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September 2019 NEWSLETTER

God makes everything **Beautiful** in its time.

Ecclesiastes 3:11

FROM THE PASTOR

And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in Heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20NRSV)

These closing verses from the Gospel of Matthew encapsulate the entire thrust of his gospel. They do not form a conclusion but explain the whole purpose of his writing of the gospel. St. Matthew is the first book to be included in the collection of books that we refer to as the New Testament. Tradition assigns the authorship of this Gospel to Matthew, or Levi, the Jewish tax collector whom Jesus calls from his business to serve as a disciple.

Matthew's outline of Jesus' life begins with the story of His birth, followed by His relation to John the Baptist. After Jesus is baptized by John, He is tempted in the wilderness by Satan. After which, He begins his public ministry. Matthew locates Jesus' public ministry in the area of Galilee. Jesus teaches, preaches and heals in the country where tradition claims Him to have grown up. The next major portion of this Gospel is the Passion of our Lord, focusing on Jesus' trial, crucifixion and resurrection.

Matthew's portrait of the Jewish Messiah is similar to those of Mark and Luke, yet he reveals a unique nuance in his understanding of Jesus' fulfillment of this role. Matthew opens with a genealogy which connects Jesus with King David and the patriarch Abraham. For Jewish readers of this gospel to understand Jesus' fulfillment of God's prophecy they would have to understand His connection to David, the ideal king whom the Messiah will emulate. In revealing Jesus' family tree, Matthew demonstrates to his fellow Jews that Jesus is the expected Messianic Savior. Only St. Matthew makes this direct initial connection in his gospel.

The version of the Lord's prayer commonly used by the church is taken from Matthew 6:9-13. Also, Matthew is the only gospel in which the community of believers is referred to as the church (Matthew 16:18 and 18:17).

The lectionary that our Sunday morning readings are determined by is divided into three one-year cycles noted as Year A, Year B and Year C. During Year A, which is the cycle beginning at Advent, the majority of the lessons come from St. Matthew. My hope is that hearing many of these readings on the 'heels' of our study will help reinforce what we have learned.

You may wonder why I began this article with the closing words of Matthew's gospel. I did so because they don't end the gospel of Matthew. Those words are Jesus' words that have led many to faith and lead us into mission, the mission of spreading the good news of God's fulfillment of salvation through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Matthew ends his gospel with these words of Jesus, but the story continues in the lives of all who having heard the good news, call upon Jesus for salvation, and then go to proclaim the good news to others.

Join us as we explore and examine the good news of Jesus Christ as told to us by St. Matthew. The study begins on Wednesday, September 4th at 1:00pm.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Andy

September 1- The 15th Sunday After Pentecost
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
THE WEIGHT OF LIVING LIKE JESUS

September 8- The 16th Sunday After Pentecost
Philemon 1-21
THE COMMON LOVE OF CHRISTIANS

September 15- The 17th Sunday After Pentecost
1 Timothy 1:12-17
UNDESERVED GRACE

September 22- The 18th Sunday After Pentecost
Pastor Jack to Supply

September 29- The 19th Sunday After Pentecost
1 Timothy 6:6-19
THE COST OF SPOTLESS LIVING

October 6- The 20th Sunday After Pentecost
Lamentations 1:1-6
DESOLUTE CITY, DESOLATE SOULS

October 13- The 21st Sunday After Pentecost
2 Timothy 2:8-15
WORKERS IN THE WORK OF TRUTH

October 20- The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 31: 27-34
INSCRIPTIONS OF THE HEART

October 27- Reformation Day
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
KEEPING CHRIST IN CHRISTIAN

COVER PHOTO: ***BIRTHDAY BLOOMS***
By Janet Lipski

SOCIAL CONCERNS

I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer. The Social Concerns Ministry continued its work during the summer with our Back-to-School project as well as our regular Pantry and Clothing Closet Days. Thank you to everyone who brought items for our Back-to-School project. We were able to help 15 children with clothing, shoes and Backpacks to start their school year.

We did enjoy a summer barbeque at the Morris' home with lots of food, fun, and fellowship.

We will continue to have Pantry and Clothing Closet days during the fall. We need the following: **paper bags**, cereal, canned vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, tuna fish, soup, Mac & Cheese, pancake mix, syrup, box potatoes, rice, soap, paper towels, toilet paper, napkins.

