

PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Friends of Christ,

I know that I was not alone a couple of weeks ago in being horrified at the story about a mob that beat and killed a man because the car in which he was a passenger struck a young child. It was retribution, swift and severe, made all the more haunting by the fact that the driver escaped and the child was not seriously hurt.

It's a blunt example of humans trying to do good works, but really doing evil works. Seeing something as terrible as a child run over by a car awakened a desire for justice in the people in that parking lot. They wanted justice; instead, they murdered an innocent man. The best work of humans, when done without God, is always evil. We depend not upon such human justice — if we did, we would have only despair. No, we depend upon God's mercy. God forgives us.

It's a contemporary example of something called a 'Theology of the Cross,' first described by Martin Luther in his 'Heidelberg Disputation' of 1518, a short and weighty book that most of us probably haven't read and yet which is very important to the Christian faith. In it, Luther argues that, 'Although the works of man always seem attractive and good, they are nevertheless likely to be mortal sins,' and that, 'The person who believes that he can obtain grace by doing what is in him adds sin to sin so that he becomes doubly guilty.' I'm sure punishing that driver seemed like a good idea at the time, but those who did it are now doubly guilty — they usurped God's role as doer of good works AND they committed an evil deed.

Mercy is that for which God calls. That applies to us as well. God is not interested in doling out terrible punishment for evil deeds. God loves us. God's love, 'born of the cross... turns in the direction where it does not find good which it may enjoy, but where it may confer good upon the bad or needy person.' In other words, God makes us good! God loves us and shows mercy to us so that we might love others and show mercy to others. God calls us to show some mercy to that angry mob. They'll face justice, but it is not ours to discard them and forget that they are sinners in need of redeeming. God redeems us, and God will redeem them, too.

Thankfully, we don't usually encounter situations like the one in that Texas parking lot. We do get our own reminders that we have shortcomings. That's (partially) why we come to worship; we come so that God can remind us that *God* makes us worthy.

Some of us probably feel unworthy of serving in worship as an assisting minister, unworthy to speak the words of scripture aloud to the congregation, unworthy to approach the altar, unworthy to touch the cup and distribute the wine or touch the paten and distribute the bread. God makes you worthy. Those of us who read the scriptures and distribute the sacrament are just as you are, children of God, sinners of Christ's redeeming. We are worthy, and you are worthy, because God makes us worthy. Serving as an assisting minister is a wonderful chance for kinesthetic learning; by speaking the Word and giving the Sacrament one gains a more tangible sense of God's love. Physically enacting the good news helps you to believe it. There are always opportunities to serve in worship, and especially in the summer. This summer, the 10:15 a. m. Holy Communion service offers opportunities to assist and — since there is only one reading and the prayers are abridged — it might be a very good way to get your feet wet if you're new to assisting.

Some of us probably feel unworthy of working in Christian Education, unqualified to answer faith questions, untrained in working with people. God makes you worthy. God qualifies you. Those who teach children, who guide Confirmation Learners, or who lead adult forums are just as you are, children of God, sinners of Christ's redeeming. Becoming a SCS Teacher or a Confirmation Connection Guide or an adult forum leader is a wonderful way for you to learn just how much God loves you. Speak the words of grace to your brothers and sisters in Christ and you'll start to feel them more deeply in yourself. This year, Holy Trinity offers three openings for Confirmation Guides. Two will lead a Small Group of First Year Learners and guide them for the next two years. One will work for one year with Mark Solan and a Small Group of Second Year

Learners. We also have opportunities to help feed the flock every time we gather. We make it easy and order pizza from Squan Tavern, but someone coordinates that and makes sure that there are drinks, salad and dessert available as well. It might not seem like that big of a thing, but it makes a big difference, and if you're worthy of providing a salad for Confirmation Connection you're worthy of guiding Confirmation Connection as well.

Friends of Christ, the point is that God is with us and God makes us worthy to serve God in the world. God does not expect perfection from us and punish us when we fail; God knows that perfection is not going to come from us, so instead God loves us and makes us worthy to serve God despite our imperfect nature. We're not forsaken, left with nothing but broken human justice, forced to sort things out the way that angry mob in the parking lot did; we are forgiven and made worthy of God.

