



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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Budget Meeting Results

LGLC held it's annual budget meeting January 11th at 9:15am. Quorum was not meet because only 40 members were in attendance and a total of 62 was needed for quorum. Council President Bob Broody suggested that the meeting be re-scheduled for the following week, Sunday January 18th at 9:15am. The second attempt for quorum was again not meet with only 51 members in attendance and 62 members needed. So with no quorum present, Bob Broody stated that, according to the church constitution, the budget would be adopted by council.



2008 REPORTS DUE

Reports for the 2009 Annual Report are needed. The congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, May 17th at 9:15am. Please email your report to living_god@verizon.net **no later than April 5th**. The 2009 Annual Report will be available during church services on May 3rd giving everyone two weeks to review the report before the Congregational Meeting. If you have any questions please call me at 610-273-9383. Thank you for your cooperation and support as I begin the set up of this annual project.

**Wed. Night Soup
& Evening Devotion
March 4th — April 1st
6—7:30pm**



Lent is often experienced as a season of reflection, looking inward, and soul-searching. Starting Wednesday, March 4th — April 1st we will meet for a humble soup dinner followed by an evening devotion. A sign up sheet is posted for anyone interested in providing the soup for the evening dinner.

WELCA SPRING CONFERENCE

Thur., March 26, 2009 at LGLC
Registration: 5:45 PM
Catered Dinner: 6:30 PM

Speaker: Shirley Brosius has written many books and articles, the most famous of which is *Sisterhood of Faith: 365 Life-Changing Stories about Women Who Made a Difference* to encourage Christians to use their spiritual gifts. Each page offers a biographical sketch of an inspirational woman, along with scripture, a message from her life and a response for the reader.

Please note that the catered dinner will be \$10 paid in advance. Payment of \$10 is due no later than March 19th to Living God, attn.: Lin Williams. Make check out to Living God Lutheran Church. Also contact Barbara Wolfe with final count at phillymom@aol.com or phone 215-421-8969 no later than March 16th.

For more information, contact Kim Tapscott at 610-383-6107 or tapscots@verizon.net.

Support Team News



B&G Meeting



LGLC's Building & Grounds Committee will hold their next meeting on **March 17th at**

7:30 pm. All are welcome to attend the meeting. If you have any questions about the committee please contact Barry Buzzard at 610-273-2371.

Choir News



Preparing for Easter!

The Living God Choir meets on Wed. nights, 7:00pm., at the church. **During Lent 3/4—4/1 the choir will meet at 7:30pm.** Everyone is welcome, no experience necessary. If you have any questions, please contact Angela Zoltek, music director, at 610-873-7701."

Education Team News



The Lantern

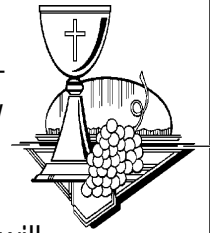
a Mid Week Bible Study program

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

Worship Team News

First Communion Classes

Children in the fifth grade, and those children believed ready for Holy Communion by their parents, are invited to attend two classes prior to receiving their First Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday. Classes will be held March 15th at 12 pm and March 29 at 12 pm. Please contact Pastor Moore for more information.



Worship Team Meeting



The Worship team invites everyone to come to the monthly pot luck and meeting on **March 15th 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



Seder Meal

Christ In the Passover Presentation

"Using a visual display of traditional Passover accouterments, the Christ in the Passover presentation enhances the Christian's understanding and appreciation of the Jewish background of the Christian Communion. Melissa Moskowitz from Jews for Jesus will speak at **LGLC on Thursday, March 19 at 7:30pm.** Melissa will show and explain the symbolism of items that have traditionally been used in Jewish Seders since the days of Moses and the escape of the enslaved Jews from Israel. Please come and welcome her to our church for this educational program. This is a free event with a free will offering to support the Jews for Jesus ministry around the world.



