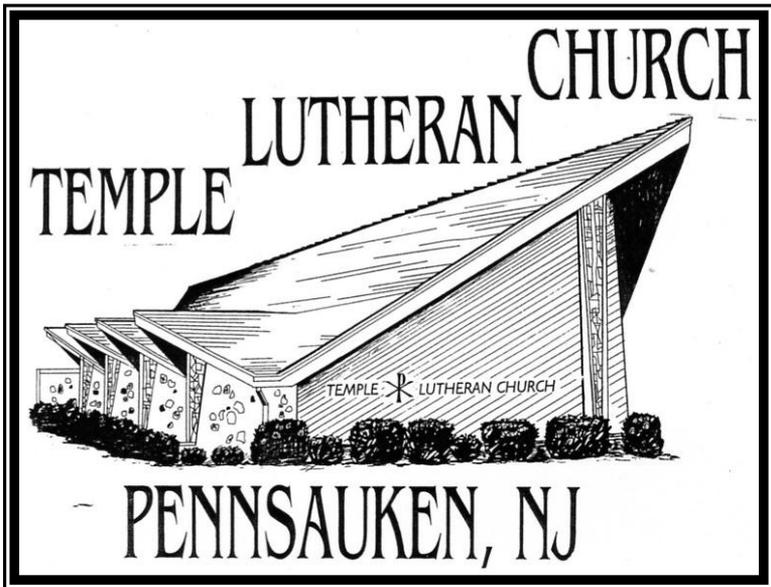


THE TEMPLE TOPICS
MARCH, 2011



GOD'S WORK.

OUR HANDS.

March Ponderings from Pastor Marks

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

In like a lion –out like a lamb? We don't know what the March winds will be like or the possibility of snow but what we do know is that spring is around the corner. And the season of Lent is just around the corner also. Ash Wednesday is March 9th with services at 10:00am and 7:00pm and Easter is not until April 24th! Hopefully it will dawn with bright sunshine and gloriously warm temperatures. But in those 6 weeks from Ash Wednesday to Easter is a growing season for each one of us.

We prepare our gardens by getting rid of all the winter debris, dig up the soil to loosen it, put down nutrients and then wait for it to warm up in order to plant those first seeds and then we sit back and wait for the first tiny signs of growth. Preparation, work and patience are so important in the growing season.

Lent provides that time apart for each one of us “to return to the Lord, with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping and with mourning. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful and slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.” (Joel 2: 12ff) The wonderful practices of Lent: giving of alms, prayer and fasting help prepare us for Easter. In the various pages of the Topics you will read about opportunities for spiritual growth during the growing season. Bible studies, mid-week services, service opportunities and opportunities for extra giving! How many chickens will we be able to buy this Lenten season? Fasting for us as Lutherans does not only mean refraining from something for our own gain but refraining from something to take on something new. Clearing space in our lives in order to spend time with God is perhaps the most important opportunity that Lent provides for us. The prayer at the end of our Ash Wednesday service states it so well.

“Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Your partner in ministry;

Pastor Margaret M. Marks

REFLECTIONS FROM MARILYN BURGIN

On February 12, 2011, the members of the Altar Guild were privileged to honor Clara Hickok for over 30 years of service to the guild. This nonagenarian (those in their 90's) began life as Clara Donahue and attended Temple Lutheran Church as a child. She can remember most of the history (if not all) of Temple Lutheran Church as she participated in our church life. Can't you just see Clara as a young child attending Sunday School classes (and probably singing in the choir)? She married Tom Hickok who was also an extremely active member of our church.

Clara has given a lot of years (understatement) to our church activities, but she is most famous for her continuing service in our church choir. Who knows how many choir practices she has attended, how many songs she has sung, how many laughs she has shared with the choir, how many Christmas and Easter services she has led as a member of the choir? I doubt even Clara knows. I personally do not know how many activities she has participated in and how many committee meetings she has attended, but in over 90 years, she has spent a lot of time in the service of our Lord. Clara has given to the church a fine example of what it means to be not only a member of Temple Lutheran Church, but a Christian who really takes her faith seriously.

We can all look up to Clara Hickok when we see her sitting in the altar area on Sundays. We can think of how much she has given our church making sure that the altar area is ready for services and the altar is cleaned up after communion. We can also see how much she continues to work for the church through her participation with the choir each Sunday. When we see 92-year-old Clara Hickok we might see a tiny lady, but, if we think of her contributions to our church, we see a GIANT of a Christian who we are lucky enough to have as a participating member of Temple Lutheran Church!!! Thank you, Clara!

Thank You, Clara Hickok!!!