Friends of mine from college recently had a baby. This is amusing to those of us who knew them because we knew them at their worst. We knew their flaws. We knew their bad habits. We loved them anyway, but how on earth could they be parents? They'll do it, though, and they'll be good at it, because that's what God has called them into doing, and they have the support of friends and family. You might think that you're not worthy of working for God. You know your flaws. You know your bad habits. How on earth could you do a good job? You'll do it, though, and you'll be good at it, because it's what God has called you into doing, and you have the support of your Father in heaven, and your Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

In † Christ,

Pastor Timothy A Leitzke

Introduction, Hymn, & Coda

Introduction

Greetings to everyone at Holy Trinity! All I can say is THANK YOU! Never before have I had such a warm welcome (or interview process) as I have had here at Holy Trinity. From the first time I sat down at the organ to the generous applause after hymns and anthems. I can say I've truly felt at home.

~~ Ned Perwo

Holy Trinity Director of Music

Hymn

Hymns are amazing combinations of music, emotion and theology. The best ones tell of God's saving grace through the ages, the Christian experience through the ages and help us feel as if our praise is joining all those who have sung before us. You can think of it as a merger onto a never-ending highway of praise that began before time and will continue into eternity.

My personal hymn of praise is the story of how I ended up at Holy Trinity. For the past year I had been auditioning up and down the east coast searching for a new Director of Music position. I had interviewed with every denomination possible. Each place had its own "catch." Some churches were pure social clubs, some only allowed paid professionals in their choirs, some were missing the core theological elements I have known since I was a child, and some just wanted to do the same old thing they've done for decades and centuries.

Then came Holy Trinity ... (the first time). About six months ago I received word about the opening at Holy Trinity. I thought about it, sent in my résumé and was in the running for an interview. Then as with all things, doubt started talking to me.

"Keep auditioning, try living in another state, maybe you should go back to school teaching," etc.

So, I gave in to that voice, pulled my resume and kept on auditioning. I have to say that it was a wonderful growth experience. I visited and drove to places I would have never seen and interacted with all kinds of people. I also saw every angle of the interview process. All things said and

done, I never found the right fit at any of those churches.

Fast forward to the end of April ... After a fantastic Holy Week at St. Paul's with orchestras, choirs and brass, I was still looking at unemployment within three weeks due to the elimination of the music program. While sitting at my desk I heard another voice, well, actually it was a slap to the back of the head. Basically, I had the feeling that I should call Holy Trinity immediately ... and I did. Everything logically said that there would be no way the church would still be looking for a Director of Music. Lo and behold, a candidate had just dropped out of the race and there was a free Sunday to interview.

From the moment I played the first notes on the organ I knew that this was "the church!"

And here we are ... Just a few weeks after my audition and two weeks after my first Sunday and I love every minute of it! ☺

Coda

A coda is that extra little tag at the end of a song, so here is mine. The Music Ministries at Holy Trinity are open to all. No matter what your experience or ability, there are ways you can participate. As the programs grow, some things will change and some things will remain the same. All I ask is that you contact me directly when you have any questions or concerns about the Music Ministries here at Holy Trinity.

That said, please read the following article. If you've put off participating in the past, now is the time to use your gifts and talents to the Glory of God. I hope to "see you in the loft."

~~ In His Service,
Ned Perwo

Summer Music Sign-Up

Attention all vocalists and instrumentalists!

Summer time is here! It's during this season that the adult choir has a well-deserved break. However, the 8:45 a. m. service continues whether or not the choir loft is full.

This is the perfect time for vocalists and instrumentalists to participate in the liturgy through solos, quartets, or even just singing/playing the hymns and service music.

The first step is to dust off that instrument or hum a few notes to make sure everything still works. ☺

The second step is to contact Ned Perwo, Director of Music via phone, email, or the sign-up sheet located on the Worship & Music bulletin board by the sanctuary door. There is a plethora of music in the library waiting for **YOU!**

Hope to see you in the loft!

Contact Info

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"Now the Feast"

Instrumentalist Sign-Up

Attention all instrumentalists!

Our Saturday service, which uses "Now the Feast & Celebration," has parts for flute, keyboard, guitar, bass, and percussion. Anyone who wishes to participate in a "Now the Feast Band" should contact Ned Perwo, the Director of Music. (See previous blurb for contact info.)

The only requirement is a moderate facility on your respective instrument, the ability to play in E Major (four sharps) and the desire to learn. The ability to have fun is expected! ☺

Also...

If you are an instrumentalist who does not play one of the instruments listed above, you can still participate in the service. The prelude, hymns and postlude are a perfect opportunity to dust off that instrument and get the fingers working again.

