

# **RESURRECTION CONNECTIONS**

**May 9, 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 at LCR.

## **A Parent's Guide to Facebook and other Social Networking**

This evening is for discussion and information-sharing for parents of children of all ages. Facebook has initiated a whole new set of parenting challenges. Whether you know much about this technology or nothing at all, join us for this important evening of networking with other parents and learning about how to teach your children responsible ways of using social networking resources. We will meet on Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Please see sign- up sheet on the ramp.

## **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 Member's Classes are Here!**

Our last class will be held in Fellowship Hall on Monday evening, 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.

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

On Tuesday, May 11, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm, LCR will host the last installment of a four week series: Lutheran Basics, 101. Pastor Sharon is leading the series, which will meet on Tuesdays, May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010. All are welcome, no experience necessary!

## **New Recovery Ministry**

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.

This ministry meets every Sunday night at 8:00 p.m. 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)

## **LCR Softball News**

Ready for some fun? The second game of the LCR softball team is this Thursday, May 13, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. Please refer to the 2010 schedule posted on the activity board on the ramp for locations and directions. Let's all get out there and cheer our team on!!!!

## **Calling All Crafters!**

Help Saint Mary's Medical Center reach out to their patients by wrapping them in afghans of love and caring! Anyone interested in knitting, crocheting, quilting or sewing is welcome. Blankets can be created at home or during monthly sessions at the Medical Center. Please contact Joan Portman, Lead Volunteer, at 215 710-2097 or [jportman@stmaryhealthcare.org](mailto:jportman@stmaryhealthcare.org), or Betty Miller. Help others feel better while enjoying a craft!

## **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.

## **Attention Gardeners**

An opportunity to help keep LCR looking beautiful! Duties include weeding and watering the Welcome Garden, about 4 times per summer. No meetings! Please call Kari Ries at 215-493-3291 or email [kariries@hotmail.com](mailto:kariries@hotmail.com)



## **Grade 3, 4 & 5 Youth Ministry Event**

Our youth ministry for children in grades 3, 4 and 5 will meet on May 16th at 2:15pm. We will be going bowling at Morrisville Lanes. We will return to LCR at 4:30. The cost for this event is \$10 (but please see Pastor Sharon in confidence if cost would prevent you from going, as scholarships are available). Please sign up on the ramp if you would like to go! All those in grades 3, 4 and 5 are welcome!

## **Walking for Huntington's Disease**

Delane Branson and her family will be doing a walk to raise money for Huntington's Disease. In order to help raise funds for their team, they are going to have at least three fundraisers at local restaurants. On Tuesday, May 18, the fundraiser will be held at the Pizza Hut on 401 S. Oxford Valley Road in Fairless Hills, Thursday, May 20, at Uno Chicago Grill, 198 N. Buckstown Road, Langhorne, PA (by Oxford Valley Mall). These events will be held all day. On Wed., May 19 there will be a fundraiser at Chick-Fil-A on 2424 E. Lincoln Hwy, Langhorne, PA from 5 to 8 p.m. People will need a certificate when they pay their checks in order for Delane's group to receive credit. Certificates will be available on the table by the mailboxes. Please come out to support this worthy cause, and to enjoy some good food.

### **Cystic Fibrosis Great Strides - Walking for Patty**

As most of you know, Patty Woodward (daughter of Woody and Audrey Woodward) was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis in 2007. The annual Great Strides walk is coming up. The money raised goes to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation which helps kids all across the country that have CF. This year we are really excited because the walk is going to be at the Philadelphia Zoo. There are two ways that you can be apart of this great cause. You can either join us on May 22nd at 10:00am to walk for Team Patty, or you can be a sponsor to one of the walkers on the team. Please contact Woody or Audrey Woodward if you are interested in participating (215-874-5322 or [audrey.woodward@yahoo.com](mailto:audrey.woodward@yahoo.com)). With your help, we can make CF stand for **Cure Found**.

