

Worship:

Tabernacle Worship Service

Every Sunday Evening

St. John's Lutheran Parish House

75 East Main St. South Pottstown 5:30 pm

Home Churches:

Hanover St. Home Church

Tuesday Evenings

256 South Hanover Street Pottstown

7:00 to 9:00

Ministry:

The Table

Suspended until the end of

Shelter Season in April

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm

MAIN Street Shelter

Every evening at 10:00 pm

Zion's UCC N Hanover & Chestnut Sts.

There are many volunteering opportunities.

Announcements:

The Ministries at MAIN Street Shelter.

Please pray to see where God would have you to help!! See Pastor Kork or Ron Caulk for details, and remember to thank God for our host churches!!

New Home Church Series every Tuesday evening at The Moyer's

Recycle Your Faith

Questioning God.



We all see through a glass darkly... Our misunderstandings and questions can make us feel as though we have little, or NO, faith. God is BIG enough to answer our doubts through simplicity and honest questioning. Join us in questioning our faith.

Your Prayer Notes:

Remember those prayer requests from last week and:

Please pray for; Andrew, Kerri and their grandmother who is diagnosed with terminal cancer, for a glorious and rich time preparing for her home-going; for Toni in her break-up, for Lynn—a 20 year old who is diagnosed with a tumor on the pituitary gland, for April's broken heart, and some tough family decisions, Hank and Helen Hankens. Hank has been diagnosed with stage four cancer and has tumors in his lungs, and inoperable tumors in his brain. Let's help them all we can! Please pray for Ron's health, to keep him strong; for Patrice's thyroid treatments; for Diana's family to be reunited; for Jeff, who was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease, for Bruce's health, for the folks staying at the shelter, that they would find love and grace during their struggle, for fulltime employment, apartments, and strength during temptation, for those who have fallen away, due to addictions and cultural narcissism; and keep all of us in prayer, as we seek rest, and to be graceful to those who misunderstand us.

Please keep our church—the future of Still Waters, in prayer while trying to remain faithful to God's calling to the least around us.

Next Week's Scriptures:

March 20, 2011: Lent 2 (Year A)

Psalm 121, Genesis 12.1-4a,

John 3.1-17, & Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

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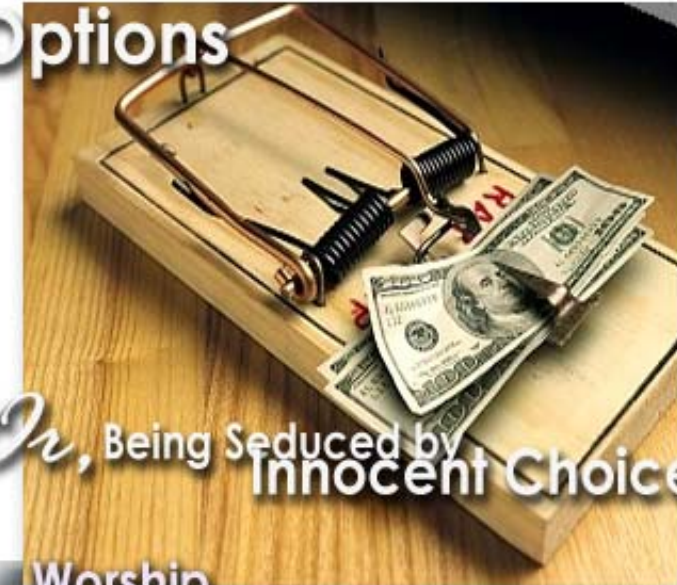
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Worship

Psalm 32

Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7

Matthew 4.1-11

Romans 5.12-19

Benediction

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[Service]

Tonight...

Scripture Reading & Call to Worship ::

Psalm 32

Worship Film ::

"Psalm 51"

Congregation Song Worship ::

*offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and
tell of his deeds with songs of joy*

Scripture Reading ::

Genesis 2.15-17, 3.1-7

Focus Films ::

"Tempted by the devil"

This week's Lectionary Text:

*psalm 32, genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7,
matthew 4.1-11, & romans 5.12-19*

The Scripture ~

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But the serpent said

to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. **Genesis 3.4-6**

Focus Films ::

"Dying to Self"

Benediction ::

1 Thessalonians 3.11-13

[Journaling Worship
your talking points notes...
for this Week's Church Discussion]

¥ Driven by What?

¥ Consequences

¥ Testing and Outcomes

Meditation:

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Matthew 4.1-4

Reflection:

The Bible is clear that evil does exist and it is doing some serious work in this world; the wilderness is where we, like Jesus, get a good look at it and learn to hear God's voice.

Nancy Hastings Sehested



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Psalm 32

[Worship]

1 Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. 2 Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. 3 While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. 4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah*

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. *Selah*

6 Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. 7 You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. *Selah*

8 I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. 9 Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you. 10 Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD. 11 Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Consider:

[Words]

Psalm 32 offers one of the most acute analyses of the power and cost of sin—and the way out of the torment of sin. It knows that we are “happy” when forgiven and restored to relationship with God (verses 1-2), that we are immobilized when out of sync with God (verses 3-4), and that the route from being burdened to being happy is by truth-telling (verse 5). The deep either/or is

the reality of the “torments” of alienation or the “steadfast love” of reconciliation (verse 10). These ancients understood the deep processes of alienation and reconciliation before they came to be expressed in modern, scientific categories.

The Genesis reading about the “garden of desire,” and the complementary epistle reading in Romans, concern the deep, insatiable human propensity to live out of sync with God through an uncontrolled (uncontrollable?) desire. Human persons are propelled in ways that we do not understand to live in willful self-assertion or in willful abdication—either way refusing the covenantal, dialogical invitation to be God’s partner in the life of the world. As the Genesis reading gives dramatic force to that compulsion, so the reading from Romans 5 counters the power of false desire with the power of Christ, who is God’s decisive resolution of such alienation. Matthew 4 exhibits Jesus as the one who has the capacity to resist such tempting desire and so to defeat the elemental force of false desire that so occupies and commands the world. The route from alienation to reconciliation is a path that we travel over and over. Thus we may believe that Psalm 32 is—in ways both didactic and liturgical—a reiterated process whereby its practitioners move from false desire to a shared life with and before God. – Walter Bruggemann

[Scripture]

Matthew 4.1-11

1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. 3 The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." 4 But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" 7 Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; 9 and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." 10 Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" 11 Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.