🌀 BOOK REVIEW 🌀

*I Can Make a Difference:
A Treasury to Inspire Our Children*
By Marion Wright Edelman
Harper Collins Publishers: 2005

"How lovely to think that no one need wait a moment, we can start now, start slowly changing the world!" -- Anne Frank

The world doesn't necessarily agree that we can make a difference. This collection of stories teaches children that one person **can** do so, in some cases changing the world! Included are delightful folk stories from around the globe; classic poems by Maya Angelou, Shel Silverstein, Eleanor Farjeon, Walt Whitman and Langston Hughes; Aesop's fables; short quotes from the Bible and the Koran; and one or two sentences of wisdom by people as diverse as the Dalai Lama, Sitting Bull, Helen Keller, Henry David Thoreau, Martin Luther King, Jr., Sojourner Truth, Pablo Casals, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Albert Schweitzer.

The editor of this anthology is Marion Wright Edelman, the founder of the Children's Defense Fund. She sheds light on values that we teach in our homes and in our Sunday School, values that make us better people and that make the world a safer place. Beautiful illustrations and the brevity of the tales, poems and quotes, make this a book parents will enjoy reading to preschoolers and that older children can dip into on their own, even if their attention span is short.

A dozen chapters illustrate that "I can make a difference" by:

- 1) loving myself and others as God loves us and treating others respectfully and fairly;
- 2) being courageous;
- 3) aiming high and holding on to my ideals;
- 4) caring and serving;
- 5) being honest and telling the truth;
- 6) persevering and not giving up;
- 7) being determined and resourceful;

- 8) being grateful for the gift and wonders of life;
- 9) working together with others;
- 10) being compassionate and kind;
- 11) being nonviolent and working for peace;
- 12) being faithful and struggling for what I believe.

I found some old favorites of mine, like *The Creation* by James Weldon Johnson, which begins:

“And God stepped out on space,
And he looked around and said:
I’m lonely – I’ll make me a world.”

Emily Dickinson shows up, too, with her heart-held belief,

“If I can stop one Heart from
breaking

I shall not live in vain
If I can ease one Life the Aching
Or cool one Pain
Or help one fainting Robin
Unto his Nest again
I shall not live in Vain.”

Isn’t that wisdom for a lifetime?

I found new gems in this treasure chest, too. An Ethiopian tale called “The Lion’s Whiskers” tells us how to cultivate love gently in the unloving. A Jewish story named “King Solomon’s Ring” taught me where my Aunt Beu’s favorite saying comes from: “This, too, shall pass!”

I Can Make a Difference is available in our wonderful Sunday School library, located beneath the sanctuary, on the ground floor. It was donated by Dana and John Quakenbush, in honor of Margaret Taft.

~~ Pastor Mary

When Are We Glad to Hear “Retreat!”?

It has become a tradition for Holy Trinity women to “leave” for Mendham every fall, looking for spiritual refreshment. We set aside a weekend after the kids are back to school and before holiday craziness sets in. We take a vacation from our usual responsibilities to gain a fresh perspective and to re-center ourselves in faith. We take along female friends, sisters, walking shoes, Bibles, journals and favorite snacks to Saint Marguerite’s Retreat House, where we enjoy

listening to God and each other. You are invited, too!

Martin Luther said, “As it is the business of tailors to make clothes and of cobblers to mend shoes, so it is the business of Christians to pray.” Prayer will be **our** business from dinner on Friday, Sept. 14, till lunch on Sunday, Sept. 16. We’ll pray in old and new ways, tap into the wisdom of champion pray-ers, share our prayer frustrations and insights, walk the labyrinth, enjoy free time, and gather around family-style meals (that someone else will cook!). Many of us carpool, so don’t let lack of transportation or map-reading skills scare you off. Upon request, scholarship moneys are available to offset the cost of the weekend, which is approximately \$160. A \$35 deposit is required by August 1 to reserve one of our 15 remaining spots. The balance of \$125 is due by September 1. Checks should be made out to Holy Trinity, with “women’s retreat” on the memo line.

Don’t picture us on our knees the whole time ☺ or wonder if you’re “spiritual” enough to come along. You are! As Philip Yancey says in his recent book *Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?* (see below), “When it comes to prayer we are all beginners.”

More questions? Want to help plan? Please see Pastor Mary!