Any clothing items dropped off need to be clean and stain-free. The Clothing Closet is open to anyone. We have a large selection of gently use and a few new clothes. Help stretch your budget and give some of our clothing a new home. Please remember to keep the packages light. ***Please, do not bring kitchen items, lotions, medications, toiletries, books, magazines or furniture. We can only accept clothing, shoes, belts or purses.***

Some dates to remember:

September 10th-Clothing Closet 10:00-12:00
September 8th- Social Concerns Meeting 11:15
September 26th– Pantry/Clothing Closet, 9-11 AM or 6-7PM

New members are always welcome. We meet on the Second Sunday of the month after the 10:00 service. Our next meeting is September 8th. Please come out and join us. Remember God loves a cheerful giver. You will love the fellowship and the great feeling you get from helping others.

Acts 20:35

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Caring and Sharing
Diane Kochon

PANTRY DAY 2019

PANTRY DAY has become a great tradition here at Trinity when people are asked to give a monetary gift to the Pantry for the only time during the year. This year it will be October 13th. Envelopes will appear in your Church bulletin each of the first three weeks of October for your gifts.

When giving to the Pantry through the envelopes, be sure to include your envelope number on your check and on the envelope itself. This money will be used to purchase food and other necessary items to complete the things our people will need in the days ahead. Often it is necessary to purchase some non-perishable things which are regular items included in bags. Perishable items which need to be purchased within days of monthly visits by the people we serve are also gotten with this money.

Won't you plan to include a monetary gift to the Pantry during this annual event? Mark you calendar to be present at one of the services on October 13th to learn more about this opportunity to serve the community and the Lord in this place. Many thanks from the people we serve and those who work at the Pantry!

Pat Schmidt
On behalf of Social Concerns

JUNIOR CHOIR

Fall is just around the corner! School will be starting, various sports teams will be practicing, and activities at the church begin with schedules galore! Junior Choir practice will be held on Sunday, September 15th for the first time this season.

During the Sundays in September we will be starting to practice our song for October 20th and go over some other music. And we will be trying on our robes to see if we can still wear the robe, we wore last spring OR if we need to switch around because you grew over the summer.

Remember that we sing on the third Sunday of the month so your presence would be needed only that Sunday. In addition, we do sing on Thanksgiving morning at 8:30 only and then again on Christmas Eve at 6:00 PM.

Children in grades 1-6 are most welcome to become a part of our choir. Rehearsals are held in the music room which is around the corner from the Fellowship Hall. (That is in the basement of the church).) We meet from 9:45 AM until 10:00 AM so children can go directly to their Sunday School classes. If you have further questions regarding Junior Choir, please do not hesitate to call me at my home: (856) 845-3485.

It will be fun to start a new year of singing for the Lord and having a nice time to meet new girls and boys. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone from last season and to meeting new people on September 15th at 9:45 AM! Junior Choir Members: be looking for your letter in the mail. Each one has a frog sticker on it so you will know it is from me!

Love to all,
Mrs. Schmidt

Kids Page

GROWING generations

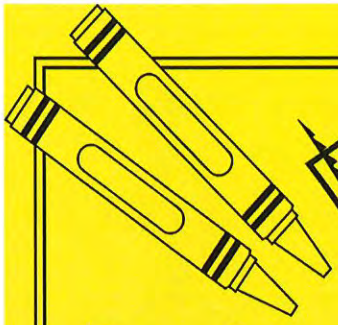
Honor your grandparents with a gift that all generations can enjoy.

What you need:

- Cups (various sizes)
- Pencil
- Family photos
- Scissors
- Colored paper
- Hot glue (and adult help)
- Clothespins
- A small potted tree or bush

What you do:

1. Use a cup to trace a circle around faces in the photos. Cut out the circles.
2. Cut larger circles out of paper. Glue each photo onto a paper circle.
3. Glue a clothespin to the back of each photo. Clip photos to the branches.
4. Present the gift to your grandparents, and tell them you're glad to be in their family tree.

