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 Honey Brook, Pennsylvania 19344

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Sunday Worship
 9:30 AM

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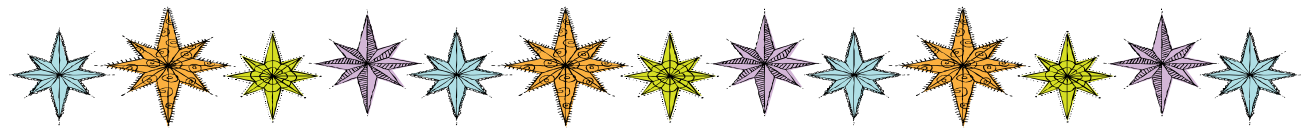
Living God Newsletter

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October, November, December 2011

Go forth with the gospel!
 †Loving God †Growing with Christ †Welcoming All

Or current resident



EPIPHANY WORSHIP SERVICE .7:30pm



Join us on Friday, January 6, 2012 to celebrate the revelation of Christ.



**Congregational Meeting
 Sunday, January 8, 2012**

Reminder-Please save the date for the congregational meeting on January 8, to approve the budget for 2012.

LGLC Council Members

- President- Mary Wallett
- Vice President Doug Thompson
- Secretary-Janet Krackov
- Luther Gates
- Stephen Lamos
- Chris Mauchline
- Jerilynne Santors
- Douglas Thompson
- Bob Williams
- Lin Williams

Church Staff

- Pastor Richard Moore
- Office Manager Donna Lewis
- Music Director Angela Zoltek

- Treasurer-Patty DeLong
- Contribution Recorder- Linda Hume
- Nursery Room Attendant-Bethany King
- Nursery Room Attendant Subs.
 Megan Furlong and Kelsey Thompson



Sign up and view information and upcoming events at LGLC.

Installation of New Members



On Sunday, October 30th, Living God Church will welcome 7 new members to our congregation. Following the service we will gather for a pot luck luncheon and spend some fellowship time getting to know the new members of our church family as they get to know us. We welcome...

Dave & Kristal Hausch, Don Esselborn, Trent & Christine Hopper, Carol Saldino, and Grover Long

***For the pot luck lunch Living God Church will be providing the main course and those attending can bring side dishes and desserts to go along with, pulled pork and chicken BBQ from Something Grilled. Please note the sign up sheet that has been posted on bulletin board.*

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

Worship Times for Christmas Eve



- 3:00 pm**
 Traditional service, candle lighting,
- 7:00 pm**
 Traditional service children's message, candle lighting, and choir
- 10:00 pm**
 Traditional service, candle lighting and choir

- Christmas Morning**
 9:30am
- New Year's Day**
 9:30am

**Living God Lutheran's
 Men's Ministry Event**



**CORNHOLE
 Tournament
 & Chicken BBQ**

Cash Prize to the Winning Team
 Register you and your partner by 10/14
 Fill out the back, or call Donna @ 610-273-9383

Saturday, October 22, 2011
 Living God Lutheran Church
 3200 Horseshoe Pike
 Honey Brook, PA
 From 10am till 2:00pm,
 or until tournament ends,
 depending on number of teams.

All Are Welcome!
First Annual LGLC's Cornhole Tournament and chicken BBQ.
 Teams will play for a cash prize and, of course,
 bragging rights to the crown:
LGLC CORNHOLE CHAMPION 2011

Cornhole is played by teams of two.
 So, find a partner and register your team by October 14th.
 An entry fee of \$20 per team is due by the day of the tournament.
 Half of the registration fees will go to the winning team!

Registration Form

Name of Team: _____
 Name of Partner: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Name of Partner: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 \$20 Entry Fee Date Paid: _____

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE



Please refer to our website www.livinggodchurch.org to view the church calendar.

