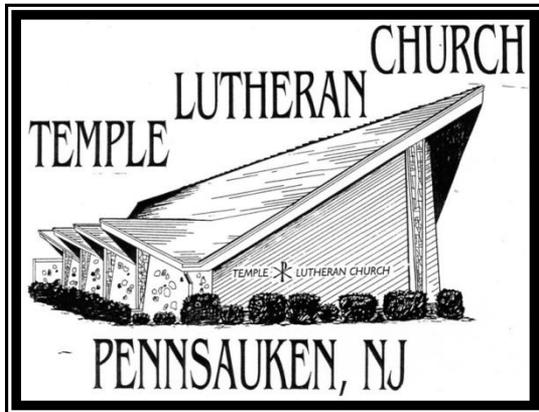


THE TEMPLE TOPICS
JUNE, 2011



GOD'S WORK.

OUR HANDS.

June Ponderings From Pastor

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

Summer is in the air and on our minds as we all look forward to a little bit different pace of life. You will read about time change for worship for the summer in this issue of the Topics and with summer comes one of our favorite activities as a congregation and as a Pastor: Vacation Bible School in July! Emily is so excited about our VBS this summer and that is contagious! Sign up to help!

But summer also means sometimes we get a little 'lazy' about worshipping God. Have you heard this humorous dialogue? Congregation member: "We take the summer off from worship to get away to the cabin." Pastor: "That's OK; God doesn't care about you during the summer months."

Let me encourage you to continue to make worship a priority in your lives even in the summer---we need to hear God's words of love and forgiveness and we need to be with one another.

As you travel please have a picture taken of you at the place where you are worshipping that day! Want to find an ELCA church where you are traveling? Go to: www.elca.org and click onto "find a church." And you don't have to worship at a Lutheran church!! I love to visit other traditions/denominations when I am on vacation—I get so many wonderful ideas and hear the Word of God preached!

I look forward to seeing you in worship here at Temple this summer and to seeing the pix from the various churches you visit over the summer.

Blessings and joy to you.

Your partner in ministry;

Pastor Margaret M. Marks

REFLECTIONS FROM MARILYN BURGIN

We have been living with predictions of the world's last days. Many believed so strongly that they gave away all they had. There is another prediction for December 21, 2012. I expect we will survive that day, too. 1 Thessalonians, 2 Peter, and Revelations all say that the day of our Lord will come like a "thief in the night". We should always be prepared, but live our life to the fullest. That includes keeping our relationship with the Lord.

As a church, we have some tasks of renewal ahead of us. Council will be meeting on the roof problem over Parish Hall. We will be reviewing various quotes and proposals. All are expensive. The decision will then be made by the church as a whole. Pray for all of us that we make the right decision. We need to think of the present and the future in making our decision.

A minor concern, but important, is how our lawn looks to the folks around us and the people traveling down Route 130. We have sprouted a lawn of dandelions. Like many lawns right now, our property looks ragged. We have not been able to cut our grass due to rain, rain, and more rain. That is not our fault, but, I am sure that Mike and Lori Martino, heads of the Property Committee, will accept any and all help in mowing, trimming, and keeping care of the lawn. Talk to them and see what you can do.

We also have our continuing T-Mobile question. Thanks to all who tried to attend, but the Planning Committee did not meet in May. The next Planning Board Meeting is on June 15 at 7 PM. I know it is an aggravation, but this *could* provide us with much needed cash. We need to show them the Planning Board that we support T-Mobile.

Last we need to keep checking those Treasurer's Reports on page 4. Our offerings have been weak since Easter and our balance is dwindling. I believe our faith will lead us to a successful financial year, but we need to keep the church in mind as we try to serve our neighborhood and beyond. Remember that oasis? We want to be it now and in the future! God Bless!

