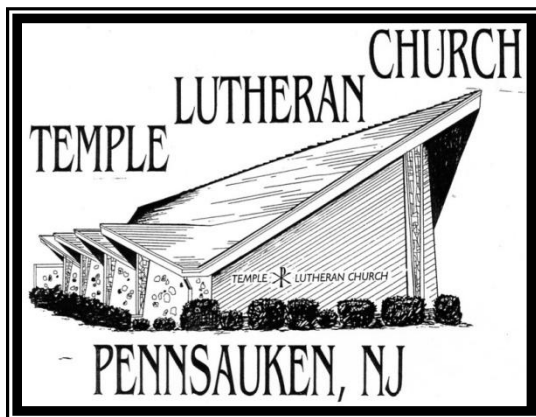


# THE TEMPLE TOPICS

## MAY, 2011



*GOD'S WORK.*

*OUR HANDS.*

## **Ponderings From Pastor Marks for the Beautiful Month of May**

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

Every so often I have to go into my refrigerator and clean out and use up the left-overs!

It sure makes for some great and interesting combinations of tastes when I do that.

Looking over the past few months I realized there were some 'left-overs' among so many of our great activities that weren't shared with you. So for the beautiful month of May let me fill in some details!

Souper Bowl Sunday this year yielded almost 200 cans of soup for our Food Pantry.

Thank you all.

19 Health Kits have been put together by the women of WELCA and thanks to your generous contributions. Thanks to Anna Householder and Heidi Manera for packing and shipping them for us.

Our Home Grown Praise Festival raised about \$800. for the South Jersey Food Bank and collected almost 3 barrels full of food goods. Watch for a new event this fall for the South Jersey Food Bank: Our first Choral Praise Festival on Sat. October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Area churches will be invited to bring their choir/s for an all day festival of song in the name of Jesus Christ.

The case of the missing pews??? What is this all about? Our beautiful sanctuary is not as handicapped accessible as we would wish it to be—the property committee realized one easy solution was to remove 2 pews giving lots of space for wheel chairs and folks using walkers. We have moved the baptismal font to the space where a cross is formed by our pews.

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday from 10-2. What does this mean? That pastor only works from 10-2? No. What it means is that during those hours there will be a warm friendly caring person to answer the phone when you call. None of us like answering machines. Some of you are so surprised when you call after 2:00pm and I answer the phone!!!

So there are my left-overs and put together they show the variety of ministry in this place. Thank you for all each of you do to share the love of Jesus with others.

Your partner in ministry,

The Rev. Margaret M. Marks

## **REFLECTIONS FROM MARILYN BURGIN**

In this reflection I must write about events that will have an impact on our yearly budget. It happens to be a topic that I actually hate to write about; yet we need to know what is happening. (See Treasurer's Report on page 4.)

The first item is that we have lost our rental money from Christian Deliverance. They were not unhappy with us, but they were able to find a church in the Marlton Pike area where they can have complete access to the church at any time during the week. Understandably, they decided to make a move. We wish them luck in trying to build a new church, but we will miss them. The move signifies a loss of \$8400 that has been a great help to our church as we try to serve as Christians should.

The second item is the continuing struggle with the Parish Hall roof. We can see the results of our leaking roof as we walk by cans collecting water. We can look up to see the condition of our ceiling. If we do nothing, the ceiling will continue to deteriorate. We have been struggling with our "flat roof" problem for years. Please pray for Council as we struggle to make reasonable recommendations and for all of us as we make decisions as a church family.

The third item is the continuing efforts of T-Mobile to obtain permission to build a bell tower in order to improve their signal in our area. Watch for the date and time of the next Planning Board meeting in May because the more support the Board sees, the more likely they are to listen. Either a "yes" or "no" decision will allow T-Mobile to proceed to another step.

What do all these items require from us? As April and May bring a renewal of life, we need to have a renewal of our commitment to our church in order to keep it as an oasis right in the middle of Pennsauken. We need to be vigilant and committed as we try to serve our Lord and our neighborhood. To misquote that little train – "We think we can! We think we can!" I do believe we can. God Bless!

# *Treasurers Report*

## **March 2011**

### **Operating Fund**

Balance	Receipts 3/2011	Expense	Balance 3/ 31/ 11
\$14,155.73	\$12,212.40	\$15,124.63	\$11,243.50

### **Non-Operating Fund**

\$28,073.87	\$4,638.38	\$1998.38	\$30,713.87
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### **Savings Account**

\$58,861.46	\$34.93	\$0.00	\$58,896.39
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### **Mission Investment Fund**

\$5,393.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,393.34
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### **Thrivent Fund**

\$3,663.06

*Matt McDevitt*

## **Wurffel Fund:**

### **College Loan Application**

It's that time of year again for college-bound Students and those already in college to apply For the Wurffel Fund College Loans. (Note these Grants are for undergraduates only). Qualifications include Being an active member of a Lutheran Church and at Least a "C" average in the previous semester.

