

RESURRECTION CONNECTIONS

EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 4, 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.

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*.

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.

Choral Concert

Riverside Symphonia and will feature soloists Katy Gentry, soprano, and Kevin Deas, bass-baritone. Two The Bucks County Choral Society presents Brahms' Requiem. The group will be accompanied by the concerts will be held: Saturday, April 10 at 8 pm at New Hope – Solebury High School in New Hope and 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.

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 gmail.com, User name: lcrrecovery, Password: recoveryfirst.

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.

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.

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.

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

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!

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.

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!

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!!

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.

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.

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				
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.				

Stewardship Team News

We just never know how much our presence is going to be appreciated, do we?

When my mother was very ill and in the hospital, I received a phone call on my cell phone from a friend. I wasn't surprised that she called...she is like that...always remembering to check in and offer her support and prayers. I talked with her for a while, telling her that I was preparing to tell my mother that we would be moving her to hospice the next day. It was a terrible time for me and I appreciated the call very much. After we talked a while, she said she would like to come over to the hospital. I told her that while I appreciated it, I really didn't think my mom was going to be up for a visit. While my mom knew her, she wasn't that close with her.

My friend said, oh no, she understood and she was not coming to see her; but me. I protested saying she really didn't need to do that, I appreciated the phone call. Then she said; well, I'm downstairs in the parking lot and would like to just see you and give you a hug. I won't stay long.

I was shocked...she had traveled to the hospital, not knowing if she was even going to come upstairs and see me. She just wanted me to know that she cared and was there for me! I asked her to come up, and we met in the lounge to talk and I was so very thankful for her presence.

My friend gave me her time and that meant everything to me that day. Two years later, it is still a fond memory and I give thanks for her presence on a very dark day in my life. God was working through her that day, and God sent her to sit with me, listen to me, hug me and pray with me.

We are called to share of ourselves. We can give of ourselves in large and small ways. They are all important. Sometimes it is what we perceive to be a small thing that means everything to someone else.

Thanks to God, that God has given us each other!

Diane Casey
Stewardship Chair

Quality Time – A Mother’s Mutterings...By Christie Paton

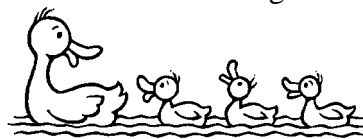
I love Daylight Savings Time. Frankly, the later the sun gets up, the better. And mmmmm... those mid-June evenings where it’s still light out at 8:30? That makes me feel like all is right with the world. The only thing I don’t like about Daylight Savings Time is getting there. That Night. You know, That Night where you “lose an hour of sleep”. That’s never a good thing for someone who already gets to bed later that she should.

That Night. We had already decided that we’d let the kids sleep in the next day and not wake them up for Sunday School (oops, hope you’re not reading this, Pastor Sharon.) If they were up, then ok, they could go, but we weren’t going to push them. Pastor Bruce had called chime choir rehearsal for that morning, so I was stuck getting up, one-hour-less-of-sleep or not. {sigh} I set my alarm.

So I’m sure you remember – we just got through That Night. It came after a day of ferocious, howling wind and hours and hours and hours of drenching rain. Then when my alarm went off in the morning, I awoke to more sounds of nature. This was not going well... not only did I lose an hour of sleep, but now it was thundering outside. Whose clever idea was it to put all the pleasant things together?!

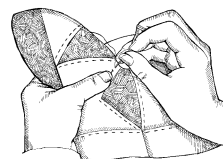
I stumbled to the bathroom to discover that Daniel had awoken as well. I asked if he wanted to go to chime choir and then Sunday School and he said yes. (Brownie points for you, Daniel!) The next thing I knew, he threw his arms around me like he would never let go. I was instantly alarmed, thinking the thunder had frightened him and asked, “Daniel, what’s wrong?” He replied, “Nothing Mommy. I just wanted to give you a morning hug.”

How can someone so little know just what to do to make me feel so happy on such a rotten morning after That Night? My sweet little boy. HE makes me feel like all is right with the world.



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.



QUILTING GROUP

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 March 26th, we gathered at Brunswick Lanes in Feasterville for pizza and bowling. Our bowling party was a favorite for all.

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.



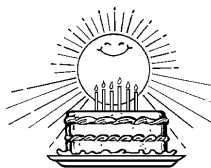
God's Blessings to the following couples celebrating in April

Karen & Juergen Morgenfruh	4/4/91	19 years
Kay & Mark Rossi	4/4/86	24 years
Elaine & Tracy Zimmerman	4/10/76	34 years
Ruth & Walt Reller	4/20/63	47 years
Kari & Tony Ries	4/30/94	16 years

Happy Birthday

We wish all those celebrating in April a happy day full of God's Blessings!

