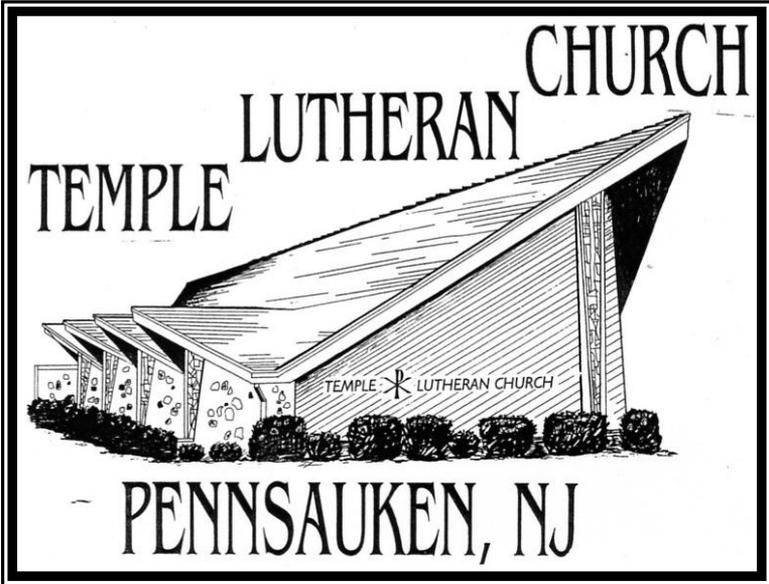




THE TEMPLE TOPICS
FEBRUARY, 2011



GOD'S WORK.

OUR HANDS.



February Ponderings from Pastor Marks

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ Amen

The mission of Temple is to be an oasis of nurture and grace for all people in the name of Jesus Christ. One of the many ways we fulfill our mission is our commitment to helping those in need through our food pantry and our ministry at New Visions once a month. Helping to ease hunger in our community is so important to us here at Temple.

Thus in SCS all of our children including the Confirmation Students will be using a new curriculum from the ELCA called:

Taking Root: Hunger Causes and Hunger Hopes

“Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink?” And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you? And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Matthew 25: 37b-40

In age appropriate ways the students will look at and identify causes of hunger and ultimately what can be done locally and globally to work to eliminate hunger. We will be spending much time looking at our brothers and sisters in Africa and how the ELCA is working world wide to eliminate the root causes of hunger.

A huge topic and one that almost seems impossible to tackle but we are God’s hands and feet and voices in this world to help those who need our help.

This fits right in with our “Souper Bowl” Sunday on February 6th when we will be collecting cans of soup and money for our food pantry as youth across the USA observe Super Bowl Sunday by helping those in need. Thank you for your generous donations of soup and money!!

Your partner in ministry;
Pastor Margaret M. Marks

REFLECTIONS FROM MARILYN BURGIN

If you look around Temple Lutheran Church you will see 4 extraordinarily active young people who are stepping up to meet TLC's needs and developing leadership skills at the same time. These 4 young people are either attending college in the area or have graduated and returned to us.

Matt McDevitt (the younger) has been providing his services each Sunday for a number of years. You can see him behind the screen as he works with the screen projections. He works with Matt Reichert in order to know what should be projected so that we in turn know just what we are supposed to do! Thank you, Matt!

We hear Rebecca Fitzgerald's lovely voice belting out songs each week with the Praise Band. She is now active on the Sunday School staff. She blesses the Council with her time and talent as she teams up with Matt Reichert to lead our Parish Life. Thank you, Rebecca!

Emily Reichert returned to us with a bang after she graduated from college. She immediately began arranging activities like the Harvest Party & VBS. She reorganized the youth group with Dawn Riess beginning with the successful Christmas Pageant. Emily just joined Church Council and will continue her work with youth on the church leadership level. Thank you, Emily!

What can one say about Jason Martino? He has pulled TLC into the 21st century with his work as chair of Evangelism on Council. Our website has been revamped. We are present on YouTube and Facebook. He organized our church calendar. He plans special services. He sings and plays various instruments in our Praise Band. I could go on but I will just say, "Thanks, Jason"!

