

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Eblast

October 15, 2020



Generosity Recognized!

As the pandemic has unfolded, our members have worked to provide food assistance to those who might need it. These efforts, often assisted by members of St. John Lutheran Church, including the Grocery Gift Card Give Away along with sanitary items and paper products. We have continued the Community Supper as take-out only. We assisted at St. John with a pop-up food pantry last month and hope to do so again on November 9. These efforts have been recognized by the Tuscarora Wayne Mutual Foundation. The purpose of the Foundation is to combat food insecurity throughout the Commonwealth and 100% of the dollars they raise “land right on someone’s plate.” The recognition came in the form of a \$500 check with a note saying “thank you for taking care of the individuals and families in your community by providing much needed food during the COVID-19 pandemic.” This gift, combined with a \$1,000+ gift from the members of the extended Shay Family, will allow us to offer the Grocery Gift Card Give Away just in time for the holidays. (In lieu of a family reunion, the Shay family donated funds for this food give away program.)

We don’t know how we came to the Tuscarora Wayne Mutual Foundation’s attention, however, we are thrilled with their gift and with it, the ability to meet hunger needs right here in the Valley. *For I was hungry and you gave me food...just as you did it to the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me. {Matt 25:35, 40}*

A note on the pandemic:

The increase of SARS-CoV-2 infection in our area is worrisome. Both the Vestry and our priest are keeping a watchful eye on how the illness is unfolding in our area. If you are the least bit uncomfortable about attending worship, please join us online. If you can’t come and need materials such as the weekly bulletin sent to you, or even a Book of Common Prayer, please simply let the office know. Pastor Melinda is willing to bring Communion to you at home as long as circumstances allow.



FALL FAIR RE-IMAGINED

As you may have heard, we are unable to have the Fall Fair this November. We can still be a presence in our community by serving meals to the public as we have in the past. If you would like to be participate, please join us for a planning session on Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 in the Parish Hall.

VESTRY NOTES

At our Vestry meeting on October 13, the Vestry learned that Diocesan Convention went very well and the Rev. Melinda Artman was elected to Diocesan Council. They expressed gratitude to our members who have so diligently kept up with their pledges as we have not seen a significant drop in income. They discussed fund raising ideas for the stained glass windows. Our Junior Warden, Jeff Watson, ably assisted by John Paul Jones, does a number of jobs in house. As noted in the last eBlast, they have done the necessary maintenance on our boilers, have brought one of the boilers back on line so that all three are operating as expected, and made masonry repairs to our exterior stairs. In the coming days, Jeff will continue to do remediation work our the interior bricks that have suffered water damage as well as inspect, repair and clean our radiators. Jeff's work consistently saves us hundreds, if not thousands of dollars and the Vestry is very, very grateful for his hard work on our behalf.

LOOKING AHEAD: Plans are already being made for November and beyond. As November 1 is All Saints Day, and a major feast of the Church, we will have Holy Eucharist at the Sunday Service. Our Sunday School and Youth group leadership and our priest are trying re-imagine our annual Halloween Party and make it safely happen out of doors. While there are no promises being made at this time, we are exploring all the possibilities.



