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## May 2014 Newsletter

God raised Him on the third day and He appeared to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses. Acts 10:40-41



*“God raised him,  
on the third day.”*  
*Acts 10:40*



Although I usually like to entertain your minds with some story or aspect about life or faith, this month my article is strictly business with three items to be covered.

1. The Congregation Council has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, May 18th at 12:30pm. For over two years we have been dealing with leaks in the basement wall in the seventh grade classroom. We have tried to remedy the situation in different ways and at one point thought we had succeeded, but this winter's cold, wet and snowy weather proved us wrong. We have had a couple of contractors assess the situation and make recommendations along with an estimate of the cost to enact their plans. It is not easy to compare the cost since each one has a different solution. However, the property committee and council have decided on the plan that we believe will be the most effective in correcting the problem. Since the cost is \$21,500, we must have approval from the congregation to go ahead with the project (according to our constitution, any single expenditure in addition to the approved budget of more than \$10,000 must be approved by the congregation). We are not seeking to do a special fund drive at this time. Part of the funding will come from the budget in which we have planned for major repairs and part will come from our reserves. The finance committee will be making a recommendation to council as to the best way to finance the project. However, anyone who would like to make a gift to help replace the reserve funds used in the project may do so. Full details will be discussed at the meeting.

2. For many years we have had an Ascension Day service. The attendance has dropped so significantly over the past few years that we are not going to have the service this year. However, our District is having a Pentecost Vigil on Wednesday, June 4, 7:00pm. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Marlton. Our new Bishop, Tracie Bartholomew will preach at the service. If anyone would like a ride or would want to follow me to the church, they can meet me in our parking lot around 6:00pm. I have room for three passengers. I would encourage you to join with me and other Lutherans from our area for this special worship service.

3. The Spencer M. Bennett Family Scholarship Fund. Applications are available for this at the entrance to the church and in the church office. June 1 is the deadline for applications. There are various criteria for the fund. Even if you do not meet all the criteria I would still encourage you to apply. The most important part of the criteria is that you are an active member.

Finally, it is still the Easter Season and we bask in the light of Jesus' resurrected glory. I look forward to Pentecost Sunday (June 8) when eight of our young people will affirm their faith through the rite of confirmation at our 11:15 service. May God bless them as they take this important step in their faith journeys. May God bless us as we strive to serve Him through the many gifts He has given us.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Andy



## May

**May 4** THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Luke 24:13-35

**"COME LORD JESUS, BE OUR GUEST"**

**May 11-** THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1 Peter 2:19-25

**"ENDURING TO THE END"**

**May 18** -THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1 Peter 2:2-10

**"THE LIVING TEMPLE OF THE LORD"**

**Childrens Sermon: "What Does A Church Look Like?"**

**May 25-** THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1 Peter 3:13-22

**"LIVING PURE IN A FILTHY WORLD"**

**May 29-** THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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## June

**June 1-** THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

John 17:1-11

**"FOREIGNERS IN OUR OWN COUNTRY"**

**June 8-** THE DAY OF PENTECOST

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

**"THE DIVINE POWER OF JESUS"**

**June 15-** THE HOLY TRINITY

Matthew 28:16-20

**"THE AMAZING ADVENTURES OF JESUS"**

**June 22-**THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 7)

**PASTOR ANDY ON VACATION**

**PASTOR LOU DUNKLE TO SUPPLY**

**June 29-** THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER

PENTECOST (Proper8)

Romans 6:12-23

**"DO NOT LET SIN 'RULE' YOU !"**

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## CHRISTIAN SYMBOL- Ankh

Also known as an ansate cross, this originated in Egyptian hieroglyphics. It represented life and regeneration. Its shape and meaning made perfect sense to ancient Christians, who appropriated it as a symbol for eternal life.



# Moorestown Lutheran Crossings Enhanced Living

The Auxiliary of Lutheran Crossings Enhanced Living met at 10 AM on Thursday April 10. Devotions were given from the Book of Samuel.

Saralynne of Activities reported that residents enjoyed music provided by Marc Carroll on St. Patrick's Day.



June Day plans are under way. This year there will also be an exhibit celebrating 125 years of the Flexible Flyer Sled. It will be held in the Breidenhart Castle.

## Upcoming events:

May 8- Auxiliary Meeting- 10:00 AM.

May 15- Residents to Innsbrooke House High Tea 10:30 AM.

May 26- Memorial Day Service in Chapel- 10:30 AM.

May 27- Residents Birthday Luncheon- 12:15 PM.

June 14- June Day- 10 AM – 3 PM.

