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FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER



Do you not say, "There are yet four months, then comes the harvest"?
Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest.
John 4:35

On December of 2017 I, along with several council members, attended a forum offered by the Gloucester Township Police Department titled, "Active Shooter Response and Church Security". This was one of the first such training sessions of its kind. Since then many other communities have sponsored similar presentations. Unfortunately, we began 2020 with another church shooting in Texas. Therefore, I thought I should present the following information to you again. First and foremost, should you find yourself in such a situation is to use common sense. We have a tendency to panic in life threatening situations and panic is the enemy of common sense. Law enforcement personnel have distilled the response that should be taken by civilians who find themselves in such an event to three actions, "Run, Hide, Fight." The following information is useful anywhere you might find yourself in a hostile situation.

RUN

If there is an escape path, attempt to evacuate.
Evacuate whether others agree to or not.
Leave your belongings behind.
Help others escape if possible.
Prevent others from entering the area.
Call 911 when you are safe.

HIDE

If evacuation is not possible, find a place to hide.
Lock and/or blockade the door.
Silence your cell phone.
Hide behind large objects.
Remain very quiet.

YOUR HIDING PLACE SHOULD:

Be out of the shooters view.
Provide protection if shots are fired in your direction.
Not trap or restrict your options for movement.

FIGHT

At last resort and only if your life is in danger.
Attempt to incapacitate the shooter.
Act with physical aggression.
Improvise weapons.
Commit to your actions.

When law enforcement arrives.
Remain calm and follow instructions.
Keep your hands visible at all times.
Avoid pointing or yelling.
Know that help for the injured is on the way.

The above information was gleaned from the following video, copyrighted by the city of Houston (2012), that you may want to watch: <https://youtube/5VcSwejU2D0>. In addition, if something or someone looks suspicious, tell me or one of the members of church council so that we can discern whether or not they are a threat to our safety and we can respond accordingly.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Andy

Sermon Preview

February 2, 2020- THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Matthew 5:1-12

"BACK TO BASICS"

February 9, 2020- THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

"THE CAPTIVATING WISDOM OF THE CROSS"

February 16, 2020-THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Psalms 119:1-8

"A HAPPY OBEDIENCE"

February 23, 2020- THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Matthew 17:1-9

"A BRIEF GLIMPSE OF GLORY"



Cold weather is upon us! What a perfect time to try out soup recipes from last year's *Lenten Soups On!* recipe booklet. Ash Wednesday is February 26th this year, so our Lenten Soup & Bread program will begin on Wednesday March 4th. Why not use this time to go through your family-favorite soup recipes you'd like to share with us this season? Sign-up sheets will be available next month. Copies of last year's booklet are available by calling the Secretary at 856-939-4411 or e-mail: Janet4411@comcast.net

Greetings in Christ,

February already?! Yes, hard to believe – wasn't Christmas and New Year's last week? Now comes Valentine's Day, President's Day and Lent begins on the 26th. I won't talk about the weather – just keep praying.

On our last workday we took down the greens and undecorated the church. We had a nice turn out and got a lot of work done.

Here is a short list of some of the projects done that day.

- Took down the greens.
- Packed them up and put away until next time.
- Took down the outdoor Nativity display.
- Cleaned and swept the sanctuary.

Installed fire code required carbon monoxide detectors in the church and 17 & 25 Knight Ave houses.

- These detectors are one and done as they have a life span of 10 years including the battery which cannot be replaced. The whole detector must be replaced.

Some of you have noticed water seeping up through the basement floor. It's a return line for our steam heat. We were wrong on our original analysis of excess rain. We had to remove part of the wall to find the leak. Now the bad news is that we need to remove part of the floor to get to the defective pipe. Our new heating contractor **Anyzek Heating and Plumbing** will make the necessary repairs. It will cost us a little bit of money for this repair.