Hope for the Prayer-Challenged, (i.e., All of Us)

If we Christians are not people of prayer, who are we? In his book, *Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?* Philip Yancey mentions a Gallup poll in which nine out of 10 people said they pray, and three out of four said that they pray every day. When he personally interviewed people, though, many confessed they pray only five to seven minutes a day, don’t find it satisfying, don’t often feel God’s presence, and find it more of a trial than a treasure. So: they give themselves a flunking grade on something they see as important, and end up feeling guilty about the whole thing. ‘Sound familiar?

The opening Weekday Spirituality series of the fall will be a five-week discussion of Yancey's book. We've ordered copies, which will be available in the church office. We'll announce their arrival in the weekly worship bulletin. Cost: \$17.59 apiece.

In this book, Yancey explores questions like these:

Does prayer change us or God? Or both? Is God listening? Why do so many prayers go unanswered? Does prayer really help with physical healing? Why does God seem sometimes close and sometimes far away?

Last spring's series on intercessory prayer reminded us that prayer is mysterious and powerful, frustrating and oh-so-fulfilling. Would you like to grow in your personal prayer life? Would you like to see our community deepen its prayer experience? Join us! Pastor Mary will lead the discussion.

Schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, 9/19: 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. (Part I: Keeping Company with God)

Wednesday, 9/26: 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. (Part II: Unraveling the Mysteries)

Wednesday, 10/3: 10 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. (Part III: The Language of Prayer)

Wednesday, 10/10: 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. (Part IV: Prayer Dilemmas)

Wednesday, 10/17: 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. (Part V: The Practice of Prayer)

We've previously read and discussed Yancey's books *What's So Amazing About Grace*, *The Jesus I Never Knew*, *The Bible Jesus Read*, and *Soul Survivor*. A man of faith and currently the editor-at-large for *Christianity Today*, Yancey's background is in journalism. We have found his style quick-paced and engaging, and his content thought-provoking.

✧ COUNCIL CORNER ✧

Great News and Thank You

Your continued support through pew envelopes, the Sunday Church School flower pot campaign and individual donations has helped us raise almost \$3500 for our sister congregation, Uudhengelo Lutheran Parish in Namibia, Africa.

Praise the Lord and keep up the good work! Let's double that by the end of 2007!

Envelopes are in the pews!

-- Cindy Markus

Congregational Council President

✧ STEWARDSHIP & EVANGELISM ✧

The Stewardship and Evangelism Committee wishes all our friends and families a safe and healthy summer.

We also thank everyone for faithful giving and all the estimates of giving that have been honored thus far this year.

The ministries at Holy Trinity continue all year, even in our absence. In the summer, many members go away on vacation and attendance is lighter. Please be mindful as you make plans for a busy summer that our ministry never stops.

Thank you and God bless you!

Children of God

Holy Trinity welcomed Brooke Elizabeth Loughlin into the Body of Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, June 10. Her sponsors were Joanne Martin and Keith Martin. Brooke is the daughter of Lori and Thomas Loughlin.

Holy Trinity welcomed Noah Christian Sterling Mencer into the Body of Christ through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Saturday, June 23. His sponsors were Scott and Lisa Kelley. Noah is the son of Catherine Schwier-Mencer and Stewart Mencer.

✧ SOCIAL MINISTRY ✧

During the month of June, the Trinity Blanketeers donated 25 blankets to Project Linus for fragile children. We thank everyone who made blankets for this project.

We will be meeting in the room behind the Fellowship Hall kitchen at 1 p.m. Monday, July 16 and Monday, August 20. Please join us to knit, crochet, sew and quilt blankets. If you can't attend the meetings, please continue to make blankets at home.

For more information, please call Gloria Smith. Her telephone number is (732) 449-1942. Thank you!

☞ WORSHIP & MUSIC ☞

Play a Supporting Role with the Altar Guild

If you are looking for a way to volunteer, but are not a "center stage" type of person we have the perfect job for you!

As a member of the Holy Trinity Altar Guild, you can fill a much needed, highly important position without ever being seen!

We are currently looking for volunteers to help clean up after the Sunday 10:15 a.m. service which will run from the first Sunday in July through the first Sunday in September.

Perhaps those of you who assist us this summer will choose to continue with the 11:15 a.m. service in the fall.

We are also looking for people to assist with the upkeep of our fair linen. This person will also be responsible for laundering and freshening up the fair linen from time to time.