Clara Hickok accepts the gratitude of the Temple Lutheran Church Altar Guild for over 30 years of service at a luncheon at the Coastline Restaurant on February 12, 2011!

Treasurer's Report
January 2010

Operating Fund

Balance	Receipts Dec. 2010	Expense	Balance Jan. 2011
\$3,522.46	\$30,937.00	\$18,653.72	\$15,805.74

Non-Operating Fund

\$26,213.85	\$1170.00	\$0.00	\$27,383.85
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Savings Account

\$51,619.00	\$2.23	\$0.00	\$51,621.23
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Mission Investment Fund

\$5,386.27	\$3.66	\$0.00	\$5,389.93
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Thrivent Fund \$3,663.06

Matt McDevitt

Pastoral Acts

Funerals:

William Briesacher

Died February 14, 2011

Memorial Service – February 26, 2011

Christ Wahl

Died February 17, 2011

Funeral Service – February 22, 2011

Cathryn Palmer - died February 19, 2011

Baptisms 0

Weddings 0

Home Grown Praise Festival IV

Evangelism

Please come out and support the *Home Grown Praise Festival IV*. Come spend the day or just a little while with us while sing the songs the Lord has provided us. Feel free to sing along, clap your hands, dance if you like or just sit back and enjoy. Help create a warming and inviting place for Temple's guests to gather. Refreshments will be available as well. March 12th from 12 - 8pm, hope to see many friendly faces in the pews! And remember this is all to help support the Food Bank of South Jersey.

Jason Martino

Food Pantry News

The food pantry has been moving along since we joined forces with the Food Bank of South Jersey (FBSJ). While the road has had its bumps along the way, we are feeling our way along. We have 42 clients have signed up for the extra food that we get through the FBSJ. However we are still providing 50 bags through our food pantry per month. This is not supplemented by FBSJ as of this time. So we still need your continued support.

The food for the next few months will be Corn Flakes cereal (approximately 15 ounce box). We always include a box of cereal in our monthly bags, so the need is always there. If you can't make it to the store you can always donate so that we can get the items for you!

The members of the Social Ministry team, of which the Food Pantry is part of, want to thank the members of Temple Lutheran Church for their continued support.

Matt McDevitt

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.

Social Ministry

We're looking to collect box of Corn Flakes (about 14oz boxes) for the Food Pantry in March. Thank you for your continued help. We can always use clothing also.

Our Prayer Shawl Group isn't meeting on a regular bases 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.

Look for our display in the Parish Hall during the Home Grown Praise Festival on March 12th.

Linda Jensen

A friend has a friend that is going through treatments for Breast Cancer. A Prayer Shawl was given to her and she wrote to us.

Linda Jensen

To the Members of Temple Lutheran Church,

I received the beautiful shawl knitted by you and sent with prayers for my healing.

I thank you all so very much. Your kindness has touched my heart and soul.

I will wear it to heal not only my body but spirit as well!

God Bless You All!

Theresa

Puns (Really Bad Ones)

A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two tired.

Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana

Those who jump off a bridge in Paris are in Seine.

A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.



Midweek Lenten Series: By Faith

“Soup and Faith”

series to held on Tuesdays during Lent

6:00pm Light supper of soup and bread followed by brief
worship with discussion

We will be finished by 7:15pm

Tuesday March 15th: **The Faith of Noah**

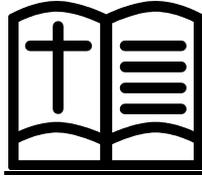
Tuesday March 22nd **The Faith of Abraham**

Tuesday March 29th: **The Faith of Moses**

Tuesday April 5th: **The Faith of the Israelites**

Tuesday April 12th: **Jesus, the Perfecter of our Faith**

There is a sign up poster in the narthex for soup and bread!



Mid-Week Bible Study during Lent

Wednesday mornings at 10:15am

New Study starting March 16th

(No Bible study on Ash Wednesday March 9th)

“Signs of Lent”

We will be studying the Gospels lessons for Lent

From March 16th-March 20th

Please note: because of the Lenten Series on Tuesdays

evenings the Wednesday

Evening Bible study and Prayer group will not meet during
Lent.

New series starting April 27th at 10:15am and 7:00pm

“Toward an understanding of Islam”

Meet Laura

Some of you may have seen me around TLC at worship, Adult Ed, at some meetings. Please allow me to introduce myself; my name is Laura Esposito. I am a graduate of The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia and am approved for ordination in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. I will be volunteering a little at Temple Lutheran while I await a call to a church.

Some information about me:

I work 40+hours a week at a Spay/Neuter clinic in an animal shelter. When I am not working there or helping out around TLC, you can find me spending time with and helping to care for my father who has two different types of cancer. I also enjoy taking my two dogs for walks, runs (they run, I ride my bicycle), and to play at the dog park.