Go to: [www.njsynod.org](http://www.njsynod.org). Next go to the tab at the top Of the page that says: Children, Youth and Young Adults And open up the College Wurffel. You can now apply Online with the exception of recommendation from Pastor Marks. Please fill out your part of the recommendation Form and bring it to Pastor Marks. Deadline for applications Is 6/1/11.

## **Wednesday Bible Studies Starting May 4<sup>th</sup>**

Please refer to insert in the Topics for our new Bible Study starting May 4.

## **Sunday Night Fellowship**

Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the home of Gary and June Burgin. Topic for the evening will be:

Peter Jennings reporting on  
The Search for Jesus

"A journalistic investigation of the most influential person in human history"

This DVD was produced by ABS News and will make for very interesting discussion. Come on out after you finish your Mother's Day observance for great fellowship and learning.



**Holy Humor Sunday May 1, 2011**  
**At 8:30 and 11:00 services**

Join us for our Second Annual  
Holy Humor Sunday as we celebrate  
That the devil has the last laugh as Jesus  
Was raised from the dead on Easter Sunday.  
Death does not have the final word!

Start collecting your favorite jokes to  
Share in worship! Rumor has it that Fellowship  
Time might bring laughs also!

This is a terrific opportunity to invite your  
Neighbors, family members, your bank teller  
Or your favorite mechanic to come to worship  
With you!

Comedian Red Skelton's recipe for a good marriage:  
"We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops."



## Flea Market



### **Saturday, May 7 from 8 AM – 2 PM!**

It is time for spring cleaning so gather up all ‘fleas’ (clothing, knick knacks etc. etc.) to bring to the church AFTER Easter!  
Not before April 25<sup>th</sup>!

There will be great food for sale (sponsored by those going to John’s Island SC on their annual mission trip to help rebuild homes for the elderly.

The clothing sale will support the youth’s trip to New Orleans in 2012.

The ESL Program will benefit by the book sale.

Flower Sale will benefit our Roof Fund and Camden Lutheran Parish summer program.

Knick-knacks will benefit Habitat for Humanity.

**There will be spaces for rent for you to sell all your own ‘stuff’ outside in the parking lot.  
Call the church to reserve your spot - \$10.00**

Our new chairpersons for the annual flea market and flower sale are Kathy and Bryon Knaus  
Welcome to both of you!!!

And thank you to Karen Hickey and Donna Kenney for their years of faithful service for our flea market!!!



O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



## Saints in Service – May 2011

### Date Cantor Communion Assistants

5/1	J. Burgin	Kenney(A)/Mullineaux
5/8	K. Toler	K. Toler(A)/Jensen
5/15	Landolt	Knaus(A)/Hickey
5/22	Mullineaux	Hewitt(A)/M. Toler
5/29	Herda	Southwick(A)/Mullineaux

(A) = *assisting minister*

### Date Reader (8:30) Usher (8:30)

5/1	June Burgin	Hewitt/Johnson
5/8	Kirsten Toler	Kenney/Purves
5/15	Lida Knaus	McKee/ Saunders
5/22	Miriam Burgin	Miriam Burgin
5/29	Jan Hanson	Wilsons

### Date Reader/Usher (11:00) Counters

5/1	Martino	Brough/Colander/McDevitt
5/8	Riess	Fitzgerald/M. Burgin/Hickey
5/15	Andrzejewski	Hewitt/Purves/McKee
5/22	Betz	M. Hickey/Johnson/J. Burgin
5/29	Fitzgerald	Fitzgerald/M. Burgin/Hickey

### Date Property Check Altar Guild

week of 5/1	M. Reichert	Burgin/Burgin
week of 5/8	M. Hickey	Colander/Brough
week of 5/15	J. Hague	Mullineaux/Purves
week of 5/22	J. Martino	Brandt/McKee
week of 5/29	M. Martino	Southwick/Knaus

# **24<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly Of the New Jersey Synod**

**To be held June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>**

**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.

## Social Ministry – Linda Jensen

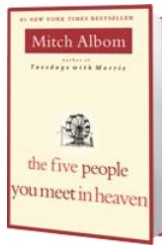
Please continue to bring in items for our food bank. We are always in need of saltine crackers, peanut butter, jelly, soup, tuna fish, etc.

