

RESURRECTION CONNECTIONS

March 21 2010

Greetings Visitors!

God loves guests in God's house. We heartily (and warm heartedly) welcome all visitors, and encourage you to share your contact information either on the back of a pew envelope (and place it in offering tray) or by signing the guest book just outside the Sanctuary. We'll follow up with any questions you may have about Worship here at LCR.

Missions Team Offers Easter Giving Opportunity

Continuing the LCR tradition of providing food baskets to local families at Thanksgiving and Easter, you may now find a sign up sheet along the ramp for Easter hams. If you would like to participate in this Missions project, please sign your name on the sheet and kindly check it off when you have brought the ham to church. The hams are needed by Palm Sunday, March 28, 2010. Thank you! Questions? Call Lois Lohse at 215-736-2364.

Easter Flowers

The Altar Guild invites us to sponsor beautiful Easter flowers that will be used as our Altar Display for Easter services. You will now find a sign-up sheet along the ramp for the lovely flowers. Please request your plants by Sunday, March 28, and designate "Easter Flowers" on your offering envelope. The ushers will assist with removing the plants from the altar for taking home after the 11:00 a.m. service on Easter Sunday.

Special Youth Ministry Discussion Night

On Sunday, March 21, 2010 from 5-7pm at LCR, our youth in grades 6-12 will meet for dinner and discussion. The topic, chosen by our youth, is suicide. We will have a counselor present to help facilitate the evening. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pastor Sharon.

Grades 3-4 and 5 Monthly Youth Event

All children in grades 3, 4 and 5 are invited to join us on March 21, 2010 from 3-5pm for our monthly youth event. This month we will be delivering some Easter crafts that our group made in March to members of LCR who are not able to get to church. If you are interested in joining us, please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the ramp to fellowship hall. Please see Pastor Sharon or Kara Mullican with any further questions.

2010 Lenten Theme: "Getting Back to Basics"

Join us for midweek soup supper and worship on Wednesday, March 24, at 6 p.m. Worship Reflection Time with focus on the Basics of the Christian faith which include; Confession, The Ten Commandments, The Apostles' Creed, The Lord's Prayer, Holy Baptism, and Holy Communion begins at 7:30.. Come reflect and ponder with us... We'll also have soup and worship on Maundy Thursday, April 1st, beginning at 6 p.m

Back to Basics - Holy Communion

We have come to the last of our Lenten Mid-Week services. Our journey with Luther has taken us through the Ten Commandments, The Apostle's Creed, the Lord's Prayer, Holy Baptism and now Holy Communion. I believe we have been reminded that God has given these commands to begin and enhance our relationship with God and with neighbor.

Each section of Luther's Catechism has helped us to learn and rekindle what God expects and desires from us. We have only been able to go so deep into each section, but hopefully the reviewing the basics may encourage us to delve deeper into each one. This week we will look at our second sacrament, Holy Communion.

Once again we discover that it has to do with our individual relationship with God in Jesus Christ and our corporate relationship with each other. As we renewed our baptism this past Wednesday, we will share in the sacrament of Holy Communion this week.

For our discussion time, I would like you to remember a time when partaking of Holy Communion touched you. I will invite you to share that experience with us.

Presentation on Work in Afghanistan

Join us for soup supper on March 24, 2010 when LCR member Jeff Hamer will lead a discussion on his work in Afghanistan teaching animal husbandry.

LCR Softball News

Spring is in the air so it's time to lace up the cleats for a new Christian Fellowship Softball League Season. All men 16 and older are invited to join the 2010 edition of the LCR squad. You don't need to be a good athlete, just a good sport!

First practice is Sunday March 21 at 1:00 pm at Fallsington Elementary and the second practice is Sunday March 28 at Fallsington Elementary at 3:00 pm. Future practices will be announced later and on the LCR church calendar on-line. Please contact Dave Fitchett (at home phone, or at 267-229-4744) if you have any questions.