For downtime I enjoy watching TV and enjoy House (not so much this season), Grey's Anatomy, and whatever geeky documentary that catches my interest. Lately, I have taken a liking to the show Undercover Boss.

I love ice cream, most Italian food, sushi, and just about anything that has cheese in it. I like to try new foods.

I'm looking forward to spending time with the people of Temple Lutheran and keeping my feet wet in the waters of ministry, and learning from all of you while I wait for a call to serve a congregation.

Health and Wellness



Last month's Health Notes article addressed Fighting Brain Drain. The article gave us suggestions for how we could help improve our memory and mental function. One way discussed to help improve brain function was to have a diet based on fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and healthy fats.

Nutrients especially important to include in our diet are **B vitamins (B2, B12, folic acid)**. These are found in spinach and other green leafy greens, broccoli, asparagus, strawberries, melons, citrus fruits, soybeans, black beans and legumes.

Antioxidants like vitamins C, E, beta-carotene improve flow of oxygen through the body and brain. These can be found in berries, sweet potatoes, red tomatoes, spinach, broccoli, green tea, nuts and seeds, citrus fruits and liver.

Omega-3 fatty acids are associated with cognitive functions. These can be found in cold-water fish such as salmon, herring, tuna, halibut, walnuts, flaxseed and flaxseed oil.

As you can see, fruits and vegetables play such an important role in a healthy diet and a healthy mind and body. Look for information on our how to incorporate these important foods and nutrients into our diet in the brochure racks in Fellowship Hall. Articles titled, "How to Eat More Fruits and Vegetable", "Encouraging our Children to Eat More Fruits and Vegetables", "Get Smart on Eating on the Go", "Get Smart on Entertaining", "Get Smart as You Shop", Get Smart in Your Family Dinner", are all available for your information. You can find interesting ideas and recipes to help get more fruit and vegetables into your diet. You can also visit www.fruitsandveggiesmatter.gov for more tips and recipes.

Parish Life Committee

One hundred people surveyed... here are the top four answers to the question "What is the day before Ash Wednesday called?"

4. Mardi Gras
3. Shrove Tuesday
2. Fat Tuesday
1. Fastnacht!

That question and many others will be answered on Tuesday, March 8th in the Fellowship Hall! Come join us for a Fastnacht celebration. Pancakes, donuts, fun, prizes, and a very special game of TLC Family Feud! Food service starts at 5:30. Any questions or if you would like to help please see Matt Reichert or Becca Fitzgerald.

A free-will donation will be accepted. Please see the sign up sheet in the Narthex.

Thank you, The Parish Life Committee

All Around Temple: Stewardship for Lent

The Gift of Chickens this Lent/Easter Season
A Buck-a-Chick

Through the ELCA World Hunger/Good Gifts This Lent and Easter season we will join Lutheran congregations across the nation with our Buck-a-Chick campaign.

Join the fun and watch our 'chicken coup grow!' Through ELCA Good Gifts, just \$1.00 will provide a family in poverty with a little chicken (they are given a flock).

Soon enough, the chickens will provide eggs –protein rich meals and can be sold at the marketplace for income. This helps a family escape hunger and poverty for good.

Worship & Music Notes

LENT and EASTER Schedule for 2011

*Take every opportunity offered to strengthen your faith
and walk with Jesus.*

March 9 – Ash Wednesday

Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12 – Tuesday Lenten Series

Soup & Bread Suppers at 6:00 p.m.

Lenten Series “By Faith” at 6:45 p.m.

April 17 – Palm / Passion Sunday

April 21 – Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

April 22 – Good Friday

Tenebrae at 7:00 p.m.

April 23 – Holy Saturday

Vigil of Easter at 7:00 p.m.

April 24 – Easter Sunday

Festival Service of Holy Communion

at 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



What is the Easter Vigil?

It is our Passover with Christ from darkness to light, from bondage to freedom, from death to life.

It is the heart of our celebration of the Three Days (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday) and the pinnacle of the church's year.

The resurrection of Christ is proclaimed in word and sign, and we gather around a pillar of fire, hear ancient stories of our faith, welcome a new brother at the font, and share the food and drink of the promised land.

Raised with Christ, we go forth into the world, aflame with the good news of the resurrection.