Please understand that these are not tasks for one person. We welcome (and will train!) everyone who would like to serve in this capacity.

If you are interested in volunteering to help the Altar Guild in this way, please contact Worship and Music Committee Chairperson Rebecca Parker. Her telephone number is (908) 216-6013; her e-mail address is bec1971@msn.com.

Thank you!

~~ *The Worship & Music Committee*

Baptismal Coordinator(s) Needed

Please consider helping the Altar Guild by volunteering to be a Baptismal Coordinator.

A coordinator's responsibilities include setting up items for baptisms and placing them in the sanctuary immediately before the service. A willingness to put the items away after the baptismal service would be a great help to the Altar Guild.

There are approximately 20 baptisms a year at Holy Trinity. Most occur at the 11:15 a.m. Sunday services.

Please contact Karen Kosequat or Rebecca "Becci" Parker for more information and/or to volunteer. Karen's telephone number is (732) 295-3873. Becci's contact info is in the previous article.

A New Room for a Special Baby

We are very excited to announce that we will be moving the baby grand piano from the choir room to Fellowship Hall.

This instrument was donated to Holy Trinity by our dear friends (and long-time members) Herb and Helen Strucek in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. It has been used over the years by the adult and children's choirs.

The piano will be on casters so that it can be easily moved out of the way when various events are held in Fellowship Hall during the program year. It will also remain covered and locked so that no harm can come to it.

We look forward to using the piano for our new monthly concert series, which will run September through June. ('Hope to see you there ☺)

We believe Herb and Helen would have blessed this new endeavor.

~~ *Worship & Music Committee*

✧ MAIL BAG ✧

Note: WELCA received this note and would like to share its special message with you:

Dearest Ladies:

Thank you so much for sending us the proceeds from your Attic Treasures sale.

We are uplifted by such caring hearts. I invite you to follow Brielle's story on "carepages.com" under the page title "Brielle's Battle."

Thank you.

*In Christian Love,
Kristen and Troy Ebner*

Jesus' Words Resound in World Refugee Day Theme

*(Reprinted from material composed and distributed
by the New Jersey Synod office)*

Jesus said that those who welcome the stranger in his name welcome him. Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) celebrated World Refugee Day on June 20 and the celebration continues!

LIRS has carried out the mission of bringing new hope and new life through ministries of service and justice. This year's World Refugee Day theme, "A New Home, A New Life," echoes their mission and invites us to recognize the courage and resiliency of refugees who have suffered much in their homelands and have begun to rebuild their lives through resettlement in a new country.

Lord God, as you called your Son back home from his early childhood exile in Egypt, gather from the four corners of the world all refugees who long for a home. Grant peace to those who can return to the homes they left behind, that they might rebuild their lives. Grant courage to those who must move on to new homes, that they might re-root their lives. And grant hope to those who continue to wait without a home, that they might revive their lives. We pray this is the name of your Son, our Hiding Place and our Deliverer. Amen

Companion Synod News:

Namibia, Africa – Walking Together

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Namibian Children's Hostels –

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) synod representatives recently discussed a proposed "Level II" funding request from Namibia. In Namibia, the children of farm workers and many others, including orphans of the AIDS epidemic, have little access to education because of the lack of accommodations, funds and transportation.

Nineteen "DHK" hostels (similar to boarding schools) are operated by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Republic of Namibia (ELCRN) throughout Namibia to provide child care and education for 1,650 very poor children. Two stakeholders have been providing funding: the Namibian government and Kindernothilfe (a German organization), which has been gradually reducing support. Financial constraints leave two urgent needs unmet: nutritious food for the children and maintenance of the buildings.

One goal is to form a foundation in Phoenix, Arizona, to support the program, still in formation stages. Gifts to support the Hostels can be sent to: NJ Synod, Attention: Namibia Hostels.

The United Church Council of the Namibia Evangelical Lutheran Churches was formed this past spring. Pastors Bruce Ewen and Jennifer Schweitzer (our Synod's ecumenical officer and the pastor of Atonement, Asbury Park) attended the celebration. This United Church Council's job is to prepare the way for the unification of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Republic of Namibia, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia and the German Evangelical Lutheran Church. The goal of unity is to form one Lutheran church to fulfill the high priestly prayer in John 17:21: "So that they may be one." In the meantime, Council coordinates joint ministries and congregations of the three

church bodies as they move toward one church.

