



# 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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## Church Staff

Pastor Richard Moore  
Office Manager Donna Lewis  
Music Director Christian Tagoe  
Evening Musicians Howard Moore & Ramona Wilt  
Treasurer- Patti DeLong

## LGLC Council Members

President- Robert Broody	Jan Rudolph
Vice President George Bradford	Jerilyne Santors
Secretary-Janet Krackov	Douglas Thompson
Daniel Cox	Bob Williams
Chris Mauchline	

On Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, the Music Program Team was installed to conduct a search for a new music director. The team includes Jan Rudolph, Worship Council Leader; Lin Williams, Worship Team Leader; Sue Fessenbecker; Jay Arndt; Stephen Lamos; and Richard McCune. Below is the survey to assist us in our search. Please return complete form to church if you have not already complete one.

## Music Program Survey

LGLC is searching for a new Music Director due to the resignation of Christian Tagoe. As part of the process, we are asking you, the church congregation, to share your vision of Living God's music program.

<b>How would you like to see the music program develop in the future?</b>				
<b>Traditional music (Organ only)</b>	<b>8AM</b>	<b>10:30AM</b>	<b>NA</b>	
<b>Blended music (Organ and keyboard)</b>	<b>8AM</b>	<b>10:30AM</b>	<b>NA</b>	
<b>Contemporary (Guitars, drums, brass)</b>	<b>8AM</b>	<b>10:30AM</b>	<b>NA</b>	
<b>What types of music would you like for special music?</b>				
<b>Gospel/Spiritual</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Don't care</b>	
<b>Contemporary/Praise</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Don't care</b>	
<b>Jazz</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Don't care</b>	
<b>Traditional</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Don't care</b>	
<b>Would you like the church to develop the adult choir?</b>				
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Don't care</b>	
<b>Would you like the church to develop a children's choir?</b>				
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Don't care</b>	
<b>Are you interested in joining the choir?</b>				
<b>What talents do you have to share to the music program?</b>				
<b>Please include any suggestions or comments on a separate piece of paper.</b>				
<b>Thank you. Music Program Committee</b>				

## Building & Grounds Team News

The Building and Grounds committee and Council would like to thank the Anonymous donors for the kitchen cabinets given to our church. We also thank Ed Turner and Link Latham and Barry Buzzard or coming in on a Saturday, their usual day off from work, to work with us on the installation. Their knowledge and help was invaluable. The cabinets will greatly reduce the clutter in the kitchen and will keep things cleaner and more organized. Cooking supplies and kitchen items that have been stored in closets in other rooms can now be located in the kitchen with easy access by all the volunteers who use the kitchen for the congregation weekly, special events, and all who will be cooking for Aid for Friends.

Sincere thanks to all those involved for the generous gift of the cabinets and for setting them in place.

Bob Williams, Council Rep.,  
Barry Buzzard, Building and  
Grounds Team Leader



## Worship Team News

### MARRIAGE AFFIRMATION OPPORTUNITY



Marriage Affirmation Service

Please sign up on the bulletin board or call me to discuss details or questions. This is a fun yet romantic service and we want to plan a party for the participants and guests. A gratuity to the church (recommended \$3 per guest), is all that is asked for.

The service is like a wedding and is a great reminder of the love and promises we made the day of our marriage. We will celebrate afterwards with a toast and wedding cake. Bring a wedding photo or even a photo album for all of us to see from your original wedding day. Invite your children or grandchildren so they can see your wedding! Everyone is welcome to come and observe and partake of the celebration, just let us know how many to plan for.

***YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN OR BE A GUEST AT:  
MARRIAGE AFFIRMATION FOR***

***DATE: SEPTEMBER 20  
TIME: 3 P.M.***

***PLACE: LIVING GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH***

Lin Williams, Worship Team leader, and committee.