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

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### **THE TLC BOOK CLUB ANNOUNCES OUR 2<sup>ND</sup> 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

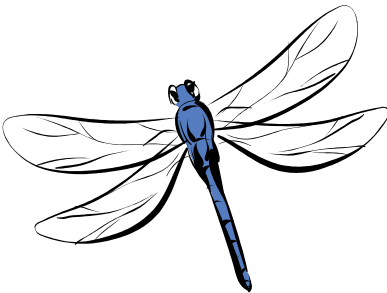
Why: We had such great fellowship last year with readers from the teenage years to the nonagenarian (the 90 year olds and above)! Let's do it again!!! Do we really need any more reasons?

*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!**

# Save The Date



**July 10 - 14**

**6:00 - 8:30pm**

**Ages 3(& potty trained!)  
to 5th grade**

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

**Anna Group**

Date: May 18  
Place: Miriam's  
1732 47<sup>th</sup> St.  
Time: 7:30  
Telephone: 488-9262

**A Big Thank You** goes to Anna Householder and Heidi Manera for assembling and mailing the health kits to Lutheran World Relief.

As Anna is retiring from that project, would anyone else like to collect items and send them? WELCA pays the postage. All the new heavier health kits result in greatly increased postage. We may decide to send monetary gifts to the LWR disaster fund.

**Lutheran Care** – is in need of small stuffed animals and cardigan sweaters. They can always use birthday cards.

Miriam Burgin will be glad to take any of these items to Lutheran Care.

Lutheran Care is in the process of updating their libraries – in the Castle and in Lutheran Care.

Thank you!



## Happy Birthday!



### May Birthdays

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|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 4. Danny Fitzgerald       | 24. Michelle Turner |
| 10. Linda Jensen          | 26. Rhoda Espinosa  |
| 14. Georgie Louise Manera | Karl Mueller        |
| 15. Matt McDevitt         | 18. Rebecca Martin  |
| 18. Rebecca Martin        | 28. Ed Davidson     |
| George Kee III            | 30. Mildred Haug    |

*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

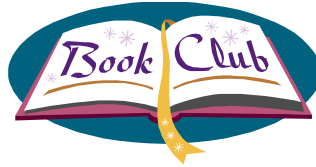
Arlene Colander – Lutheran Care  
 Evelyn Degrasse – at home  
 Dorothy Derr – Evergreens  
 Kathryn Ebner – Lutheran Care  
 Emma Lang – Cadbury  
 Ethel Ludwig – at home  
 Dorothy Simmington –Lutheran Care

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.*





## **TLC Book Club**

Please join us as we read and discuss books that open up new worlds and viewpoints. This month we discuss a New York Times Bestseller.

### **This month:**

May 17: **Sarah's Key** by Tatiana de Rosnay. This historical novel looks back on the 1942 round-ups and deportations of Jews in Paris that took place 60 years earlier. It is described as "beautifully conveying" the main character's (Julia) conflicting loyalties and the survivor's (Sarah) trials in a "riveting manner."

### Future Books:

June 15: **Tears of the Giraffe** by Alexander McCall Smith

July 20: **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual All-Church Read - For One More Day** 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 The Five People You Meet in Heaven.

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

These highly recommended books are all award-winning books written by first time authors. The Book Club found each book a “great” read. *Happy reading!*

### **The Help by Kathryn Stockett**

Intertwined in this novel are real historical events that took place in the Deep South during the 60’s. A white female member of the southern elite graduates from college with a journalism degree and decides to write a book about the complex relationships between black maids and their white employers. It sounds so simple but at this time the maids and the journalist are literally risking their lives and livings to tell their stories. **The movie based on this book is due to debut on August 12, 2011.**

### **The Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford**

This novel takes place in Seattle during WWII after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. The story tells the story of a Chinese boy and a Japanese girl who meet in school and form a special bond. They lose contact after the girl’s family is sent to a Japanese Internment Camp. Now move to 1986. After Henry’s wife has died, Henry’s story is gradually told to his son who searches for the young love as a gift to his dad. It is a story of 2 cultures as well as family relationships. The book made us want to learn more.

### **The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls**

This memoir tells of a truly dysfunctional family. From Arizona to West Virginia to New York, the Walls children are ruled by 2 irresponsible parents who leave the children to raise themselves. It is hard to make this book sound as good as it is. The story is told without the slightest trace of self-pity. This book has been described as a “remarkable memoir of resilience and redemption”.

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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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