Cross Roads Summer 2007

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For a summer brochure and/or more information log on to www.crossroadsretreat.com or call (908) 832-7264.

A Story of Hopeful Communities:

"Showing Hope"

by the Rev. Donna Buckles

LSM Church Sponsorship Developer

(Reprinted from material distributed by the New Jersey Synod office)

In 1997 Eh and Eh Too Hso and their family fled their village in Burma and found themselves living in the Tham Hin Refugee Camp in Thailand. Tham Hin camp had no running water or sanitation facilities and the refugees who lived there risked deportation to Burma if they left the camp. Despite these bleak conditions, the Hsos were able to use their experience as teachers to assist with educating the refugee children in the camp's makeshift schools.

Finally, after 10 years of waiting and wondering in Tham Hin, the eight Hsos was approved for resettlement in the United States. On January 18, 2007 staff from the Lutheran Social Ministry of the Southwest (LSM) and members of Orangewood Presbyterian Church met the Hsos at the airport in Phoenix. Orangewood and two other congregations collaborated to provide a furnished apartment, food and

clothing to the family. Most importantly, they provided friendship, showing their new neighbors how to navigate life in a new land.

"When we arrived here," said Mr. Hso, "my children were able to start attending school. I am happy about that. My goal is to continue my studies by attending community college and I hope someday to be able to teach again. I am very anxious to get a job."

The Hsos have met other Burmese refugees in Phoenix who have likewise set down roots with the support of local congregations. Together they are building a new community full of promise and hope.

New Jersey Synod Youth Ministry Calendar 2007

(Reprinted from material distributed by the New Jersey Synod office)

When: July 8-13

What: Confirmation Camp

Where: Cross Roads Camp

Who: Confirmands and Pastors

When: August 17-19

What: Shalom Around New Jersey

Who: Young Adults – Ages 19 to 25

When: October 7

What: Youth Summit/Celebration

Where: To be determined

Who: Junior High youth, Senior High youth, Adults

When: November 16-18

What: Among the Wolves

Where: Harvey Cedars, Long Beach Island

Who: Junior High youth; Adults

When: November 7-11

What: Senior High Servant Trip

Where: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Who: Senior High youth; Adults

For additional information contact: Debbie at the NJ Synod (609) 586-6800; check with Jeff Clayton or Kathy Lynch, Breakfast Club Advisors.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2007 AND GOD BLESS YOU!

(This list reflects information forwarded to the church office by the graduates' families. Do you know or are you a recent graduate who is not listed? Please drop a short blurb off in the church office or send it via e-mail to diane@holytrinity-nj.org. We'll publish an update in the September Lamplighter.)

<u>Graduate</u>	<u>Alma Mater</u>	<u>Interesting Facts About This Graduate</u>
Mark Harris	Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio	Mark recently earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree.
John Kosequat	Pt. Pleasant Borough H. S.	John will begin his college career in the fall at Drexel University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He will major in Mechanical Engineering.
Emily Leitzke	The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, PA	Emily first felt the call to ministry while at Mar-luRidge Camp as a child. She met her husband, Pastor Leitzke, in seminary, before he was called "Pastor."
Jennifer Pretz	Manasquan High School	Jennifer graduated in the top five percent of her senior class and received many scholarships (which she humbly prefers not to list here). In the fall, Jennifer will enter her freshman year as a pre-med major at Bucknell University, Lewisberg, Pennsylvania.
Kimberly Pretz	Bucknell University	Kimberly graduated magna cum laude and earned a spot on the Dean's List. She was awarded the (one and only!) national apprenticeship offered by McCarter Theatre, Princeton, where she will continue her studies in the fall.
Nicholas Vandermolen	Wall Intermediate School	Nicholas will join the Wall High School Freshman class in the fall.
Stephen Vandermolen	High Technology H. S.	Stephen received scholarships from High Tech, Lincroft PFA, the Wall High School Swim Team and Continental Airlines. He will commence undergraduate studies at Duke University in August.
Samantha Wilson	Syracuse University	Samantha graduated from Syracuse on May 13 and was simultaneously commissioned as a 2 nd Lt in the U. S. Air Force. She received the Commandant of Cadets Award at the

university's Army and Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps Chancellor's Review and Awards Ceremony. This honor is reserved for a cadet in the top 25 percent of the aerospace studies class who demonstrates exceptional leadership, appearance, bearing and character.