

*Trinity Lutheran Church  
Newsletter - June, 2011*

*Pentecost Sunday*

*June 12, 2011*

*Holy Communion  
Reception of New Members  
10:00 a.m.*

*Red is the color of the Day  
Be sure to wear red!*

*Geranium plants can be  
ordered as memorials or  
gifts by calling the office at  
939-4411. Cost: \$15.00*



*Pentecost*



**HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!** The joyful proclamation of Easter still rings in our ears as we conclude this season of renewal and rebirth. Usually in anticipation of Easter I watch a “Jesus” movie during Lent. When it comes to Jesus, there is no shortage of films from which to choose. I often view *The Passion of The Christ*, and *Jesus of Nazareth* in alternating years. Every now and then some new film about Jesus will be produced and I will view that film instead of the others. One film I did not like was the 2000 production simply titled *Jesus*. What I disliked was the use of too much non-biblical story. Also, many of the biblical stories were intertwined and changed. Because of this, I felt that the film was not a proper depiction of the life and ministry of our Lord and Savior.

My all time favorite Jesus film is *Jesus of Nazareth* (released in 1976). *Jesus of Nazareth* was a television-produced miniseries (6 hours long). From what I know it was the first miniseries to attempt to portray the life of Christ. It begins with the prophecy of Jesus’ birth, includes significant portions of his ministry and ends with his resurrection appearances and ascension. I believe *Jesus of Nazareth* to be the most complete and biblically accurate film version of the life of Christ.

Since Easter Sunday I have been cleaning out my bookshelf at home and came across an article in an old copy of *Homiletics* magazine, a publication devoted to the art of preaching (before recycling old magazines and newspaper articles I tend to look through them again and sometimes read or re-read some articles) The article is titled *Savior on the Silver Screen* by Richard C. Stern. In fact the article is based upon a book he co-wrote, bearing the same title. The book discusses only nine of the 50 or 60 films made about the life of Christ. The interviewer specifically asks Stern about the film *Jesus of Nazareth* to which he replies, “It’s the least favorite of my films. It just doesn’t move me. It’s made for television – which is neither good nor bad. But I notice that we see Jesus in smaller scenes all the time, probably because of the nature of television. You can’t have big panoramic scenes. It tends to diminish the power of Jesus some.” (Can smallness diminish the power of Jesus? We sing *O Little Town of Bethlehem* each Christmas and not *O Large City of Jerusalem!*)

As you can guess I was disturbed to see my favorite Jesus film attacked in print. And I disagree with his analysis, Jesus is not in smaller scenes all the time and the panoramic scenes add a sense of awe and wonder to the film. I know that I am moved and impressed every time I view *Jesus of Nazareth* and I have seen it dozens of times over the past thirty-five years. For me it is one of those timeless films that does not seem to be dated by either the actors or the film itself.

In reflecting upon all this I am reminded of how important the Easter proclamation is in our world today. I am reminded of why it is important for all of us to proclaim the life, death and resurrection of Jesus in all that we say and do. Just as different people can be moved or unmoved by different films about the life of Christ, different people can be either moved or unmoved by different people proclaiming Christ in their lives. What is most important for us believers is not whether or not we move others with our proclamation, but that we give that proclamation. For who knows? Maybe when we think we are being rejected, the foundation may be in the process of being laid for someone else’s faith to take hold.

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Andy*

## SERMON PREVIEWS

June 5 - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
HOLY COMMUNION - SENIOR BELLS  
Sermon: **"FAITH THAT MAKES AN IMPACT"**  
Acts 1:6-14

June 12 - THE DAY OF PENTECOST  
HOLY COMMUNION  
10:00 AM - Reception of New Members  
11:15 AM - The Rite of Confirmation  
Sermon: **"THE DIVINE POWER OF JESUS"**  
John 7:37-39

June 19 - THE HOLY TRINITY  
HOLY COMMUNION  
Sermon: **"AN ELOQUENT EXHORTATION"**  
II Corinthians 13:11-13

June 26 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
HOLY COMMUNION-10 AM  
Sermon: **"EXERCISE YOUR FAITH"**  
John 14:1-14



### Senior Adult Breakfast

**Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>  
9:30 - 11:00 AM**

The breakfast is **FREE** - but you **MUST** have a ticket to attend. Tickets are available now. Remember the breakfast is free to all senior in the Runnemed, Barrington and Glendora area, but you must have a ticket to attend.



