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INCLUSION, SERVICE, COMMUNITY



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WELCOME UNCONDITIONALLY	WORSHIP FULLY
LIVE GENEROUSLY	CELEBRATE GROWTH

**Visiting today?  
Welcome!**

**March 16, 2025  
Notes for Today's Service**

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

*Because this is a livestreamed service, your likeness may be shown on Temple's YouTube channel and website.*

**HOLY COMMUNION** - We welcome **ALL** to share in the meal of God's forgiveness, receiving the real presence of Christ in the sacrament. 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](mailto:finsecretary@templelutheran.org).*

**For more information about Temple Lutheran, visit our website or use this QR Code.**



## **LESSON READING: ROMANS 12:9-21**

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. <sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." <sup>20</sup>No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

## **GOSPEL READING: MARK 11:20-24**

<sup>20</sup>In the morning as they passed by, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots. <sup>21</sup>Then Peter remembered and said to him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered." <sup>22</sup>Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God. <sup>23</sup>Truly I tell you, if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and if you do not doubt in your heart, but believe that what you say will come to pass, it will be done for you. <sup>24</sup>So I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

### **Need to contact the Pastor?**

The Rev. Timothy Johansen,  
by calling (610) 446-3270  
or by emailing [pastor@templelutheran.org](mailto:pastor@templelutheran.org)  
Emergency Phone Number (516) 592-0412



# WELCOME UNCONDITIONALLY

**ALL are welcome here.**

We are a Reconciling in Christ Congregation which extends hospitality, support, encouragement, and full participation to all children of God who seek to join us in doing God's work.

**TL4C Youth Group**  
**Next meetup is April 6**  
**Temple Lutheran Church**



Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to TL4C. This is an opportunity for our youth to grow in faith with one another and work together on service projects. Events coming up are Box City March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Tuscarora Retreat in April, pancake breakfast at Trinity and the Community Egg Hunts. Contact Jennifer Pruski at [jennerpruski@gmail.com](mailto:jennerpruski@gmail.com).

## MUSIC MINISTRIES



Do you like to sing, play handbells, or play instruments? We would love for you to share your talents with Temple Lutheran Church!

Please contact our Director of Music Ministries, Florrie Marks, at [music@templelutheran.org](mailto:music@templelutheran.org).

## SPIRITUAL DIRECTION GROUP



**Meets every other Monday 3/24, 4/7, etc.**  
**@ 7 pm in the Youth Room**

TLC's Spiritual Direction Group offers a welcoming space to listen, share, and grow in faith together. Whether you're new to spiritual direction or have walked this path before, you're invited to join us as we seek God's love and guidance in a supportive group setting. Come as you are—new faces are always welcome! Questions? Rob Mannix @ [robmannix@gmail.com](mailto:robmannix@gmail.com).



# WORSHIP FULLY



## **Lenten Sermon Series Pray. Fast. Give.**

Join us this Lent as we journey through our new sermon series, "Pray. Fast. Give." Each of these spiritual disciplines calls us to draw closer to God, deepen our faith, and prepare our hearts for Easter. Over six weeks, we will dedicate two weeks to each practice—exploring the power of prayer, the purpose of fasting, and the joy of giving. May this season be a time of renewal and growth as we walk together in faith.

## **REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**For Healing and Encouragement:** Paul Arata, Margaret Barger, Jack Byers, Calvin, Mike Carr, Kathi Chattin, Joan Clarke, Jane Corso, Ami C., Mark Davis, Bobbie Delaney, Gordon Dersheimer, Declan Devlin, Julie Diehl, Diane Donnely, Jeanne Donofrio, Chase Doyle and Adam, Christie Ennis, R.E. Faulkner, Bill Faust, Shane Faust, Kristine Ferguson-Franklin, Michelle Filler, Lois Ann Forgress-Oler, Todd Gasper, Evin Gerofsky, Thomas Gibson (Gibby), Greg Hallquist, Florence Homer, Craig Jamgochian, Boyce Johnson, Gina Kapusniak, Kailyn Kilfoyle, Kim Komar, Louis F. Lamoreux, Jean Long, Madison Lynn, Kevin Mack, Susie Margarite and family, Salvino Marra, Janet Marinari, Wayne Meider, Lino Mescia, Helen Neiser, Betty Pagan, Carmen Palacios, David Parker, Tonya Parker, Melissa Rhodes, Beth Rossi, Larry Rossi, Toni Rossi, Jeanne Santarsiero, Chris Smith, Clark Smith, Merry Snyder, Patricia Snyder, Karen Spangler, Derick Spence, Gaetan Termini, Dick Torti, Diana Valvardi, Steve and Sue Voccola, Lily Walker, Barbara Ward, Philip White, and Linda Wilke.