We should be grateful to these 4 young people and grateful to those who are willing to work with these young people in developing their skills. Last, but not least, we should be grateful to their families for their strong faith practices that led these young people to want to work for TLC. Thank you all!

Home Grown Praise Festival IV

We need your help! Temple's 4th annual Home Grown Praise Festival is fast approaching and there is much to be done. Our goal is to raise over \$1500 along with any non perishable donations to support the Food Bank of South Jersey. The planning is coming along and the bands are being booked. However, we are in need of sponsors to help fund the event, letters have been mailed out to local businesses that have supported our events in the past, but we need help following up on those requests. If you are able to make phone calls or walk into some of the local businesses in the Pennsauken/Merchantville area, please contact Jason Martino.

We will also need volunteers on March 11th and 12th! Are you able to help carry and move equipment? Serve food? Greet guests and answer questions? Then we can use your help! In the evening on March 11th we will be setting up the sound system and readying the church for our guests, and could really use your help. We also need help in the kitchen, Sue Fitzgerald graciously offered to help run the kitchen but she needs help. If you can help out at let her know.

Not sure what you can do but would like to help, just talk to Jason Martino or Matt Reichert, there is always something to do. Any help or time you can spare would be greatly appreciated, and remember its for a great cause and its good music to listen to.

Thanks again for the support,

Jason Martino (856) 905 8486
Matt Reichert (856) 662 8769

Social Ministry Linda Jensen

Our Youth will be collecting soup for the Food Pantry on Souper Bowl Sunday. We'd like to ask you to help them by bringing in soup all month.

Thanks to your donations, we gave out 87 food baskets in December.

Look for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for anyone interested in taking a **First Aid and CPR course**. If we have enough interest, Lori Martino can arrange it for us.

Our Prayer Shawl Group isn't going to meet on a regular basis for now, but if anyone would like to learn to knit or crochet, let me know and I can arrange to have someone teach you. We are still making Prayer Shawls and looking for new projects. If you know of someone who could use the comfort of a prayer shawl, please come and ask for one.

I'd like to remind everyone to check out our bulletin boards and the rack containing handouts in the parish hall.

Sunday Night Alive Fellowship

What is SNL Fellowship is a question I have been asked many times? Simply it is an additional opportunity for Bible study with an emphasis on connecting scripture to our daily lives. Fellowship and prayer are two important aspects of our time together. It is open to all adults!

Next meeting date is February 13th at 7:00pm, place to be announced..

Our new topic for discussion is the DVD and book by Bruce Feiler called: —Walking the Bible. This DVD takes us on a thought-provoking journey as he travels 10,000 miles trek to the sites of the Bible. It becomes a heart changing event for Feiler as he experiences the Bible in a new and fresh manner. Books are available from our church library to read beforehand if you wish.

Prayer Time Wednesdays at 6:15 in the Pastor's Office

You are invited to join with Pastor in quiet prayer time each Wednesday as we pray for all members of our congregation and prayer requests and the needs of the community and world. Prayer time will be followed by Bible Study at 7:00pm in Naus Hall Parlor.

New Midweek Bible Studies for Adults on Wednesdays at 10:30 and 7:00pm Covenantal Conversations: Christians in Dialogue with Jews and Judaism

What has been learned from forty years of Jewish-Christian dialogue? We will be watching a series of interviews on various aspects of this topic as we add a deeper understanding of Judaism and also a new appreciation of aspects of Christianity not previously noticed or taken seriously.

Evangelism

www.templelutheranchurch.com is now up and running! Our brand new website was launched in late November and provides an improved look into the life at Temple. It is still developing and growing in both material and information so be sure to check back. Also available is a monthly calendar of all the events and activities scheduled at Temple. A digital version of the Temple Topics are also on the site to view (in case you lose the printed one). Another way to stay in touch with Temple is thru our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/TempleLutheranChurch. If you are on Facebook be sure to "Like" us, this provides us with an easy way to invite you to our special events and keep you informed of things happening around the church. Then you can share the information with your friends and suggest they also become "friends" and "Like" Temple Lutheran Church too.