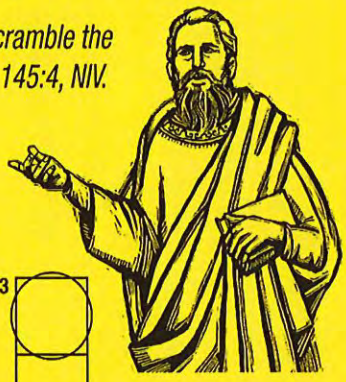


PUZZLE

Grandparents of the Old Testament

Can you name these biblical grandparents? If you get stuck, find an Old Testament family tree in your Bible or online.

Directions: After filling in the crossword, unscramble the circled letters to complete Psalm 145:4, NIV.



ACROSS

2. David's grandfather
5. Jacob's grandfather
6. Esau's grandmother

DOWN

1. Judah's grandmother
3. Joseph's grandfather
4. Solomon's grandfather
7. Jesse's grandmother

One G _ N _ _ _ _ _ _ N commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. Psalm 145:4, NIV

Answers: ACROSS 2. Obed, 5. Abraham, 6. Sarah; DOWN: 1. Rebekah, 3. Isaac, 4. Jesse, 7. Ruth. Generation

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He (Jesus) answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" -Luke 10:27

God desires that we should love him with all that we are and to love each other. And so, He wants all to be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry. Anger does not produce righteousness that he desires. (James 1:19-20) A gentle response turns away anger, harsh words stirs it up. (Proverbs 15:1) Be kind, compassionate, and forgiving to others, since through Christ, God forgave you. (Ephesians 47:32) Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. (1 John 3:18) "Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many". (Mark 10:45) In a like spirit we should give of ourselves serving God and others.

Rally Day will be held on Sunday, September 8th to celebrate the beginning of a new year. Our theme is "Love God and Each Other! ", based on Luke 10:27. This will be a fun event with balloons, games, crafts and ice cream in the Fellowship Hall. Students will be promoted and meet their new teacher.

Our lessons for the fall semester begin on September 15th. Pre-K and Kindergarten will again meet upstairs. First and second grades will be in one classroom; third and fourth grades will be in another upstairs in the new wing. Fifth and sixth grades will meet downstairs in the classroom near Fellowship Hall. The "Confirmation Class" will meet in the classroom adjacent to the kitchen.

Vacation Bible School, "ROAR! Life is Wild, God is Good", was held August 5th thru 9th. Congratulations to Erica Lunn, Jim Shisler and all of the staff for making it a great success! The Sunday afterwards VBS kids sang "I'm Trusting You" with such enthusiasm it was a true joy to see.

Our "PB&J Day" continues to be very successful thanks to all the support of the congregation. It provides an opportunity to participate in an outreach for helping the homeless and in an enjoyable time of Christian fellowship. Our next Sunday to support UR Important 2 US will be September 15th. We need peanut butter and jelly, bottles of water, and packaged snacks. The Saturday before come join us to make sandwiches at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Our other outreach, Mission Teens, helps the desperate by ministering the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those willing to seek God as the answer to their problems. Please make donations to support their ministry. Please make checks payable to "Trinity Lutheran Sunday School".

If you love Jesus and love to teach or you know someone who does, please get involved. You will be glad you did. The future of our children is of utmost importance. They need help and guidance to develop a strong faith. Let's talk about it.

Blessings to all in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

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Join us for Sunday School

RALLY DAY!

WHEN: Sunday September 8th

WHERE: The Fellowship Hall

WHAT TIME: 10:00 AM

Balloons, Games, Crafts & Ice Cream!!

