



Living God Newsletter

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

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A Special Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, August 10th at 12:30 pm.

This meeting is being called to review and vote on the following topics;

1. 2008 budget to be approved although we are now 8 months into the current fiscal year.
2. Annual meeting date—change from May to January, to reflect fiscal year.
3. Change from 4 to 6 standing committees.
4. Resolution submitted by Sue Fessenbecker to decrease the amount that is authorized to church council to enter into new contracts from \$15,000 to \$7,500.
5. The purchase of AV equipment, costs to be paid, as offered, by anonymous donors.
6. A revision to allow the church council secretary to be selected from outside elected officials; in the same manner we currently elect our treasurer.
7. A revision to allow church council members to serve as officers.
8. As this will be a called meeting, according to the constitution the floor need not be opened, new business will not be introduced. All adult confirmed members are encouraged to come and participate.



Rick Powell Makes USA Kayak Olympic Team

Living God Church would like to congratulate Rick Powell, grandson of Owen & Caroline Powell and nephew of Ernie & Pam Mattson. Rick and his paddling partner, Casey Eichfeld, a resident of Parkesburg, will be the sole entry in the US Doubles Slalom Kayak. Their boat the C-2 qualified by placing 7th in the Augsburg Germany Cup.



*Welcome
Katherine
Wallett*



*LGLC would like to
welcome Katherine
Wallett, daughter of
Randy & Mary Wallett,
as our nursery room
attendant.*

Nursery Attendant(s)

Wanted- If you would like to volunteer to be a nursery attendant at any of the services, 8:00 or 10:30 am and /or 6:30 pm, please contact Lin Williams, Jan Rudolph, or Donna, (at the church office). The need is to have someone over 16 years of age in the nursery for all regular services and for special services. (I.e. Bible study on Wednesday evenings, and during Lent and Advent if evening services are offered.) We want to offer child care at all services. All persons working and volunteering to work with children must complete and pass a Child Abuse Clearance and Criminal Background History search. To receive the forms and a job description, call the office. If we do not have enough volunteers, the position will be filled by paying someone \$8 an hour. If you wish to apply for the paid position or as a volunteer, contact Donna at the church office on Tues., Wed, or Thurs., between 9 am and 4 pm. 610-273-9383. LIN WILLIAMS, WORSHIP TEAM LEADER



Marriage Affirmation Service

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A marriage affirmation service is planned for **Saturday, September 10th at 2pm**. Every one is invited to attend. Those planning to affirm their marriage vows, please sign the sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board and please indicate how many quests you will be expecting. We will have a champagne toast and wedding cake after the service. Bring a picture or your wedding album to set up on a display table. More details to come- this information can be found on the bulletin board or listed in the Sunday bulletins.

Thank you, Lin Williams



OFFERING COUNTERS

Tuesday Morning Counters Needed -We are still looking for volunteers to count the offerings from our three worship services beginning Tuesday, September 2nd. Teams of counters would be scheduled monthly on a rotating bases. If you are already a scheduled Sunday volunteer counter and are available to continue counting on Tuesday mornings at 9:30am please contact Donna Lewis or Lin Williams and

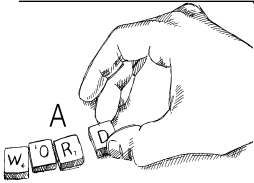
Worship Meeting



The Worship team invites everyone to come to the monthly pot luck and meeting on **August 17th, after the 10:30 service**. Bring something for lunch to share with the group; usually 12 people. At the meeting, we will discuss worship arrangements including altar guild, communion set up, ushering, readers and prayer leaders and other areas of Worship responsibilities.

Lin Williams, Team Leader

Jan Rudolph, Worship Team Council Representative



from the
Pastor

Do you know what the word “gospel” means? It means Good News!

Today we have technology’s mixed blessing of finding out about events more quickly and in greater detail than ever before. Unfortunately, most of what we see or hear in the news is negative. When negative information fills our minds, it’s hard not to be cynical.