Palm Cross Making

On Saturday morning, March 27 at 10:00, we will be making Palm Crosses for distribution at the Palm Sunday services. Anyone interested should meet in the kitchen and bring your own pair of scissors. All instructions will be provided. Be prepared for a morning of fun and fellowship.

Special Soup Supper

Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2010 will be our last soup supper. This supper will be sponsored by congregational members. If you are able to bring a soup, please sign up on the bulletin board. Worship will feature a unique sermon time using "cardboard testimonies" Please plan to attend this important worship service at 7:30pm. In order to understand the significance of the Easter celebration, it is important to experience Christ's sacrifice during Lent.

YOU Can Help To Save Lives!!

And it's easy, and only takes about an hour of your time! Would you be able to give blood at LCR's upcoming Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, April 22nd? Appointment times are available between 1:30 and 7:15 p.m. This event is open to all, so please consider spreading the word to your friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Please see the bulletin board closest to fellowship hall to sign up and for more information. Appointments can also be made by calling 1-800-GiveLife or online at pleasegiveblood.org.

Send A Prayer

Any prayer that you share in church (or hold in your heart and share quietly with God) can also be shared directly with loved ones who are not in church. Please fill in the "easy-to-use" form on the **Send a Prayer** table just outside the Sanctuary doors.

Habitat for Humanity News

It's true – it's finally time – a Habitat for Humanity build is ready to start in Levittown! This is a very special build – as it is a “Thrivent Builds/Habitat for Humanity” opportunity. It will truly be “The house the Lutherans built”!

Would you consider being LCR's congregational champion? Would you be able to send emails to LCR volunteers, keep the congregation informed with a blurb for Resurrection Connections? No experience necessary, just a willingness to help!! Please sign up at the sign up center bulletin board. Please contact Sandy Mullican (215-736-2624, sandy.mullican@comcast.net) with any questions or for more information.

Opportunity To Serve By Caring For God's Church

The property team is looking for a few good men and women to care for the day to day upkeep of our building. If you have the gifts and skills to change fluorescent lights, fix leaky sinks and toilets, or do light maintenance work, please contact Ken Speers or Eric Evenson to join the team

Be A Sinner And Sin Boldly

This may seem like a strange invitation to place in a Lutheran Church announcement, but it comes from none other than our founder, Martin Luther. The men of LCR and any friends are invited to join Men's Group beginning Saturday morning April 10th at 8 a.m. for a study of Martin Luther. Our format will be a DVD series of lectures presented by professor Phillip Cary of Eastern University, St. Davids, Pennsylvania. The 30 minute lecture is followed by group discussion, which is always lively and interesting.

Professor Cary is Director of the Philosophy Program at Eastern University where he is also assistant Professor in the Templeton honors College. He is also the author of many books and articles dealing Saint Augustine, Luther and the Reformation. As the presenter for **Luther: Gospel, Law and Reformation** Professor Cary is both informative and entertaining. This series is an excellent introduction for those seeking to learn more about Luther and the exciting time in which he lived and wrote; as well as some of the other luminaries of the Protestant Reformation and their divergent views.

Men's Group will be in hiatus for the Easter Season until we reconvene for this study on April 10th.

An Opportunity to Help a Family in Need

The missions committee will be sponsoring a food collection for a local family in need. The family consists of a single mom and her three children, each with severe special needs. If you would like to help, you can place your food item in the box located in the Narthex and it will be delivered to the family. Needed items include: Bumble Bee tuna in water, Velveeta Mac and Cheese, Chef Boyardee microwaveable meals for kids, regular peanut butter, grape jelly (NOT jam), Cocoa Pebbles cereal, Honey Nut Cheerios cereal, spaghetti sauce, Hunts chocolate and vanilla pudding, applesauce (individual cups), 100 calorie snack packs, store brand fruit snacks, Doritos, cheddar popcorn, small pretzels, toilet paper, paper towels, paper napkins, plastic spoons. Thank you!!

