



Living God Newsletter

Sunday Worship
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Go forth with the gospel!

†Loving God

†Growing with Christ

†Welcoming All

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Welcome Our New Council Member

Living God Church is pleased to welcome to church council;

Mary Wallett

Lin Williams

Chris Mauchline

All were elected to 3 year terms during the congregational meeting held on Sunday, May 1st.

Thank You....



Living God Church would like to thank Bob Broody for his time and dedication while serving on church council.

Congratulations to the Graduates



Katelyn Becker

Granddaughter of Carole Turner will be working at Perdue Farms. She has a Bachelor of Science degree with a concentration in Animal Foods.

Zachary Dremann

Son of Jeff & Barbara Dremann will be attending Stevenson University majoring in Computer Information Systems.

Ashlyn Lewis

Daughter of Glenn & Donna Lewis graduated Philadelphia University with a degree in Fashion Industry Management.

Church Staff

Pastor Richard Moore
Office Manager Donna Lewis
Music Director Angela Zoltek

Treasurer- Patty DeLong
Contribution Recorder- Linda Hume
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Living God Church is now on Facebook! Sign up with us and view information and upcoming events at LGLC.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE



Due to continual additions and updates to the church calendar I have chosen not to include the monthly calendar's within the quarterly newsletters. Please refer to our website www.livinggodchurch.org to view the church calendar. Thank you, Donna



REMINDER- Please submit your newsletter articles to living_god@verizon.net by the **15th of Sept.** for the printing of the Oct. Nov. Dec. 2011 newsletter. Thank you



On June 12th, the First Sunday of Pentecost, Living God Church welcomed Grace Risbon, to the table of the Lord to receive her First Holy Communion.



We're Looking for Sunday Volunteers

Would you like to help with ushering, communion, lay readers? If you would like to be a volunteer during Sunday service please contact Ed Turner for more information. 610-913-0934

EDUCATION TEAM NEWS



Tel Hai Bible Study Update-The Thursday morning Bible study at Tel Hai is finished for the summer. Class will start again in the fall beginning Sept. 8 when Pastor Rich will teach us for three Thursday mornings on the Trinity. After that we will begin to study the Gospel of Matthew taking turns leading the discussions. Both men and women participate and all are welcome.



Education News: WBS Will Resume Wednesday, September 21st

Join us Wednesday evenings for Wednesday Night Bible School (WBS). Children preschool through 5th grade are invited to join us weekly from 6:30-7:30 for a fun filled night of bible school activities. We hope you'll join us for lots of fun!



Wednesday Mid Week Bible Study Off for the Summer

The Wednesday morning bible study classes, held at Heatherwood Retirement Community and the evening classes held at LGLC have concluded for the summer. Both of classes will resume on Wednesday, September 7th at 9:30am & 6:30pm.

OUTREACH TEAM NEWS CONTINUED



Aid for Friends Cooking Night's-The following dates have been scheduled for AFF cooking nights. **Tues., July 19th, Tues., Aug. 16th, & Tues., Sept. 20th.** We will begin at 7pm. If you would like to help please contact the office at 610-273-9383

SAVE THE DATE



On Saturday, September 17th, Living God Church will combine Harmony Day and Fall Festival into one event. Many activities will take place around the Honey Brook borough and surrounding area's. Here at Living God Church we will be hosting free games for the children, a bake sale, trail walk, our famous chicken corn soup, and a huge yard sale. Information regarding volunteer and supply list sign-ups will be available within the next few weeks.



Good Summer everyone,

The ship is afloat, so let's put up the sail!

This July will mark the tenth year that I have been an ordained minister. Half of those years have been here at Living God Lutheran. For much of that time we have been bailing water in what seemed, at times, like a sinking ship. Up until recently, we were taking in new peo-

ple about as fast as we were losing others, while expenses kept rising and morale kept slumping. Our ministry started to become shaped by this effort to keep the ship floating. My efforts, unfortunately, became a reflection of that crisis as well. I was in maintenance mode, just doing whatever I could to keep things floating. But now, I'm happy to tell you that the ship is floating...all by itself. All of our numbers are increasing steadily. We are not completely out of the red water yet, but our giving is up, our budget is ahead of projections to date, and new members continue to come.