### **A Potluck Picnic To Honor Our High School Graduates**

On Sunday June 20<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00 a.m. worship, we will honor our high school graduates. We will also have a church-wide potluck picnic following the service at 12 noon. Come for fun, fellowship, food and volleyball!! Please sign up for this fun event on the activity board on the ramp.

### **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).

### **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.

### **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.

## **Age Strong! Live Long!**

is this year's theme of Older Americans Month, celebrated during the month of May to recognize the diversity and vitality of today's older Americans who span three generations. **Liberty Lutheran Services** invites you to honor our older Americans who have lived through wars and hard times, as well as periods of unprecedented prosperity. They pioneered new technologies in medicine, communications and industries while spearheading a cultural revolution that won equal rights for minorities, women and disabled Americans. Liberty Lutheran Services is honored to work with and provide a continuum of care for the residents at Artman Lutheran Home and Paul's Run Retirement Community, and for older adults who participate in our community programs at the Becoming Center, West Philadelphia and Olney Senior Centers, as well as those who choose Liberty at Home to support them in their own homes. Take time this month to listen to the stories of the past, offer a helping hand or to keep those in need in your daily thoughts and prayers.



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** Alan Chinnici, John Williams, Carole Garozzo, Dot & Bill Plantarich, Dot Riker, Ursula Formigli, Nancy Trzcinski

**For Parents** - Catherine Spencer, Linda Meyers, Alma Mullican, Bonnie Pederson,

**For Other Relatives** - Jeffrey Reynolds, Mary Clinton 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); 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.*

## LCR Financial News

2-May-2010		<b>LCR 2010 Offerings versus Budget</b>		
<b>As of April 29, 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	29,011	32,773	(3,762)
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>17</b>	<b>116,948</b>	<b>116,847</b>	<b>101</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.				

# Thanks

FOR YOUR EXAMPLE


Mother's Day is a great opportunity to thank your mother, grandmother or any other woman who has been a wonderful example in your life. Make and give this craft to show how much you appreciate these special women.

**What you need:**

- An empty, glass, wide-mouthed jar (no lid needed)
- Acrylic craft paints (several different spring colors)
- Votive candle (optional)
- Flowers (optional)
- Small candies (optional)

**What you do:**

1. Make sure your glass jar is clean and dry.
2. Dip your pointer finger into one of the paint colors.
3. Using your finger as a stamp, make about five prints in a circle on the outside of your jar. These will be your flower petals. (Hint: Hold your jar by placing your hand inside it. Then you can turn the jar easily without messing up the wet paint.)
4. Dip your finger into another color and make a fingerprint in the center of your petals.
5. Make as many flowers as you want, using different fingers or your thumb to make different-sized petals.
6. Present this beautiful gift to a special woman this Mother's Day. There are many ways to use it:
  - Place a votive candle inside to make a candleholder.
  - Fill it with water and place flowers inside to make a vase.
  - Fill it with small candies to make a candy jar.



## Just for KIDS

# A legacy of faith

You're blessed when you have a mother, a grandmother or any relative or friend who passes down a strong faith to you. In the Bible, Timothy was influenced by his grandmother and mother.

Complete 2 Timothy 1:5 (NIV) below by filling in the blanks with the correct vowel.

**VOWELS: 1 = a 2 = e 3 = i 4 = o 5 = u**

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2 TIMOTHY 1:5 (NIV)

Answer: "I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also."