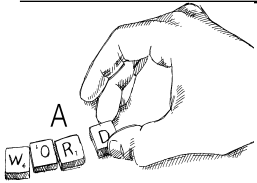
## Worship Meeting



The Worship team invites everyone to come to the monthly pot luck and meeting on **September 21st, 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.

Meeting Topic for Sunday 9/21; 15th Anniversary of LGLC

Lin Williams, Team Leader  
Jan Rudolph, Worship Team Council Representative



from the  
Pastor

It's August 15<sup>th</sup> as I write this month's newsletter article. Michael Phelps has won more gold medals than any Olympic athlete ever. Nastia Liukin and Shawn Johnson have won the gold and the silver in the most prestigious women's gymnastics event of the Olympics. Oh, and did I mention they are just teenagers? And, as Bob Costas has already said dozens of times, "There is still much more to come from Beijing." The strength, power, grace, humility, focus, stamina, perseverance, courage, etc. that Olympic athletes demonstrate is truly an inspiration to us all.

Where do they get such talent?  
How do they keep their cool under such pressure?

*There is a power at work within us through which we can accomplish abundantly far more than anything we could ask or even imagine.*

*From Ephesians 3:20*

Let this statement sink in for a minute.

Let it sink into your soul.

Let your mind actually believe it, even if for only a moment.

It is God who is the source of the Olympic athlete's abilities. And, it is God who works within you, and through which you can accomplish far more than anything you could ask or even imagine. The gifts of God that are so extraordinary in these Olympic athletes are the very same gifts that have been given to you.

OK, maybe you aren't an Olympic athlete. But, think about the strength, the power, the courage that is necessary for you to do what you do. Does raising a child happen without strength and will-power? Does the body heal without courage and stamina? Do we overcome financial obstacles without focus and perseverance? Do couples remain married without grace and humility? The answer is no! God is at work within us, and through the gifts of God, we can accomplish abundantly far more than anything we could ask or even imagine.

Think back over the span of your life. Consider for a moment the long list of things you have accomplished so far. What are you most proud of? Now ask yourself, "Did I do that by myself?" Of course not. God was there with you. Since God was with you then, don't you think God is with you now to help you through whatever you are facing this day and tomorrow?

Have you ever done something so remarkably well,  
so incredibly courageous,  
so extraordinarily kind,  
or so inspiringly graceful  
that you thought to yourself,  
"That couldn't have been me?" ☺

The truth is, maybe it wasn't—at least not entirely.

Have a blessed September,

Faithfully,  
+Pastor Rich



## Special Congregational Meeting Minutes August 10, 2008

Quorum declared – in attendance: 60 LGLC voting members

Meeting called to order by Bob Broody at 12:36 p.m.

As this meeting is called by council to remedy discrepancies between the church constitution and long-practiced operating procedures, and as there is a specific agenda, the floor is not open for new business or for discussions that do not immediately impact the resolutions to be voted upon.

1: Approval of budget: Congregation has not approved operating budget which has been in effect since January 2008. The only change in the budget presented today from that presented earlier is that the equipment used for the evening service was purchased and is no longer listed as a monthly expense.

Motion to approve the budget was made and seconded, motion carried.

2: Resolution to add an annual budget meeting on the second Sunday in January for the purpose of approving the church budget. Discussion by congregation regarding holding meeting in December, cited difficulty in attaining a quorum in December. Jay Arndt moved to accept the proposal with an amendment to allow council to pay any necessary bills until the congregational meeting approves the budget. Motion seconded and carried.

3: Resolution to form six standing committees: Worship, Education, Fellowship, Outreach, Support, and Stewardship are the committees in operation at present. Discussion regarding having a chairperson who is not council member serve as committee chair for more than three years. Motion carried as originally presented.

4: Resolution to modify Congregational Council spending limit from \$15,000 (as approved in 2007) to \$7,500. Motion made and seconded. Motion carried.

5: Proposal to install an Audio-visual system in the main body of the church. Cost is between \$15,000 and \$16,000, which will be paid by a donor who wishes to be anonymous. This will require some modifications to the building, placing a screen in the center of the sanctuary, in front of the organ. The installation will be done by a contractor who specializes in installation in churches. Motion made and seconded, motion carried.