Our next workday will be **Saturday, February 1st** starting at 8 a.m. Some of the items on our to do list are:

- Inspections and testing
- Fire Code corrections
- Cleaning storage areas
- Restroom repairs
- Painting projects
- Light Electrical work
- Dewaxing candle holders



Won't you join us for some fellowship, a great coffee break and a good feeling that we helped keep the Lord's house a beautiful place to worship.

Serving him,

Rich Greiner on behalf of the Property Committee

Sunday School News: February 2020

This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

This is my favorite verse to use as part of my morning prayer. This is where the Lord wants me, eager and joyful. I ask him to go before me and prepare my way. I am confident he is there. I have come to eagerly look forward to seeing his blessings along the way. We all go through difficult times, now and then. For mine of recent, I was looking with excitement to see how he is going to bless me. The Lord as promised in his word remains faithful to us and is our hope in all things. We are precious in his sight. He brought me hope, great joy and kept me from worry. I came to know more clearly what Paul meant by "being in the Spirit". True to the Lord's word, the Holy Spirit comes to us, to minister his word. When concerns entered my mind the Holy Spirit reminded me of the words I most needed to hear. I rejoiced. There were hours during my recovery which seemed like minutes when I felt blanketed by his love, so warm and peaceful, and feeling one with him. The world seemed distant. God's word is Truth and Life, and it is Alive! My cup of joy overflowed.

I want to thank my wife Diane for all the loving care she gave me. She was always eager to help; nothing was too much or too unpleasant. I really appreciate all of your prayers, love and concern, and beautiful cards. They are the pouring out of the Spirit through each one of you! I am blessed to be a part of "Our Family of Faith".

The season of Lent will soon be upon us. Ash Wednesday is February 26th. Easter is April 12st. In preparation Lenten Faith Guides will be ordered. Social Concerns will again have an Easter Egg Hunt and breakfast with the Easter Bunny. Our annual plant sale will be the weekend of May 2nd & 3rd. On Mother's Day is May 10th and Father's Day is June 2nd. Moms and Dads on their special day will receive a Sunday School tote bag.

Please continue your New Year's Resolution to help feed the hungry homeless by supporting UR Important 2 US. Please donate peanut butter and jelly, bottles of water, packaged snacks and warm socks. Come join us Saturday, February 15th at 8:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall to make PB&J sandwiches. We have a wonderful group who come to help. It is a joyful time of fun and fellowship. Mission Teens, our other outreach, helps the desperate by ministering the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those willing to seek God as the answer to their problems. Please help them by making a donation. Make checks payable to "Trinity Lutheran Sunday School", envelopes are available as you enter the church. Thank you for your support of our outreach through it others are being blessed.

Yes, we are still looking for volunteers to teach. Children need help and guidance to develop a strong faith. Come visit our Sunday School. If you are interested in helping please let me know.

In the Name of Jesus may this New Year Bring Great Joy and Blessings to All.

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CONFIRMATION CLASS – FEBRUARY – 2020

God calls us to repent of covetousness and greed. He forgives us through Christ and leads us to contentment and thanksgiving.

The class has just finished their study of The Ninth and Tenth Commandments on being content with what God has given us. We asked the students to make a list of ten things they would like to have. Boy, was that interesting. Then we asked them are any of the things on your list real needs? Some of the members are going to be great lawyers. They were very good at justifying their needs from wants. Mrs. Anna Marie Wright and I had a lot of fun with this. One child asked if our parents were going to see their list. I said no. They were debating if a brother or a sister was a need or want.

We will be moving on to our next unit which will be a study of The Lord's Prayer.

If your child is in eighth grade, they will be getting confirmed this Spring. They will also be taking a trip To Gardner's Funeral Home in a couple of months as we discuss death and life after death (eighth grade only). Eighth grade parents, we are going to ask for your help. At the Confirmation Service the eighth-grade students will have to recite as a group The Apostles' Creed. We practice this in class, but a little extra practice wouldn't hurt them. The Confirmation Service is on Pentecost Sunday May 31, 2020.