REMINDER- Please submit your newsletter articles to living_god@verizon.net by the **15th of Dec.** for the printing of the Jan, Feb, March. 2012 newsletter. Thank you

Do You Shop at Croppers Super Market? Through the Cropper's Reward Program LGLC has received a check for \$82.31 from purchases made between January 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011. The rewards amount is based upon the percentage of Gold Card purchases made by members and friends of LGLC. Gold Card applications are available on the information rack at the back of the church. Once you receive your Gold Card write down the 10 digit number (41-0000000000) and submit it to the church office. I will register the number under the Community Rewards program for Living God Church. If you have any questions please give me a call. Donna Lewis 610-273-9383



LGLC welcome's Reagan Gates & Savannah Hopper to our church family. Reagan was baptized on August 14th and Savannah's baptism was held on September 4th.

EDUCATION TEAM NEWS



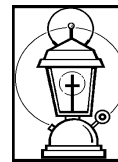
THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Vacation Bible School was a blast this year. All twenty three kids had a great time singing, playing games and learning about Jesus. Thank you to all of the adults that volunteered to help, or donated items to be used. VBS would not have been a success without you.



Wednesday Night Bible School Has Begun-

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!



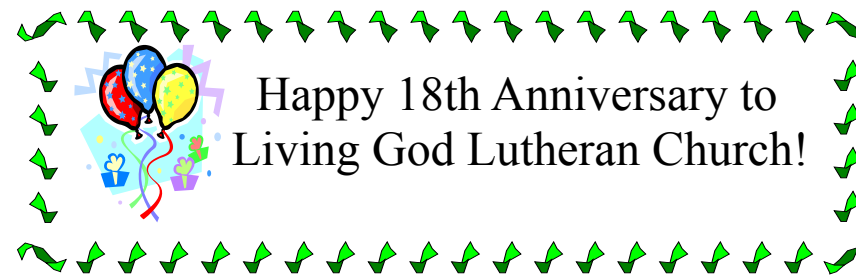
The Lantern, An Adult Bible Study- On Wednesday's at 9:30am Pastor Moore leads a mid week bible study program held at Heatherwood Retirement Community located next door to LGLC. The evening class is held at LGLC beginning with fellowship at 6:30pm and class from 7pm-8pm. The **book of Joshua** will be the unit we'll be studying for the next several months. For more information, please contact the church office.

The LGLC Bible Study meeting in the Tel Haven Social room at Tel Hai has begun this fall studying the Gospel of Matthew. Both men and women are welcome. We meet every Thursday at ten o'clock. Anne Yontz



Jesus And Me

Every other Sunday, youth from grades 6-12 are invited to come to the **JAM SESSION**. Here we will have fun and make friends. Most importantly, we will grow closer to Jesus in faith through education and fellowship. And, active J.A.M.ers get to participate in special monthly events for free. **Grades 6-8 is our Confirmation Class.** The education component of our session will be shared with the whole group, allowing the older youth to participate as mentors. Meanwhile, the confirmation group will learn valuable stuff that is pertinent to our Lutheran faith. In the Spring, after completing the three year program, the eighth graders will be formally confirmed in their faith. **Grades 9-12 will be among our Sr. Hi Youth.** They will get the opportunity to participate in activities and discussions that help them to bring their faith to action in love and service. **How do I become a J.A.M.mer? 1.** Have mom or dad fill out the registration form on the other side of this flyer. **2.** There is a donation request of \$30 for each registration. This is per year, and helps to provide a fund from which a variety of program expenses can be drawn. **3.** Come as often as you can. **4.** Abide by the behavior covenant. **5. HAVE FUN!**



Happy 18th Anniversary to Living God Lutheran Church!

