

RESURRECTION CONNECTIONS

APRIL 11, 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.



A Message From Pastor Sharon

Thanks to all who made Holy week so meaningful and Easter morning so joyful. Thanks to the Arise Praise Team, our youth and adult choirs, chime choir, instrumentalists, Altar Guild, Cub Scouts and Property Team, Missions Team, all committees who hosted soup suppers, our preachers and presenters, our Good Friday readers, our cardboard testimony givers, our Sound Team, our Fellowship Team, worship leaders, and staff for your hard work and commitment to enhancing worship at LCR. Thanks to all who brought food to share for fellowship.. May the joy of the Easter season fill your hearts and homes.

Thank You Thank You Thank You

Your Missions Committee thanks you for the wonderful response to the Easter Food Basket Project. Seventeen hams were donated. Of these, fifteen hams were given to local Head Start families, one to Bucks County Housing for our apartment family and one to Ebenezer Gartei's family. Many were also helped with a gift card to use at Giant supermarket.

Matthew 25:29 To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given and they will have an abundance.

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 Helms, Missions Team.

New Recovery Ministry begins April 11th...

LCR will be starting a new "recovery ministry" in an attempt to provide church and community members 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 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 lcr.recovery@gmail.com

Choral Concert

The Bucks County Choral Society presents Brahms' Requiem. The group will be accompanied by the Riverside Symphonia and will feature soloists Katy Gentry, soprano, and Kevin Deas, bass-baritone. A concert will be held tonight, Sunday, April 11 at 4 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lansdale. For more information, please call (215) 598-6142, log on to www.buckschoral.org or contact Christie Paton.

Peacework Quilters

Everyone is invited to join the 'PeaceWork Quilters'. No experience necessary. Come whenever you can. We usually meet on the first and third Thursday evenings from 7-9 pm and the following morning (Friday) from 9-Noon. April quilting dates are April 15th and 16th. For more information call Carrie Hufnal-Miller at 215-428-0662.

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.

Youth Group Flower Planting Project

On Sunday April 18 the grades 6-12 Youth Ministry will be doing a flower planting service project. This is a fantastic opportunity to help the Earth for Earth Day, and also to give back and lend a hand to people in our church community. We will be planting flowers and creating flower pots for families that attend LCR. We will meet at church at 3:00, and be back by 5:00. Immediately following will be the 6-12 Youth Ministry meeting from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. All youth in grades 6 thru 12 are welcome! Don't forget your permission slips!!!!!!

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!. Softball practice will be held at Fallsington on Sunday, April 18 at 1:00 pm, and Sunday, April 25 at 3:00pm.

Please contact Dave Fitchett (at home phone, or at 267-229-4744) if you have any questions.

Everything you wanted to know about being Lutheran but were afraid to ask!

Beginning Tuesday, April 20, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm, LCR will host a four week series: **Lutheran Basics, 101**. Pastor Sharon will lead the series, which will meet on Tuesdays, April 20, April 27, May 4, and May 11, 2010. All are welcome – no experience necessary!!

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.

Disciples With Special Needs

The Disciples with Special Needs ministry has been growing! We have recently welcomed some new members to our group, and we thank God for the gifts they bring!

On Friday, April 23, please join us in the LCR Fellowship Hall from 6:30 to 8:30 for Karaoke Night. We will sing, dance, play games and enjoy a snack. The cost of this event is \$5.00.

All are welcome. Please contact Diane Casey for more information.

Cantus Novus Presents Celebrate Spring

A musical bouquet of joy, love and laughter

Featured works:

Singet dem Herrn for double choir by J.S. Bach

Five Hebrew Love Songs by Eric Whitacre

Madrigals and motets by di Lasso, Morley, Rutter, Hassler & others

Gospel and spiritual selections by Ames & Hogan

8:00 p.m., Friday, April 30, Trinity Episcopal Church, 6587 Upper York Rd., New Hope, PA 18938

8:00 p.m., Saturday, May 1, Newtown Presbyterian Church, 25 N. Chancellor St., Newtown, PA 18940

Suggested ticket donation: \$20—General Admission; \$10—Student

Available online www.cantusnovus.org, at the door or call 215-968-3294

New Member's Classes are Here!

Classes will be held in Fellowship Hall on Monday evenings, May 3 and May 10, at 7:00 pm. Reception of new members will take place on May 16th at the 11:00 am worship. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Sharon. If you are interested in joining LCR, please sign up on the Activity Board, Thank you.

Special Worship Experience at LCR

On Sunday, June 6th, at the 9:30 and 11am worship services, we are honored to host Ms. Rachel Kurtz as our song leader. Rachel is a nationally-known artist who has played at ELCA National Youth Gatherings. Rachel will be in our area for a concert for the "Be the Change" foundation and has generously offered to share her talent for worship at LCR. This would be a great time to invite friends, family, and neighbors to worship. Mark your calendars now.

Spring Congregational Meeting.

Mark your calendars for the Spring congregational meeting scheduled for Sunday, June 6, 2010 following the 11am worship service. All LCR members are encouraged to attend and participate in our annual election process. Please continue to pray for the Nominating Committee as they discern candidates for these elected positions. If you have an interest in serving on congregational council beginning July 1 and would like to be considered a candidate, please contact Frank Ehrenfeld or Paul Rensner.

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

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.

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.

Financial News

6-Apr-2010		LCR 2010 Offerings versus Budget		
As of March 31, 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	27,921	27,146	775
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	13	87,937	84,074	3,863
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.				



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.

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!

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.

Recycling Update

Our "Abitibi" recycle bin has been gaining in popularity. For the month of February, we recycled over 3,000 pounds of paper, therefore saving landfill space of 4.74 yards. It doesn't hurt that we make a little money from this venture too! Keep up the good work. Let's reduce our "carbon footprint" and be faithful stewards of our planet.





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, Wally Cunliffe

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

Su *Second Sunday of Easter*
Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

M Psalm 122
Esther 7:1-10
Revelation 1:9-20

Tu Psalm 122
Esther 8:1-17
Revelation 2:8-11

W Psalm 122
Esther 9:1-5, 18-23
Luke 12:4-12

Easter 3

Th Psalm 30
Isaiah 5:11-17
Revelation 3:14-22

F Psalm 30
Isaiah 6:1-4
Revelation 4:1-11

Sa Psalm 30
Genesis 18:1-8
Luke 14:12-14

Su *Third Sunday of Easter*
Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

M Psalm 121
Ezekiel 1:1-25
Acts 9:19b-31

Tu Psalm 121
Ezekiel 1:26—2:1
Acts 26:1-18

W Psalm 121
Isaiah 6:1-8
Luke 5:1-11

Easter 4

Th Psalm 23
Ezekiel 11:1-25
Revelation 5:1-10

F Psalm 23
Ezekiel 20:39-44
Revelation 6:1—7:4

Sa Psalm 23
Ezekiel 28:25-26
Luke 12:29-32

Su *Fourth Sunday of Easter*
Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30

M Psalm 100
Ezekiel 37:15-28
Revelation 15:1-4

Tu Psalm 100
Ezekiel 45:1-9 Acts 9:32-35

W Psalm 100
Jeremiah 50:17-20
John 10:31-42

Easter 5

Th Psalm 148
Ezekiel 2:8—3:11
Revelation 10:1-11

F Psalm 148
Daniel 7:13-14
Revelation 11:15