Outreach Team News



Daffodil Day Sunday, March 22—LGLC has received 15 orders and has raised over \$500 for the ACS. Thank you for your support

New Member Classes to Begin- If you are interested in joining LGLC, new member classes will begin Sunday, March 1st. The classes are designed to provide two fundamental things. (1) Introduction to Christianity, the bible and the Lutheran Faith. (2) An orientation to LGLC's active ministry. For more information contact Pastor Moore at 610-401-5602.



Relay For Life Meeting- Sunday March 22 at 11:45am a meeting is being held to discuss the upcoming Relay for Life Walk in June and also discuss ideas and suggestions for fundraising by the Living God Lifesavers to help raise money for the American Cancer Society. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting. Please contact Elaine Casey 610-273-9370 for further information.



On **Sunday, May 31st at 2:00pm** the Living God Lifesavers will be hosting the Second Annual Roast Beef Luncheon to raise money for the ACS. Mark your calendar and help support our team!!!!



Fellowship Team

Fellowship Team News

I would like to thank you all for welcoming me as the new Fellowship Team leader. For everyone that filled out a fellowship survey, THANK YOU! for your input. For those who did not get a chance to fill out a survey you can either e-mail or call me with your ideas or suggestions, all are welcomed.

We will continue to have a card and game night on the 2nd Saturday night of every month. Please plan on joining us at LGLC for some fun and relaxation. This event is free to all participants and all that we ask is for you to come and play a few games and spend sometime with your church friends.

The M&M's are making great strides in their quilting and have completed 4 quilts so far!!! It's great to be able to send these quilts around the world to help the needy, and to have so much fun making them is just a tribute to our Lord and the amazing ways he works through us!

LGLC is also planning to hold our 1st American Red Cross blood drive on Thursday, June 25th from 2-8pm. Information is posted on the church website calendar and will also be posted on the church bulletin board. This is another way for all of us to reach people who need our help and love during some of their darkest hours.

The spring WELCA dinner will be held this month on Thursday, March 26th at 5:45pm. Please come and meet some of our fellow Lutheran women from other area church's, including our guest speaker author, Shirley Brosius. The cost of the dinner is \$10 and is due by March 16th. For more information please contact Barb Wolfe at 610-273-2902.

Please review the weekly announcements in your Sunday bulletin for updates and new events. There are many activities within our church and many wonderful individuals that lovingly give of their time and talents to put these activities together. I invite you to join us and look forward to meeting you.

Thank you, Barb Wolfe, Fellowship Team Leader



Dear friends,

You've seen those credit card commercials where a list of items and their prices are itemized by the voice over, but then the fullness of the experience is declared to be "Priceless". The value of the church could be measured this way as well. We often measure the value of a church's ministry by the size of the budget. But, the things that God does through the church are simply priceless.

Jill had hit rock-bottom. After her divorce she found herself drinking heavily just to try and take away the sting of a pain that was deeper than she realized. One very regretful night she was driving drunk and hit a pole, landing her in the hospital needing to heal in more ways than the hospital alone could help. Her pastor visited, and recommended that she begin attending AA meetings. She did, and now lives each day in complete thanksgiving to God for providing this group at her local church.

Value of this local church to Jill: **PRICELESS**

Sidney is a veteran of Viet-Nam and Korea. He served in the Army's special forces, and can tell you stories that will make your hair curl about the times he was shot and rescued during combat. Today, Sidney lives alone and is unable to spend much time on his feet. This makes cooking for himself very difficult, and he can't afford a maid or any kind of meal service. One day a friend noticed the deteriorated condition that Sidney was in and connected him to an organization that provides more than just meals. A local church began sending a volunteer regularly to chat with him, pray with him, and deliver cooked meals to him. That program is called Aid For Friends. Now, Sidney thanks God every time his church friend stops by.

Value of this local church to Sidney: **PRICELESS**

Venatus a teenage boy in Tanzania, recently became the head of his household after his mother and father died of AIDS. He and his younger brother and sister continue to work the 1-acre plot of land they have by growing coffee beans. During the cold season, the nights can see temperatures in the 40s, and their tiny one room hut has nothing of the modern conveniences of heating and cooling that we're accustomed to here. Each winter Venatus depends upon Lutheran World Relief to supply him and his brother and sister with a blanket or two. These blankets, or quilts, are made by the generous hands of Lutheran congregation members.