COLUMBARIUM TEAM NEWS



Living God Lutheran Church The Columbarium

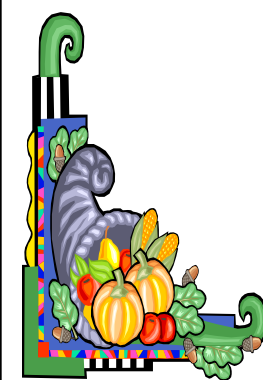
It has been over seven years since the Columbarium was installed. If you are interested in purchasing a niche or have any questions, you can contact any of the members of the committee – Dick Yontz, Kay and Ed Turner, or Donna Lewis. Our new brochures are available at the church for your review. Please come out to see the new surroundings around the Columbarium, a peaceful place for prayer and visitation. This area is available any time you have a need to talk to God. Also if you are interested, a tree memorial can be purchased and place on the south berm of the church property. Please contact the church office if you are interested in a tree.

CHOIR NEWS



Christmas Cantata

Mark your calendars now! Rehearsals begin on Pepper Choplin's "Once Upon A Night" on Sunday, October 16th. This beautiful musical work begins the story that we will compete with our Palm Sunday cantata, "Once Upon a Tree", in April. Rehearsals are on Sunday morning after the 9:30am worship service, and we will present it on Sunday, December 18th.



Have a wonderful Holiday Season.

QUARTERLY SYNOD OFFERING

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

Romans 12:5

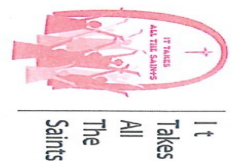
Won't you help ensure that this vital Lutheran witness continues to thrive? Your gift will help us continue to provide the services that congregations and pastors deserve in these challenging economic times.



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 _____
Email _____



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

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.



Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

FELLOWSHIP TEAM NEWS



M&M's Quilting Group

M&M's will resume quilting on Thursday October 6th. 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

Update On Pavilion-Over \$4000 has been received toward the pavilion and that will be doubled by an anonymous donor. How much we collect will determine how big a pavilion we can erect. The Building and Grounds committee is gathering information about costs and permits. All monies received by December 31, up to \$11,000 will be doubled by M. Anonymous. Hopefully we can start with the foundation in the spring! The pavilion can be used for outdoor events such as VBS, outdoor worship, picnics, receptions after church events.

Big Turn Out for Wedding Luau Shower - On August 13th sixty five guests were present for the wedding shower Luau. Thank you to everyone who attended, contributed food and especially for getting the campaign for a pavilion off to a good start.



All are welcome to the wedding of Pastor Rich and Danielle. Their joy is infectious so please come to the marriage ceremony and stay for light refreshments afterward at the church.



Church Picnic

On September 11th, a church picnic was held following the morning service. Due to wet weather, the picnic was held indoors and with the wonderful cooks of LGC we had delicious food and great leisure time together. Pastor Rich shared some information about our church growth and encouraged us to be looking ahead for more space (building expansion?) and education opportunities. More information will be shared at pot luck lunches so watch the weekly bulletins, the bulletin board and the church calendar. Access the church calendar through the church web site; www.livinggodchurch.org



NOVEMBER COOK OFF CONTEST

In November we will be having a pumpkin cooking and baking contest. Create something sweet and savory from one of your favorite recipes ***it must include pumpkin*** that we can all share. Tasters will judge the entries and award prizes. Watch for further details in your church bulletin.



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY DINNER

Ladies (and guests; male or female), will share a pot luck candle light Christmas Dinner. The church will provide a ham, and all guests are asked to bring along side dishes or desserts to share. Please watch the Sunday bulletins for a date to be announced. A craft area and supplies will be available, no skill required, or you may choose to just enjoy the company.

Wine will be offered with this meal so please be aware of this fact if you are bringing a child along.

EDUCATION NEWS CONTINUED



Treats from the Trunk, Sunday October 30th following service- Children are invited to Trick or Treat from "trunks" following service. Parents decorate the trunks of their car or truck and bring candy to share with the children. The children dress in costumes, then walk along and trick or treat in the church parking lot.

