

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

June, 2010, Newsletter

Reflections



SENIOR BREAKFAST
SATURDAY
JUNE 5TH - 9:30 A.M.

Sponsored by Trinity's Social Concerns Ministry. Breakfast is free, but you **MUST** have a ticket, which can be obtained from the Church Office. Please bring the ticket with you when you attend the breakfast.

A FATHER'S EXAMPLE

I watched a small man with thick calluses on both hands work fifteen and sixteen hours a day. I saw him once literally bleed from the bottoms of his feet, a man who came here uneducated, alone, unable to speak the language, who taught me all I needed to know about faith and hard work by the simple eloquence of his example.

-Mario Cuomo

CHRISTIAN PARENTAL GUIDANCE

- Begin each day with prayer. We all need divine guidance as we take on the challenges each day brings. Let children know you'll be praying for them while they're away from home. Then do so, several times throughout the day.

- Teach children that each new day is a gift from God. Be grateful for it. Wake children with humor. Caress them lovingly. Tell them God wants the best for them, and encourage them to get ready for whatever surprises the day might hold.

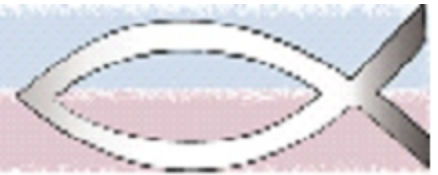
- Make children's daily homecoming a cheerful occasion. Listen carefully to their experiences. Affirm that you're proud of them and pleased to be their parent.

- Make home life joyful and memorable. Play games, tell funny stories, take walks and eat together. Build pleasant memories that kids will remember for a lifetime. Tell children you love them.

"A father's words are like a thermostat that sets the temperature in the house."

-Paul Lewis

FROM THE PASTOR



I was a Boy Scout. During the ten years that I was involved in scouting I traveled to many places and learned many things. One of the most important lessons was learning to live up to the Scout motto, "Be Prepared." I wish I could say that my record concerning this was perfect. It is not. Yet, I can think of numerous times when an emergency or particular situation had arisen and I had the tools and the knowledge to respond appropriately. When people around me have made comments concerning my being prepared I always tell them that I was a Boy Scout.

On April 11, an explosion at a BP oilrig in the Gulf of Mexico killed 11 people and ruptured the pipeline spilling 200,000 gallons of oil into the Gulf each day. What I find amazing about this is that there was no plan by the company on how to deal with this type of emergency. As hundreds of thousands of gallons of oil were being spewed into the Gulf, the employees of BP were scratching their heads and saying, "gee, what do we do now?" Either their idea of being prepared was to hope that nothing would ever happen to the oilrig, or they just were not prepared for such a tragedy. Their lack of preparedness is costly. The death and damage to wildlife, the shutting down of the fishing industry in that region as well as all the other industries connected to it, and the fact that even though they slowed the leak, thousands of gallons of oil are still leaking into the water and we may never be able to fully clean up what has already been spilled.

St. Paul writes, ⁹"For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."(Col. 1:9-14) NRSV.

Paul encourages us to 'be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father.' Paul recognized the fact that we will face trials and adversities and that such situations may challenge our faith. He encourages us to 'be prepared', but how are we to prepare?

Paul answers the question in what he writes. First, Paul prays unceasingly for them to be "filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding." So prayer is an important part of our preparation, prayers for us from others, as well as our own. "Growing in the knowledge of the Lord" comes from worshiping, listening to sermons, singing hymns, reading and studying scripture and serving. We are encouraged to "lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as we bear fruit pleasing to him in every good work and as we grow in the knowledge of God."

Being prepared as people of God means that we don't rest on our past accomplishments waiting for something to happen. Being prepared as people of God means we are always, praying, learning and serving. Being prepared as people of God means that we pray for and encourage others to "lead lives worthy of the Lord, and fully pleasing to him."