Value of this local church to Venatus: **PRICELESS**

Cindy was raised in a home that went to a Lutheran church with her grandparents every Christmas and Easter. She was baptized, but never really got connected to God through the church. She married Rob in her mid-twenties, and the two of them had two kids. One day her oldest child, a little girl named Samantha, now age 5, asked her mom, "Mommy where does love come from?" Cindy paused for a moment, nostalgically recalling her grandmother's teachings. "From God." Cindy answered. As the words came out of her mouth she realized for the first time that she and her family needed to find a church and get connected. She had no idea how to talk about God or deeper spiritual things with her daughter. She needed to attend a church and possibly a bible study. Later that evening she shared her crisis of faith with Rob. Rob shared with her that he had been wondering the same thing. He said that he passes by this one Lutheran church every day and the message on the sign causes him to think about things that really matter, like life and death, things eternal, and what his purpose is on earth. Rob suggested they attend this church the following Sunday. They arrive and are welcomed graciously, even invited to receive communion as if they were the same as everyone else. Afterward they were met and greeted by other members over coffee and a friendly conversation. One member invited Cindy to come to bible study. The family left with a renewed sense of belonging and re-connection to God. They returned the following week. Cindy began attending bible study, and Rob and the kids were soon baptized.

Value of this local church to Cindy, Rob and her two kids? **PRICELESS**

These stories are fictional, but there are hundreds of different stories just like those that could be told of people who would share with you that the true value of our church to them is priceless. And, there's a very

good reason for this. Our God works through the church to reach out and bless others. When God blesses us, we encounter something that no price tag, or expense line in a budget can truly measure. We encounter the Kingdom of Heaven.

In Luke's gospel Jesus says, "From everyone who has been given much, much will be expected." As members of Living God Lutheran Church, God has already blessed you with the promise of God's presence in and through all that you face. You have been given the promise of life beyond life. You have been given a church where you can come and feel at home, participate with others in pursuing God's call for others. You have been given a pastor, and accessibility to hearing the gospel regularly and receiving the sacraments. You have been given opportunities to learn and study the scriptures. The list of things this local church has given you could go on and on, and I'm sure in your own you could tell a story about how the true value of Living God Lutheran Church is PRICELESS. "From everyone who has been given much, much will be expected."

Last month's goal was to gather together the gifts of Time & Talent that our church has to offer. This month our emphasis shifts to the gathering of financial gifts by way of asking you to make a financial pledge to your church. The pledge cards can be found in the church next to a yellow box. There is also one printed adjacent to this message for you to cut out and drop off, or mail in if you are unable to come to church in the next several weeks. The stewardship campaign will continue through the month of April. I must stress that every ACTIVE member's household is asked to fill out a pledge. By stressing that every active household do this, we hope to encourage a more unified participation and connection to the priceless ministries that God provides through our church.

Being connecting to the work of the Kingdom of Heaven—PRICELESS!

Blessings,

+Rich

Unified Plan for Giving

As members of the body of Christ, and so that others may know God's love, I/we plan to give \$ _____ per week to Christ's mission through my local congregation.

Name(s) _____

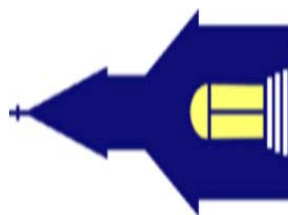
 Phone _____

Return this portion of the card

I answer God's call to be a steward of all that I am and have. As part of my response, I will give _____% of my annual income to Christ's mission. Of this percentage, I will give \$ _____ per week through my local congregation. I understand that this pledge can be revised if necessary.

Signature(s) _____

Keep this portion of the card with your offering envelopes as a reminder of your plan for giving.