Thank you, parents, for getting your children to church and to their duties. If someone can not make a duty, there is a big competition of all who want to take their place. The students volunteer to look up Bible verses and read. This is a fun and respectful class. Thank you for doing such a great job with them.

Thank you for your support,

In Christ's love,

Confirmation Teachers

Adult Choir – February – 2020

As we have just finished up the Third Sunday After The Epiphany, Christmas seems to have come and gone like a flash. Even though we haven't had any snow yet, viruses, colds and allergies have taken their toll on the choir. Please pray for a healing spirit to come down on them and other church members. Some Sundays we have sung with only five or six members. If they are willing and able, we will be singing through this flu season. Thank you, members, for your hard work and dedication.

Welcome back Carl Nagel after surgery. It was so good to see you up and around.

Please come out on February 2, 2020 to our BRING ALONG SING ALONG immediately following the 10:00 Service. We will eat a little and then go upstairs to sing along with our praise band some of our favorite hymns and songs. **ARE YOU WASHED IN THE BLOOD?**

For February, the choir will be singing **THE BEATITUDES, WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDEROUS CROSS, LIVING FOR JESUS, and A NEW NAME IN GLORY.**

Choir practice is every Thursday 7:30. It is open to anyone 7th grade on up. Come on out if you like to sing, laugh, and just have fun. No one is put on the spot and we will teach you how to read music.

Thank you for your support and keep on singing!

In Christ's love

Jim Shisler

SOCIAL CONCERNS

As we are finishing up a month of R&R, we jump right into February ready to prepare for our late winter and spring events.

With the holidays over, our food pantry is back to its normal schedule. The pantry is in need of cereal, pancake mix, syrup, toilet paper, paper towels and napkins.

Our Clothing closet continues to provide much needed clothing to our pantry families. The closet is also open to all members of the congregation as well. If you plan to drop off any of your donations, please remember to keep the **bags light**. They can be dropped off in the containers on the porch at 17 Knight Avenue anytime.

Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season is fast approaching. We will be having our **Soup, Bread and Dessert Wednesday Suppers** on the following dates: March 4th, 11th, 18th., 25th, April 1st. Plan on joining us for good food and fellowship.

Dates to remember:

Clothing Closet	Feb. 11th and 27th
Pantry Day	Feb. 27th

New members are always welcome. We meet on the **Second Sunday** of the month following the 10 AM service. Our next meeting is February 9th. Please come out and join us. Remember God loves a cheerful giver, those who not only give of their wealth, but of their time, their talents and their possessions. With God ALL things are possible.

***Luke 3:11** And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise."*

Caring and Sharing
Diane Kochon

JUNIOR CHOIR

January 19, the third Sunday of the month, was publicized for the Junior Choir to sing "Celebrate God's Love". It was also Martin Luther King's birthday and a three-day-weekend. Many people chose to go away for the weekend and still others had signed-up to do volunteer projects needing to be done for many reasons. The children were involved for the purpose of doing for others. So, Sunday morning came and when it was time to sing for the 10:00 a.m. Service we had just three choir members present. However, the number certainly didn't matter. Lilyana Amato, Olivia Hui and Katy Reichert sang "Celebrate" with enthusiasm and clear voices. Thank you to the girls for singing and certainly for leading the congregation in worship at that time!

Now it is time to begin learning our music for February and to look at the March numbers, as well. February 16 we will sing "You Are A Temple". (For those who were at church last Sunday, Mr. Kraemer was playing that when we weren't practicing "Celebrate".) So next week we will be working on "You Are A Temple".

We will be welcoming Riley Green as part of our Junior Choir next Sunday. Then she will be singing when we sing in church on February 16!

By the time we will be singing in March, it will be in the season of Lent. The song for March is "The Passover Lamb". It is nice for us to hear the melody and the words. This provides time for us to build on the stories of the Bible and how the message fits in with life today.

I look forward to us beginning to learn some new music. It is always interesting how quickly we find ourselves humming or singing the music as we go about our daily lives.