Now that the ship is floating, I think it's time to get moving once again. Maintenance Ministry had us stuck in one spot, unable to consider the challenges of moving forward with the ministry expansion plans that were dreamt about years ago. But, I think its time to dust off those old dreams and start praying and planning again.

This summer I am conducting a bit of a campaign. I want to get around to visiting every household in our active membership by the start of September. When visiting, I want to hear your thoughts about our church's present and future. But most of all I want to get us moving in a certain direction toward some common goals.

I also think it's a good idea for us to begin listening to each other's stories about faith in action here at our congregation. Beginning in July, the last Sunday of the month will be lay preacher Sunday. We all have a unique and wonderful story to tell about God's grace and mercy, and why we feel called to be here at LGLC. I think its time we hear those stories.

Lastly, I want us to get motivated about the building expansion project again. This, of course, will be a very big undertaking, with the need for a capital campaign to pay down the current mortgage before doing much else. However, there is one thing we can do that I think might be a great way to get things going. Part of the expansion plan was to erect an open air pavilion on the Rt. 322 side of our church. The estimated costs for this project are within the range of \$20,000, and would open up a multitude of ministry possibilities once it is built. I have asked that plans be drawn up and made available to everyone as soon as possible. Let's get things started!

Have a safe and refreshing summer!

+Rich

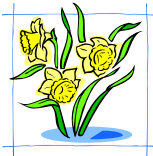
OUTREACH TEAM NEWS CONTINUED



SPRING FUNDRAISER

SPRING FLING RAISED \$1497

Our 8th Annual Spring Fling was held on Saturday, June 4th. We had an abundance of yard sale items dropped off during the week and many volunteers ready to organize the items for sale. Several of our members brought in yummy desserts for the bake sale along with other needed items for the event. In the kitchen, we had delicious Chicken Pot Pie made with homemade noodles and local vegetables, and BBQ chicken prepared on the outside grill. The balloon launch was set up with targets mounted along the tree line for anyone able to hit the targets. Activities were available for children to use along the trail including handout information about VBS. We had a great day and a lot of fun. Thank you to everyone who helped with the set up, clean up, donations, and your time toward our successful event.



DAFFODIL DAYS 2011-We raised over \$585 to support the American Cancer Society. This was our 13th year of being included in this fund raiser. Thank you to all who participated. Lin Williams



On Sunday, July 10th at 6:30pm

Singer/songwriters Ramona Wilt and Howard Moore of Sweetwater will be performing at Luther's Lounge, a ministry of music, message, and munchies, provided by Living God Lutheran Church. Bluegrass music will be the inspiration for the night. Pastor Moore will offer an encouraging message and discussion, and a generous supply of munchies and beverages will be provided, in a lounge-like atmosphere.



HIKING 4 HOPE/ SAVE THE DATE

Join us in support of the American Cancer Society. Living God Church will hold their 2nd Annual Hiking 4 Hope event. We will start on Friday, September 9th, at 12pm and walk for 24 hours finishing on Saturday, September 10th, at 12pm. More information to follow.

SUPPORT TEAM NEWS



Building and Grounds Meetings-The Building & Grounds Team will hold their next monthly meetings on **Tuesday, August 16th, Tuesday Sept. 20th, at 7:30pm.** All are welcome to attend the meeting. If you have any questions about the team please contact Barry Buzzard at 610-273-2371. ***Building and Grounds will not be meeting the month of July.***

FELLOWSHIP TEAM NEWS



M&M's Quilting Group

The M&M's will not be meeting in July or August. **The group will resume quilting on Thursday, September 15th.** They anticipate sending the completed quilts to Lutheran World Relief sometime in September. If you would like to participate in helping with assembling or the sewing of quilts please call Deanna Arndt for more information. 610-286-0182



On Sunday, September 11th, we will hold a church picnic after the 9:30 service. The church will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and beverages, and everyone is encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert. September 11 is known as Patriot's Day so please wear patriotic clothing or "I (heart) N.Y." items if you have them. The picnic locale will depend on the weather that day, but indoors or out, we will plan activities that can be inside and out.

WEDDING SHOWER

Everyone is invited to a Wedding Shower for
Pastor Rich & Danielle

WHEN: Saturday, August 13th

TIME: 6pm

WHERE: Living God Church

The dinner theme will be a Hawaiian Luau and will include Pork and several dishes with pineapple, coconut, bananas and macadamia nuts in the ingredients. Please watch the bulletin board for details and all men and women are invited to sign up to come! This shower is to celebrate the upcoming wedding and make Danielle and her family welcome and enjoy each others company in a fun social situation.