Treasurers Report
April 2011

Operating Fund

Balance	Receipts April 2011	Expense	Balance April 30, 2011
\$11,243.50	\$12,181.75	\$12,516.94	\$10,908.31

Non-Operating Fund

\$30,713.87	\$3,203.00	\$582.37	\$33,334.50
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Savings Account

\$58,896.39	\$27.83	\$0.00	\$58,924.22
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Mission Investment Fund

\$5,393.34	\$8.13	\$0.00	\$5,401.37
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Thrivent Fund

\$3,663.06

Matt McDevitt

Saints in Service – June 2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Communion Assistants</u>
6/5	K. Toler	Burgin(A)/K. Toler
6/12	M. Burgin	Jensen(A)/Southwick
6/19	Landolt	Kenney(A)/Hewitt
6/26	Mullineaux	Hickey(A)/Knaus

(A) = assisting minister

<u>Date</u>	<u>Reader (8:30)</u>	<u>Usher (8:30)</u>
6/5	K. Toler	Hewitt/Johnson
6/12	Marilyn Burgin	Kenney/Purves
6/19	Miriam Burgin	McKee/ Saunders
6/26	Lida Knaus	Lida Knaus

<u>Date</u>	<u>Reader/Usher (11:00)</u>	<u>Counters</u>
6/5	Hickey	Brough/Colander/McDevitt
6/12	Martino	Fitzgerald/M. Burgin/Hickey
6/19	Riess	Hewitt/Purves/McKee
6/26	Andrzejewski	M. Hickey/Johnson/J. Burgin

<u>Date</u>	<u>Property Check</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>
week of 6/5	M. Toler	Reichert/Kenney
week of 6/12	J. Hague	Burgin/ Burgin
week of 6/19	J. Martino	Colander/Brough
week of 6/26	M. Martino	Mullineaux/Purves

Summer Worship Schedule

10:00 a.m.

July 3 – Multi-Media Service

July 10 – Multi-Media Service

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

Health and Wellness Information – Lori Martino

The Wheat Ridge Ministries offers many interesting and informative articles that pertain to our physical, spiritual and mental health. Please check out these three articles that you can find in the Health and Wellness brochure rack and posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

The first article addresses Shingles-a viral illness caused by the same virus that causes chickenpox, the varicella-zoster virus or VZV. The CDC recommends that people over the age of 60 be immunized against shingles that may occur in anyone who has ever had chickenpox. Read up on this illness and talk to your healthcare provider to see if you should get immunized.

The second article addresses Healthy Relationships. “Healthy relationships bring happiness and health to our lives.” Read this article and see if you can help foster healthier relationships in your life. Ten very important tips for healthy relationships are offered in this article. The third article addresses The “Perfect” Diet. Much discussion and information has been offered concerning our diet and nutrition. This is another tool to use to get you on the path to healthy eating.

We hope you find these articles interesting!



24th Annual Assembly Of the New Jersey Synod

To be held June 3rd & 4th

At the College of New Jersey in

Ewing, New Jersey

This year's two day Assembly will have a new, innovative and inspiring concept for

The two days of the Assembly. Friday will be plenary sessions—'the work' of a Synod Assembly. Friday evening will be the Assembly worship at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Trenton. Saturday will be a Mission Fair---a Festival of celebration, information and creativity centered on mission.

This Saturday session/festival is an opportunity for all members of all Synod congregations to attend and share the mission, ministry and community of the NJ Synod.

All are welcome!

New this year: Congregations with membership over 175 baptized members may send 2 young adults under the age of 30 as voting members also.

Marilyn Burgin, Jan Hanson and Pastor Marks will be our voting members.

If you are out of High School and under 30 and would like to attend the Synod Assembly please speak to Marilyn Burgin!

Temple Lutheran Church Partners With TD Bank For Fundraising Effort!

