

RESURRECTION CONNECTIONS

March 28 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.

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!

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.

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.

Spring Yard Clean-up

Come and join the Cub Scouts on April 3 for some yard work to spruce up our grounds in time for Easter Sunday. We will begin at 8:30, and hope to end by 11:30. Please contact Ken Speers with any questions.

New Recovery Ministry begins April 11th...

with information and support with concerns relating to alcohol consumption, drug use, or over-indulgence of activities that may be bringing life into spiritual imbalance.

The first meeting of this ministry will be held at 8pm, Sunday, April 11th at LCR in the Youth Room. Please LCR will be starting a new "recovery ministry" in an attempt to provide church and community members use the fellowship hall entrance. If you feel participation may help you or someone you love, we urge you to join us. Participation in the ministry will remain confidential. We respectfully request those in attendance to use discretion with regards to personal disclosures witnessed during this ministry.

For more information or questions please e-mail inquiries to the group at gmail.com, User name: lcrrecovery, Password: recoveryfirst.

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.

Trenton Rescue Mission Clothing Drive

Spring is here and thoughts change to shorts and sandals. It's time to go through your closets and get some bags ready for the **Trenton Rescue Mission** truck that will be available in our church parking lot on **Sunday April 11, from 9-11am**. You may deposit your donations directly into the truck on your way in or out of church or Sunday school. Clothing should be in bags or boxes, no hangers please. Since we do not have room for storage, we ask that you do not bring any donations to church prior to this time.

The Rescue Mission of Trenton welcomes clothing and bedding that is clean and in good condition, suitable for all ages, genders and seasons, as well as small household items. Tax receipts will be available. Any questions, contact Jane Helmis, Missions Team.

Youth Gathering Opportunity!!

This summer there will be a regional gathering youth gathering at West Chester University from July 22-25th! This means there will be youth from our entire region, consisting of several states, gathered in one place to worship, serve and have fun! This is a fun-filled, spirit-filled gathering for all youth ages 14 years of age and older that have completed 8th grade. There will be singers (including Agape and Rachel Kurtz), key-note speakers, and many workshop opportunities! If you heard anything about New Orleans, this is a "mini National Gathering," and will be a lot of fun. There will be an informational meeting in fellowship hall on April 18th at 2:15pm for any youth interested in attending. Please see Pastor Sharon or Kara Beardsell for any questions. We hope you will join us!

3rd, 4th and 5th Grade Youth Ministry Event!

Our next youth event for children in grades 3,4 and 5 will be on April 18th from 3-5pm. We are blessed to have Mark Papps come and share his gifts with us! Mark is a physical education teacher at a Pennsbury middle school and will be coming to do a gym day with our youth. It will be an afternoon of fun and games! Please join us on April 18 from 3-5pm. A sign up sheet is located on the ramp.

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

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.

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, aloudon@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.-

Financial News

| 16-Mar-2010 LCR 2010 Offerings versus Budget | | | | |
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| 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 – Jeffrey Reynolds, 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 6

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| 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 | <i>Sunday of the Passion</i> Luke 19:28-40 Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 22:14—23:56 or Luke 23:1-49 |