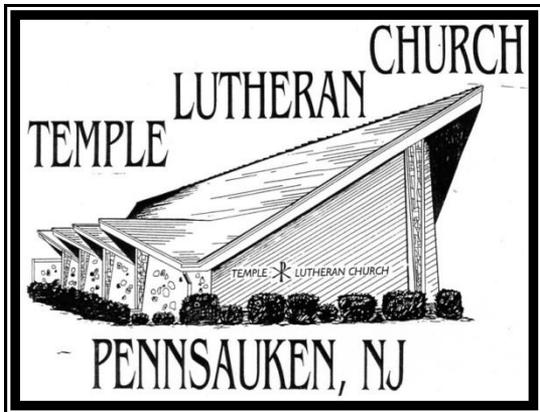


THE TEMPLE TOPICS



2011



GOD'S WORK.

OUR HANDS.

October Ponderings – Pastor Marks

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

Ah fall is in the air! How I welcome the crisp air and the return to all of our great fall activities including worship and Sunday Church School! Some thoughts for you to ponder as the new season gets underway. Christians learn to be Christian in Sunday School and Confirmation? True or false?

The answer is false! That is a myth that floats around our churches—that Christian Education is where faith is formed. That is why so many parents drop their children off for Sunday School and don't attend worship with them. Children learn by what they do and what they see done by their parents and other significant adults in their lives! They do not learn by what they are told to do but seldom see. This pertains to Sunday Church School and worship in a profound way. Our faith is formed in our families.

Children learn to worship God by worshiping God, not being told about the importance of worshipping. Children learn to pray by praying, not by being taught models and methods of prayer. Actually we all learn this way---not just children!

As Christians we are pulled in many directions even on Sundays!! Sometimes all we want to do is sleep in!! But what are our children learning from that? God isn't important to you?

A couple of suggestions for this fall:

The absolute **worst** place to sit as families is in the back of the church. What do children see? The backs of tall adults!! Come down front so they can see and participate.

Make Sundays special with a "Sunday only breakfast" and then as a family head off to worship God and all go to Sunday School. Parents, when Emily Reichert calls you and asks you to volunteer to help in SCS--say yes enthusiastically so your children sense your excitement and willingness to help them learn about Jesus. They will catch your eagerness to learn more about Jesus. New to teaching---no problem—we are here to help you—and guess what----one learns so much teaching!!! Your own faith will be deepened.

In this edition of the Topics you will read about the interesting adult forum classes being planned, the Wednesday morning Bible Study and a new evening Bible Study led by Marilyn Burgin. There is truly something for everyone. Don't forget to invite a friend or neighbor to join you in worship and SCS.

In Christ,

Pastor Margaret Marks

Reflections from Marilyn Burgin, Council President

As we enter the month of October we celebrate the life of Kathryn Ebner. She would enjoy knowing that we are devoting a Sunday to her by collecting hats for the Hat and Mitten Tree. I know she would have enjoyed the attention.

I only knew Kathryn in the last years of her life. The church was important to her. She was actually active at two locations on Route 130. She attended our church for a very long time (and she made sure we knew it!) Kathryn was very generous to our Sunday School. She also worked as a volunteer with the children of Martin Luther Chapel for many, many years. “Her kids” were important to her. Kathryn was constantly knitting hats for the needy. A quick stop had to be made to admire her hats as we walked the down the aisle on our way to communion or as we tried to pass the offering plate. Since I only knew her in her 80’s and 90’s, I cannot imagine what she did in her prime.

As far as I could tell, Kathryn was an excellent organizer and administrator. She worked many years at Woolworth’s as a very able boss. I can remember a time in our own church when Kathryn announced in her gravelly voice that she was collecting rice and a canned fish (sardines?) for a project. We all had so much respect for her that our narthex was bursting immediately with bags of rice and cans of fish! Maybe, it was really fear! Kathryn was a formidable lady! Kathryn was a lady who would “get it done”. I don’t believe she wasted a time dithering about anything.

That leads me to the second event on the first Sunday in October. Our Congregational Meeting will be held to discuss our roof and Parish Hall issues. The time has come to “get it done”! I feel like we have been dithering about this for years. Is that an exaggeration? It takes so much information collecting, planning, time, and talent to develop a successful building program! Please come to listen to the issues and join in the discussion. We need to make decisions, particularly about the financing of our much needed “fixes”. Thanks go to Matt McDevitt, Mike Martino, Gary Burgin, and Council members for putting so much of their time, talent, and attention into these building projects. Let us all do Kathryn Ebner proud on October 2 and “get it done”! Oh, and don’t forget your flu shots that same Sunday!