OUTREACH TEAM NEWS



On Friday and Saturday, September 16th & 17th, Living God Church hosted the first annual Elaine Casey Memorial "Hike 4 Hope". We had 30 people participate in walking the trail, completing 175 laps during the 24 hour event. A total of 86 luminaria's, decorated by family and friends, were placed along the walking path in honor of loved ones and friends who have battled cancer. Through monetary donations, bake sale goodies, and food purchases a total of \$3086.80 was raised for the ACS. The family of Elaine Casey is grateful for everyone's help in creating such a successful event and look forward to "Hike 4 Hope" 2012.



On Saturday, September 17th Living God Church held our annual Fall Festival coinciding with the annual Harmony Day community event. The turn out for LGLC was much smaller than we anticipated but overall we had a good time with friends and family and collected \$782 for LGLC. Many thanks to those who volunteered and gave donations toward our event.



Aid for Friends Cooking Night's-The following dates have been scheduled for AFF cooking nights. **Tues., Oct. 18th, Nov. 15th, Dec. 13th, & Jan. 17th.** We will begin at 7pm. If you would like to help please contact the office at 610-273-9383

Quarterly Pot Luck Lunches Have Been Scheduled- LGLC will begin hosting quarterly pot luck lunches following Sunday church service. The **next luncheon will be Sunday, December 12th.** A sign up sheet will be posted within the next several weeks for those who wish to attend.



Living God Lutheran Church 7th Annual Christmas Bazaar

On Saturday, November 12th from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Crafters can rent a table space for \$20. Please contact Lin Williams at 610-857-3247 (before 8pm) if you would like more information. The day's events will also include many raffles, bake good items, soup, and other good food from the kitchen. Bring a friend and start your Christmas shopping at LGLC.



Bake goods needed for the Annual Christmas Bazaar

A sign up sheet will be posted for anyone that would like to sign up to donate one or two of your favorite sweet creations. Donation goodies can be dropped off on Friday, 11/11 by 3pm or Sat., 11/12 by 8:30am.



LGLC is once again participating in the Operation Shoebox Ministry. It's amazing what a simple act can do—like packing a shoebox with items for a child.

- Pack and Pray**- fill a shoe box with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items. Pray for the child who will receive your box.
- Donate \$7**- Complete your packing form (for either a girl or boy) and place it along with your donation inside of the shoebox. *Make checks payable to Samaritan's Purse.*
- Drop off your box**- bring your filled box to LGLC **no later than Sunday, November 6th.**
- Follow your box**- by including your email address on the packing form you can receive an e-mail notifying you of the country destination of your box.

*Danielle Pariseau
and
Richard Moore*

INVITE YOU TO SHARE WITH THEM
THE JOY OF THEIR WEDDING

Saturday October 8th, 2011

TWO THIRTY IN THE AFTERNOON
LIVING GOD LUTHERAN CHURCH

Officiating

THE REV. R. BRUCE TODD
ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Music

ANGELA ZOLTEK & LGLC CHOIR

Reception to Follow

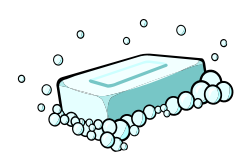
CELEBRATORY REFRESHMENTS ON THE CHURCH LAWN

OUTREACH TEAM NEWS CONTINUED



SEPA Christmas Ingathering God's Work – Our Hands; Doing the Will of God Through Service

LGLC has participated for several years in **Christmas Shopping for children that will be in Foster Care over Christmas**. We have requested the names of 20 children and suggestions of what they want for Christmas. Each child should get a gift valued at \$25, wrapped and tagged with their name card. Within the next few weeks we will give you the name of the volunteer that will have the names and information of a foster care child for Christmas.



Bars of soap, in their original wrapper, are very much **appreciated by the Seamen's Church Institute**. Someone from the organization visits ships in the Philadelphia ports during the Christmas season and provides soap to the captains for each sailor. These men and women are from foreign ports and will not be with family and this could be their only gift at Christmas. Look for the donation box in the church vestibule.

Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief

Each kit must contain all the items listed and only those items. Please note that while a toothbrush is listed, LWR provides the toothpaste because only certain brands are acceptable.

