



*Knowing Christ... Making Christ Known*



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*August 16, 2020*

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**OUR MISSION -**

***“TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE CHRIST KNOWN”***

**Visiting today? Welcome!**

**August 16, 2020**

**Notes for Today's Services**

**We hope that you will be able to join  
with us in worship through the live streaming  
on the website [templelutheran.org](http://templelutheran.org)**

**OFFERING** - *During today's service we cannot collect an offering for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. At Temple Lutheran Church, we acknowledge financial stewardship to be an act of discipleship, done in response to the Good News of God's love. As you hear God's Word today and consider the ways God has blessed you, we invite you to share only what God is calling you to share. We thank you for your generous gifts, and assure you that your donations will help to transform lives as we come to know Christ, and make Christ known throughout Havertown and the world. Please mail checks to the church.*

*While we are all social distancing, the work and expenses of the church continue. Please consider e-giving as a way to continue meeting your pledge to Temple during this time. Contact our Financial Secretary at [finsecretary@templelutheran.org](mailto:finsecretary@templelutheran.org) for information or the form to do this.*

**TODAY'S GOSPEL READING: MARK 9:42-50**

<sup>42</sup>If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup>For everyone will be salted with fire.

<sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

**VIRTUAL CAFÉ!** will happen directly after service using the link found below!

BlueJeans link: <https://upenn.bluejeans.com/8427000424>

**SUPPORTING THE LUTHERS**

*In certainty of the resurrection,  
Temple Lutheran Church celebrates the life of*

**Jason Luther**

**August 30, 1975 -**

**August 9, 2020**



It is with great sadness that we announce to you that Jason's battle with cancer is over, and he now rests with Jesus. Almost a year ago, Jason was helping me move tables out of the sanctuary after Lenny Duncan's "Dear Church" book event. A few days later, he ended up in the hospital and was diagnosed with Stage 4 colon

cancer. His family joined the congregation in December of 2018, so they were relatively new to our community when he received his diagnosis. I had only begun to experience how thoughtful, compassionate, passionate, gentle, and smart Jason was. His battle with cancer was handled with grace, dignity, and even a gratitude that baffled me. This is a devastating loss to his wife Kristin, his four children (Derek, Ellison, Caden, and Hollyn), and to our community. Kristin has been robbed of 'her person', the children have been robbed of their father, and we have been robbed of an amazing worker in God's vineyard.

I frequently told Jason and Kristin throughout this journey that I cannot say anything to make it okay. This is not okay. This is the worst. What I was able to offer them, and what I offer you today, is this: In Christ, the worst thing is never the last thing. Jason's story does not end with death. It continues as we all carry out his legacy of kindness, and his life continues into eternity in God's kingdom. He is no longer in pain. He will continue, still, to inspire me as a church leader, and I hope his legacy will inspire you to kindness--toward his family, and toward your fellow human. I am so grateful to God for the opportunity to have met him, to care for him, and to receive care from him. He was an amazing man, and he will be missed.

In Christ,

*Pastor Tim*

**Please consider helping his family financially through this difficult time by clicking the "Go Fund Me" link below:**



[Go Fund Me](#)

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

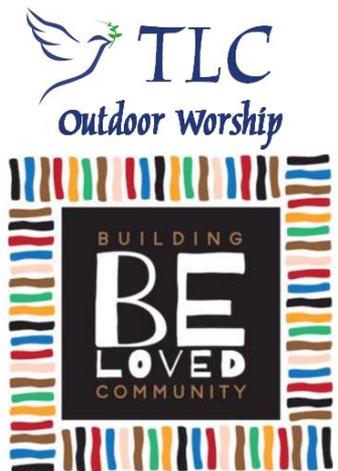
**For Healing and Encouragement** Angie, Paul Arata, Jane Bachensky, Geoff Bailey, Keith Bailey, Fernando Batista, Brendan Bell, John Burd, Nancy Butler, Jack Byers, Mike Carr, Linda Clack, Jane Corso, Marion Crawford, Noah Davis, Bobbie Delaney, Gordon Dershimer, Declan Devlin, Chase Doyle and Adam, Mary England, Christie Ennis, Bill Faust, Shane Faust, David Fitch, Kristine Ferguson-Franklin, Lois Ann Forgress-Oler, Lois Gabbott, Patty Gardner, Todd Gasper, Greg Hallquist, Mike and Sandy Harms, Florence Homer, Craig Jamgochian, Gina Kapusniak, Kim Komar, Louis F. Lamoreux, Jean Long, family and friends of Jason Luther, Madison Lynn, Kevin Mack, Pat Mannion, Janet Marinari, Bridget Marley, Mary Ann Mittleman, Sister Judy Moellet, Audie Murphy, Betty Pagan, Carmen Palacios, Linda Palisano, Marita Reardon, Susan Rush, Merry Snyder, Karen Spangler, Vera Spangler, Benny Strain, Gaetan Termini, Dick Torti, Joyce Van, Frankie Vlassopoulos, Lily Walker, Barbara Ward, Philip White, Linda Wilke.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**IN-PERSON WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY  
WEDNESDAYS IN THE PARK**