6. Resolution to allow recording council secretary to be selected from outside the elected council members. Moved and seconded. The original constitution states that the treasurer and secretary are to be elected from council members; which is not always possible as council members do not always possess skill-sets necessary to be treasurer or secretary. The elected secretary would still serve as the executive secretary, other role would be a recording secretary without a vote, to maintain notes of meetings. Discussion; resolution modified to “If the secretary or treasurer are not from elected council membership, they shall have voice but not vote at meetings; these officers shall be recommended by council and approved by the congregation.” (This approval will occur either at the congregational meeting at which council members are elected, or a special congregational meeting will have to be held.) Motion carried with change as stated above.

7: Resolution to eliminate term limits from church council officers. This resolution is to clarify term limits. As the constitution currently reads, a council member may be elected to council for three years, twice, before becoming ineligible for reelection, but may be elected an officer only two one-year terms. In the past, council members have held office for up to 6 years. This change to the constitution will allow elected officers to hold office as long as they are on council. Motion made and seconded, discussion. Motion Carried.

A prayer was offered by Pastor Rich; meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

# Outreach Team News



## Outreach Team Meeting Schedule

The Outreach Team will meet the **1st Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm**. The monthly meetings will focus on upcoming events, review of past events, and discussions about new ideas for future events.



## Volunteers Gather For Aid For Friends

Leo O'Hara, the local coordinator for Aid For Friends, hosted a meeting at LGLC on Tuesday, August 19. Fourteen members and associates of LGLC were present for this informational meeting. The discussion centered on various questions about the program and our future clients. Information cards were handed out and completed by volunteers interested in participating. Leo had also brought supplies along that we will use during the preparation of the meals and a new freezer has been delivered for the storage of the meal trays. During the meeting Joyce Ring and her husband Tony, announced that they are donating \$1,000 as seed money for the start up of this new Outreach program. LGLC thanks Tony & Joyce for this wonderful gift that will enable us to reach out to families within our community to share a warm meal and fellowship.



## 12th Annual Fall Festival

Have you seen the Bulletin Board? Sign up sheets have been posted for volunteers and donations needed for the Annual Fall Festival. We will have a huge yard sale, bake table, kid's corner, raffles, chicken corn soup and other food items. LGLC's Fall Festival is scheduled on Saturday, October, 4th beginning at 9:00 am. Come and spend a fun filled day with the Outreach Team and help us raise dollars for the general expenses fund.

Donations for the yard sale can be dropped off only during the week of Sept. 29th and no later than October 2nd at 5:00 pm.

## LGLC Bowling League At the Bowling Palace, Downingtown

**Starting Friday, Sept. 5th @7:00pm**

LGLC is looking for individuals interested in joining a Friday night bowling league, 4 person mixed teams, \$11.00 per week, includes 3 games & shoe rentals, non sanctioned 90% handicap. Beginners Welcome. For

## 42 Clients Attended Life Line Screening at LGLC

On Tuesday, August 19th forty two clients were scheduled for 1 of 4 preventive health screenings. Clients started arriving for the non-invasive, screenings at 9:00 am and the last appointment was completed by 1:00 pm. Life Line Screening, Inc. thanks LGLC for the opportunity to rent the our church building for the day.

## Pam Latham Leads Her First Outreach Meeting

An Outreach meeting was held at LGLC on **Monday, August 18th**. The meeting was to discuss upcoming events and a review of the sub committees listed under Outreach. Weekly information will be posted on the bulletin board so, please take a minute and look over all of the upcoming events. If you have any questions you may contact Pam at 610-733-2620

## Celebrating the 1st Anniversary of LGLC'S 6:30pm Worship Service Sunday, September 7th at 6:30 pm



### First Anniversary

Living God Church will celebrate it's 1st year anniversary of the 6:30pm Bluegrass worship service. On Sunday, September 7, 2008 come experience the sermon message given by Pastor Moore, and join in the singing with our own bluegrass players, Howard Moore, Ramona Wilt, and guest. After the service stay and join us for a free home cooked spaghetti dinner, salad, and cake for desert. Meet fellow members of the congregation and see what we are all about.