Health Kits

- *One light to medium-weight, bath size towel (approximately 52"X27" or smaller), dark colors recommended.
- *Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, and brand, in original wrapping.
- *One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging.
- *One sturdy comb, remove packaging.
- *One metal nail clippers (with or without attached file), remove packaging.

Wrap all the smaller items in the towel and tie it firmly with ribbons or yarn. "Clean hands, good grooming, bright and shining smiles-you can help bring them about through the gift of health kits." Lutheran World Relief is asking for \$2.65 to mail each health kit. *Checks for the mailing amount should be written to LGLC.* Please place completed health kits along with your check for \$2.65 (each) and place in the box in front of the office.

SUPPORT TEAM NEWS



Building and Grounds Meetings-The Building & Grounds Team will hold their next monthly meetings on **Tuesday, October 18th, & Tuesday November 15th 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 December.**



LGLC Meditation Walking Trail The Building and Grounds Team continued to upgrade and maintain the walking trail in the church woods. The trail woods includes the wood chip-based trail itself, a series of seated areas, Bible verse stations and bird houses. This year the team added several figures and quaint structures of particular interest to children. During the year the trail has also been used to support several other church activities.

User feedback continues to indicate the path is much appreciated by our church family and by the local community. If you wish to help or donate toward the cost of trail maintenance and enhancements please contact the church office.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM NEWS



Highway Clean Up News

LGLC would like to thank Kristal Hausch for leading the Highway Clean Up on Saturday September, 24th. Everyone is encouraged to assist in the project to keep our stretch of 322 liter free. Please email Kristal at k411chica@yahoo.com if you have any questions about the project. Lend a hand for highway clean up in 2012!



Wow! The summer seemed to fly by, at least it did for me. How 'bout you? A friend once told me that he believes time moves faster the older we get. I'm not so sure that science would agree with him, but I think many of us would agree that it certainly seems that way.

Part of the reason my summer went by so quickly was to do with how busy I was trying to get around to visiting all of you before the end of summer. At the start of summer I knew that would be an ambitious challenge, but I didn't realize how ambitious. Nevertheless, I did make it around to visit a lot of you.

After many visits and listening to your thoughts through the summer, there are a few viewpoints that, generally speaking, all of you shared with me. So, in essence, these are identity statements, or value statements, based upon what I heard from you over the summer.

1. The most important function of our church is to bring people together into a community where we all belong and share in ministry.
2. The ministry most immediately needed at LGLC is for youth and children.
3. We want to continue growth in numbers and we want to see the church building expand to create adequate space for children, youth, worship and fellowship.
4. When considering growth, we do not want to grow so large that we lose the pastoral, friendly, "family" character of our congregation.
5. On the continuum of worship practices, we lean more toward the traditional side of things than the contemporary. We prefer the blended way we do things, but interestingly, most of us would prefer to see more, not less, reverence in worship.

Now, you may be saying to yourself, "Gee, pastor, did you really have to go to all the trouble of visiting every household to figure this out?" Not exactly. I probably could have assumed these things, but now I don't have to assume. I've heard you tell me.

I also heard a few very good ideas. For instance, a couple of people suggested that we should invest in a passenger van. Based upon demographic reports, Honey Brook seems to be a popular place for retirement. Many of these folks, for a variety of reasons, no longer drive, but would like to come to church. Another good idea was to create an outdoor prayer labyrinth on our property. Given the acreage we have, this would be a good use of a small plot and would only add to the popularity of our walking trail. A third good idea, was that we should have quarterly pot-luck luncheons after worship. This would allow for fellowship, and networking among the members, and it would give us a chance to talk together openly about the direction the church is going. This last idea has already incorporated into the church calendar for the 2nd Sunday of every September, December, March, and June.

It was a joy getting around to many of your houses. If I didn't make it to your house, and you would like for me to visit, please contact me and let me know.

Have a joyful Fall,

+Rich