



Living God Newsletter

Sunday Worship
9:30 AM & 6:30 PM
...Go forth with the gospel!

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Sat, September 12th Chicken BBQ at LGLC

LGLC IS HAVING A CHICKEN BBQ ON SAT. SEPTEMBER 12TH. ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE CHURCH'S GENERAL EXPENSE FUND. MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW.

Confirmation Class



**Thursday,
September 17th
4:30pm to 7:30pm**

The first meeting will be an initial orientation and registration for both parents and kids so if your youth is currently in grades 6, 7, or 8, please R.S.V.P. by calling the church at 610-273-9383 or e-mailing Pastor Rich at pastor_moore@hotmail.com



WELCOME BETHANY

The Worship Team of LGLC would like to welcome Bethany King as our new nursery room attendant starting August 30th. Bethany is a student at Twin Valley High School and a member of the Reading Symphony Youth Orchestra.

Support Team News



B&G Meeting

LGLC's Building & Grounds Team will hold their next meeting on **September 15th 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.

Worship Team News



Worship Team Meeting

The Worship team invites everyone to come to the monthly pot luck and meeting on **September 20th 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

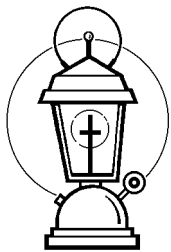
Stewardship Team News



Highway Clean-up Sat. September 26th, @8:30 am

The Stewardship Team is looking for volunteers to help with LGLC's quarterly highway clean up. All volunteers will meet at the church building to pick up supplies for the clean up. Contact Lana Wolfe if you have any questions 610-273-9180.

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.



Women's Bible Study

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

All women are welcome to come to bible class on Tuesday mornings. Class will be held at Christine Lamos' house 9 Pennwood Dr. Morgantown beginning September 8th at 9:30am. We'll start with a cup of tea then from 10-11am we will study the book of Ephesians. If you are interested in attending please contact Christine at 610-901-3005. **Bring a friend**

Part 1 of a 4 part Newsletter
series on Worship:
"Why do we do
what we do?"

"Common Questions"



Remember that time you went to a church that was different from what you're used to. You saw things done differently, and you wondered to yourself, "Why do they do that? Or, why do we do what we do?" Well, our congregation is going through a period of transition with our worship, so thinking pro-actively I thought it might be helpful use the next few newsletter articles answer some of the most common questions that I hear about worship.

Here are three common questions that refer to worship in general.

1. Does worship have to be on Sunday? *In short, no, but why? Most people might say because it is the Sabbath, and therefore commanded by God. But, this is only a part of the answer. Yes, for we Christians, Sunday is the Sabbath, a day to be devoted to rest and renewal. However, the gift of Sabbath rest has more to do with the way in which God renews us with the saving grace of his Word, rather than about calendar prohibitions. Essentially, any time that is set aside for hearing the Word of God becomes for us Sabbath time. Worship, then, is the time and place set aside by the congregation to gather together for the purpose of Sabbath, or hearing the Word of God.*

2. Do we need an ordained pastor? *Yes, here's why. From the beginning, when God established the disciplines and rituals for worship (read about it in the book of Exodus), it was understood as fitting for the designation of a person which the congregation would entrust with God's call to oversee right and proper worship. This call would be a holy and separate work for the benefit of all of God's*

people. This was the establishment of the priesthood. The role of the priest was two-fold. One, they were to intercede on behalf of the people for the communication of God's mercy. This was done through the sacrifice of animals. Two, they were to provide good and proper order to the worship and spiritual life of the congregation. They did this by upholding God's laws and directives concerning worship. Today, the title of priest is still a part of Christian denominations such as Catholic, Orthodox, and Episcopalian. The work that these priests do on behalf of their congregations is very different today, but essentially the role they play on behalf of God's people remains the same. For Lutherans, there is a deep, albeit very different, understanding of the priesthood. We believe that all who are faithful followers of Christ are made into a priesthood, and thereby especially called for the benefit of others. We are made into priests through faith and by the power of the Holy Spirit. We act out our priestly roles whenever we offer God's mercy, God's charity, God's love, God's compassion etc. to others. Jesus says to his follower Peter, "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of Heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Just as Jesus says that to his first faithful believers he says to us today, making all believers into a priesthood. Now, if all of us are priests, the question still remains, why do we Lutherans require a pastor to have worship? That answer is simple. The first role of the priesthood, to communicate the mercy of God assured through sacrifice, is done by the priesthood of all believers. But, the second role still remains, to designate someone who would provide good and proper order to the worship and spiritual practice of the congregation, according to God's will. Therefore, it is fitting that an ordained pastor be present and officiating at our worship services, and it is essential that the ordained minister officiate over Baptisms and Communion.