As we approach this summer season, it is tempting for us to put our faith on vacation. Let us be diligent in our task of being prepared as people of God through these summer months so that we are not caught off guard by the power of darkness in this world.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Andy



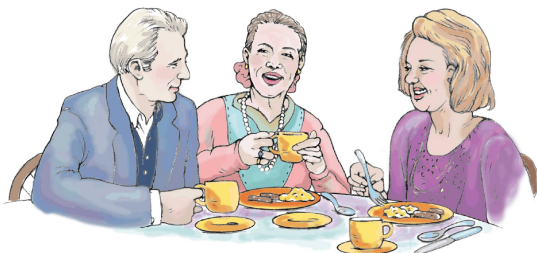
SERMON PREVIEWS:

June 6 - PENTECOST 2
HOLY COMMUNION
SENIOR HANDBELLS
Sermon: **"THE LAST SUPPER?"**
I Kings 17:8-16 (17-24)

June 13 - PENTECOST 3
HOLY COMMUNION - 10:00 A.M.
SHARE SUNDAY/BAPTISMS
Sermon: **"WASTE MANAGEMENT"**
Galatians 2:15-21

June 20 - PENTECOST 4
HOLY COMMUNION
Sermon: **"DON'T PANIC"**
I Kings 19:1-4, (5-7) 8-15a

June 27 - PENTECOST 5
HOLY COMMUNION - 10:00 A.M.
Sermon: **"A 'LIGHT' CHOICE"**
Galatians 5:1, 13-25



Seniors' Breakfast

Saturday, June 5th
9:30 - 11:00 AM

The Breakfast is **FREE** - but you **MUST** have a ticket to attend. Tickets will be available soon. Watch the bulletin for details. Remember the breakfast is free to all seniors in the Runnemedede, Barrington and Glendora area, but you must have a ticket to attend.

Happy Father's Day!



Vacation Bible School

August 2nd - August 6th
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

This summer, bring your kids to SonQuest Rainforest VBS. Based on 5 key Bible verses that will change a child's life: including **John 3:16** - SonQuest Rainforest VBS transports young minds into a vivid rainforest environment of jungle sounds, sights and smells, where they'll dig into the Bible and meet Jesus in every day's story.

Five Bible verses, five days of discovery and an experience that can last a lifetime: Gospel Light's SonQuest Rainforest VBS will bring your kids closer to Jesus, every day.

Theme Verse:

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

—John 3:16

One Week Only

Join us for fun, fellowship, games and snacks! And bring a friend!



**FEED THE
HUNGRY**

Social Concerns

The Social Concerns Ministry has been in existence nearly 25 years. This ministry is a vital part of our church and community and we are in need of some younger members to see us into the future. Since we are in these hard economic times, our pantry families have increased almost monthly as there is a real need for help. If you are interested and would like to find out more about what we do, please come out to our next meeting after the 10 am service. We would love to see new faces and hear new ideas.

We meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month, which is also Share Sunday, at 25 Knight Ave. at 11:30 am.

Some of the regular Ministry activities that we have are:

Food Pantry and Clothes Closet on the 4th Thursday of each month from 9-11am & 6-7 pm.

Clothing drives in both the Spring and Fall, Easter, Thanksgiving & Christmas food baskets.

Christmas "Project Angel", Back to School Project - clothes, school supplies and back packs, and dinners and breakfasts.

We hope you will consider joining us. You don't have to participate in all the activities, just the ones you can.

On Saturday, May 1st we had our annual clothing drive and a big Thank You to all who donated.

We extend our gratitude to the Runnemedede Post Office for their food donations to our pantry. It is very much appreciated.

Our Clothes Closet will be reopening in 2 or 3 weeks and we are in need of helpers on our Pantry days for both morning from 9-11 am and in the evening from 6-7 pm. If you would like to help, you can email Karen Bal at kbal@08012@yahoo.com or call her at 856-939-4411. We really need your help in this endeavor.

On Saturday, June 5th, we will be hosting our annual Senior Breakfast for those 62 and over.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Senior Breakfast - June 5

Share Sunday & Meeting - June 13

Pantry - June 24, 9 -11 am & 6 -7 pm

Back to School Project - August 1-22

"We are God's workers, working together" 1 Cor 3:9.