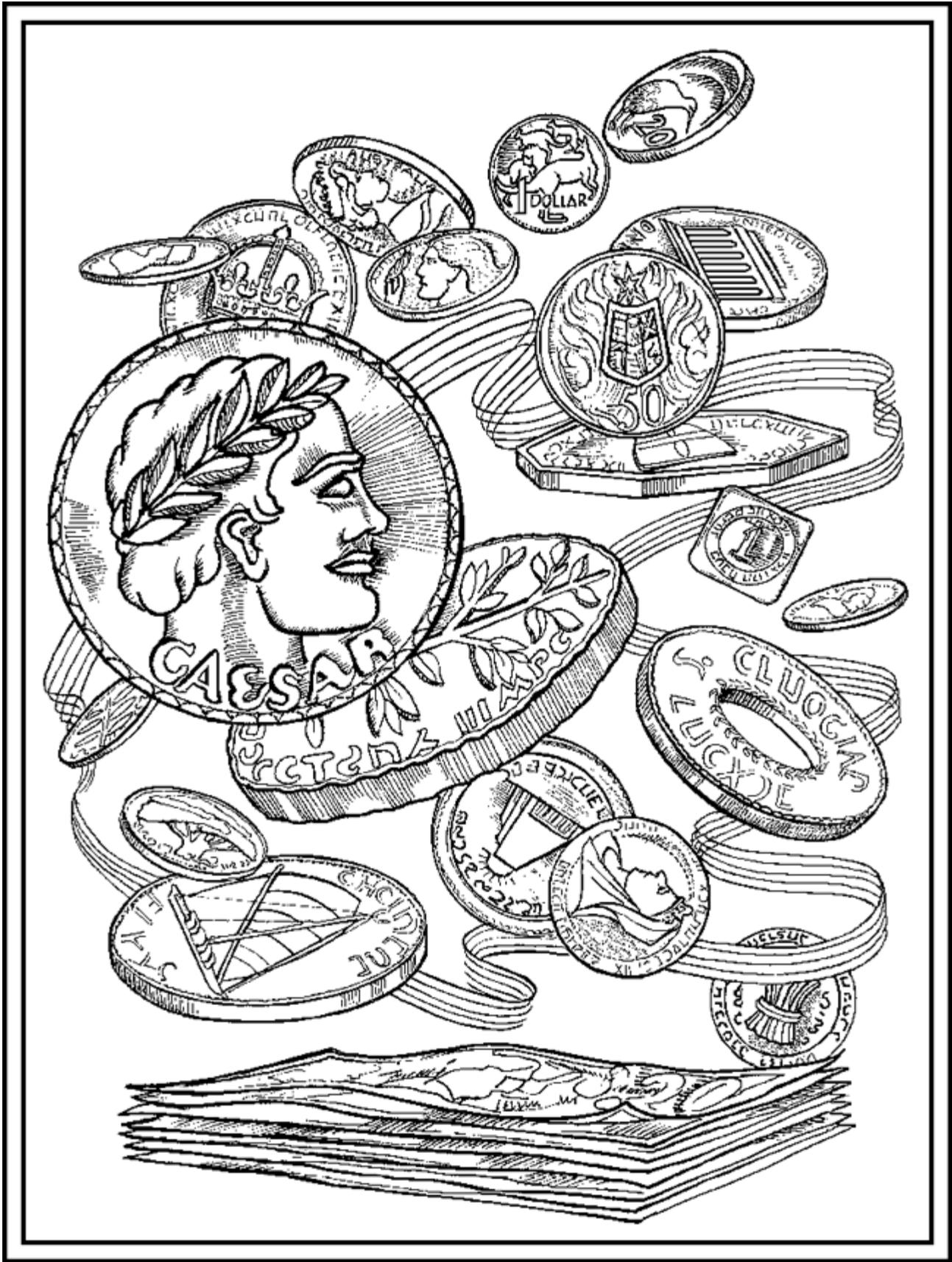
Every year Maria Layton makes catnip mice for our Fall Fair. Even though the Fall Fair is not happening in the usual way this year, she would be thrilled to make mice for you. If you are interested please call or email the church office and let us know how many you would like and we will let her know.



Belated Birthday wishes to Diane Siebecker 10/8



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| Joseph Shambo | 10/15 |
| Emily Cole | 10/16 |
| Elizabeth Garrity | 10/17 |
| Arvid Johnson | 10/18 |
| Kay Shay | 10/19 |
| Nina Seebeck | 10/20 |
| James Bennett | 10/21 |
| Jerry Evans | 10/21 |



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Based on Matthew 22:15-22 (NIV)



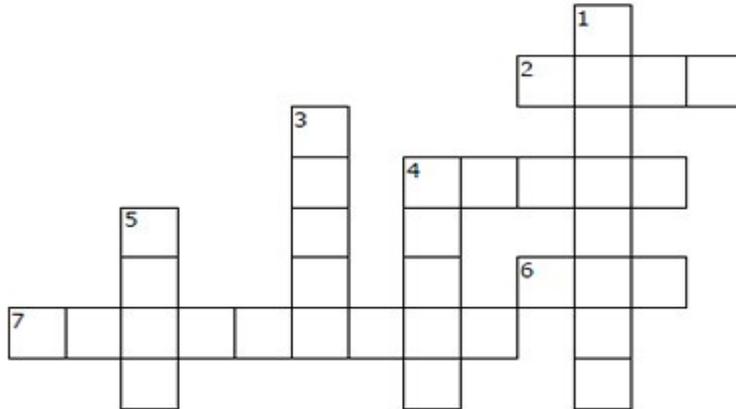
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ACROSS

2. A usually flat piece of metal used for money.
4. A statement that agrees with fact or reality.
6. To give someone money in return for something.
7. A religious group who were strict followers of the law.

DOWN

1. A picture of a person -- usually showing the face.
3. The details of how something is going to be accomplished.
4. Money paid to the government.
5. A situation from which it is difficult or impossible to escape.

TAXES	TRAP	PORTRAIT	PLANS
TRUTH	PAY	PHARISEES	COIN

You can read the Gospel appointed for Sunday here:

https://www.blueletterbible.org/rsv/mat/22/15/s_951015