3. What kind of music is proper for worship? *This is always a hot-button issue for congregations. I think, essentially, because the fullness of our experience with God in worship takes in all the sounds of a lifetime of worship, from our childhood to our current days. To change the music in worship is to change the way we experience God's transcendence in worship. So, it's easy to see why this topic can muster some of the most heated debates within congregations. However, if we allow scripture rather than tradition or personal experience to be our guide then the doors are wide open to various forms of music and art. "Make a joyful noise to the Lord." Psalm 100. One thing for sure from scripture is that the only musical instrument that is absolutely essential in worship is the singing of our voices. A worship service that doesn't invite congregational singing, probably wasn't a proper worship service. The use of musical instruments is not to make the worship pretty, entertaining, contemporary, or traditional. The use of musical instruments in worship has one primary objective: to get people singing. According to scripture, God would rather hear a few people sing their faithful hearts out to a kazoo player, than to hear the most magnificent organ played to an uninspired, unfaithful crowd of thousands. What kind of music is proper for worship? Whatever kind will inspire the congregation to sing their faithful hearts out to God.*

There are, of course, more than three questions pertaining to worship. Maybe you have one. Feel free to ask yours. Next month's article will focus out questions specifically to the gathering portion of our worship service.

Blessings,

+Rich

Outreach Team News



13th Annual LGLC's
Fall Festival
Sat, October 10th
9-3pm

It is once again time to start getting ready for the Annual Fall Festival. We are planning a huge yard sale, bake table, kid's corner, raffles, chicken corn soup and other food items. LGLC's Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 10th beginning at 9:00 am. Come and spend a fun filled day at

LGLC and help us to raise dollars for the general expense fund.

During the next few weeks look for sign-up sheets that will be posted on the bulletin board (at the back of the church) for volunteers and donations needed for the festival.

Donations for the yard sale can be dropped off **only** during the week of October 4th 9-3pm and no later than Thursday, October 8th by 5:00 pm. If you have any questions please contact:

Jerilynne Santors @610-350-7406,
Chris Mauchline @610-942-3424 or
Steve Lamos @610-901-3005.

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AID FOR FRIENDS Cooking Night



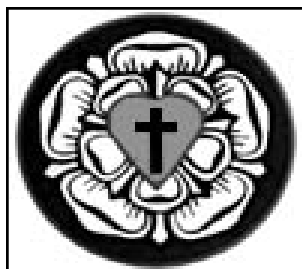
If you would like to help put together meals for the 'Aid for Friends' program we will be meeting on **Tuesday, September 8th at 7:00pm**. Please contact Donna in the church office 610-273-9383 if you are interested in participating.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE



Cropper's Community Rewards Program Update



Thank you to all the participants of the Cropper's Rewards Program through LGLC. The church collected \$102.29 for the months of January 1st—June 30th. If you have a Cropper's Club Card and would like to participate in the program all you have to do is write your name and gold card number (*41-00000000; found on the back of the card*) on a piece of paper and submit it to the church office. If you have already given me your card information you will not need to re-register. IT'S THAT EASY. To date, LGLC has received a total of \$529.19 since joining the program. If you have any questions please call the church office at 610-273-9383. Thank you for your support.



Orders Being Taken for the Lutheran Study Bible

The Lutheran Study Bible is the first study Bible in English to be developed from the ground up with notes that are distinctively Lutheran, prepared by theologians, scholars, and pastors from over twenty Lutheran churches around the world. If you are interested in purchasing a Study Bible please place your name on the order list and complete a small order form (including your payment) and submit it to Donna in the church office. All orders must be submitted by October 30th to receive the pre-publication price. Any questions please contact the church office 610-273-9383.

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30 Ice Cream Social 9:30 AM Worship 6:30 PM Worship	31	1 7:00PM Fellowship Meeting	2 10:00 AM Mid Week Bible Study at Heatherwood 7:00 PM Mid Week Bible Study at LGLC	3 10:00 AM Bible Study at Tel Hai 7:30 PM Council Meeting	4 7:30PM AA Meeting	5
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