Open your bible and check out Psalm 94. In this Psalm it seems as if the writer could think of nothing but bad news. He saw evil people prospering and oppressing others, corrupt governments, and the condemnation of the innocent, much like what we see in our world today. But, by the end of the Psalm we find that in spite of all the bad news he remains hopeful and expectant of God. He resists the temptation to become cynical even though it seems that there is nothing but bad news to report everywhere. He takes comfort in remaining faithful to the promise that God would never allow evil to continue forever.

If you’ve ever been around a cynical person, you know how maddening such company can be. A cynical outlook on life has two problems: 1. Negative attitudes are rarely necessary, and rarely appreciated. It may indeed be necessary to speak the truth. Even so, if done with love even negative news can be communicated with at least some measure of hopefulness or compassion. 2. A cynical attitude makes every situation look and feel even more bleak than it is.

Fortunately God is in charge of this universe, and not us. And because God is in charge, and he loves he has provided the cure for cynicism. It is the gospel. Into a world that seems fraught with bad news—we have been given the Good News—the gospel of Jesus Christ! This good news of Jesus Christ overpowers the bad news because it sheds the light of God upon every bad news situation and promises new life. It is the gospel that turns the bleakest day in human history—when Jesus was crucified—into what we know as “Good” Friday. The power of the gospel is God’s gift to us, and with it believers are never without hope.

The cynic looks upon the world and declares something to the effect of, “It’s all going to hell!” But, the faithful are never without hope. They express trust in God and commit themselves to taking responsibility for this life as a sign of God’s gift of the gospel. The faithful look upon the world and declare the good news.

There’s a bluegrass gospel song that is sung regularly in our church that declares this same message. I’d like to close this month’s devotion with it. It’s called Keep On the Sunny Side.

*There's a dark and a troubled side of life
There's a bright and a sunny side too
Though we meet with the darkness and strife
The sunny side we also may view*

Refrain

*Keep on the sunny side always on the sunny side
Keep on the sunny side of life
It will help us every day it will brighten all our way
If we keep on the sunny side of life*

*Oh the storm and its fury broke today
Crushing hopes that we cherish so dear
The clouds and storm will in time pass away
The sun again will shine bright and clear*

*Let us greet with a song of hope each day
Though the moment be cloudy or fair
Let us trust in our Savior always
To keep us every one in His care*

Gas Prices

Economy

Global Warming

Iraq

Iran

Terrorism





PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE



I would like to thank everyone that participated in having their family picture taken for the church directory. The directories will be available within the next few weeks. Lin Williams

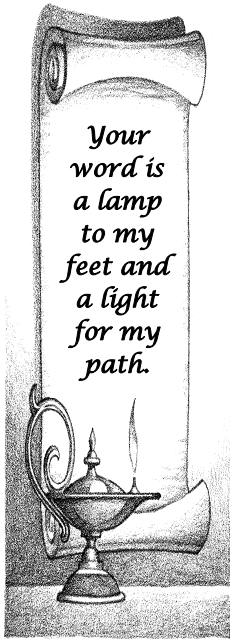
BABY BLANKETS OR QUILTS NEEDED



So far this year we have held several baptisms and our supply of knitted crocheted, and quilted baby blankets has dwindled. We give one to each infant and young child as a reminder of how they are wrapped in Gods love just as we wrap them in a blanket. Each baby blanket or quilt has a tag attached to it with the child's name, baptismal date and our church name. For more information please contact Pam Mattson (610-273-9923). Help us keep this tradition of a baptismal keepsake going.

The Lantern

a Mid Week Bible Study program



Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Pastor Moore has expanded the adult mid week bible study program from Wednesday evenings to include Wednesday mornings. Pastor Rich will conduct a 10:00 am "The Lantern" Bible study program at Heatherwood Retirement Community located next door to LGLC. The morning program is identical to the 7:00 pm evening program that started on May 14th. LGLC also offers nursery room coverage during the evening

program. For more information pamphlets are available on the information stand located at the back of the church.

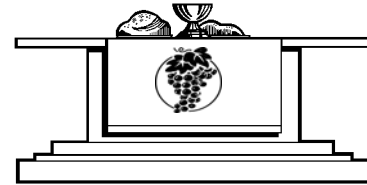
LGLC Men's BBQ Day-BYOB

On Sunday, July 13th, six men of Living God Church meet for an out door BBQ. The weather was hot and humid, the food and fellowship was great and next year we look forward to have others join us for this outdoor event.