Caring & Sharing
Sharon Feters



Junior Choir Notes

While I was not at Trinity on the Sunday the Junior Choir sang on the 16th of May, everyone was surely in my thoughts and prayers. Then I had the opportunity to speak with several people who had been present on that day and each one said what a terrific job every soloist did (ALL EIGHT!). I knew that would be the case because the rehearsals had gone so well and because the group was left in most capable hands.

A sincere and special thank you to Mrs. Cindy Spino for directing the choir, to Mrs. Jackie Lloyd for assisting Miss Lisa in robing them, and Mr. Bob Kraemer for doing his usual spectacular job in accompanying "Discipleship."

Mrs. Henry and I were in Missouri (just missed a tornado), and Indiana where we got to see four great-grandchildren and their families watching 2 multi-talented teenagers play a violin ("fiddle" is the term in Blue Grass country), bass, mandolin, banjo and guitar with precision and enthusiasm. What fun!

While we were away we visited St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in the Speedway section of Indianapolis. Over Memorial Day weekend there will be so many people and vehicles they will not be able to have church on Sunday! Instead they will have their service on the Thursday evening before. It was a friendly congregation and we were pleased to be able to worship with them.

Junior Choir will not be rehearsing or singing again until September. We will have our first rehearsal at 9:45 a.m. on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend, September 5th. We will sing on September 19th for the first time. Please mark your calendars and be sure to invite children just entering first grade to join us! Questions? Please call me at 856-939-4411.

Have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing everyone refreshed to start again in the fall.

Love to all,
Mrs. Schmidt

"Only when the power of love overcomes the love of power, will the world know peace."

-seen on a bumper sticker

Sunday School News

"In the worst of times, God is our best source of strength."

Do you read your Bible everyday? Our Sunday school students receive a Bible in Pre-Kindergarten class, and they use that Bible each year up to the 3rd grade. The New Red Bibles are given to the students in the 3rd grade, and they use that Bible through 6th grade.

As the students move to Confirmation, in 7th and 8th grades, they receive the "Living Bible." This Bible stays with them throughout their high school years. All students are encouraged to bring their Bibles to church each Sunday where they read the scripture lesson for the day. How about you? Try spending 10 to 15 minutes each day reading your Bible.

The Sunday school department wishes to thank all of you who purchased plants or trees at our May plant sale. We appreciate your help, as it made our treasury acquire money to pay for Bibles, as well as material for our Vacation Bible School.

Speaking of VBS, mark your calendar to save August 2nd through August 6th from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

We are sorry to see Mrs. Dee Stroup leave our high school class. She has been a fine teacher and one who enjoyed teaching and working with our students for many years. We will miss Dee and we wish her well in the years to come.

We end our Spring Session on June 6th, and begin the Summer Session with new materials. You won't want to miss any of this time together. Remember - we teach every Sunday of the year!

Rally Day will be held on Sunday, September 12th. What a great time to begin a new year of learning more about Jesus!

Our next stall meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 14th at 7:00 p.m.

A final thought: *"Instead of rushing through our days thinking only of the destination, why not enjoy the journey with God?"*

To God be the glory,
Pat Henry



LUTHERAN HOME NEWS

President Elyse Korman opened the Auxiliary meeting at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 13th.

The theater, newly renovated ice cream parlor and library are now up and running. Volunteers are still needed for the ice cream parlor, especially for the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. Bingo substitutes are needed especially during the summer for the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

June Day is June 12th and will be held outside, weather permitting or inside in case of inclement weather. This is a fun day with lots of goodies to eat, white elephants to buy and two great bands - Riverside String Band and One Way Express. It's a nice day when many of our Lutheran Churches come together to have a fun time and raise money for the Home. Hope to see you there!

Any donations for June Day may be placed under the table on the Johnson Ave. side of the Church and I will take them up the day of the event. Also needed are donations of 16 oz. water bottles.

NEEDED: Diabetic cookies (not sugar free) for birthday bags. Sugar free hard candy and sugar free chocolate candies, DVDs for the theater and books - hard and soft cover for the library.

