. Schmidt and the pastor had the vision that this worship style would reach a demographic uninterested in traditional worship.

The two were right. One-third of the 30 new members joined because of the bluegrass service, Richard Moore said. Regular attendance increased from 160 to 215, and giving increased as well — approximately \$11,000 over the expenses for the music program.

What started out with bluegrass outreach even resulted in several adult baptisms — and other adults finding their way back to church.

Carole Turner, who hadn't been to church in 35 years, was dragged to Sunday night worship by her brother and his wife. She's been coming ever since. "I like the pastor, I like the service ... and I just told the pastor tonight that I am joining the new-member classes," she said.

Ramona Wilt, acoustic guitar player, and her husband, Howard Moore, mandolin, sometimes bring her daughters Helene and Sarah Wilt to sing. "Pastor Moore's down-to-earth style correlates to bluegrass music and how it spreads the message," Wilt said. "This is nontraditional Lutheran music — more of an outreach. People come to the service because they like the music, but if they stay, it's because they like what God is doing here."

And God is doing more than causing worshipers to tap their toes — partly due to the inspiration of a member who attends the bluegrass worship. Pam Latham's husband, Link, was baptized after attending the service with her. She wanted to do community outreach. Her idea was to offer a free meal once a week to anyone who needs one. The result is Aid for Friends, a nonprofit mission in the five-county Philadelphia area that connects churches with older adults, enabling them to remain at home.

"Congregants make one extra plate when making dinner," Richard Moore said. "We freeze them at church then deliver them to the families. Others visit to build relationships."

Those who launched Aid for Friends knew the ministry needed the entire congregation. "It couldn't just remain an isolated program for the evening worshipers," Howard Moore said. "So this program is just one example of how the addition of this worship service became a positive influence for the whole congregation. ... The bluegrass members are serving the whole church, not just creating a separate club."



Sweet Water Sabbath's bluegrass music draws worshipers to Living God Lutheran Church in Honey Brook, Pa. Ramona Wilt (left), Helen Wilt, Sarah Wilt and Howard Moore.

NEWS & NOTES FROM THE OFFICE



Wedding News

On Saturday May 2, 2009 Ramona Wilt and Howard Moore were united in marriage at Living God Church. Best wishes to the happy couple.



New Members Received

During the 6:30pm service on May3rd, Living God Church received three new members. We welcome.. Hank & Izzie Hayes Bischoff, and Carole Turner



Dear Church friends,

My family and I cannot express how much your love and concern meant to us during Steve's illness and following his passing. Your hugs, prayers, and kind words have helped us through this most difficult time. Knowing that we are surrounded by such a giving, caring Christian family helps to ease the grief that we feel. Thank you for your continued support. God Bless!

Love,

Judy Schmidt and family

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



Lauren Becker

granddaughter of Carole Turner
Delaware County Community College

James Fessenbecker

son of Carl & Susan Fessenbecker
Alvernia University,
Major-Marketing

Scott Kegerreis

son of Chuck & Dana Kegerreis
Penn State, University Park,
Major-Mathematics

Shane Lewis

son of Glenn & Donna Lewis
Penn State, University Park
Major-Mechanical Engineering
Minor-Energy Engineering

MaryKate Mulhern

granddaughter of Marty & Janet Renninger
University of Delaware
Major-Marketing

Angelina Myers

granddaughter of George & Liz Risbon
Goldey-Beacom College
Major- Business Administration

Travis Trego

son of Pat & Carla Trego
Penn State, University Park
Major-Political Science

Katherine Wallett

daughter of Randy & Mary Wallett
York College of Pennsylvania
Major-Nursing
Minor-Biology

Sarah Wallett M.D.

daughter of Randy & Mary Wallett
University of Michigan Hospital OB/GYN

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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.

Sunday School News



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