# Lillyville Lighthouse News

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## **Church Office:**

Our church office hours remain limited at this time. Please leave a message and we will return your call. (724-758-8258)

### **Email and Website:**

Email Address: LillyvilleChurchOfGod@gmail.com

Website: www.lillyvillechurch.com

Facebook: Lillyville Church of God

### **Church Services:**

We have opened the church for two services each Sunday and we will continue the Drive-in Service. For the month of December the 8:30 A.M. Service will be held in the Lighthouse and the 10:30 A.M. Service will be held in the Sanctuary. We will alternate the indoor service locations each month. The Drive-in services will continue to be held each Sunday at 9:30 A.M. The Praise Band will play at both indoor venues each Sunday.

### Devotional by Pastor Dennis:

"Carry each others burdens," Paul instructs the Galatian believers. I always give thanks for the elderly couple wo took me into their home after I was shot by a drive by shooter while on a summer of 1982 weekend bicycle trip in central Pennsylvania. They provided for my needs, gave me something to drink and called the State Police. The native Americans have a word for "friend," that means one who carries my sorrows on his or her back. You can help others by: 1.) Listen with an open heart. 2.) If they are crying share their tears. If they are silent share their silence. Don't talk too much. 3.) Let them know you are available, ready to help. 4.) Remind them that the Lord Jesus Christ is the only one who can heal a shattered heart. Psalm 107:3. 5.) If willing, pray with them and for them; asking God to comfort, heal, fill with peace, love, hope and strength. 6.) Send cards of thinking of you. 7.) Encourage them to cast their cares on the lord, because when they do He will sustain them. Psalm 55:22

### The Lord's Supper:

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. Sealed communion pack units are used for your safety. If you would like phone communion, John and Connie Frochio are heading up this important ministry. You may leave a message on the church answering machine (724-758-8258) and your request will be passed on to John and Connie.

### Bible Study and Sunday School:

Wednesday Bible Study, both mid-day and evening classes have been suspended until further notice. Spares and Pairs Sunday School class is being led by Norma Hawke. It is being held each Sunday at 9:30 A.M. in the large classroom next to the church offices. The Life Applications Bible Study Class is suspended until further notice. A new Bible Study Class is being offered by John and Connie Frochio via Zoom. The book they will study is, "God Breathed" by Josh McDowell. To sign up for this Zoom class you may either contact John through Facebook Messenger or by emailing the church office at: lillyvillechurchofgod@gmail.com. Reference the Zoom Bible Study in the subject line. Zoom is fairly easy to use and John will help anyone who needs help to set up the meeting. Once he receives notice that you would like to attend, John will send the link, meeting ID and passcode to log into the meeting. Zoom is free to use.

### Echo Youth Group:

Echo Youth Group meets Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 P.M. This class is offered to youth in 6th through 12th grade. They are studying the book of Ephesians. This study will give students a firm foundation in their knowledge of Christ and how to live out their faith in practical ways on a daily basis. LeeAnn Petrelli will be leading the youth in fun and wacky games. "Make God's glory resound: echo in his praise, from coast to coast. (Isaiah 42:10-16) "Your lives are echoing Jesus's word all over the place." (I Thessalonians 1:7-10) The Echo Youth Group had a wonderful outing at

Sim's Bowling Lanes. Twenty-five youth plus three staff persons attended. Sim's Bowling Lanes is so good to us. They provided pizza, pop and a bowling pin for everyone to sign. The evening closed with a big circle of prayer and thanking the Lord for His goodness to us.

The Echo Youth Group will hold their Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 9th at 6:30.

### Food Pantry:

The Food Pantry will be held on Thursday, December 17th at 10:00 A.M. Until covid-19 restrictions are lifted we are packing bags of food ahead of time and have implemented a drive-thru Food Pantry. Our volunteers will deliver the pre-packaged food to each car.

A Food Offering for the Food Pantry is in progress. You can bring your canned goods and dry goods to the church at any time and place them at one of the entrances.

### Northview Estates Ministry:

Northview Estates Worship services have resumed on Tuesday's at 2:00 P.M. We have eight to ten residents coming to the outdoor patio for worship. When it gets cold we will begin using the radio transmitter. We provide treats to each resident of Northview attending the services.

We are starting our annual Christmas Gift Offering for Northview Estate Residents. Please purchase one ornament, one bag of candy (nothing gummy), and one Christmas card signed. Put them in a bag and bring them to the Church by December 20th.

### Yellow Ribbon Girls Offering:

We are collecting the following items for our military: packs of tuna, white socks, razors, cans of nuts, protein bars, bags of trail mix or dried fruit. Bring them to the church anytime and put them at an entrance.

### <u>Christmas Eve Illumination Drive-in Service:</u>

Come and celebrate Christmas Eve at our special drive-in service at 4:30 P.M. on December 24th. Come and celebrate the birth of the Son of God with carols, poem, message, the illumination of the tree and other surprises. Please bring a flashlight, we will not be using candles.