

# RESURRECTION CONNECTIONS

APRIL 18, 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.

## **New Stewardship Opportunity**

The Stewardship Team invites you to participate in a new opportunity during worship services. We would like to have LCR members write and read the offertory prayer during worship. If you would like to either write the prayer, read the prayer written by someone else, or both write and read the prayer, please respond; letting me know which service you prefer if you are reading. I will then coordinate a schedule. Thank you for considering this opportunity to offer a prayer of thanks to God for all that we have been given. Any questions....please let me know! Please respond to [dcasey16@comcast.net](mailto:dcasey16@comcast.net).

## **Praise Kids!!!**

**Tuesday, April 20 at 9:30am**

**It's our last PraiseKids....so let's continue to make some great memories!**

**We'll talk about all the fun we've shared....you can tell everyone about your favorite theme, your most exciting craft and, of course, your most delicious snack!**

**We'll look at pictures and then you will create your very own one-of-kind memory book!**

**You'll also get to decorate and take home a very special surprise!**

**No snack this time...it's Lunch!**

**Tell your Mom, Dad, Aunt or Grandparent's to let you stay a little longer for hot dogs!**

**We'll supply the drinks, hot dogs, buns and all the fixings,**

**but invite you to bring something adult or kid friendly**

**to share with our PraiseKids family luncheon!**

## **An Opportunity to Share Your Gifts.....**

The Fellowship Team and the Hospitality Ministry have openings for people with the gift of hospitality. If you would like to share this gift and join one of these ministry teams, please contact Diane Casey. The Hospitality Ministry team provides the coffee and treats which we enjoy before and after services on Sunday morning. If you are interested, you would be paired with another team member and either set up or clean up the table once every 3-4 months, and provide a baked good (either purchased or home made).

The Fellowship Team, chaired by Susan Nelson, also has a few openings for those who would like to participate in this ministry area.

We hope you will consider these opportunities and contact Diane Casey, Susan Nelson or Michelle Hall with any questions you may have.

## **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](mailto:lcr.recovery@gmail.com)

### **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 22<sup>nd</sup>? 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](http://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](http://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 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Lower Makefield TLA (To Live Again)**

a support and social group for widows and widowers

Monday, May 3, 5:00 p.m., Spaghetti Night at Vince's Pizza in Yardley

Thursday, May 13, 7:00 p.m., Regular Meeting at the Morrisville Presbyterian Church

Contemporary Music Group will provide upbeat program -- Refreshments -- Social Time

New members always welcome.

Call Carol at 215-943-9689 for details

### **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.

### **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](mailto: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](http://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.

### **Cub Scout News**

Cub Scout Pack 3/Morrisville Presents:

MONDO Yard Sale - Sat, May 8th.

Tables \$10.00 (first come/first serve)

Sell your own items or donate them to the pack!

Please call Tina 215-791-5683

## **Financial News**

6-Apr-2010		<b>LCR 2010 Offerings versus Budget</b>		
<b>As of March 31, 2010</b>				
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	-
<b>Year-to-date</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>87,937</b>	<b>84,074</b>	<b>3,863</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>		<b>352,990</b>	
<b>Comments:</b>				
* 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:alouden@bchg.org). Missions contact: Kathy Heuer, 215-860-2084, [k.heuer@verizon.net](mailto: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](mailto: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, 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, 82<sup>ND</sup> 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**

**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

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**Just for KIDS**

**CHARACTER THAT PLEASES**

The New Year is a time for renewed commitments and changes in our behavior. Complete the puzzle below to see whose example is worthy of imitating or copying.

Match the blocks of spaces and letters to finish the NIV Bible verse.

Y █ AS █ E █ M █ LL █ OW █ FO █  
AS █ E █ OW █ AM █ PL █ EX █  
OF █ E █ AM █ PL █ EX █  
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M █ LL █ OW █ FO █ AM █ PL █ EX █  
ST █ CH █ RI █ CO █ R █ 1 █

Answer: Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. 1 Cor. 11:1

1:15