# FALL & WINTER OUTREACH PROJECTS



This year is quickly passing by. With summer coming to an end and the school year beginning, we will soon find ourselves in the middle of collecting items for the holiday season. Take advantage of those back to school sales as many of those items would be great in a shoebox for underprivileged children.



Operation Christmas Child (which some refer to as the Shoebox ministry) will be coordinated by Dana Kegerreis again this year. You may participate by filling your own shoebox or donate \$25 to have items purchased by a Outreach Team member (this would include the \$7 shipping charge). **All Donations will be needed by Oct 15.** Anyone interested in assisting with this rewarding project please contact Dana Kegerreis at 610-273-7786.



We will also be collecting school supplies for the 2008 Synod Sponsored Ingathering Project which takes place in November. This program benefits children being resettled in our area as well as children whose lives have been disrupted by war or some other disaster. Pam Latham is the coordinator for the project. **All Donations will be collected on Sunday, November 16 & 23 during all worship services.**

Anyone interested in assisting with the project please contact Pam at 610-733-2620

## Items we will be collecting are:

Monetary donations toward the purchase of 50 Tote bags. (\$125)

Boxes of crayons

Rulers in centimeters and inches

Safety scissors

Packets of Pencils with erasers

Ruled paper 100-150 in pack

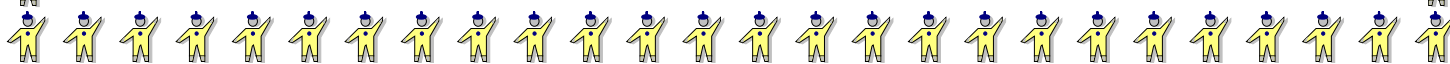
Pads of construction paper

Spiral notebooks

2 ½ Eraser

Pencil sharpener

**Join us on November 25th, 6:00pm** at LGLC if you would like to help with the assembly of these 50 tote bags for shipping. Mark your calendar!



During the month of November LGLC will be collecting bars of soap for the Seaman's Church Institute of Philadelphia. A collections box has been placed in the vestibule for your donations.

Thank you for your support,  
The Outreach Team



# Education Team News

**Starting Sunday,**  
**Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>**, classes for all ages  
(including Adults) will meet from 9:15  
-10:15 each Sunday morning.

**What:** Sunday School Overview Day  
**Who:** Everyone is invited!  
**Where:** Living God Lutheran Church  
**Why:** To meet, greet, register and  
share fellowship and refreshments.

*The nursery will be available.*

**1 Teacher Needed**

**We are still in need of 1 teacher.**  
**for the 3rd & 4th grade**

If you are interested in teaching this  
fall as a regular teacher or as a  
substitute, contact Mary  
Wallett at 610-273-1158.



***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 (nursery room  
coverage during the  
evening program). For  
more information  
pamphlets are available  
on the information  
stand located at the  
back of the church.

**Sunday School News**

**Are you ready to Akaloo?**

Akaloo is inspired by the Greek word  
ακολουθειν : akolouthein which means  
"to follow." Our new Sunday School  
program, Akaloo, is a program which is a  
lifelong faith formation designed for the  
whole congregation. Children, youth,  
and adults are invited to attend Rally Day  
(9:15a.m.- 10:15 a.m.) on Sunday,  
September 7<sup>th</sup> to learn more about the  
program, meet their teacher and enjoy  
refreshments and fellowship with others  
who will soon be akalooing (following  
Jesus), too! Regular classes will begin on  
Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> each Sunday  
morning.

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## *Office Hours*

*Tues., Wed., Thu.,*

*9 AM to 4 PM*

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