Please join us this Wednesday (and each Wednesday to come) at 7 PM for worship in the Grange Field. We'll gather together for a scripture lesson and a prepared reflection, then we'll break into small groups for check-ins and Bible Study. Please come prepared to wear a mask the whole time and abide by appropriate social distancing guidelines. If you have any questions, email Rob Mannix:

[robmannix@gmail.com](mailto:robmannix@gmail.com)



## RESOURCES AVAILABLE

*I do not understand my own actions.  
For I do not do what I want, but I do  
the very thing I hate. Romans 7:15*

**“Do the work.”** Two months ago, I didn't know what that phrase meant. Since then, I have learned the first step in *the work* of ending

racial injustice is understanding the unvarnished history and present-day reality of injustice toward (*most ... all*) people of color and the bias built into our daily life. As White people, we must *do the work* to educate ourselves so we can understand this complex problem and how we should help end racial prejudice.

Will you do this work with me, and many others in our congregation? I, along with our Racial Justice Task Force, have compiled a list of resources that will help you to do "the work" of dismantling white supremacy in your own heart and mind. If you'd like to talk, we have a team of people standing by. Reply to this email and you'll get connected with one of us.

*Lillian Mittleman*



[Resources – TLC Family  
Doin' the Work](#)

## GIVING TO TEMPLE

While we are all social distancing,  
the work and expenses of the church continue.

There are now many ways you can now give to TLC

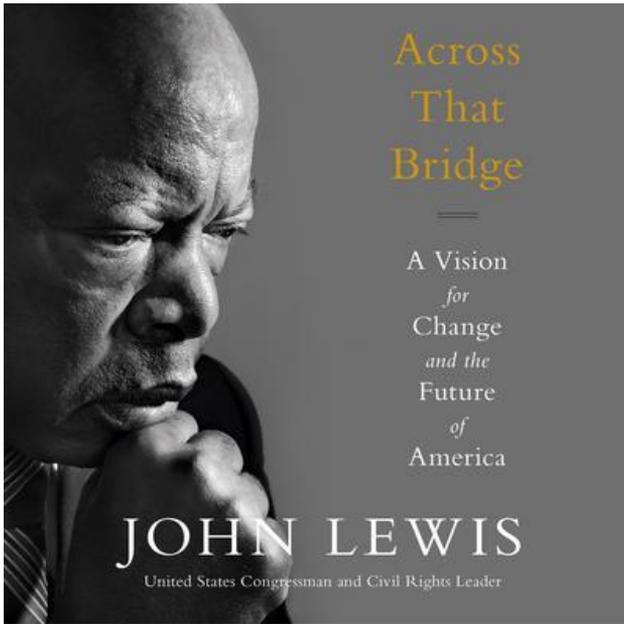
- Mail a check to the church office
- Authorize payment through your bank
- Sign up for electronic giving with Nancy Hallowell

Questions? Contact [Nancy Hallowell](#)

- Use the PayPal link on the website or in Temple Connections or below



## BOOK CLUB



Our next book for the TLC Bookclub will be "Across that Bridge: A Vision for Change and the Future of America" by Rep. John Lewis.