In His Service,  
Sandy Pagano



*"The price of inaction is far greater than the cost of making a mistake."*

*Meister Eckhart*



The Prayer Shawl Ministry held their monthly meeting on Friday, April 4, 2014. Attendees were: Barbara Anconetani, Ann Carter, Val Colasuonno, Barbara Frantz, Jean Krips, Dolores Keller, Helen McGarvey and Mary Raws.

The meeting began at approximately 10:15 a.m. with The Lord's Prayer.

We were blessed to receive from our members:

- Two lap robes
- One blanket and
- One baptismal blanket.

The membership decided that our inventory was sufficient to donate twelve lap robes to Lutheran Crossings Enhanced Living facility.

Financial Report--Sun Bank reported an ending balance in January of \$1,085.00 for Sally Millers memorial.

Corresponding Secretary, Barbara Anconetani, reported sending two thank you notes for the kind donations we received in the last two months.

Mary Raws reported that there is one baptism planned for June.

Val Colasuonno gave the closing reading, Psalm 107:41. Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m. Next scheduled meeting is on Friday, May 2, 2014.

Val Colasuonno  
Vice President Prayer Shawl Ministry

“May God Hold You in the Palm of His Hand”

Prayer shawls or lap robes are available to all parishioners, their family members, loved ones and friends who are in need of comfort during a difficult time. Please let Pastor Andy or any member of the Prayer Shawl Committee know of your circumstance and one of our hand-made pieces will be given to you.





*Many thanks to the Senior Handbell Choir for their wonderful performances on Easter of "Up from the Grave He Arose!"*

*They have two more rehearsals on May 8<sup>th</sup> and May 15<sup>th</sup> and their final performances for this season will be May 18<sup>th</sup>, with "Let Freedom Ring!"*

*Enjoy your summer. See you in September.*

*Florence Adler*



#### SUNSHINE NEWSLETTER FOR MAY 2014

Our monthly meeting was held on April 8th at 12:00 noon with 14 members present. We had our April buffet where we all brought something that we made. This is always a great luncheon and this year was no exception. We were very fortunate to have two guests. Pastor Andy and Janet, our secretary, were able to join us. We were all glad to have them.

On April 29th, members Doris Menchaca and Clara Meyer along with Martha Thomas stopped to see Isabelle Cloud at Manor Care. Isabelle's husband and daughter were there. The ladies took her flowers (from our altar) and had a nice visit.

We discussed our plans for the upcoming months including June Day which is held at the Lutheran Home in Moorestown. Big changes are ahead and I'm sure that Sandy Pagano will have this in her report. Wait for it!

Our meeting for May will be held on Tuesday the 13th @ 12:00 noon. The hostesses will be Clara Meyer and others who have offered to help her since she has no partner. Please come out and join us. Maybe you could be Clara's hostess partner in the future!

God's Love at Work,  
Pass it on!

Linda Brown  
President





# KIDS PAGE

## Blooming Button Flowers

For Mother's Day, add a special touch to any houseplant with this easy craft.



### What you need:

- A small houseplant with leaves
- Colorful buttons of various sizes
- Green 26-gauge floral wire
- Wire cutters

### What you do:

1. Stack three buttons from largest to smallest, with the smallest on top. Align the button holes.
2. Cut 8 inches of wire. Thread it up through one hole of the stacked buttons and back down through another hole.
3. Twist the wire just below the bottom side of the button stack to secure it.
4. Insert the "flower" in the plant's soil and repeat the process.
5. Present this to Mom and wish her a happy Mother's Day!



## Mothers in the Bible

Children have always had a special place in their mother's heart.

Directions: First, cover up the second column and see if you can name some of the mothers' children from the Bible. Then write the circled letters on the correct lines below to complete Proverbs 23:25, NIV.

### MOTHERS

Eve<sup>31</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Sarah<sup>23</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Rebekah<sup>7</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Rachel<sup>13</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Leah<sup>12</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Zilpah<sup>44</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Bilhah<sup>34</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Jochebed<sup>19</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Naomi<sup>2</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Ruth<sup>14</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Hannah<sup>26</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Bathsheba<sup>10</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Elizabeth<sup>3</sup> ..... bore .....  
 Mary<sup>6</sup> ..... bore .....

