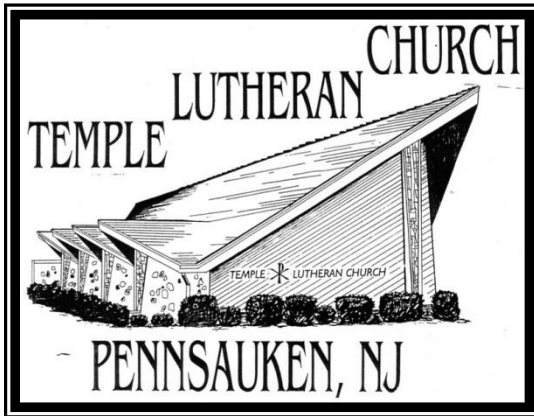
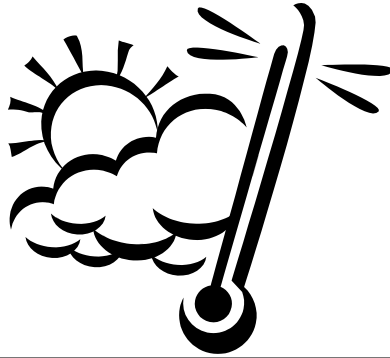


THE TEMPLE TOPICS
JULY/AUGUST 2011



GOD'S WORK.

OUR HANDS.

July/August Ponderings From Pastor

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

How many?

How many Lutherans does it take to change a light bulb?

A: Five. One to screw in the bulb and four to talk about how much they'll miss the old one.

How many Minnesotans does it take to change a light bulb?

A: One to change the bulb and nine to apologize for its being out.

How many Amish does it take to change a light bulb?

A: What's a light bulb?

And one more.....

How many charismatic Pentecostals does it take to screw in a light bulb?

A: Hard to tell. All their hands are in the air already.

(Prairie Home Companion Pretty Good Joke Book, 5th edition)

How many wonderful members of Temple Lutheran Church does it take each week to make worship happen in this place? (note: this is not a joke question!)

A: Almost too many to count:

Altar Guild

Deacons/Assisting ministers

Adult Choir

Nancy Kahler our organist and choir director

Bell Choir

Barb Mullineaux our Bell choir director

Glory Band

Matt Reichert the director of the Glory Band

Ushers

Lectors

Confirmation students

Worship and Music Ministry Team

As we pause and enter into the summer months I want to say thank you to each and everyone involved in helping to make our worship experience so meaningful each and every Sunday. Your faithfulness and dedication truly gives glory to our God.

As of July 3rd we will have one service per week at 10:00am evenly divided between Traditional organ led worship and Multi-media Band led worship. Yes everyone of you will continue to be just as involved !

I look forward to seeing pictures of you worshipping as your travel on your vacations—also so enjoy seeing the bulletins etc from the congregations you visit.

May you all have a blessed summer full of re-creation!

Your partner in ministry;

Pastor Margaret M. Marks



Thank You For Your Generosity:

\$12.50 sent by Anna Householder to Ronald McDonald House from our birthday bank!

\$204. received to Buy Chicks through the ELCA Global Barnyard

REFLECTIONS FROM MARILYN BURGIN

I was privileged to attend the NJ Synod Assembly June 3-4, 2011 as a voting member and as chair of the Committee of Reference and Counsel. Reference and Counsel reviews proposed resolutions and makes recommendations on the resolutions that will be presented to the assembly. There were 4 resolutions that were presented. Three resolutions were approved including a **diakonia** (sic) Resolution encouraging participation in that educational program for adults; an Energy Stewardship Resolution encouraging education about and participation in energy stewardship programs; and a Bullying, Harassment, and Violence Resolution addressing the importance of education on these issues, aiding victims, and treating offenders.

The fourth resolution called the Immigration Resolution (shortened name) was a complex resolution asking the assembly to make changes to make it easier for immigrants to become ordained clergy of ELCA. After much passionate discussion, this resolution was referred to the NJ Synod Council. (This is a very simplified version of the resolution.)