Treasurers Report

August 2011

Operating Fund

Balance 8/1/2011	Receipts	Expense	Balance 8/31, 2011
\$3,066.60	\$8,036.19	\$15,026.36	-\$3,923.57

Non-Operating Fund

\$29,299.79	\$4,680.00	\$2,148.78	\$31,831.01
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Savings Account

\$59,013.31	\$ 23.71	\$0.00	\$59,037.02
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Mission Investment Fund

\$5,410.90	\$ 3.22	\$0.00	\$ 5,414.12
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Matt McDevitt

Flu Clinic Reminder

Temple Lutheran Church will host a Flu Clinic on Sunday, October 2nd . The CVS Pharmacy will be here to administer your recommended yearly Flu Vaccine to all interested over the age of 18. Many health insurance carriers will cover the cost of the vaccine and all processing of claims will be handled by CVS. Jen Wilson, CVS Pharmacist and Temple member will be administering the flu vaccine. If you have any questions concerning insurance coverage for the vaccine, please call Jen at 856-854-2356 . Hope you will take advantage of getting your flu vaccine right here at church. So come out to worship and then get your flu vaccine!

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Do you know what breast cancer is and how best to prevent it?

What are a woman's chances of getting breast cancer and what are the symptoms?

Do you know your families health history and does it include someone who has had breast cancer?

If you are at the age when you should have a yearly mammogram, did you have it done this year?

Please take a moment during this Breast Cancer Awareness month, to answer these questions, and learn more about breast cancer. Look for the informational handouts on **“Breast Cancer and You: What you Need to Know”**, and **“What you should know about getting a Mammogram**

Christian Education - Jan Hanson

Welcome back to Sunday school. Thanks to Emily Reichert for taking charge of the children's Sunday school. Emily, with the help of Abby Burgin, rearranged and refreshed the Sunday school classes this past summer. She has worked hard to make Sunday school the place to be on Sunday mornings. So parents, please bring your kids to Sunday school. I guarantee that once they try it they will love it.

While the kids are at Sunday school the adults are invited to come to the fishbowl to participate in the lively discussions that take place there. We are trying something new this year with having different members lead the discussion on topics that are current and that the group has selected. It might be a book, a video or current events and how the topic affects our everyday life and faith. We will be looking for ideas for discussion so let me know what is on your mind.

2011 Churchwide Assembly Summary of Actions

The Twelfth Biennial Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) was held Aug. 15-19, 2011, at the Orlando World Center Marriott. The theme was "Freed in Church to Serve."

- * ELCA Malaria Campaign officially launched
- * "Genetics, Faith and Responsibility" social statement adopted
- * Review process for social statements adopted
- * Living into the Future Together implementing resolution adopted
- * 2012-2013 Budget proposals adopted
- * Memorials and constitutional changes adopted

For more information on the work of the assembly, including daily legislative updates, videos and a news blog, visit www.elca.org/assembly.



Happy Birthday!



October Birthdays

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| 1. Ryan Havey | 21. Patty Andrewski |
| 4. Anna Householder | 22. Megan Hague |
| 9. Diane McDevitt | 24. William Hague |
| Andy Engleman | 26. Bill Riess |
| Theresa Hague | 27. Dorothy Ingels |
| 14. Jessica Martino | Brianna Mossop |
| Erica Mossop | 28. Erica Johnson |
| 17. Dorothy Reichert | |

*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
Emma Lang – Cadbury
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.*

Saints in Service – October 2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Cantor</u>	<u>Communion Assistants</u>
10/2	K. Toler	K. Toler(A)/Knaus
10/9	Herda	Burgin(A)/Mullineaux
10/16	Landolt	Hewitt(A)/Southwick
10/23	M. Burgin	Hickey(A)/M. Toler
10/30	J. Burgin	Jensen(A)/Burgin

(A) = assisting minister

<u>Date</u>	<u>Reader (8:30)</u>	<u>Usher (8:30)</u>
10/2	Knaus	Hewitt/Johnson
10/9	Hanson	Kenney/Purves
10/16	K. Toler	McKee/ Saunders
10/23	Ma. Burgin	Jen & Jason Wilson
10/30	J. Burgin	Tolers

<u>Date</u>	<u>Reader/Usher (11:00)</u>	<u>Counters</u>
10/2	Martino	Brough/Colander/McDevitt
10/9	Riess	Fitzgerald/M. Burgin/Hickey
10/16	Andrzejewski	Hewitt/Purves/McKee
10/23	Betz	M. Hickey/Johnson/J. Burgin
10/30	Fitzgerald	M. Hickey/Johnson/J. Burgin