Susan Nelson 4/1
 Mike Reynolds 4/1
 Sandy Rook 4/1
 Jackie Kukowski 4/3
 Tim Clinton 4/4
 Casey Shannon 4/5
 Jeff Mullican 4/6
 George Rusnak 4/6
 Keith Shennard 4/6
 Wendy Karamis 4/7
 Dot Nelson 4/7
 Ben Immordino 4/9
 Greg Griesemer 4/10
 Fran Diehl 4/11
 Tom Moncur 4/11
 Kristin Chinnici 4/13
 Edna Froelich 4/13
 Justin Duhamel 4/15
 Cara Immordino 4/15
 Eileen Heitman 4/16
 Sandy Mullican 4/16



Karen Evenson 4/19
 Andrew Martin 4/19
 John Chinnici 4/20
 Christina Yerkes 4/20
 Jerry Stanley 4/21
 Ellen Feehan 4/22
 Alex Yerkes 4/22
 Justin Benner 4/24
 Barbara Marshall 4/24
 Bill Scherr 4/24
 Marilyn Davis 4/25
 Betty Miller 4/25
 Vicky Heiseler 4/26
 Bob Heitman 4/26
 Kelly Vajda 4/26
 Zach Miller 4/27
 Chloe Cain 4/28
 Leah Fitchett 4/29
 Lindsay Fitchett 4/29
 Chuck Spencer 4/30
 John Thomas III 4/30

Brandon Wellington 4/30

A colorful CROSS



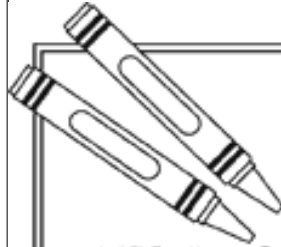
Create a beautiful decoration for your window this Easter. It will remind you that Jesus rose from the dead to save you from your sins.

What you need:

- 8½" x 11" sheet of paper
- Pencil
- Clear transparency sheet (or clear report cover)
- Permanent marker
- Scissors
- Colored tissue paper
- Paintbrush
- Glue
- Scotch tape

What you do:

1. Draw a large cross that takes up most of the paper.
2. Put the transparency over the paper and trace the cross onto it with a permanent marker.
3. Cut the colored tissue paper into 1" x 1" squares.
4. Using a paintbrush, spread glue onto the tissue paper squares and then place them on the cross. (Add a few drops of water to the white glue to make it more spreadable.)
5. After the glue is dry, cut out the cross. Then tape it in a window and enjoy the beautiful colors.



Just for KIDS

SYMBOL OF SACRIFICE

At this time of the year, we see many crosses draped in purple, black or white cloth. They remind us of the loving sacrifice Jesus made for us – and that he rose again.

Use the code in the big cross to complete 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, NIV.

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Answer: Christ died for our sins ... he was buried ... he was raised on the third day.

Confirmation Retreat Next weekend.

A reminder for confirmation students and parents that the Confirmation Retreat on Lutheran Confessions will be held next weekend from Friday, April 9 through Sunday, April 11 at the Upper Tincum Lutheran parsonage. All students in grades 8 and 9 are expected to attend. Confirmands will need to be dropped off by 6:30 pm on Friday, and picked up at 2:00 pm on Sunday at LCR.,



For special concerns you would like lifted up through our ~~Prayer~~ Prayer Chain, please call Ruth Cunnane, at 21502738 or email 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, Walt Govern, Phil White, Gloria Thomas, Tim Hollenback & Family, Cay Cay, 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 call the church office at 215-493-2018 so that the pastors and support ministers can visit with them. Be sure to place persons on the prayer list, please ask their permission. Sometimes those who are sick or with family crises wish for their situations to remain private. Thank you for your support as we minister to those who are in need.

DAILY READINGS

Sa *Resurrection of Our Lord—Vigil of Easter*

Romans 6:3-11
John 20:1-18

Su *Resurrection of Our Lord· Easter Day*
Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43
Luke 24:1-12 or John 20:1-18

Su *Resurrection of Our Lord· Easter Evening*
Isaiah 25:6-9
Psalm 114
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
Luke 24:13-49

M Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Joshua 10:16-27
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Tu Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Judges 4:17-23; 5:24-31a
Revelation 12:1-12

W Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
2 Samuel 6:1-15
Luke 24:1-12

Easter 2

Th Psalm 150
1 Samuel 17:1-23
Acts 5:12-16

F Psalm 150
1 Samuel 17:19-32
Acts 5:17-26

Sa Psalm 150
1 Samuel 17:32-51
Luke 24:36-40

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