**Join your brothers and sisters on
April 23 at 7:00 p.m. and
experience the good news
of Jesus' resurrection.**

**Don't miss our Lenten Fellowship
Tuesday Evenings**

**Soup
and
Bread
Suppers
(6:00)**

**followed by meditations about
our
heroes of
Faith.
(6:45)**

Christian Education

Jan Hanson

The children and teenagers have been studying the causes of hunger. They started this unit by making placemats and putting together packets with a napkin, fork, salt and pepper for the Cathedral Kitchen in Camden. The people who come to the Kitchen to eat are among the poorest residents of the city: the homeless, the jobless, those with disabilities or addiction problems, the working poor. They range in age from infants to the elderly; but whatever their age, everyone in need is welcomed at the Kitchen and given a hearty meal. We have been learning that hunger is widespread and there are many reasons the people do not have enough food.

Starting on Sunday, March 13th we will be returning to the Sparks curriculum with the topic “The Fruit of the Vine”. On April 10th we will be working on a service project for our shut ins and on April 17th we will be learning about Holy Week. Emily Reichert has agreed to organize the annual egg hunt on Easter Sunday.

There has been a change in the calendar. Instead of Sunday school ending in May we will continue through June.





Happy Birthday!



March

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| 11. Shirley Joslin | 19. Kathryn Ebner |
| 13. Kathryn McAlonan | 22. Stephanie Dean |
| 17. Johnathan Mullineaux | Sarah McDevitt |
| 18. Bill Abrams | |

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 – 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: March 9

Place: Parish Hall

Time: 11:00pm

Leader: Evelyn Brandt

Telephone: 665-3049

Anna Group

Date: March 21

Place: B. Mullineaux

6900 Marion Ave.

Time: 7:30

Telephone: 665-5830

2011 Triennial

Gathering in Spokane, Washington, July 14-17.

The theme is "Renew, Respond, Rejoice".

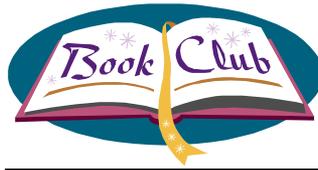
Many optional Post Convention Tours are available:
Spokane Sights, Gardens, Wine Tasting, Historic Mining
Towns, Glacier National Park, etc. See Janet if interested.

Lutheran Care

Lutheran Care is in need of birthday cards to give to their
residents

Also, the residents like "Word Search" books (5 x 7
paperbacks.)

If you would like to participate, please give to Miriam Burgin
or drop them off at Lutheran Care. Thank you.



TLC Book Club

The TLC Book Club has strong core of readers, but we would welcome even more. This month brings us a beloved classic. ***Note that the March meeting has been moved to the third Wednesday due to Lenten activities.***

March 16: **Pride and Prejudice** by Jane Austen. This is one of those books that are read again and again by readers. If you have not read it, this is your chance. Meet Elizabeth Bennet and Lord Darcy, both strong-willed and intelligent. Elizabeth has crosses to bear with her “over-bearing” mother and “silly” sisters. Lord Darcy does not have a high opinion of women, especially the females in Elizabeth’s family. Somehow love develops between the two of them, but what a road we travel with them! Join us as we read the book voted by women *and men* as one of the best-written and favorite books of all time. Learn how a different time period viewed love and marriage.

Future Dates and Book Selections:

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

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

June 21: **Tears of the Giraffe** by Alexander McCall Smith

Join us! All are welcome!



Temple Lutheran Church Library

The recommendations for March 2011 come from award-winning and nominated books and DVD's for awards stressing items of interest to youth. Many are of interest to adults, too.

Christy – The Complete Series (DVD set)

starring Tyne Daly and Kellie Martin based on the book by Catherine Marshall. Described as “captivating”, this TV series followed the story of a 19-year-old woman named Christy as she set out on a mission to educate the children of the wilderness of the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee in 1912.

Sarah, Plain and Tall (DVD)

Starring Glenn Close and Christopher Walken based on the book written by Patricia Maclachan. Also available are the following books in the series:

Sarah, Plain and Tall (book)

Skylark

Caleb's Story

More Perfect than the Moon

Civil War Series by Cathy Gohlke

William Henry is a Fine Name

I Have Seen Him in the Watchfires

Both books concern teenagers who deal with issues of the Civil War time period including slavery, the Underground Railroad, fight or not fight, Union vs. Confederacy

The TLC Church Council



Your Temple Lutheran Church Council at work on February 13, 2011, included: (top row) Michael Martino, Property; Barbara Mullineaux, Worship & Music; Jason Martino, Evangelism; Helen McKee, Secretary; Lillie Saunders, member-at-large; Jan Hanson, Christian Education; Margaret M. Marks, pastor; (bottom row) Lida Knaus, Mutual Ministry; Linda Jensen, Social Ministry; Marilyn Burgin, President & Youth; Rebecca Fitzgerald, Parish Life; Emily Reichert, Youth. Absent: Lauren Riess, Youth Representative; Ed Davidson, Financial Secretary.

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

Website: www.templelutheranchurch.com

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