<u>Date</u>	<u>Property Check</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>
week of 10/2	Mueller	Brandt/McKee
week of 10/9	Burgin	Southwick/Knaus
week of 10/16	Reichert	Reichert/Kenney
week of 10/23	Hickey	Burgin/Burgin
week of 10/30	Hague	Colander/Brough

Thank you Notes

Dear Church Members – Thank you for the Back to School gifts. Your thoughtfulness and prayers are greatly appreciated. Thank you again – Ryan Havey

Dear Friends – My family and I thank you for your prayers and beautiful cards sent to us in the loss of my sister, Ruth. It meant a lot to all of us. Sincerely, Miriam Burgin and family

Andrew Dean also sent us a lovely thank you note for the college care packages, but it is currently lost in cyberspace!

Wednesday Bible Studies

Our regular Wednesday morning and evening

Bible studies will begin on September 28th.

Information will be forthcoming as to the subject

HOT OFF THE PRESSES – ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Adult Sunday School class is studying the life of the Swedish Diplomat Raoul Wallenberg for the next few weeks. Come join the class as we learn about his heroism during the Holocaust/World War II. The class is using a video and discussion to learn about this courageous man. Come join us!

WOMEN OF THE ELCA
A Branch of our Ministry Team
*Mission Statement: to mobilize women to act
boldly in their faith in Jesus Christ*

President: Janet Morrissey – 662-1188

Group Meetings

Esther/Lydia Group

To be decided

Leader: Evelyn Brandt

Telephone: 665-3049

Anna Group

Date: October 18

Place: Cadbury

Hostess: Anna Householder

Telephone: 667-2209

Leader: Janet Morrissey

The following items are being collected by WELCA for Lutheran World Relief:

Personal Care Kit Items:

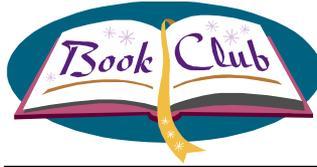
Each kit will contain:

- 1 light-to medium-weight, bath-size towel (approximately 52" x 27" or smaller (dark color recommended)
- 2 bath size bars (4-5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping
- 1 adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging*
- 1 sturdy comb, remove packaging – large tooth comb
- 1 metal nail clipper (with or without attached file)
 - Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap.

All items should be in new and in good condition.

A box/basket will be placed in Angel's Alley for these items.

Thank you in advance for helping with this project.



TLC Book Club

The TLC Book Club has just completed its first ever marathon two-month read. We had lively discussions about the characters in **Gone With the Wind**. It was hard to discuss the book alone without discussing the movie because the movie has been such an influence on our culture. Thank you to Clara Hickok for sharing her copy of the original **Gone With the Wind** movie program.

Here are the following meetings for the remainder of the year:

October 18 – The Ape House by Sara Gruen. We enjoyed the author's Water for Elephants so much that we have selected Sara Gruen's next novel for one of our selections. This time the book is about a group of bonobos, a science lab, animal rights, and a reality TV show. To see how they go together read the book and join us in our discussion.

November 15 – Amazing Grace by Eric Metaxas. It sounds dry but it really is an interesting biography about William Wilberforce who was incredibly well-known in his day but he became a forgotten man in the 20th century. He really should be better known for his remarkable life. This is the basis of the movie Amazing Grace.

December – Our Annual Dinner Out including the picking of new books. Date, time, and place are to be announced. Meanwhile, think of suggestions for 2012.

Join Us!!!



Temple Lutheran Church Library

The recommendations for the month of October come from a bundle of DVD's ordered by Pastor Marks and bought by Christian Education. All DVD's were produced by A&E and the History Channel.

Biography: Paul
The Execution of Jesus
Jesus: His Life
Judas: Traitor or Friend?
Lost Worlds: Jesus' Jerusalem
Mary of Nazareth Biography
Mysteries of the Bible: The Last Supper
Pontius Pilate Biography
Secrets of the Ancient World – James: Brother of Jesus?
The Story of Paul the Apostle
The Story of the Twelve Apostles
The Trial of Jesus

Are you intrigued by any of the above titles? The DVD's will be available on the library table in the narthex during the month of October. Be sure to sign them out if you are interested.



Enjoy the learning experience!

Congregational Meeting



When: Sunday, October 2, 2011, immediately following the 11:00 am service.

Where: Temple Lutheran Sanctuary

Why: We need to need to discuss the roof problems, the asbestos problem, Parish Hall, and the finances of our necessary projects.

Please attend! *Everyone's* input is needed! Prayers, too, would not hurt! *Our* actions now will affect the future of *our* church.

A Night at the Riversharks



A good time was had by all (once we got through the traffic!)



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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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