## **DAILY READINGS**

### **Easter 6**

Th	Psalm 67 Proverbs 2:1-5 Acts 15:36-41
F	Psalm 67 Proverbs 2:6-8 Acts 16:1-8
Sa	Psalm 67 Proverbs 2:9-15 Luke 19:1-10
Su	<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i> Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5 John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9
M	Psalm 93 1 Chronicles 12:16-22 Revelation 21:5-14
Tu	Psalm 93 2 Chronicles 15:1-15 Revelation 21:15-22
W	Psalm 93 2 Chronicles 34:20-33 Luke 2:25-38

### **Easter 7**

Th	<i>Ascension of Our Lord</i> Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 or Psalm 93 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53
F	Psalm 97 Exodus 33:12-17 Revelation 22:6-9
Sa	Psalm 97 Exodus 33:18-23 John 1:14-18
Su	<i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i> Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 John 17:20-26
M	Psalm 29 Exodus 40:16-38 Acts 16:35-40
Tu	Psalm 29 2 Chronicles 5:2-14 Acts 26:19-29
W	Psalm 29 Ezekiel 3:12-21 Luke 9:18-27

### **Pentecost**

Th	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Isaiah 32:11-17 Galatians 5:16-25
F	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Isaiah 44:1-4 Galatians 6:7-10
Sa	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b 2 Kings 2:1-15a Luke 1:5-17
Su	<i>Day of Pentecost</i> Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21 John 14:8-17 [25-27]
M	Psalm 48 Joel 2:18-29 1 Corinthians 2:1-11
Tu	Psalm 48 Ezekiel 11:14-25 1 Corinthians 2:12-16
W	Psalm 48 Numbers 24:1-14 Luke 1:26-38

### **Holy Trinity**

Th	Psalm 8 Proverbs 3:13-18 Ephesians 1:17-19
F	Psalm 8 Proverbs 3:19-26 Ephesians 4:1-6
Sa	Psalm 8 Proverbs 4:1-9 Luke 2:41-52
Su	<i>The Holy Trinity</i> Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15
M	Psalm 124 Proverbs 7:1-4 Ephesians 4:7-16
Tu	Psalm 124 Proverbs 8:4-21 Ephesians 5:15-20
W	Psalm 124 Daniel 1:1-21 Luke 1:46b-55

### **Sunday, May 24-28**

Th	Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 Proverbs 13:1-12
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	Romans 5:12—6:2		1 Kings 8:14-21	1 Kings 16:29-34
F	Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 Proverbs 15:1-9 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18		2 Corinthians 11:1-6	2 Corinthians 11:1-6
		Sa	Psalm 96:1-9 1 Kings 8:31-40 Luke 4:31-37	Psalm 96 1 Kings 18:1-19 Luke 4:31-37
Sa	Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 Isaiah 30:8-17 John 16:1-4a			
		Su	<i>May 29-June 4 (Lectionary 9)</i>	
			1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43	1 Kings 18:20-21 [22-29]
Su	<i>May 24-28 (Lectionary 8)</i> Isaiah 55:10-13 or Sirach 27:4-7 Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 1 Corinthians 15:51-58 Luke 6:39-49		Psalm 96:1-9 Galatians 1:1-12 Luke 7:1-10	Psalm 96 Galatians 1:1-12 Luke 7:1-10
		M	Psalm 5 Psalm 135 Jonah 4:1-11 Ezekiel 8:1-18 Acts 8:26-40	Acts 8:26-40
M	Psalm 1 Jeremiah 24:1-10 1 Corinthians 16:1-12			
		Tu	Psalm 5 Psalm 135 Nehemiah 1:1-11 Ezekiel 14:1-11 Acts 3:1-10	Acts 3:1-10
Tu	Psalm 1 Jeremiah 29:10-19 1 Corinthians 16:13-24			
		W	Psalm 5 Psalm 135 Isaiah 56:1-8 Ezekiel 14:12-23 Mark 7:24-30	Mark 7:24-30
W	Psalm 1 Proverbs 5:1-23 Luke 14:34-35			
<b>Sunday, May 29-June 4</b>				
	<b>Complementary Semicontinuous</b>			
Th	Psalm 96:1-9 1 Kings 6:23-38 2 Corinthians 5:11-17	Psalm 96 1 Kings 12:20-33 2 Corinthians 5:11-17		
F	Psalm 96:1-9	Psalm 96		