The NJ Synod Assembly was also addressed by the representative of the NJ Synod to ELCA. It always is so easy to get wrapped up in local issues such as ROOF concerns, that it is a pleasure to see the larger picture of what our church does. Disaster Relief on the national and international levels was a big issue this year for obvious reasons.

The second day was a “fun day”. There were many games, activities, and educational exhibits about various aspects of the NJ Synod. Who knew there were so many on-going projects? Bishop Riley gave a fun and educational presentation. One fact stood out in his talk. We learned that 1 in 50 Americans are affected in some way by Lutheran Social Ministries. That is a truly amazing statistic and we should be proud that we are a part of that success.

Thank you to TLC for sending Pastor Marks, Jan Hanson, and me to the 2011 NJ Synod Assembly.

**NEW JERSEY SYNOD, ELCA
JUNE 3-4, 2011**

THEME

B-C-Do

B – Be Who You Are

C- See What You Have

Do – Do What Matters to God



Treasurers Report

May 2011

Operating Fund

Balance	Receipts April 2011	Expense	Balance April 30, 2011
\$10,908.31	\$13,338.00	\$15002.22	\$9,044.09

Non-Operating Fund

\$33,334.30	\$3,003.81	\$3,220.04	\$33,118.07
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Savings Account

\$58,924.22	\$29.68	\$0.00	\$58,953.90
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Mission Investment Fund

\$5,401.37	\$3.21	\$0.00	\$5,404.58
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Thrivent Fund transferred to Savings Account.

Matt McDevitt

Summer Worship Schedule

10:00 a.m.

July 3 – Multi-Media Service

July 10 – Multi-Media Service – outdoor

(weather permitting)

July 17 – Multi-Media Service

July 24 – Traditional Service

July 31 – Traditional Service

August 7 – Traditional Service

August 14 – Multi-Media Service

August 21 – Multi-Media Service

August 28 – Multi-Media Service

September 4 – Traditional Service

Summer Saints in Service - July & August 2011

MULTI MEDIA SUNDAYS

Usher/Reader

July 3	Betz
July 10	Fitzgerald
July 17	Hickey
August 14	Martino
August 21	Riess
August 28	Andrzejewski

TRADITIONAL SUNDAYS

Cantor Communion Assist.

July 24	J. Burgin	Burgin/M. Toler
July 31	K. Toler	K. Toler/Mullineaux
August 7	Herda	Knaus/Hewitt
Sept 4	Landolt	Kenney/Hickey

Usher Reader

July 24	Hewitt/Johnson	J. Burgin
July 31	Kenney/Purves	K. Toler
August 7	McKee/Saunders	Knaus
Sept 4	Hewitt/Johnson	Hanson

OTHER

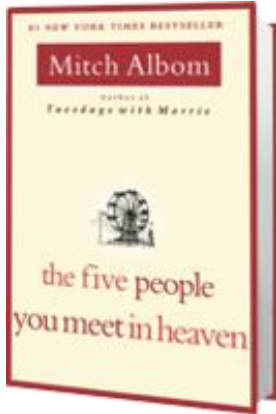
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July 3	Hickey	Brough/Colander/McDevitt
July 10	Hague	Fitzgerald/M. Burgin/K. Hickey
July 17	J. Martino	Hewitt/Purves/McKee
July 24	M. Martino	M. Hickey/Johnson/J. Burgin
July 31	M. Toler	Hewitt/Purves/McKee
August 7	Mueller	Brough/Colander/McDevitt
August 14	G. Burgin	Fitzgerald/M. Burgin/K. Hickey
August 21	Reichert	Hewitt/Purves/McKee
August 28	Hickey	M. Hickey/Johnson/J. Burgin
Sept 4	Hague	Brough/Colander/McDevitt

Social Ministry – Linda Jensen

Prayer Shawls - WELCA asked us to send two Prayer Shawls to the Women of the ELCA 8th Triennial Gathering in Spokane Washington this summer. Pastor picked one shawl and I picked another. They were tagged with the Prayer Shawl Ministry of Temple Lutheran Church, Pennsauken NJ and mail on June 11th. The shawls will be given to ministries in the host Synod – the Eastern Washington-Idaho Synod.