As quoted by Goodreads

(<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/13622279-across-that-bridge>), "In Across That Bridge, Lewis draws from his experience as a leader of the Civil Rights Movement to offer timeless guidance to anyone seeking to live virtuously and transform the world. His wisdom, poignant recollections, and powerful ideas will inspire a new generation to usher in a freer, more peaceful society. The Civil Rights Movement gave rise to the protest culture we know today, and the experiences of leaders like Lewis have never been more relevant."

Please join us on Monday, September 7 at 8PM for great discussion and fellowship. Even if you haven't read the book, you are very welcome to join! We will honor Rep. Lewis' legacy by discussing his book this month. For more details on how to join the video chat, contact Despina at [despina.kontos@gmail.com](mailto:despina.kontos@gmail.com)

# GOOD NEWS TREASURE CHEST SIGN UP

Sign up to bring in the Good News Treasure Chest - virtually! Juli will contact you the week before you sign up to schedule a Zoom meeting with your child. In addition to the Good News Treasure Chest, she'd love to have a quick catch up! Please only sign up once to give each family an opportunity. Dates are first come, first serve. Any questions, please email Juli ([julpie19@gmail.com](mailto:julpie19@gmail.com)).



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4BABAD2FA6FF2-summer>



Child Guidance Resource Centers is a private, non-profit, community behavioral health care organization with over 60 years of service dedicated to providing quality care and educational services that best meet the needs of children, youth and their families in the Delaware Valley.

To learn more, contact Lisa Schneller:

484-454-8700  
x1484

[www.cgrc.org](http://www.cgrc.org)

email:  
[lschneller@cgrc.org](mailto:lschneller@cgrc.org)



## Strengthening Families Program

Building stronger families for healthy futures.

The Strengthening Families Program is an evidence-based parenting skills, children social skills, and family life skills training program specifically designed for families. Both parents and children participate in this program that will improve parenting skills and improve parenting skills and family relationships, reduce problem behaviors, delinquency and alcohol and drug abuse in children and improve social skills and school performance.

### STRENGTHENING FAMILIES BUILDS 5 PROTECTIVE FACTORS

- ☞ Parental resilience
- ☞ Social connections
- ☞ Knowledge of parenting and child development
- ☞ Concrete support in times of need
- ☞ Social and emotional competence of children

### PARENTS WILL LEARN:

- ☞ How to effectively discipline & guide children
- ☞ Appropriate developmental expectations
- ☞ Making and integrating house rules
- ☞ Encouraging good behavior
- ☞ Protecting against substance abuse

### CHILDREN WILL LEARN:

- ☞ How to set goals and dreams
- ☞ How to follow rules with parents, peers & teachers
- ☞ Skills to deal with stress
- ☞ Ways to handle peer pressure

**WHO:** Families with children between the ages of 6-11

**WHAT:** 10 virtual sessions beginning August 11th with dinner provided. 5pm for children group, 6pm for parents!

**CONTACT:** Lisa Schneller at [lschneller@cgrc.org](mailto:lschneller@cgrc.org) to register and learn more.

This program is free & dinner will be delivered every week! Enjoy incentives like board games for your family & more.

This program is coordinated by Child Guidance Resource Centers and funded by the Delaware County Office of Behavioral Health, Drug and Alcohol Division



## **STAFF-CONGREGATION RELATIONS COMMITTEE (SCRC)**

Hello, Mission Partners of Temple Lutheran Church! We have recently formed the Staff-Congregation Relations Committee (SCRC) to serve a mutual ministry function for the church. Our role as assigned by Council is to provide support to Temple Lutheran staff, in some ways similar to a human resources

function of an organization. We will meet regularly with staff members and one of our functions in this regard will be to serve as a liaison between mission partners and staff.

If you have a question, concern, or complaint about any staff member, we ask that you communicate it to our committee. We will discreetly work with you and the staff member to resolve issues and answer questions. We have an email address for this purpose, and we will aim to respond to you within 24 hours of receiving your email. Positive feedback is also welcome.