June 5 - Ice cream social in Butterfly Garden with Barrington Band providing entertainment. Servers needed to dip ice cream the day of the event. Time: 1:30 p.m.

June 10 - Auxiliary year end luncheon and installation of officers - 11:00 a.m.

June 12 - June Day 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. with Castle tours.

June 24 - Cracker Barrel Luncheon - 10:30 a.m.

June 29 - Residents' Birthday Luncheon - 12:15 p.m.

Again, thanks so much for your continued support to the residents. It makes their day so much brighter!

Sincerely,
Sandy Counsellor
856-939-4411.

Matthew 10:42

"and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple--truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

***Lutheran Care at Moorestown
Auxiliary of the Lutheran Home
255 E. Main Street, Moorestown, NJ
Annual***

June Day Bazaar
will be held on New Front Lawn
Saturday, June 12, 2010
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

"Help Us Light the Way"



Join us for Fun and Fellowship
Entertainment Includes:
"Riverside String Band"
"The One Way Express"

***Plenty of food, fun, good books,
plants, lots of bargains and
yummy strawberries, cake & ice
cream!***

Sunshine Class News

Sunshine held its monthly meeting on May 11th with 13 members present. Caryl Krupinski and Clara Meyer were the hostesses. Besides the great desserts, the tables were set with pink dishes, pink centerpieces and angels.

There will be no meeting in June, however, we will be having our luncheon at the Adelpia on Tuesday, June 8th at 12:00 p.m.

We are taking our break for the summer months so our next meeting won't be held until September 14th and the hostesses will be Lois Lyszkiewicz and Dot Offer.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my mother, Doris Menchaca, for filling in for me as president for the last two months when I was unable to attend the meetings. Thanks, Mom! You always come through for me!

God's Love at Work,
Pass it on,
Linda Brown

“By all means, marry. If you get a good wife, you’ll become happy; if you get a bad one, you’ll become a philosopher.”

-Socrates

Friendly Circle News

The Friendly Circle is looking for some new members. We are a lively group of ladies, and I am sure you would enjoy spending some time with us.

We meet twice a month, the second and fourth Thursday from about 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. in the room across from the kitchen.

We have a short devotion, and then mostly eat and talk. We do take up a small offering for which we support things going on in the church.

We are taking the summer off and we meet again on the second Thursday in September.

Won't you join us?

Sincerely,
Jane Kushina

“A father is always making his baby into a little woman. And when she is a woman he turns her back again.”

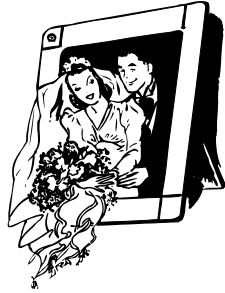
-Enid Bagnold

“Never raise your hand to your kids. It leaves your groin unprotected.”

-Red Buttons

Wedding Pictures Wanted

The secretary would like to do a wedding theme for the August bulletin board located outside her office to honor all those united in Holy Matrimony. If you would like to be a part of this, please see that she receives a wedding picture by the end of June. She will make a copy and return it to you as soon as possible. Please include your names and the year you were married.



Thank you,
Joanne

HOW TO DIAPER A BABY

“Spread the diaper in the position of the diamond with you at bat. Then fold second base down to home and set the baby on the pitcher’s mound. Put first base and third together, bring up home plate and pin the three together. Of course, in case of rain, you gotta call the game and start all over again.”

-As told by Jimmy Piersal, 1968

OPEN MEMBERSHIP

The Runnemedede Senior Citizens Club has some membership openings in the club. Men and women fifty years of age and over are eligible. Spouses under 50 can also join. Membership is limited to seniors from Runnemedede or those who have previously lived in Runnemedede and now reside elsewhere. The club objective is to bring together men and women for sociability, relaxation, entertainment, and general welfare. We offer craft time, pinochle, bingo, and a variety of trips and tours. General meetings are held on the third Saturday of every month at 1 pm with refreshments. A borough council member is present to update members and answer questions pertaining to local happenings. If you are interested in joining or have questions, please call 931-7164.