

INCLUSION, SERVICE, COMMUNITY



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 18, 2022



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Visiting today? Welcome!

December 18, 2022 Notes for Today's Service

We hope that you will be able to join with us in worship in person or through the live streaming on the website templelutheran.org.

Being a livestreamed service, your likeness may be shown on Temple's YouTube channel and website.

HOLY COMMUNION - We welcome <u>ALL</u> to share in the meal of God's forgiveness, receiving the real presence of Christ in the sacrament. Please come forward to the communion rail by the center aisle maintaining a 3 feet distance. Children are welcome to fully participate in Holy Communion or to come forward and receive a blessing. Please return to your seat by the side aisle. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and communion will be brought to you.

OFFERING - During today's service, an offering will be gathered 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 change lives as we transform church, our neighborhood, and God's world in the name of Jesus.

Please consider e-giving as a way to continue meeting your pledge to Temple. Please contact our Financial Secretary for information or the form to do this at finsecretary@templelutheran.org.



CAFÉ

Come join friends in conversations. Discussion and fellowship every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. In Person (in the Café) or on Zoom.

Adult Café Link

BOOK CLUB - Monday, January 9 7:30 PM



The Women of the Bible Speak: The Wisdom of 16 Women and Their Lessons for Today by Shannon Bream

If you would like a copy of a book but cannot afford it, please let Pastor Tim know!

Please join us on Monday, January 9 at 7:30 p.m. for great discussion and fellowship. We will be having the book club in person at Temple's Café, with the option to Zoom in as well. Even if you haven't read the book, you are very welcome to join!

Meeting ID: 838 3646 6562 Passcode: BookClub

MUSIC MINISTRY



Interested in being part of music at Temple Lutheran Church?

We have Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, and Children's Music.

Beginners welcome! Please contact our Director of Music Ministries, Florrie Marks, @ music@templelutheran.org.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

This **Sunday December 18**th, the children of TLC and adult helpers will present the annual Christmas Pageant. You don't want to miss this! **The Best Present of All** is sure to warm your heart with the true meaning of Christmas!



MIDWEEK ADVENT CRAFT AND STUDY



6:30 pm Family Friendly Craft in Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm Advent Study in Café Pastor Tim providing a delicious holiday treat each week!

All are welcome!

Wednesdays in Advent, Temple Lutheran Church welcomes you to midweek ministry with a craft, study, and treat.

(11/30 – Hot Chocolate Bar, 12/7 – Krumkakes)

At 6:30 pm, we will gather in Fellowship Hall for a family friendly craft. We will move to Café at 7 pm for an Advent study. We will be looking at a reading from Psalms and a reflection from ELCA World Hunger (a ministry of our National Church that is transforming God's world in the name of Jesus).

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

At **3 PM** on **Christmas Eve**, TLC will have its annual Christmas Story service.

At this service, the story of Jesus' is told. All children help to set up the nativity as the congregation sings throughout the service.



The **Musical Celebration of Christmas** starts at **7 PM**. At this time, you are welcome to come listen to the talented musicians at TLC. Come enjoy Kenaniah (the Praise Band), Festival Choir, Handbell Quartet, Violinist Zoe Boston, Soloist Amanda Quillen, and the Handbell Choir. If you get a chance, thank our director of music ministries, Florrie Marks, for all her work to make TLC's celebrations and Sundays full of music!

At **7:30 PM**, our **candlelight worship** begins. We will prepare our hearts for the celebration to come on Christmas Day by ending the service in candlelight.

*If you ordered a poinsettia, you are welcome to take it after the Christmas Eve Candlelight service.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Join us on Christmas morning for Breakfast Church at



10 AM in Fellowship Hall! Come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ with songs and worship. If you are able to help with setup and cooking, please reach out to Rob Mannix or the office.



ADVENT GENEROSITY PROJECT



Help a family from Ukraine

The Tatarchuk-Gadzhaman family recently moved to

Havertown from war-torn Ukraine. Olga and Alex are raising their three children and doing their best to assimilate while coping with the trauma of losing their home. Olga is trying to bring her parents, Igor and Elena, safely to the United States so that her children can be reunited with their grandparents. 100% of everything donated will go towards getting them set up with an apartment while they learn English and look for jobs in the U.S.

For every \$10 given to support this family, we will add another sunflower to our Christmas tree in the narthex in honor or in memory of someone special to you. Thank you for your generosity!

An anonymous donor has offered to double the donations made to the Advent Generosity Project!

Thank you for Living Generously!

LIFE CENTER MEAL Tuesday, January 10

Life Center SignUp



The next date is January 10th! If you would like to cook, we need meatloaves and mac and cheese trays. Non baked items needed as well. More info on the Signup Genius! Please label Life Center so we know to take it!

There is a **need for servers** so please see the signup genius below for ways to give of items and/or time.

SPONSORING ALTAR FLOWERS



Altar flowers are a great way to beautify the sanctuary and remind your fellow worshipers of the new life that Jesus brings. Please make note for In Memory /or/ In Honor of when you order through the link. Questions: Contact the <u>TLC Office</u>.

Order Altar Flowers

GIVING TO TEMPLE

Did you know that Temple has doubled its' congregational giving in the last ten years? This drastically affects the impact we can have on our community and beyond. It's because of your generosity that this is a growing, thriving, multi-generational community of people dedicated to living out our values of Inclusion, Service, and Community.