Columbarium Sidewalk and Planting Complete

During the first week of July Link Latham and his helper, Ron Smith, began the second phase of plantings around the columbarium. Four different varieties of shrubs were planted around the columbarium giving the area a colorful finished look. We thank Link and Ron for all of their hard work and for enduring two days of very hot and humid weather. We would also like to thank John Poluch & Co. for the installation of a new sidewalk that makes the columbarium handicap accessible.



New Table Linen & Table Cover

LGLC is very blessed to have so many talented members. On Sunday, June 29th a dedication was made by Pastor Moore in recognition of the hand made linen altar cloth created by Barb Sweatlock and a handmade table cover created by Pam Latham. We thank Barb and Pam for their time and talent in creating these gifts for our church.



Link and I would like to thank everyone for their cards, and prayers in memory of Link's father, Roy Latham. We are blessed to have so many wonderful friends through LGLC.

God bless you all,
Link and Pam Latham



2008 Relay Was a Great Success

The relay for life 2008 was a great success. Living God Lifesavers had 34 walkers and 10 survivors that participated in the two day event. Pam Latham and I started the walk at noon on Friday, June 20th, with our *Candle of Hope* in tow. With each new hour, a new member of the Lifesaver's arrived eager to walk and give their support to this worthy cause. The *Candle of Hope* was transferred from one person to the next as the Living God Lifesaver's mission continued throughout the relay.

The survivor lap began at 7pm and was very overwhelming for me to walk with friends who had survived this deadly disease. God willing we will walk together next year. As darkness fell the luminaria ceremony was held. The entire track is lined with hundreds of luminaria representing hope, loss and support for everyone who has been touched by cancer. During the early morning hours Barb Aronson's son and a friend ran around the track for two continuous hours. Bright yellow tee shirts had been distributed to all of the LG Lifesaver's for the relay and during the night these bright yellow shirts glowed giving you the feeling that a continues light was shining as a beacon for all to see.