## **NEW MEMBERS**

New Members will be received on Pentecost Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> during the 10:00 A.M. Service.



Ten young people will receive the Rite of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at the 11:15 AM Service.

## *June Day*

Lutheran Home  
255 East Main Street  
Moorestown, NJ 08057

Saturday, June 11, 2011  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

### **BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY TO ENJOY:**

- Great Food
- Musical Entertainment
- Baked Goods
- Crafts & White Elephant Sale
- Kids' Inflatables
- Face Painting



Can you believe how the time has flown! We will be having our last meeting on Friday, June 3rd, when we will break for the summer. Our next meeting will be in September.

Our last PSM meeting was held on Friday, May 6th. In attendance were Barbara Anconetani, Beverly Bethany, Val Colasuonno, Cathy Hornibrook, Dolores Keller, Carolyn Lunn, Sally Miller, and Mary Raws. We received 4 prayer shawls and 2 no-sew blankets. .

Our Corresponding Secretary, Barbara Anconetani, will be sending a thank you to Ileana Quinn. Ileana donated \$20 to help with any expenses we may have. As she said, "because of the arthritis, I can no longer crochet like I used to, so this is my little way of helping." Many thanks to Ileana. Our prayers are sent to Ileana after her recent hospitalization. She is now on oxygen at home. God Bless you. We also sent a prayer shawl to Joan Mitchell Couch (wife of Larry) in Connecticut. Joan is having chemo for ovarian cancer. An email thank you was received from Joan, "Perfect timing. Yesterday was chemo treatment. It was a longer day than expected due to a reaction. I was beat! The Prayer Shawl is perfect as I snuggle up to keep warm." Our best wishes to Joan who has really been having some ups and downs with counts and meds. May God Bless you also.

Baptismal Historian, Mary Raws, said Pastor Andy had informed her of 3 upcoming baptisms in May. We have enough baptismal blankets for these events.

We had a surprise visit from Pastor Andy at this time in our meeting. He is always welcome to stop in and share with us. He provided us with updates regarding our ministry, giving us his thanks for all our group has accomplished. His sense of humor always gives us time to sit back and just enjoy having him with us.

As usual, we discussed projects and yarns and stitches with much gusto. Our ladies love what they are doing. We discussed breaking for the summer. Our last meeting will be the June 3rd meeting. We will reconvene in September.

If you have an inquiry, suggestion, or something on your mind, please do hesitate to call Carol at 856-939-4411. We would love to hear from you or have you join us or both.

"Until We Meet Again, May God Hold You in the Palm of His Hand."

The Prayer Shawl Ministry Family  
Carolyn Lunn, President



## ***LIFE LINE SCREENING***

### **YOU CAN AVOID A STROKE!**

Trinity Lutheran Church is pleased once again, to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive, painless health screenings on ***July 15, 2011***. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries, which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms, which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat, which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Stroke, Vascular Disease and Heart Rhythm Package. Get ANY vascular screening for just \$60 or get ALL screenings for only \$149, a savings of \$126.

**Your Health is in your hands so call:  
1-800-324-1851  
for more information or to pre-register.**



*"Scripture is God's living word  
to each day."*

Do you find much to read these days - exciting novels, heartwarming love stories, educational non fiction, newspapers, magazines, and mystery stories?

They can be entertaining and very informing, however, as powerful as these forms of the written word can be, the Bible has one quality that no other book has ever had: It's alive! You can read the same passage of scripture again and again and yet learn something new from it each time! The word of God is "living and active." Our Sunday school students are encouraged to bring their Bibles to church each Sunday where they read the scripture lesson for the day.