SAINTS IN SERVICE

February 2011

	<u>8:30 Reader</u>	<u>8:30 Cantor</u>
Feb 6	Hanson	Herda
Feb 13	J. Burgin	J. Burgin
Feb 20	Marilyn Burgin	M. Burgin
Feb 27	Miriam Burgin	Landolt

	<u>8:30 Usher</u>	<u>8:30 Communion Assts.</u>
Feb 6	Hewitt, Johnson	Southwick, M. Toler
Feb 13	Kenney, Purves	Burgin, Mullineaux
Feb 20	McKee, Saunders	Kenney, Southwick
Feb 27	Miriam Burgin	Hickey, Jensen

	<u>11:00 Reader/Usher</u>	<u>Property Check</u>
Feb 6	Martino	M. Martino
Feb 13	Riess	Toler
Feb 20	Andrzejewski	Mueller
Feb 27	Betz	Burgin

	<u>Altar Guild</u>	<u>Counters</u>
Feb 6	Burgin/Burgin	Brough, Colander, McDevitt
Feb 13	Colander/Brough	Neilson, M. Burgin, K. Hickey
Feb 2	Mullineaux/Purves	Hewitt, Purves, McKee
Feb 27	Brandt/McKee	M. Hickey, Johnson, J. Burgin

A Big Thank You From Pastor

Thank you! Thank you!

I cannot thank each of you enough for all of your prayers and great cards as I recuperated from my brand new knee. The knee and its owner are doing just great.

Pastor Marks

Are you interested in learning CPR?

Would you be interested in learning CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation)? Perhaps you would like to attend a class to learn CPR and Basic First aid. If we have enough people interested we would like to hold a class in January or February. The cost would be about \$40.00 and this includes the training manual, training class and American Heart Association certification card. Please let us know if you are interested by signing the CPR interest sheet that will be posted on the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall or call Lori Martino at 856-303-1404 or e-mail.

Help Us Correct a Problem

The SCS Building is stocked with supplies for us all to use. All items are organized in labeled boxes and stored on shelves in upstairs classrooms.

Over the past 6 months, items are disappearing. This has become an increasingly frustrating problem when we couldn't find items for our Thanksgiving and Christmas crafts.

If you borrow/use anything and take it out of the building – it is your responsibility to return it where you found it!!! Leaving it in Parish Hall is not helpful and irresponsible!!

Any questions about supplies or supply needs, please call me. Heidi Manera - 856-786-6690

 *Happy Birthday!* 

February

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|---|----------------------|
| 1. Elizabeth Southwick | 18. Ralph Magee |
| 4. Shawn Havey
Michael DiSanti | 19. Alan Kahler |
| 14. Ann Gick | 20. Emma Lang |
| 15. Andrew Dean | 21. Angelina Salcedo |
| 16. Linda Colander | 22. Edward Hesser |
| 17. Bill Briesacher
Dorothy Simmington | 24. Donna Kenney |

Happy Birthday, Happy Birthday, we love you! Happy Birthday, and may all your dreams come true! When you blow out the candles, one light stays aglow. It's the love light in your eyes where'er you go!

Say a Prayer for our Shut-Ins

Bill Breisacher – at home
Arlene Colander – Lutheran Care
Evelyn Degrasse – at home
Nan Deffler – Virtua
Dorothy Derr – Evergreens
Kathryn Ebner – Lutheran Care
Emma Lang – Cadbury
Ethel Ludwig – at home
Dorothy Simmington – The Towers

Give the above a phone call, card, etc. They would appreciate it.

A Prayer for our Troops:

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.