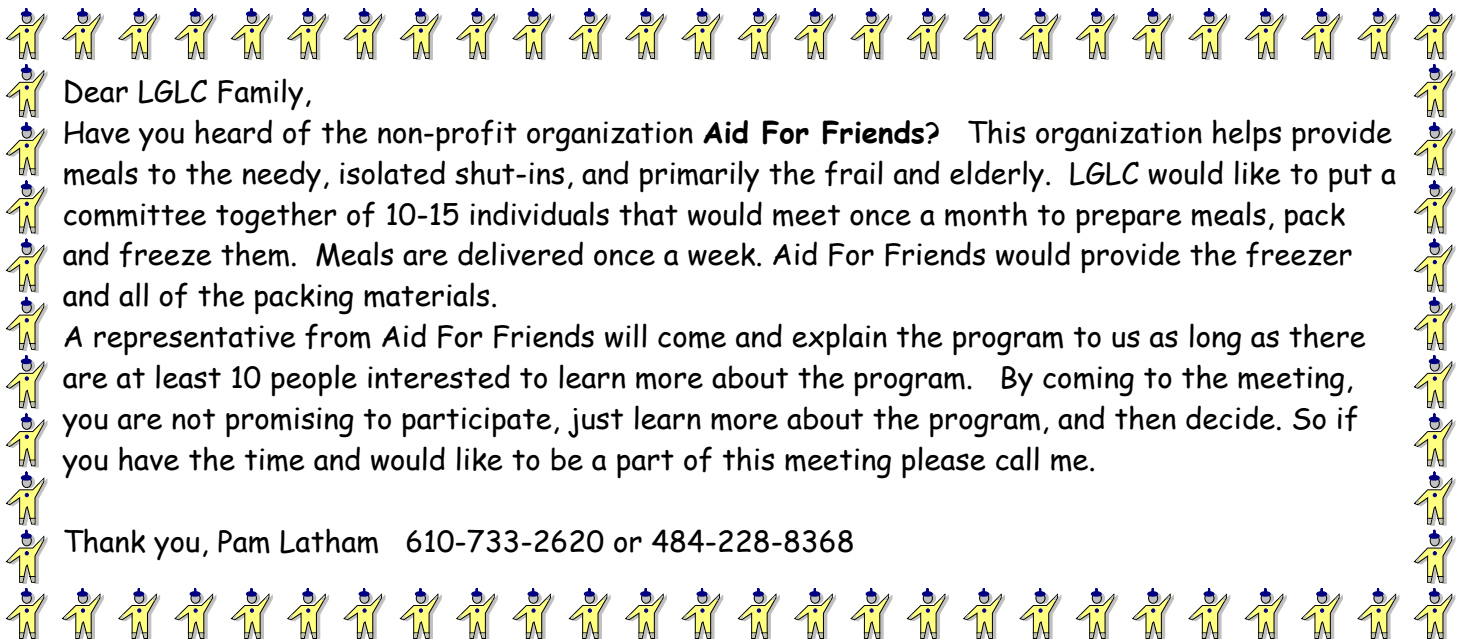


Saturday morning was full of sunshine and new hope as the relay was coming to a close. There was one more lap to walk and I walked it with my son, Kirk. May God bless him and keep his safe as he has been a constant support to me through this difficult time in my life. Even though the 2008 Relay is over we can not forget that cancer has touched a lot of families and there is always someone who needs your support and love.

Thank you to all who have made this relay a success through your financial support, words of encouragement, and prayers. A special thanks to Pastor Moore for giving me the support and encouragement to lead this event for Living God Church. LGLC raised a total of \$3,955.73 including a \$400.00 donation from Thrivent Financial. This entire event was influenced by God's love and grace and I thank everyone who was involved to make this event a great success.



Elaine Casey



Dear LGLC Family,

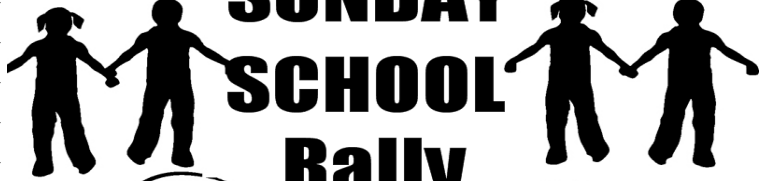
Have you heard of the non-profit organization **Aid For Friends**? This organization helps provide meals to the needy, isolated shut-ins, and primarily the frail and elderly. LGLC would like to put a committee together of 10-15 individuals that would meet once a month to prepare meals, pack and freeze them. Meals are delivered once a week. Aid For Friends would provide the freezer and all of the packing materials.

A representative from Aid For Friends will come and explain the program to us as long as there are at least 10 people interested to learn more about the program. By coming to the meeting, you are not promising to participate, just learn more about the program, and then decide. So if you have the time and would like to be a part of this meeting please call me.

Thank you, Pam Latham 610-733-2620 or 484-228-8368



SUNDAY SCHOOL Rally



What: Sunday School Rally Day
Who: Everyone is invited!
Where: Living God Lutheran Church
When: Sunday, September 7th from 9:15 a.m.-10:15a.m.
Why: To meet newly installed teachers, to learn more about the program, to participate in an activity or mini lesson with your Preschool through Adult class, to enjoy fellowship and refreshments.

The nursery will be available.



Teachers Needed

More information will be coming in the September newsletter about our new Sunday School program that will be provided for Preschool through High School students. Starting September 7th, classes for all ages (including Adult) will meet from 9:15-10:15 each Sunday morning. If you are interested in teaching this fall as a regular teacher or as a substitute, contact Mary Wallett at 610-273-1158.



AUGUST 2008

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| 27 Ice Cream Social 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Choir Practice 10:30 AM Worship 12:30 PM New Members Class 6:30 PM Worship | 28 | 29 | 30 10:00 AM Mid Week Bible Study at Heatherwood 7:00 PM Mid Week Bible Study at LGLC | 31 10:00 AM Bible Study at Tel Hai | 1 7:30 PM AA Meeting | 2 |
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