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 and save Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup> through Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm to 8:00 p.m. to join in the fun with all the friends at "Son Rock Kids Camp." Teachers and helpers are needed. Call Elaine Ranck at 856-939-4411 if you are interested.

The Spring Session will end on June 12<sup>th</sup> and our teachers are preparing the new program, "Sunday School Bible Blast." We encourage all students to come to the new program, as they will find a most interesting Bible study for

all grades. This program will begin on June 19<sup>th</sup> through September 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Remember - we teach every Sunday of the year!

Rally Day will be held on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> and Promotion Sunday will be held on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

Keep our dedicated staff in your prayers as they continue to teach our students about the love of Jesus every Sunday.

Our next staff meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

A final thought: *"The Bible is a beautiful gift from God, but only if you read it."*

To God be the glory,  
Pat Henry

P.S. Have a safe and restful summer, and remember to "keep smiling."



To my Trinity family,

Thank you all for your gifts, calls, prayers, cards, flowers and visits to me and my family over the last six months. It was touch and go there for a while, but by the grace of God, I am well on the road to recovery.

I would like to send out a special thank you to Pastor Andy for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit with me, no matter what hospital I was in - and I was in quite a few.

In Christ's name and love,  
Penny Sheairs and family

# SUNSHINE CLASS NEWS



I have already shared this experience with the Sunshine girls at our last meeting and I would like to share it with all of you now. I have been trying to cope with rheumatoid arthritis and it was so bad the first week of May that I was in bed almost the whole week. I tell you this because on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, my grandson, Steven, was having his prom, which was held at Bogey's in the Pitman Country Club. Steven is 14 years old and going to the prom is what 14 year old kids do, however, as I said in the past, Steven is autistic. So this was very special. His mother and father, his maternal grandmother & myself were invited to go.

I prayed all week that I would be able to go to this wonderful event but I was really hurting. My son said "Mom, how can you go when you can't even stand up?" Somehow I managed to get dressed and got in the car. We picked Steven, his mother and grandmother up and we were on our way. I thought we would have to leave early because I wouldn't be able to make it for 4 hours. My son parked the car and I thought here we go. I gingerly got out of the car and as I started to walk, I realized that I did not have any pain. None. My pain was completely gone and stayed away the entire night. I do believe that this was "Divine Intervention." We had a wonderful time and when I got home and started to get ready for bed my pain returned. But the Lord must have decided to let me see my grandson enjoy his special night free of pain. I was really moved by this experience and I hope you are too.

Sunshine will adjourn for the summer. We will be at the Moorestown Lutheran Home on June 11<sup>th</sup> and we will have our luncheon at Adelpia 's on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. Have a safe and healthy summer! We'll be with the newsletters in September.

God's Love at Work,  
Pass It On!

Linda Brown  
President



## Social Concerns Ministry

Hope everyone had a nice and relaxing Memorial Day weekend.

On pantry day in May, we served 72 families. Out of that number, we had 6 new families.

Items that are needed are:

Canned fruit, mac & cheese, pasta & sauce, applesauce, pork & beans, kids cereal, crackers, jello, peanut butter & jelly, toilet paper, paper towels and soap bars. Any donations are greatly appreciated.

### Dates to Remember

Share Sunday.....June 12<sup>th</sup>

Pantry Day.....June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9-11 am and 6-7 pm. The Clothes Closet is also open.

### **NOTE**

Beginning on June 12<sup>th</sup>, which is Share Sunday, the Clothes Closet will be open from 9:30-10am and from 11:00 to 11:30am, to members of the congregation. Every month after that, it will be open on each Share Sunday.

*"...For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." Matthew 12:34*

Caring & Sharing  
Sharon Feters



## Lutheran Home Auxiliary News

The Lutheran Home Auxiliary met at 10 am on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Slotterbach led devotions.

Creative Hands, the knitting group that Pastor Steele had started is resuming again and will be led by a volunteer named Eileen. Any who wish to come up to the Home and assist would surely be appreciated.

Holy Week Services were held at the Home for residents on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter.

As of this writing, Residents will be having an ice cream social (May 27<sup>th</sup>) and sing along. Entertainment will be provided by Barrington Band. The social will take place in the Butterfly Garden.