Women of Faith and Love

Sign up for an enjoyable evening of useful "Make & Take" paper crafting with Carole Garozzo. No experience necessary. The group will meet on April 8, 2010.

An accurate number of participants are needed so enough kits will be available. Please sign up on the bulletin board. Come and enjoy the friendship and fun of *Woman of Faith and Love*.

The LCR Website – Make It Your Favorite

If there should ever be a need to notify the congregation regarding a situation affecting LCR we will post that information on the front page of the website as long as an internet connection can be made. The LCR website address is www.lcr-yardley.org. You'll also find the church calendar, past copies of weekly and monthly newsletters, and lots of other information. Check it out!

Save The Date--Vacation Bible School

During the week of August 2 thru 6, 2010 LCR will be hosting Vacation Bible School. It will be a Galactic Blast! A cosmic adventure praising God! More information to come.

Looking for a Way to Serve?

The Robert Morris Apartments, part of the Bucks County Housing Group, can always use a helping hand. They are looking for tutors for adults and children, teens to read to smaller children, science programs volunteers, and babysitters for during meetings. Also, if you have 2-3 hours of time to provide a ride to the store the 2nd week of the month, your time would be appreciated.

Needed at the shelter are tuna, mac and cheese, Spaghetti O's, all purpose and toilet bowl cleaner and paper towels. Size 5 and 6 diapers and gently used crib sheets are in demand also. A small desk, folding tables, filing cabinets, folding chairs, bulletin board, easel and office supplies are also needed. If you can help in any way, please call Alex Loudon at 215 736-5971, alouden@bchg.org. Missions contact: Kathy Heuer, 215-860-2084, k.heuer@verizon.net.

Caregiver Wanted

In home caregiver for an adult female in the early stages of Alzheimers. Paid position with flexible hours. Contact Amy Ruta: 215 736-1519. Neighbors of Berni and Clyde Beury.-

Paper Retriever Recycling Bin Update!

Our second emptying of the Paper Retriever bin was on January 13th. The bin contained 1.23 tons of paper!! This equates to 3.69 cubic yards of landfill space saved, and 5045.46 KWH of energy saved. Great Green News!! Paper Retriever does require that we have at least 2 tons of paper in the bin for recycling by our 4th month, so please tell friends and family about the bin. We invite everyone to join in our efforts to be good stewards and care for our earth's resources by dropping your newspapers, catalogs, magazines, junk mail, etc., into the Paper Retriever bin. **Please no cardboard, plastic (including bags) or phone books.** It is also important to note that **Paper Retriever does not accept wrapping paper or tissue paper.** The colors and content of these papers make them unusable in their paper recycling process. As this is a recycling effort for LCR, any funds received from Agibiti as a result of the paper collection will be designated to benefit our sister congregation Irete in Tanzania. For more information log onto www.PaperRetriever.com. Thank you from your Property Committee!

New Office Manager

The HR committee and church council announce the hire of our new office manager, Fran Diehl. Fran, who has been a member of LCR for 20 years, will be serving as our newest staff member. We are extremely thankful to Sandy Mullican for her outstanding work and commitment in this position for the last 3 1/2 years, and we thank Sandy for her willingness to train Fran. We give thanks to God for providing, once again, strong leadership for the future.

LCR Financial News

16-Mar-2010		LCR 2010 Offerings versus Budget		
As of February 28, 2010				
Month	# of Sundays	Actual Giving	Approved Budget *	Favorable (Unfavorable)
January	5	33,260	31,350	1,910
February	4	26,756	25,578	1,178
March **	4		27,146	-
April **	4		32,773	-
May	5		29,878	-
June	4		24,573	-
July	4		24,731	-
August	5		28,777	-
September	4		28,034	-
October	5		31,580	-
November	4		28,640	-
December **	4		39,930	-
Year-to-date	9	60,016	56,928	3,088
Total	52		352,990	
Comments:				
* The Approved budget has a \$7,900 surplus. The Approved Budget is allocated on a monthly basis according to the number of Sundays in the month and historical giving patterns.				
** April includes Holy Week and Easter Sunday. February and March include Lent. December includes Christmas and Advent.				