There are now many ways you can financially contribute to TLC's Mission

- Mail a check to the church office
 501 Brookline Blvd, Havertown, PA 19083
- · Authorize payment through your bank
- Sign up for electronic giving with Celia Engman
 Questions? Contact <u>Celia Engman</u>
 Use this <u>PayPal link</u>

PayPal Giving

The Rev. Timothy Johansen, by calling (610) 446-3270 or by emailing pastor@templelutheran.org Emergency Phone Number (610) 853-1736



FOOD PANTRY SERVICE DAY



DECEMBER 17 3rd Saturday in December 1-3 PM

Our next day for providing food and necessities to those in need will be **December 17**th a week

earlier due to the Christmas holiday.

Needs: Peanut butter, canned fruit, detergent, snacks, and tomato products. To volunteer please email Bridget McCormack at bmccormack29@gmail.com.

TLC: Tender Loving Care

Sharing words of inspiration and hope!

We are excited to offer this blog as way to share God's presence in our lives and community.

Perhaps you attended Café and were moved by the discussion. You spent time helping at the food pantry and witnessed a kindness that may move others. Something Pastor Tim shared in a sermon helped you to learn a new perspective. You have a recipe that has been passed down for generations and a story to go with it. Kids are welcome to share their stories as well! Please reach out to Lisa Schneller @ lisaschneller23@gmail.com to post on our blog.

TLC Blog

Another way to communicate the wonderful happenings of Temple Lutheran Church is to write an article for our monthly newsletter, **The Evangel**. The newsletter can be found on our website, through email, or in the narthex at church. We love to have articles written by all ages! Anyone who takes pictures at church events please send to the church office or to Eileen. Email articles and/or pictures to Eileen Keaveney at ekeaveney@yahoo.com.

TLC Evangel



Saturday December 17th 6 – 8 PM Fellowship Hall (Downstairs) Cookies, Cocktails, and Karaoke Fun for ALL AGES!

Join us for a night of Cookie Decorating and Karaoke. Light snacks and refreshments provided.

Pizza will be available for the kids as some will be coming right from pageant rehearsal!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

For Healing and Encouragement: Paul Arata, Brendan Bell, John Burd, Jack Byers, Mike Carr, Linda Clack, Joan Clarke, Family and Friends of William Codner, Sue Cook, Jane Corso, Cynthia Davis, Marge Davis, Bobbie Delaney, Gordon Dershimer, Declan Devlin, Diane Donnely, Chase Doyle and Adam, Mary England, Christie Ennis, Bill Faust, Shane Faust, Kristine Ferguson-Franklin, Michelle Filler, Lois Ann Forgess-Oler, Todd Gasper, Brian Hegarty, Roy Hallowell, Greg Hallquist, Family and Friends of Delores Harrison, Florence Homer, Amy Ingram, Cari Isakson, Craig Jamgochian, Dan Joseph, Gina Kapusniak, Kailyn Kilfoyle, Kim Komar, Louis F. Lamoreux, Jean Long, Leia Jean Louis, Madison Lynn, Kevin Mack, Janet Marinari, Wayne Meider, Lino Mescia, Audie Murphy, Helen Neiser, Betty Pagan, Carmen Palacios, Merry Snyder, Patricia Snyder, Karen Spangler, Benny Strain, Gaetan Termini, Dick Torti, Diana Valvardi, Lily Walker, Barbara Ward, Philip White, and Linda Wilke.

THANK YOU!

Thank you TLC Kids for the story you are sharing through the Christmas Pageant!

Thank you parents for bringing your children and helping behind the scenes!

Thank you to our Sunday School teachers, musicians, videographer, as well as adult and youth mission partners that volunteer to make the pageant a success!

Thank you Pastor Tim for sharing your incredible energy, creativity, knowledge, and faith so that our children find inclusion and joy here at Temple Lutheran Church.

CALENDAR OF REGULAR MEETINGS

Handbell Choir Tuesdays 7:15 p.m. 8:30 p.m. AA Meeting 7:30 p.m. Friday I Am Responsible [AA meeting] Saturdays Bryn Mawr Early Birds [AA meeting] 9:30 a.m. Sundays 9:00 a.m. Sunday School / Café 9:40 a.m. Children's Music 10:00 a.m. In-person, Live Streamed Worship Chancel Choir 11:30 a.m.

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November	27	Advent - The First Carols of Christmas worship series
December	7	Advent Midweek Series - 6:30 pm Craft, 7 pm Study
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	17	Food Pantry Day 1-3 pm
	17	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 4 pm - 6 pm
	17	Cookies, Cocktails, and Karaokel 6 – 8 PM
	18	Christmas Pageant "The Best Present of All"
	21	Advent Midweek Series 6:30 pm Craft, 7 pm Study
	24	Christmas Eve Services 3 pm, 7 pm, 7:30 pm
	25	CHRISTMASI

Partners in Ministry

Ministers People of Temple Lutheran Church The Rev. Timothy B. Johansen **Pastor** Congregation Council President Amanda Ouillen Director of Music Ministries Florrie Marks Director of Discipleship Rob Mannix Parish Administrator **Darcy Mannion Director of Sunday School Jeanne Daniels** Calvin Lawler Sr. Sexton





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