### CHILDREN

Cain, Abel and Seth<sup>11</sup>  
 Isaac<sup>25</sup>  
 Jacob and Esau<sup>18</sup>  
 Benjamin and Joseph<sup>27</sup>  
 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah,  
 Issachar, Zebulun and Dinah<sup>41</sup>  
 Gad and Asher<sup>39</sup>  
 Dan and Naphtali<sup>36</sup>  
 Moses<sup>29</sup>  
 Mahlon and Kilion<sup>38</sup>  
 Obed<sup>32</sup>  
 Samuel<sup>5</sup>  
 Solomon<sup>21</sup>  
 John the Baptist<sup>32</sup>  
 Jesus<sup>37</sup>  
 Timothy<sup>4</sup>



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PROVERBS 23:25, NIV

Answer: "May your ... mother rejoice; may she who gave you birth be joyful!" Proverbs 23:25, NIV

# may ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 - Matthew & Teresa Schaffer
- 5 - Andrew & Sue Devecchio
- 6 - Russell & Susan Horner
- 8 - Ed & Elsie Venuti
- 8 - George & Lorie Medlar
- 9 - Louis & Debra Harrow
- 9 - Richard & Patricia VanArsdale
- 11 - Ken & Eileen Humes
- 11 - Michael & Barbara Cox
- 12 - Carl & Diane Nagel
- 14 - Jeff & Regina Koltys
- 14 - Brian & Joyce Jones
- 18 - Nick & Shelley Virgilio
- 22 - John & Sally Gawason
- 25 - Bill & Mary Raws
- 25 - Brett & LeeAnn Errickson
- 26 - Bob & Joyce Graeff
- 29 - Lou & Penny Sheairs



## **FUNERAL:**

On April 16

**Mary L. Christoffersen** (94)

Cherry Hill, NJ

Deepest sympathy is extended to her family and friends.



- 2 - JoAnn Moschetto
- 4 - Bill Raws
- 4 - Alan Morris
- 4 - Brandon Jones
- 4 - Alicia Darcy
- 5 - Bill Rumbol, Jr.
- 5 - Tara Kulack
- 6 - Jason Repp
- 9 - Marleen Veneziani
- 10 - Drew Kump
- 10 - Jim Offer
- 10 - Dana Henry
- 11 - Kelsey Mayer
- 11 - Mary Louise Tice
- 12 - Charlotte Clobes
- 12 - Nick Virgilio
- 12 - Cheryl White
- 14 - Dolly Lattanzi
- 14 - Gregory Knause
- 15 - Susan Devecchio
- 15 - Joyce Graeff
- 17 - Ed Lunn
- 17 - Lindsey Hatch
- 18 - Pastor Andy Engelhart
- 19 - Selena Schmidt
- 20 - Susan T. Woolson
- 20 - Sandra Pagano
- 21 - Erica Lunn
- 22 - Savannah Harrow





## JUNIOR CHOIR

Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> is quickly approaching and with it comes the conclusion of the 2013-2014 Junior Choir season!

This year has been an exciting one in that while a number of children are in the lower grades, we also have some in sixth grade. This season for the first time in a number of years we have four boys! You would be surprised how active these people are outside of choir, as well. While waiting for everyone to arrive, we often have some especially interesting conversations.

During this year we have been blessed to have had Mr. Robert Kraemer as our creative and enthusiastic accompanist. On Sundays when his daughter Lily, who is at the US Naval Academy where she is a member of their soccer team, is playing we have been accompanied by Mrs. Susan Dilks. To both of these musicians words cannot express our gratitude for your talents and time. Many, many thanks.

Once again this year we have had Kenna Brockway and Emilee Schipske, two of Trinity's talented young people, serve as our "choir mother" (taking care of the choir robes and assisting the children get robed for singing each Sunday, Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve.) A special vote of appreciation is extended to both Kenna and Emilee for serving in this way.

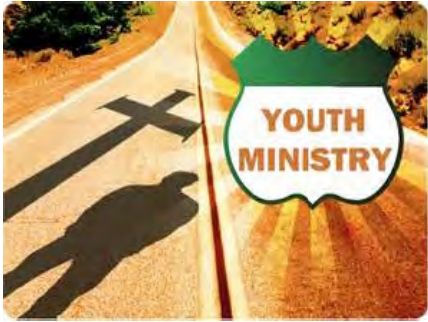
So be sure that you are present at one of the services on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, when we sing "Beethoven's New 9<sup>th</sup>". We will be trying a new way of singing the second time. Let us hear how you liked it.

Over the summer months perhaps you could put on your "thinking caps" and come up with some names of children you think would like to be a part of our Junior Choir. A sincere thank you is due each member for being faithful in attendance and singing each third Sunday. Parents, too, have chosen to devote much time to this "cause".

Sincere good wishes to all for a restful summer and one filled with much JOY!  
Don't forget to worship while on vacation!