For special concerns you would like lifted up through our Telephone Prayer Chain, please call **Ruth Cunnane**, at 215-702-7380 or e-mail to **Alan Chinnici** at achinnici@erols.com.

Please keep the following people in your daily prayers:

INTERCESSIONS:

For Members – Galina Valeeva, Alan Chinnici, John Williams, Carole Garozzo, Dot & Bill Plantarich, Dot Riker, Ursula Formigli, Chick Overington, Nancy Trzcinski

For Parents –Margaret Fox, Catherine Spencer, Bill Nulph, Linda Meyers, Alma Mullican, Bonnie Pederson

For Other Relatives – Mary Clinton, Bill Hall, Dorothy Holland, Robin Taylor, Wiltrud Rothfuss, Werner Rothfuss, Donald Landwehr, Frank Arnone, Barbara Ryan, Agnes Page, Josh Levy, Bill Maser, Anne Peterson

For Friends – Jean Bradley, Rachel Giles, Tammy, Christy Schmidt, Dan Latzel,, Ken Bogdan, Kristina Bogdan, Susan Coryell, Austin Bickford, Eric Grosso, Fred Pileggi, Gail Travis, Lois Avis, Quinn Clarke, Charlene Blusiewicz, Marty Sullivan, Jack Young, Stephen Schmerling, Wanda McGovern, Phil White, Gloria Thomas, Tim Hollenback & Family, Cay Casey, Judy Adams, Gary MacCorkle, Austin Bickford

FOR OUR SERVICE PERSONNEL: PFC NICHOLAS BERKEY (KOREA), JUSTIN HORNUNG (JAPAN), ZACHARY SCHAARD (USMC), PHILLIP HANSEL(ARMY, IRAQ), ERIC ROBERTS, ANDREW MASTROBATTISTA, CHRISTOPHER HARGROVE,USAF (JAPAN); ANDREW DIABO; D.J. BOUCHER; (IRAQ); WILLIAM LENDHARDT; GREGORY GOODWIN; CURTIS TYRA ARMY(IRAQ), BRIAN WILLIAMS, USMC; MICHAEL DONNELLY, USMC; RICHARD HARKLES USMC; SCOTT DONNELLY, 82ND ABN.

Hospital and recovery Visitation - *If you, a member of your family, or a friend is hospitalized, please contact the church office at 215-493-2018 so that the pastors and support ministers can visit with them. Before you place persons on the published prayer list, please ask their permission. Sometimes those who are sick or dealing with family crises wish for their situations to remain private. Thank you for your support as we seek to minister to those who are in need.*

DAILY READINGS

Lent 5

- Th Psalm 126
Isaiah 43:1-7
Philippians 2:19-24
- F Psalm 126
Isaiah 43:8-15
Philippians 2:25—3:1
- Sa Psalm 126
Exodus 12:21-27
John 11:45-57
- Su *Fifth Sunday in Lent*
Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8
- M Psalm 20
Exodus 40:1-15
Hebrews 10:19-25
- Tu Psalm 20
Judges 9:7-15
1 John 2:18-28
- W Psalm 20
Habakkuk 3:2-15
Luke 18:31-34

Lent 6

- Th Psalm 31:9-16
Isaiah 53:10-12
Hebrews 2:1-9
- F Psalm 31:9-16
Isaiah 54:9-10
Hebrews 2:10-18
- Sa Psalm 31:9-16
Leviticus 23:1-8
Luke 22:1-13
- Su *Sunday of the Passion*
Luke 19:28-40
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:14—23:56 or Luke 23:1-