Also, please continue to bring in items for our food bank. We are always in need of saltine crackers, peanut butter, jelly, soup, tuna fish, etc.

**THE TLC BOOK CLUB
ANNOUNCES OUR 2ND ANNUAL ALL-
CHURCH READ!**



Please join us as we get together to discuss The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom (writer of Tuesdays With Morrie)

Who: You!!!

What: See Above

When: 7:00 PM on Tuesday, July 19, 2011

Where: Parish Hall at Temple Lutheran Church

Why: We had such great fellowship last year with readers from the teenage years to the nonagenarian (the 90 year olds and above)! Let's do it again!!! Do we really need any more reasons?

Keep the date open! Hope to see you there

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

A Branch of our Ministry Team

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

Groups: – Esther/Lydia

Leader: Evelyn Brandt

Telephone: 665-3049

Meet – 2nd Wednesday@11a

Anna

Janet Morrissey

Telephone: 662-1188

3rd Monday @ 7:30p



Our meetings will begin in September. If you are interested in joining or would like to start a group, please contact Janet Morrissey, Evelyn Brandt, or the Pastor Marks. It is good fellowship (lots of fun!) and we can do things as a group that we can't do on our own.



- Over the summer Women of the ELCA will be collecting goodies for our college bound members/friends! Here is an example of items we will be collecting: juice, soda, popcorn, cookies, crackers, etc.

We will have a box for these items in Angel Alley. Thanks in advance for your help and generosity.

Christian Education – Jan Hanson

I would like to thank everyone who helped make this a successful year at Sunday school. Gary Burgin and Anna Householder led some lively discussions in the adult class. They do not just show up on Sunday morning, but do a lot of research to plan for the lessons.

The children have enjoyed the Sparks activities thanks to Heidi Manera, Patty Andrzejewski, Jan Betz, Dianne McDevitt, Laura Esposito, and Emily Reichert. Special thanks to Rebecca Fitzgerald for being my special helper and to the High School kids for helping out. Jason Martino woke everyone up leading us in song.

Heidi has also come up with some wonderful craft ideas and she worked with Jennifer Wilson on our special Advent Sunday. Thanks to Pastor Marks for leading the Confirmation Class.

Thanks to everyone who lent an extra set of hands to our cookie and sandwich making. It was awesome.

And thanks to the parents who sometimes have to drag your children out of bed to come to Sunday school, though they seem to have a good time once Jason gets them singing. Remember, we are offering adult classes before church for the month of July. There will be childcare available.

Also, you do not want to miss Vacation Bible School from July 10-13. Emily Reichert is doing a great job in getting everything organized.

We will be holding a meeting on Tuesday, August 2nd at 7pm in Naus Hall to discuss ideas for both the adult and children's Sunday school. Everyone is welcome as we plan topics for discussion.

Finally, thanks again to everyone who helped out this year. It could not happen without you.

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June 8, 2011

Jan

Jim Hanson

Temple Lutheran Church
5600 N. Crescent Boulevard
Pennsauken, NJ 08109

Dear Jim,

I am writing to thank you and Temple Lutheran Church for donating the utensil packets, placemats, and sandwiches to the Cathedral Kitchen. The utensil packets and placemats really come in handy on busy nights here at the Kitchen—and most of the nights are busy! The sandwiches provide our guests with some extra food to help see them through until they visit us again for dinner.

With the help of many generous donors, the Cathedral Kitchen serves over 8,500 meals a month to the poor and hungry that live in Camden. The staff and volunteers at the Kitchen make sure that everyone who comes for dinner is treated to a meal with dignity and respect.

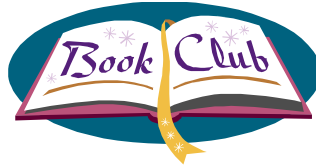
Thank you for your support of our mission here at Cathedral Kitchen.

Sincerely,



Karen A. Talarico
Executive Director

*No goods or services, express or implied, were provided
by the Cathedral Kitchen in return for this donation.*



TLC Book Club

This month: Please join us at our 2nd Annual All-Church Read on Tuesday, July 19

July 19: **The Five People You Meet in Heaven** by Mitch Albom is of interest to the adolescent as well as the nonagenarian. Please join us at 7:00 PM in Parish Hall as we discuss this book by the author of Tuesdays with Morrie and For One More Day. It is a fast read!