A Memorial Day Prayer Service is planned to take place in the chapel, Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am.

The Auxiliary agreed to pay for two new flat screen TV's - one for Rudisill and one for Councilman. The cost of the televisions include installation is \$1,200 each.

There are also seven pianos at the Home. The Auxiliary motioned to pay \$1,500 for the repair and tuning of the one in the front foyer. When the repairman comes out, he will also give us an estimate for the tuning of the other six pianos.

June Day plans continue. We will again have clowns and this year we will also be selling hoagies and popcorn. Please consider coming up for a fun, activity-filled day. The Home raises a substantial amount to help the residents on June Day. It is a fun day!

Carol Smith, librarian, has been doing a great job and plans to leave someone come in to give a book talk to interested residents. The Auxiliary also made a motion to pay approximately \$150 for three Emerson cassette CD players for the audio library.

### NEEDED ARE:

Volunteers, Gift Shop - Large Print Word Search books (Hospitality Cart), Playing Cards, Bingo Chips - Old CD's, especially 50's and 60's music, small stuffed animals for Birthday Bags.

June 9 - 10 am, Auxiliary Meeting - 12 Noon, Auxiliary Luncheon, installation of officers

June 11 - 10 am - 3 pm, June Day

June 23 - time to be announced, Residents to Perkins Restaurant

June 28 - time to be announced, Residents Birthday Luncheon

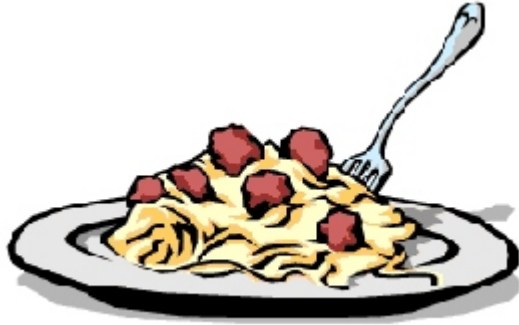
I apologize, I had the April Newsletter article ready, but missed getting it to print. Sorry. Belated blessed Mother's Day and deepest gratitude to those who are now serving or have served our country in the military.

Have a safe and happy summer.

Sincerely,

Sandy Counsellor 856-939-4411

*"So when Jesus' parents did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him ... so when they saw Him they were amazed; his mother said to Him... 'Look, your father and I have sought you anxiously.' And He said to them ... 'Did you not know I must be about my Father's business?' But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them . Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart."* Luke 2:45-51



## Spaghetti Dinner Update

A Big Big Thanks for all those who helped and supported the Spaghetti dinner last month. (Very Tasty!) We raised over \$600 towards replacing the floor in the Narthex of the church with a new stone floor. We are still in need for additional funds to complete this project. So I am asking that anything you can do to help support this effort would be appreciated. Please mark your envelope with "Church Floor", and it will be directed towards the completion.

Sincerely,  
Trinity Council

### QUIET SPACE

"Rest is not idleness," said John Lubbock, "and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water or watching the clouds float across the sky is hardly a waste of time."

Most of us need more, not less, rest built into our daily routine. Only when we are quiet can we hear God's whisper.

Summer is a great time to find a peaceful, outdoor spot to read, rest and pray — even if only for a few minutes. God is eagerly waiting for us to make space for him.

## June Day is Coming!

When: Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 10 am-3 pm

Where: Front Lawn of Lutheran Care at Moorestown  
255 East Main Street  
Moorestown, NJ 08057



### What is June Day?

June Day is an annual celebration, open to everyone, with White Elephant Tables (find a favorite collectible!), books, food and games for the children.

There will be a DJ to keep the celebration going as you enjoy good buys, good food and fun for all ages.

This annual benefit is for the resident of the Lutheran Care.

Come out and join us, bring your family and friends and enjoy a fun day on the Lutheran Care Front Lawn!

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\* "I have mixed emotions when I receive Father's Day gifts. I'm glad my children remember me, but I'm disappointed that they actually think I dress that way."

- Mike Dugan