Love to all,

Mrs. Schmidt



## Youth Ministry Newsletter

As May begins, I'm really getting excited about our new endeavor- the Hope Garden! That is the name that has been given to our vegetable garden that we are in the process of implementing. I feel that it is an appropriate name, as we hope that this garden will give us lots of produce to share with our church community. And we also hope that everyone within our church community will feel that they have something to contribute to this worthy endeavor.

The Borough of Runnemede has delivered most of the raised beds for our garden. They are behind the Clothes Closet. We have 6 "table" beds (they are the ones that have legs). And there are 2 raised beds already in place. We are waiting on the other raised bed to be delivered. They had a problem with it and are fixing it before they deliver it and set it up. Once that is in place, we will be ready to start planting.

With that being said, we will be having an organizational meeting held on Sunday, May 4, after the 11:15 am service. We are looking for anyone with gardening experience, those who would like to learn, the young and young at heart, families, and individuals- EVERYONE is welcome to help with the planting, cultivation and harvesting of the Hope Garden.

After the Contemporary Service on April 13th, Palm Sunday, we had several youth help with packing the Easter baskets for the food pantry families. And as usual, a good time was had by all.

The next event on the calendar is the Annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 3 from 8 am to 12 pm. Be sure to come check it out as is a fundraiser for the Sunday School. And I'm sure we will have some plants for sale on Sunday, May 4, too.

The next Contemporary Service is Sunday, May 11, which is Mother's Day. We hope that you will join us for a service of worship and praise.

In His Name,  
Sherry Stroup  
Youth Ministry Advisor



# **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Join us this summer for our latest Vacation Bible School adventure when we go on a Jungle Safari from Monday, August 4th - Friday, August 8th from 6-8pm. All children are welcome from ages 3 to 6th grade.

We'll be learning to explore God through the nature of God. Our VBS kids will KNOW what's great about God, EXPLORE the nature of God, and SERVE God in practical ways.

Don't miss our VBS Temple Talk on Sunday, June 1st at all three worship services. You'll receive a fun reminder for our Jungle Safari VBS week!

Plan to register your child, grandchild or neighbor on Sunday June 8th from 9:30am - 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall at our Jungle Safari VBS early registration event. Tell a friend or neighbor to stop in to register early!

Plans are underway for a great VBS week but we need volunteers to help our team. We would love to have you join us with your energy and new ideas to reach the kids of our church and community! If you are interested in helping, please contact Jen Smith at (856) 346-3283 or [esmith3012@comcast.net](mailto:esmith3012@comcast.net).





## Sunday School News

I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through Him who gives me strength. *Philippians 4: 11-13 (NIV)*

*Everyone needs to have strength. Weakness reduces our productiveness, lessens joy, and increases suffering. It leads us into wickedness and temptation. To keep from sin we need to ask daily to be strengthened through Jesus Christ. He alone is the source of all energy and wisdom. He will bless us with strength. Paul assured that all things are possible through Christ; not by our undue self-confidence, but humility. What can hold us back? Not ignorance for He is our teacher, not frailty for He is gentle, not sinfulness for He is our Savior. We are all subject to disturbing changes in life. It is only through the teachings of Christ that we learn that there is rest for the soul, peace and joy from the Holy Spirit and nothing can harm us since we are kept by the power of God. Christ teaches this by encouraging us to cast our burden on Him, and by strengthening our faith which produces conformity to Him. When a believer is strengthened through Jesus Christ: he can live in God's will for him, stand against spiritual foes, and fulfill all his duties.*

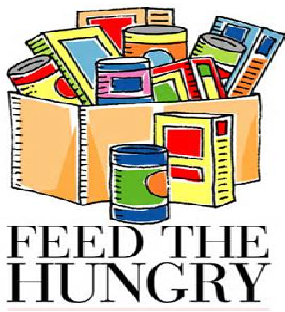
On Mother's Day, May 11<sup>th</sup>, Sunday School will present a program at the 10:00 am service. Our children will sing songs and recite a poem. Each Mom and Grand Mom will receive a carnation for the occasion. Next month is Father's Day on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Fathers will have the opportunity to spend time with their sons and daughters having fun, playing games. Summer will soon be here and it will be time for Vacation Bible School. Plans for VBS are well under way. If you are interested in helping or supporting VBS please contact Jennifer Smith.

Remember our "Plant Sale" on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 am until noon. It will raise money for our Sunday School programs. There will be an assortment of perennials, flowering shrubs and a few trees for sale. My thanks to Bob Zentner for all his effort to put this fund raiser together. Please give support to our Sunday School through this plant sale and by giving through offerings and memorials.