1 - Maryann Antonelli
2 - Lynn Torrillo
3 - Helen McGarvey
3 - Cheryl Morris
4 - Mike Dunda
5 - Amanda DeValerio Cox
5 - Susan Dilks
6 - Christian P. Kochon
6 - Eric Shinseki
7- Joseph Bush
7 - Alexandria Zentner
7 - Kim Allard
8 - Ana-Christina Zentner
8 - Charyl Delmar
9 - Derek Doyle
9 - Nico Legault
9 - Andrea Sprang
9 - Logan Tsvik
10 - Christian Salvitti
10 - Lindsay Grant
10 - Ray Alcorn
11- Tyler Kemery
11 - Sarah Whelan
11 - Emma Watson
12 - Paul Hoffman
14 - Christian Kochon
14 - Philip Gorman
15- Andrew Krause
15- Kimberly Krause
15 - Nancy Fenton
15 - Bryan Repp
16 - Al Lott
16 - Eileen Humes
17 - Stephanie Morris
19 - Shayne Aaron
19 - Elaine Ranck
19 - Kathy Schroeder
19 - John Zioance
20 - Esther Guetens
20 - Nola Speeney
21 - Brian Knause
22 - Matthew Bennett
22 - Barbara Ciuffo
22 - Bill Rumbol
23 - Donna L. Lux
23 - Charles Price
24 - Marylu Grant
24 - Paul Delmar
24 - David Bennett
24 - Judy Quinton
26 - Nikki Ann Bresch
27 - Corinne Gawason Palmer
27 - Ella Gotta
25 - Barbara Aaron
27 - Donna Koss
28 - Sandi Hill
28 - Dottie Glaze
28 - Amanda Richards
29 - Nicolas Veneziani
29 - John Otero
30 - Jennifer Koss

6 - Harry & Anna Marie Wright
7 - Mickey & Donna Dunda
9 - Michael & Susan Hobgen
9 - Ken & Marlene Summerfield
9 - John & Francine Zioance
10 - Earl & Yvonne Thatcher
13 - Michael & Tiffany Mascio
13 - Charlie & Tori Repp
14 - Dave & Cathy Daly
14 - Mike & Gwen Steet
16 - John & Shirley King
16 - Dana & Chris Staino
17 - John & Michele Otero
17 - Lindsey & Thomas James
19 - Charles & Zandra Price
20 - Bryan & Holly Glaze
20 - Joseph & Elizabeth Talotta
21 - Al & Carol Lott
21 - Andrei & Stefany Hauser
27 - Will & Gloria Guenette
28 - Janice & Albert Powell

I would like to thank Pastor Andy for his calls & visits on my recent hospital stay. Thanks for all of your prayers and cards and praise to God for bringing me through to my being almost myself.

Sincerely,
Kathy Donachie

Funeral Services

On July 1, 2019
DANIEL DENNY (81)
Of Bellmawr, NJ

On July 19, 2019
BENJAMIN F. BROOKS (91)
Of Berlin, NJ

On July 29, 2019
JAMES BRUCE OFFER (81)
Of Voorhees, NJ

On August 8, 2019
MICHELE McGLONE (64)
Of Pitman, NJ

On August 12, 2019
JUSTIN R. LOWDER (33)
Of Pemberton, NJ

On August 14, 2019
JOY E. RAGO (Age not given)
Of Blackwood, NJ

On August 15, 2019
RICHARD P. STASIEWICZ (89)
Of Cherry Hill, NJ

On August 19, 2019
LOUIS L SHEAIRS, JR (79)
Of Blackwood Terrace, NJ

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family and friends of those listed above.

WEDDING

July 27, 2019

SHAUNNA MARIE WHITE

(Of Laurel Springs NJ)

TO

JAMES BRIAN ALSPACH JR.

(Franklin Township, NJ)

MILES LEVI FLANAGAN
Baptized June 30, 2019
Son of Ashley & William Flanagan
Sponsors: Madison McAlexander & Andrew Millberg

MILA HOPE KUCINSKI
Baptized June 30, 2019
Daughter of Courtney & Adam Kucinski
Sponsors: Nicolle Burgo & Stephen Kucinski

LINCOLN DAVID DALY
Baptized August 11, 2019
Son of Miriam & David Daly Jr.
Sponsors: Julia Fernandes & Stephen Daly

BRINNLEIGH CONSTANCE McHUGH
Baptized August 11, 2019
Daughter of Ashley & James McHugh
Sponsors: Kelly Cundiff, Lindsay Cundiff & Carly McHugh

GIDEON ALEXANDER JAMES
Baptized August 11, 2019
Son of Lindsay & Thomas James
Sponsors: Ashley McHugh & John James

DEAR PASTOR ANDY AND MY FRIENDS AT TRINITY- I want to thank everyone for your kind acts and prayers over the years of my husbands' illnesses, and now also for the cards and memorials offered on his behalf. You are a blessing to me. Dot Offer

A sincere THANK YOU to everyone for the cards and support you have shown me during this difficult time for my family at the loss of my grandson Justin. Florence Adler