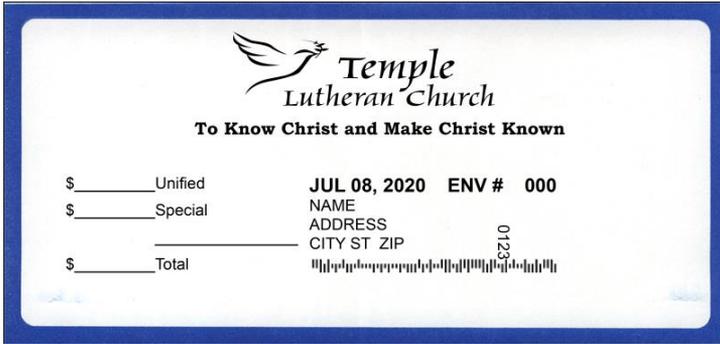
Our committee includes the following members:

Amy Mensch 610-357-9864, amy.mensch@gmail.com  
Lillian Mittleman 610-761-1790, lillian8394@gmail.com  
Noel Smyth 610-547-8095, noel.smyth.jr@gmail.com  
Vanessa Wallace 610-745-3080, vmtorti@gmail.com

Please feel free to reach out to us at [scrc@templelutheran.org](mailto:scrc@templelutheran.org) or contact any of us directly. Thank you and we look forward to working with you to foster a healthy and strong church community!



Thank you to everyone who is making live streaming the Sunday Service possible. For the musicians – Sarah Foss, Florrie Marks, Amanda Quillen and Mark Wallace, for the audio-visual tech man – Kyle Barger, for the creative children’s activities – Juli Pierdomenico and Pastor Tim.



For those who receive weekly giving envelopes in the mail every two months, you'll notice something different with the next set. We have simplified the categories to be aligned with our annual budget and general practice and only two categories are provided:

- The new "Unified" category supports the budget approved by the Congregation, which includes Christian outreach, support of the Synod, parish life, physical plant, and staff. The previous terminology was ambiguous as to what it covered.
- The new "Special" category provides a space to indicate whether the offering is for flowers, food pantry, Christmas outreach project, and other special offerings. If nothing is specified, it will be applied to the most current special appeal or by the Finance Team."

If you have any questions on this, please contact Susan Best, our Finance Team leader.



## FOOD PANTRY

Check the website <https://tlcfoodpantry.com>  
 Needed: Paper products (towels, tissues, toilet paper), cereal (in boxes rather than bags).

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES – UPPER DARBY COMMUNITY OUTREACH CORPORATION**

In the past, as part of our meal service at the Life Center, we provided meals for 150-200 people on the second Tuesday of odd-numbered months. Given social distancing criteria, the Life Center is only providing meals for the 30 clients in residence and not the wider community as in the past. It is anticipated that this will last for some time. In the meantime, the community's need for food still remains.

The Upper Darby Community Outreach Corporation, working out of Christ Lutheran Church in Upper Darby, is currently providing 200 to-go meals to the Upper Darby community each Tuesday and Thursday, and are looking to add Wednesday in the near future. Some food is cooked on-site and some is donated ready to serve. Volunteers in the kitchen package the food in to-go containers, which is served either to those who come to the door at dinner time or is delivered to those who are not able to come to the church to pick it. If you would like to assist in this effort, contact Pastor Dave Shaheen, 610-352-7008, [pdudcoc@gmail.com](mailto:pdudcoc@gmail.com) and ask to get on the schedule to assist in the kitchen or as a driver. To learn more about Upper Darby Community Outreach Corporation, go to <https://www.outreachcorp.org>. The website has a convenient “DONATE” button for those who prefer to support this work financially.

## **DAILY DEVOTIONALS**

I have copies of the daily devotionals available. Please let me know which one you would like and I will send/deliver it. Janet  
The Upper Room – Where the World Meets to Pray  
Christ in Our Home  
Daily Bread

## CALENDAR

Tuesdays 8:30 p.m. AA Meeting  
Thursdays 7:00 p.m. Sober with Sitters (AA with Childcare)

12-Step meetings are held regularly at the church, but not all of them are posted, at the request of each group's leadership. Please contact Pastor Tim if you have an addiction and need help.

## Partners in Ministry

Ministers	People of Temple Lutheran Church
Pastor	The Rev. Timothy B. Johansen
Congregation Council President	Pat Keaveney
Director of Music Ministries	Florrie Marks
Children, Youth & Family Minister	Julianna Pierdomenico
Director of Discipleship	Rob Mannix
Office Administrator	Janet Bruss
Director of Sunday School	Jeanne Daniels
Sunday Nursery Staff	Shelly Davis
Sexton	Calvin Lawler

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