WOMEN OF THE ELCA
A Branch of our Ministry Team

*Mission Statement: to mobilize women to act
boldly in their faith in Jesus Christ*

Group Meetings

Esther/Lydia Group

Date: February 9

Place: Parish Hall

Time: 11:00am

Leader: Evelyn Brandt

Telephone: 665-3049

Anna Group

Date: February 21

Place: Janet Morrissey's

127 St. James Ave.,

Merchantville

Telephone: 662-1188

Bold Women's Day will be observed February 27, 2011.
Who in our congregation would you nominate? Whose life
story notes ways they've acted boldly on their faith in Jesus
Christ?

2011 Triennial

Gathering in Spokane, Washington, July 14-17.

The theme is "Renew, Respond, Rejoice".

Many optional Post Convention Tours are available:
Spokane Sights, Gardens, Wine Tasting, Historic Mining
Towns, Glacier National Park, etc. See Janet if interested.

Women of the ELCA will be holding a coffee hour on
February 27.

Help us Tackle Hunger with the Souper Bowl of Caring

Sunday February 6, 2011

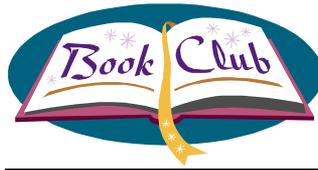
Bring your cans of soup for our Food Pantry and
Your financial gifts



Souper Bowl of Caring is a project of the
Confirmation Class.

Souper Bowl of Caring helps young people across
America
Develop a stronger connection to their communities
by caring
For their neighbors in need.

Want more info?
www.tacklehunger.org



TLC Book Club

The TLC Book Club has a wealth of interesting books selected for the year 2011. It includes classics, memoirs, humor, romance, and mystery. We begin with humor!

February 16: **A Redbird Christmas** by Fannie Flagg. By the same author who wrote the famed Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café, this book is billed as an “engaging tale” that will “charm your heart”. Fannie Flagg has been writing and producing TV shows since the age of 19. She has been an actress, comedienne, writer, and producer. She was nominated for an Academy Award for the script of the movie **Fried Green Tomatoes**. Whenever Fannie Flagg is involved humor is right around every corner!

March 15: **Pride and Prejudice** by Jane Austen. One never gets tired of the story of Lord Darcy and Elizabeth Bennet.

April 19: **The Glass Castle: A Memoir** by Jeannette Walls.

May 17: **Sarah’s Key** by Tatiana de Rosnay.

The TLC Book Club formally invites you to join us on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Please come!

Join us! All are welcome!



Temple Lutheran Church Library

The library recommendations for February actually come from our own activities. Jason Martino and Emily Reichert have provided us with the best items ever – DVD's of the activities of our own members. The list is provided below. Just be sure to sign out each item and bring it back to the Temple Lutheran Church Library within a reasonable time.

Home Grown Praise Festival – 2008

Home Grown Praise Festival III – 2010

1 5-0 Band Videos from Home Grown Praise Festival III

Palm Sunday – March 28, 2010

Music Sunday – October 19, 2009

The Night the Animals Sand – Children's Christmas Pageant 2010

Coming Soon...

Christmas and VBS Videos

Video at the Well

TLC Glory Bank at 1st Presbyterian Worship & Praise Festival

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If you have an idea for any more videos please tell Jason Martino!

Even God Laughed - Through a Child's Eyes

Dear God -

I went to this wedding and they kissed right in church. Is that Okay? Neil

Instead of letting people die and having to make new ones, why don't you just keep the ones you got now?

Thank you for the baby brother, but I wanted a puppy. Joyce

I think about you sometimes even when I'm not praying. Elliott

I am American. What are you? Robert

I bet it is very hard for you to love all of everybody in the world. There are only 4 people in our family and I can never do it. Nan

I think the stapler is one of your greatest inventions. Ruth M.

In Bible times did they really talk that fancy? Jennifer

Please put another Holiday between Christmas and Easter. There is nothing good in there now. Ginny

Maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each so much if they had their own rooms. It works with my brother. Larry

If you give me genie lamp like Alladin I will give you anything you want except my money or my chess set. Raphael

Please send Dennis Clark to a different camp this year. Peter

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Sunday Services

8:30 - Church Service (Traditional)

9:45 – Sunday School (all ages)

11:00 – Church Service (Praise Band)

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