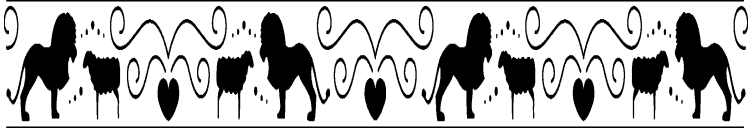


*From everyone who has been given much, much will be expected.
 Luke 12:48*



Annual Stewardship Campaign

NEWS & NOTES



All are welcome! The M&M's are having so much fun we have increased our meetings to every Monday.

We have spent 4 sessions making quilts for Lutheran World Relief and have completed 4 quilts. We are doing this in Christ's name for very needy people and find the work very satisfying. We plan to continue quilting through May. On the 3rd Monday of each month we will have lunch out. On March 16th we plan to travel to Intercourse for lunch and shopping. We'd love to have you join us. For further information please call Deanna Arndt 610-286-0182.



Living God will have an **Easter Egg hunt on Easter Sunday, April 12th at**

9:30am. If you would like to attend please write your name on the sign up sheet posted on the small bulletin board. All participants are to meet in the Sunday school room at 9:15am. The egg hunt will begin at 9:30am



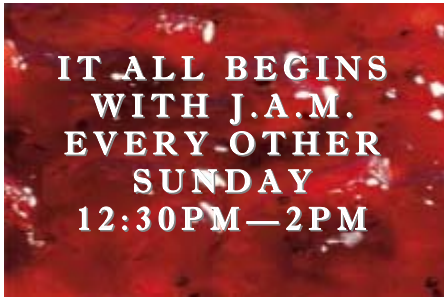
\$300 Raised For Steeple to People

On **February 1,** the Youth Group, J.A.M of Living God Church collected \$300 and 33 cans of soup for Steeple to People. The youth group J.A.M. thanks you for your support.



YOUTH GROUP

'08 - '09 Program & Registration Information



Jesus And Me

JAM

March 8th

March 22nd

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April 5th

April 19th

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Every other Sunday, youth from grades 5-12 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 weekly devotions. And, active J.A.M.mers get to participate in special monthly events for free.

Grades 5-8 will be among our Jr. Hi Youth. They will get the opportunity to participate in activities that are age appropriate and assist them with the topics they need to know for their confirmation of faith at the end of 8th grade. 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. There are flyers and registration forms available at the church.
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. We also ask that each J.A.M.mer practice good financial stewardship by setting aside a small donation for each week.
3. Come as often as you can. Abide by the behavior covenant. HAVE FUN!

MARCHWEEKEND EVENT

Scheduled events are open for anyone between grades 5 and 12. Bring your friends. The ones with the JAM next to them are free to all active J.A.M.mers. More details about each event will be distributed as the dates draw near.



Youth Bowling Night



Sat. March 21st
Bowling at the PALACE in
Downtown
Admission: YTBD
Times: YTBD



Next Month Mark Your Calendar!!

April 18th: We will start the day with a service project that will help to raise money for the youth program. For the church members who need help around the house we will do it for them.



Movie Night: Pizza and Movies on the church's new 10 ft. wide screen.
Jr. Hi Youth: 1 movie, 7pm until 10pm.
Sr. Hi Youth: All night, 7pm until 7am.

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Tues., Wed., Thu.,
9 AM to 4 PM

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Memorials: (print) _____

Tribute: (print) _____

Your Name: _____
Order Amount: Lilies _____ Tulips _____ Total cost: \$ _____
Phone: _____

Order Deadline is March 29th. Cost: Lilies \$9.00 Tulips: \$7.00



Honor and remember those you love with flowers for the Easter Service.
You may pick up your flowers on Easter Day.

Easter Tributes and Memorials 2009

April 5th, Palm Sunday 8, 10:30, & 6:30pm
April 9th, Maundy Thursday 7:30pm
April 10th, Good Friday 7:30pm
Easter Sunday 6, 8, 10:30, & 6:30pm
April 12th, Easter Egg Hunt 9:15am

Easter Service Times

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