Love and blessings to all,

Mrs. Schmidt

The Prayer Shawl monthly meeting was held on Friday January 3, 2020. In attendance were Ann Carter, Val Colasuonno, and Mary Raws. We were pleased to welcome a new member, Kris Foster. The meeting officially started at 10:15 a.m., with The Lord's Prayer.

We received the following: 2 Lap Blankets, 1 gift bag and 9 baby bags

Cathedral Kitchen: 4 Hats

Osborn Family Med.Ctr. 1 Baby blanket

Distribution: 1 lap blanket was taken for an ill parishioner. Also, Cathedral Kitchen expressed their gratitude for all the items Ann delivered.


Corresponding Secretary: We were also fortunate in receiving three donations. Barbara will hopefully have updated reports at our next meeting.

Baptismal Historian: Mary Raws reported there were no baptisms.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday February 7, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., and as always, you are all invited. The closing reading was from Psalm 126:5 and we adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Val Colasuonno
Vice President Prayer Shawl Ministry
"May God Hold You in the Palm of His Hand"

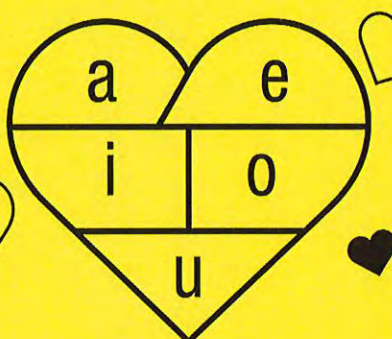




A friend in Jesus

In the Bible, Jesus shares what it means to be a true friend.

Directions: Use the heart key to fill in the missing vowels from John 15:14, 17, NIV.



“Y _ _ r _ my fr _ _ nds _ f
y _ _ d _ wh _ t _ c _ mm _ nd. ...
Th _ s _ s my c _ mm _ nd:
L _ v _ _ _ ch _ th _ r.”

JOHN 15:14, 17, NIV

Answer: “You are my friends if you do what I command. ... This is my command: Love each other.” John 15:14, 17, NIV

Friendship Squares

This tasty treat doubles as a game to play with a buddy.



What you need:

- Graham crackers
- Chocolate chips
- Microwave-safe bowl
- Zippered baggie
- Scissors
- Raspberries
- Blueberries

What you do:

1. Gently break cracker sheets in half to form squares.
2. Heat chocolate chips in microwave for 30 seconds. Stir, then continue heating for 30 seconds at a time until melted.
3. Spoon melted chocolate into baggie and snip a small triangle from one bottom corner.
4. On each cracker, squeeze chocolate lines to form a Tic-Tac-Toe board. Let cool.
5. Using the fruit as X's and O's, play Tic-Tac-Toe with a friend. The winner gets to eat the treat!



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Sunday, February 23, 2020

Voorhees Town Center (Echelon Mall)

Register at 1:30 PM • Walk starts at 2:30 PM

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 24 - Gavin Theisen
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27 - Ranae Redrow
 27 - Beverly Bethany
 27 - Tiffany Thibault
 28 - David Mayer
 29 - Liberty Grace Koltys



11 - James & Treva Stewart
 21 - Matthew & Christine Abrams
 22 - Karen & Ed Steinhagen



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

On January 8, 2020
THOMAS C. EPLEY (62)
 Of Runnemede, NJ

On January 15, 2020
GEORGE P. MARTIN (75)
 Of Glendora, NJ

On January 18, 2020
WILLIAM H. GUENETTE, JR. (27)
 Of Runnemede, NJ

On January 19, 2020
IRIS L. HOLLAND (68)
 Of Deptford, NJ

On January 22, 2020
JOAN M. WOOD (68)
 Of Woodbury Heights, NJ

On January 25, 2020
LORAIN LOMBARDI (99)
 Of Runnemede, NJ



COVER- "Snowy Fields"
 Hershey, PA by Janet Lipski