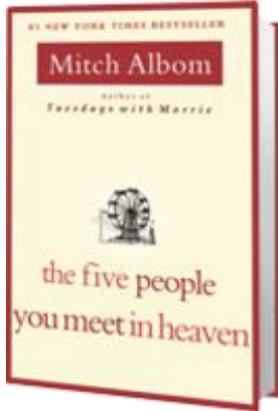


Temple is joining forces with TD Bank for a fundraising effort. If you currently have a TD account, including business checking, personal checking, savings, money market, certificate of deposit or and Individual Retirement Account (IRA) please contact your local branch and tell them to link your account to Temple Lutheran Church. When we get 50 accounts linked to us, Temple Lutheran Church will be guaranteed a minimum of \$500 per year donation. This money comes from TD Bank not your account.

If you don't have an account with TD Bank, please consider opening an account and please mention Temple Lutheran when you do.

If you need more information please contact: Matt McDevitt, 856-665-6278. We thank TD Bank for this fundraising opportunity.

**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 20, 2011

Where: Parish Hall at Temple Lutheran Church

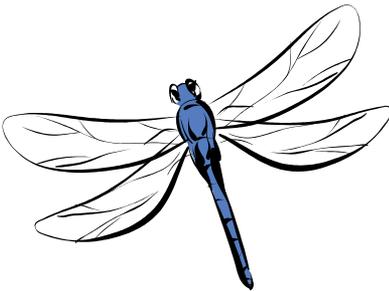
Why: We had such great fellowship last year with readers from the teenage years to the nonagenarian (the 90 year olds and above)! Let's do it again!!! Do we really need any more reasons?

Keep the date open! Hope to see you there!

WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH VBS!!!



**Empty peanut butter jars are being
collected in the narthex**



**Donation dragonflies are on the VBS
bulletin board. Feel free to take one or
more!**

Vacation Bible School 2011



Date: Sunday, July 10 – Thursday, July 14

Time: 6 – 8:30pm

Ages: 3(and potty trained!) to 5th grade

Come join us for a week in the bayou! We'll meet some scary critters while learning to "Fear not!"

You won't want to miss this rockin' croc adventure!



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: June 8
Place: Parish Hall
Time: 11:00pm
Leader: Evelyn Brandt
Telephone: 665-3049

Anna Group

Date: June 20
Place: Eileen Brough
6106 Grant Ave..
Time: 7:30
Telephone: 663-6862

Lutheran Care

We requested stuffed animals and birthday cards in the Topics last month and we received quite a few of these items from our members and friends of TLC.

What a wonderful response from you. Thank you!

June Day at Lutheran Care is June 11th from 10:am to 3:00pm. Lots of Goodies! Ice cream, cake, etc!

A Little Laughter! – A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of the grocery store. As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked, “Son, can you tell me where the post office is?” The little boy replied, “Sure! Just go straight down this street a coupla blocks and turn to your right.”

The man thanked the boy kindly and said, “I’m the new pastor in town. I’d like for you to come to church on Sunday. I’ll show you how to get to heaven.

The little boy replied with a chuckle. “Aww, come on...you don’t even know the way to the Post Office.”



Happy Birthday!



June Birthdays

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| 2. Mike Martino
Brian Betz | 13. Evelyn Brandt
Doris Nielson |
| 6. Allison Fitzgerald | 20. Holly Doyle |
| 11. Miriam Burgin | 23. Jennifer Knaus
Jack Parvin |
| 12. Jacob Madden | Allison Weber |

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 – Cadbury
Ethel Ludwig – at home
Dorothy Simmington – Lutheran Care

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.

Christian Education

Jan Hanson

Since there will be two worship services through June, we will continue with adult and children's Sunday school classes until June 26th. The child will revisit some of the Bible stories we have learned about using the same interactive Sparks curriculum. On June 26th the children will have a special celebration to conclude the Sunday school year. Don't forget to send their collection envelopes with them.

Three very informative workshops on "Building Bridges to Understanding Our Muslim Neighbors" to give non-Muslims a better understanding of the Muslim religion will be held on June 5th, 12th and 14th at 7 pm. The purpose of these workshops is to help separate fact from fiction in understanding what it means to be Muslim.