Danielle and Pastor Rich request, in lieu of shower gifts for them, contributions be made to the LGLC Pavilion Fund. It has been the desire of the church to have a permanent outdoor structure built on the Route 322 side of the church. The structure would be large enough to hold outdoor services, VBS, and church picnics.

The BUILDING AND GROUNDS Committee is reviewing designs that would include 1 or 2 ceiling fans, electricity for music speakers and lights, etc. *A generous church member has offered to double any contribution to the pavilion fund that is made this year, up to \$11,000. If we reach the maximum donations, it may very well be enough to start building next Spring!!



ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On May, 20th 2001, Richard Lee Moore graduated from
The Lutheran Theological Seminary of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

On July 21st he received the

Certificate of Ordination

from the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod. To celebrate his 10 year anniversary Living God Church is hosting a luncheon at noon on Sunday, July 17th. If you would like to attend this event please complete the response card on the opposite page and mail it along with your payment to Living God Lutheran Church, no later then July 2nd.

*THE CONGREGATION
OF LIVING GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH
INVITES YOU TO A LUNCHEON
TO CELEBRATE THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE ORDINATION OF*

REVEREND RICHARD LEE MOORE

*SUNDAY THE 17TH OF JULY, 2011 at 12:00
NOON*

*LIVING GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH
3200 HORSESHOE PIKE
HONEY BROOK, PA 19344*

RSVP by JULY 1, 2011

Luncheon Menu

Crudités
 Green salad* with Strawberry Vinaigrette
 Sliced Roast Beef in Au Jus
 Homemade Rolls and butter
 Green Beans* with Blackberry Reduction
 Homemade Applesauce*
 Oven Roasted Young Herbed Potatoes*
 Dessert bar
 Assorted hot and cold beverages

*Locally grown in-season apples and vegetables

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The favor of a reply by phone or mail
 is requested before the second day of July
 610-273-9383

M _____
 will _____ attend
 \$15 per person, \$35 max per family.
 Includes a gift to Pastor.

QUARTERLY SYNOD OFFERING

*So we, who are many, are one
 body in Christ, and individually
 we are members one of another.*

Romans 12:5

*Won't you help ensure that this vital Lutheran
 witness continues to thrive? Your gift will help us
 continue to provide the services that congregations and
 pastors deserve in these challenging economic times.*



It Takes All The Saints to...

- Nurture the formation of future rostered leaders like Jack Ambuka, Rebecca Horn, and Jim Goodyear, and 30 candidates for rostered ministry.
- Help start innovative ministries such as The Welcome Church, an outreach to Center City homeless, and Rhawnhurst Turning Point, an ecumenical center for teens and young adults in the Northeast.
- Walk with 25 congregations this year in the process of calling a new pastor.
- Keep members of the Synod connected and equip congregations to tell their story through social networks, eCommunications Boot Camp, the www.MinistryLink.org website, SEPAnews e-mails, www.sepayouth.org, Facebook and Twitter.
- Encourage and support youth leaders through regular networking and specialized training.
- Send nearly 500 people over the last six years on servant trips to South Dakota, Mexico, Miami and other sites.
- Help struggling congregations find renewed vigor through consolidation, including New Life Ministries and Saints United in Philadelphia and Emmaus Road in Lower Bucks County.
- Inspire hundreds of congregational leaders through Assembly presentations by visionaries and theologians, our annual Conference Gatherings, which offer a menu of experiences congregations can translate to their ministries, and our bishop's convocation which supports and equips rostered leaders for mission.
- Link more than a dozen congregations in partnership with Tanzanian parishes.

Name _____
 Member of Living God Lutheran? Y or N _____
 If No, please provide the following
 Phone _____
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It Takes All The Saints

All gifts are tax deductible in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code.



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 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
 God's Work. Our Hands.

Please make your offering out to Living God Lutheran Church and enclose this slip with your gift. Living God Lutheran will then forward the sum of all gifts directly to the synod.

Enclosed is my quarterly offering of _____ to the Southeastern PA Synod and the ELCA.

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