August & September Reads:

August 17: **Gone With the Wind** (Parts 1 through 3) by Margaret Mitchell. Serendipitously we picked this book not realizing that it is the book's 75th anniversary. Come celebrate with us!

September 20: **Gone With the Wind** (Parts 4 through 5)

For the future:

October 18: **Ape House** by Sara Gruen

November 15: **Amazing Grace: William Wilberforce and the Heroic Campaign to End Slavery** by Eric Metaxas (Sounds dry but it is an excellent biography!)

Join us! All are welcome!



Temple Lutheran Church Library

The library recommendations for July and August concern 2 historical fiction series based on biblical and Christian history. Both series contain excellent writing and are described as good literature, not just good Christian literature. Neither series makes dry reading by any means.

The Chronicles of the Kings series by Lynn N. Austin

Lynn Austin has won 3 Christy Awards for her fiction. The series concerns Biblical history from the time of Ahaz through his son Hezekiah's time, and on through the difficult historical times of Judea with Manasseh on the throne. The only complaint read in the reviews is that the series has been completed.

#1 God and Kings

#2 Song of Redemption

#3 The Strength of His Hand

#4 Faith of My Fathers

#5 Among the Gods

The Mark of the Lion series by Francine Rivers

This has been recommended in previous editions of Topics. The books follow history from the fall of Jerusalem through Christianity's introduction to the Barbarians in Europe.

#1 A Voice in the Wind

#2 An Echo in the Darkness

#3 As Sure as the Dawn

Happy Summer Reading!

Congratulations To Our Awesome Graduates!

High School

Earl Burgin graduated from Pennsauken High School on June 14th. He will attend Penn State Harrisburg this fall studying Computer Science.

Lauren Riess graduated from Cherry Hill High School West on June 16th and will be attending Marywood University in Scranton, PA. She will be enrolled in a 5 year Masters Program in Speech Pathology

College

Sara Hanson graduated from the College of New Jersey in early May with a B.S. degree in Accounting and will be employed starting in September by Deloitte Accounting Firm.

Dawn Riess graduated from Helene Fuld School of Nursing in May with a Diploma of Nursing and Associate Degree in Science (Magna Cum Laude). She will be continuing her education toward a B.S. in Nursing.





Happy Birthday!



July Birthdays

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| 1. Heidi Manera | 19. Albert Kenney |
| 3. Mackenzie Toler | Stephanie Mossop |
| 6. Emily Madden | 22. Eileen Brough |
| 7. Marion Knaus | 27. Andrew Knaus |
| 9. Patti Purves | Timmy Watson, Jr. |
| 11. Susan Fitzgerald | 28. Kelly DiSanti |
| 12. Dolores Hesser | Phyllis Breisacher |
| 14. Michael Toler | 31. John Mullineaux |
| 17. Emily Reichert | Evert Johnson |

August Birthdays

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| 1. Pastor Marks | 17. Debbie Reichert |
| 2. Bud Madden | 20. Gary Burgin |
| 6. June Burgin | 22. Mildred Hussong |
| 7. Dolores Watson | 25. Ernest Espinosa |
| 10. Sharon Havey | 28. Janet Betz |
| 13. Earl Burgin | |
| 15. Abigail Burgin | |

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

- Arlene Colander – Lutheran Care
- Evelyn Degrasse – at home
- Dorothy Derr – Evergreens
- Kathryn Ebner – Lutheran Care
- Emma Lang
- Ethel Ludwig – at home
- Dorothy Simmington –Lutheran Care

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.



John 3:16

1. God – the greatest lover.
2. So loved – the greatest degree.
3. The world – the greatest company.
4. That He gave – the greatest act.
5. His only begotten Son – the greatest gift.
6. That whatsoever – the greatest opportunity.
7. Believeth – the greatest simplicity.
8. In Him – the greatest attraction.
9. Should not perish – the greatest promise.
10. But – the greatest difference.
11. Have – the greatest certainty.
12. Eternal life – the greatest possession.

--Davies.

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