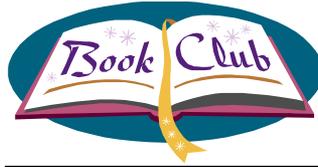
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Social Ministry – Linda Jensen Please continue to bring in items for our food bank. We are always in need of saltine crackers, peanut butter, jelly, soup, tuna fish, etc.



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Thank you. You have been very generous over the years and the people who receive these items are very grateful.



TLC Book Club

Please join us as we read and discuss the second book of a beloved series.

This month:

June 21: **Tears of the Giraffe** by Alexander McCall Smith. This is the second book in the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series. The adventures of Precious Ramotswe and Mr. J. L. B. Matekoni continue in the beautiful country of Botswana. Mma Matkutsi stretches her skills in her climb to become a detective and, hopefully, develops some tact along the way. We meet 2 new wonderful additions to the cast of characters, Motholeli and Puso, when Mr. J. L. B. Matekoni is maneuvered into adding them to his household.

July 20: **2nd Annual All-Church Read - 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 17: **Gone With the Wind** (Parts 1 through 3) by Margaret Mitchell

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

Join us! All are welcome!



Temple Lutheran Church Library

The TLC Library recommendations for June 2011 are tied to the Bible Study Group's study and the programs sponsored by Christian Education on the topic of Islam. In order to understand the world of the future we must gain an understanding of our cousins in the Abrahamic tradition. Since 9/11 there has been so much disinformation and fear adherents of both religions should make an effort to understand each other – our similarities and differences, what we believe about Jesus, our histories, the fanatics vs. the moderates, the fundamentalists vs. the mainstream, the Bible and the Koran, and more. These DVD's give us the opportunity to learn about Islam.

Decoding the Past – Secrets of the Koran (History Channel)

Includes **Muhammad** (A&E Biography Series)

Inside the Koran (National Geographic)

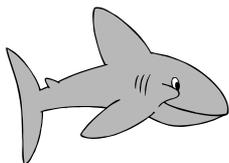
Inside Islam (History Channel)

Muhammad: Legacy of a Prophet (PBS)

Islam: Empire of Faith (PBS)

Inside Mecca (National Geographic)

Islam: A Thousand Years (PBS)



Temple Lutheran Church Youth Gathering
Saturday June 4th, 5:35 PM

TICKETS ONLY \$11!!!!!!!!!!

\$5.00 of each Ticket is donated to:

Temple Lutheran Church Youth Gathering!
Questions? Contact Dawn Riess – 910-8892/ Emily Reichert – 662-8769. Reserve your seats today:

1. Go to www.riversharks.com & click on the “Riversharks Fundraising Program Log-In” icon.
2. Enter your group’s unique code – tlcyg
3. Click “Buy”
4. Select your seats & complete your order
5. Root for the Riversharks!

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The Christian Education ministry team of Temple Lutheran Church invites you to join us as we....
“Build Bridges to understanding our Muslim neighbors”
Evenings with the Rev. Dr. David D. Grafton of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia

Dr. Grafton is Associate Professor of Islamic Studies & Christian Muslim Relations at LTSP. (www.itsp.edu)

Sundays June 5th & June 12th at 7:00pm.

“Understanding the various Islamic pieties and how they influence the Muslim community.”

Tuesday June 14th at 7:00pm

Mrs. Zahida Rahan, wife of the founder of the Mosque in Voorhees will be our guest to answer questions & share her life with us as a Muslim woman in the U.S. She is a native of Pakistan and has a M.S. degree in Islamic Studies. Dr. Grafton will also be a part of the discussion time with Mrs. Rahman For more information, please contact Pastor Marks. – 663-7783.

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- 8:30 - Church Service (Traditional)
- 9:45 – Sunday School (all ages)
- 11:00 – Church Service (Multi-Media)

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