The Youth Ministry is sponsoring a new project, the "Trinity Lutheran Hope Garden", to help raise funds for the Cathedral Kitchen. An organizational meeting will be held on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> after the 11:15 service. Remember to support our Missionary Outreach Program, the Cathedral Kitchen by supporting the "Hope Garden", and bringing in your \$3-dime folders or other donations.

There has been a significant interest in "Raising Your Child In Faith - From Preschoolers To Teens; A Parent's Handbook". We will continue to make complimentary copies available. Pick one up on your way into church. We are reviewing other resource materials that could be used by our teachers and parents to help guide our children to grow in faith.

In Jesus' name,  
Carl Nagel  
dadx3d@comcast.net



## SOCIAL CONCERNS

Well I hope that you enjoyed breakfast with us this morning. It was nice to have the crew back in the kitchen again working in "Harmony" as we flip pancakes and scramble eggs. Proceeds from the breakfast help defray the cost of supplies for the kitchen such as paper products and equipment replacement. But most of all it gives us time to enjoy fellowship and food with friends.

On May 31<sup>st</sup> we will be having our Ladies Tea at 12 Noon. There are sign-up sheets on the Johnson Ave. side of the church. Please let us know that you will be attending so that we will have a place set for you. We are also looking for people to make sandwiches and other items for the tea. Please see the sign-up sheets as well.

We would like to continue our program by having games and fun things to do. I am looking for some prizes to give out for these games. If you have any items you would like to donate to the prize table please bring them to church by May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Our clothing closet has two new boxes for clothing drop-off. Please remember to keep the bags light. Spring is a great time to go through your old clothing and drop off ones you no longer wear so that we can find a new home for them.

Now that Easter is over we will return to our regular pantry days on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month.

We are always in need of the following items:

Cereal, tuna, canned pasta, spaghetti sauce, juice, pasta, soup and canned vegetables and fruit. We also need non-food items such as toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, soap and shampoo.

We have changed our meeting day to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. Our next meeting will be on Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:15. Please join us, we will be sure to finish the meeting in time for the important congregational meeting that afternoon.

Dates to remember:

May 4<sup>th</sup> – Spring Breakfast

May 18<sup>th</sup> – Social Concerns Meeting 11:25

May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Pantry 9-11 AM and 6-7 PM

May 31<sup>st</sup> – Ladies Tea, 12 Noon.



Proverbs 11:25

*"A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed."*

Caring and Sharing

Cheryl Morris

people Helping People







Wow! What a great 5 weeks of soup, bread and desserts we had during Lent. I'm certain that all who attended enjoyed the fellowship and good food.

Many, many thanks to all who provided the tasty soups, as well as the delicious desserts. We at Trinity do have good cooks!

Thanks to all who helped to "set up" and "clean up" before and after our time together. We truly are a "Family of God."

God bless each one and Keep Smiling!

Love in Christ,

Pat Henry



April

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June

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# May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Invite a Neighbor to Church				1  No practice for Senior Bells or Adult Choir	2   10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Meeting	3   8 AM - 12 Noon- PLANT SALE
4   8:30, 10 & 11:15 AM Holy Communion 9:45 Junior Choir 8:30-11:00 AM Spring Breakfast 7 PM-N.A. Meeting	5  Confirmation Class  7:00 PM Confirmation Class II	6	7   Bible Study 1:00 PM & 7:30 PM Bible Study	8   12:00 PM- Friendly Circle Meeting 6:30 PM- Senior Bells 7:30 PM- Adult Choir	9	10   8:00 AM WORK DAY
11   9:45 AM- Jr. Choir 10 AM Holy Communion 11:15 AM Contemporary Service 7 PM- N.A. Meeting	12   7:00 PM- Confirmation Class II 8:00 PM- Church Council Meeting	13   12:00 PM Sunshine Class Meeting	14   Bible Study 1:00 PM & 7:30 PM Bible Study Meeting	15   6:30 PM- Senior Bells 7:30 PM- Adult Choir	16	17
18  Happy Birthday Pastor Andy! 8:30, 10 & 11:15 AM Holy Communion 11:15 Social Concerns Meeting 12:30 PM- Congregational Meeting 7 PM- N.A. Meeting	19	20   7:00 PM-Sunday School Meeting	21   Bible Study 1:00 PM & 7:30 PM Bible Study Meeting	22   12:00 PM- Friendly Circle Meeting PANTRY DAY- 9-11AM & 6-7PM	23	24
25   9:45 AM- Jr. Choir Practice 10 AM Holy Communion 7 PM- N.A. Meeting	26  	27	28	29   ASCENSION OF THE LORD	30	31   12 Noon- Spring Tea DEADLINE FOR SCHOLARSHIP JUNE 1