# LIVE GENEROUSLY

## LENTEN GENEROSITY PROJECT

For over 150 years, The Lutheran Schools in Liberia (LSL) have provided education to children in rural areas who would otherwise lack access. Today, 27 LSL schools serve around 5,000 students. Temple Lutheran Church is raising funds to provide scholarships for Liberian students, many of whom are orphaned and cared for by their community or grandparents. Your support can help change lives through education. See Bulletin insert.

## TLC FOOD PANTRY 1-2:30 pm

**Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**



TLC Food Pantry is open for in-person shopping every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month from 1-2:30 pm. **Needs:** Laundry detergent, Peanut butter, Toilet paper,

Tomato products, Fruit, Cereal **\*No glass or expired items**

Contact **Bridget McCormack** if interested in this ministry.

## GIVING TO TEMPLE

TLC is dedicated to transforming our church, our neighborhood, and God's world. Your contributions drastically affect 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 regularly 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 [Celia Engman](#)
- Use this [PayPal link](#) or QR Code

Give Through PayPal





# CELEBRATE GROWTH



**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**  
**April 21<sup>st</sup> in Fellowship Hall**  
**2-7 PM**

Scan to schedule  
an appointment.

Sign up today to save lives! Questions: Contact Larry Passmore [larrypassmore@gmail.com](mailto:larrypassmore@gmail.com) or Kristy Burko [kmburko@gmail.com](mailto:kmburko@gmail.com),

**ADULT EDUCATION AT CAFÉ**  
**Sundays at 9 am**

Come enjoy coffee, tea and delicious treats while having wonderful discussions on Sunday mornings at 9 am in the Café.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**Sundays during worship**

Children ages 4-11 will be dismissed to Sunday School after the Sermon on the Steps and return to worship at communion.



## CALENDAR OF REGULAR MEETINGS

Mondays	7:00 p.m.	Spiritual Direction Group 3/24, 4/7
Tuesdays	8:30 p.m.	The Oakmont Group [AA Meeting]
	7:15 p.m.	Handbell Choir
Fridays	7:30 p.m.	I Am Responsible [AA meeting]
Saturdays	9:30 a.m.	Bryn Mawr Early Birds [AA meeting]
Sundays	9:00 a.m.	Adult Café
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:15 a.m.	Chancel Choir
	6:00 p.m.	TL4C Youth Group 1 <sup>st</sup> Sundays

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

<b>March</b>	<b>9</b>	Pray Fast Give Sermon Series Begins
	<b>22</b>	TLC Food Pantry
	<b>21-22</b>	TL4C Youth at Box City
<b>April</b>	<b>13</b>	Palm Sunday
	<b>17</b>	Maundy Thursday 7 pm
	<b>18</b>	Good Friday 7 pm
	<b>19</b>	Temple's Community Easter Egg Hunt
	<b>20</b>	<b>EASTER 6 am, 8 am, 10 am</b>
	<b>21</b>	Red Cross Blood Drive

## Partners in Ministry

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



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For over 150 years, The Lutheran Schools in Liberia (LSL) has been serving children in rural Liberia and providing them with educational opportunities they otherwise wouldn't have.

Their 27 schools currently serve about 5,000 children.

Temple Lutheran Church is looking to raise funds that will be used to provide scholarships for Liberian students, many of whom have been orphaned and are in the care of community members or grandparents.

Checks payable to Temple Lutheran Church, Memo: Liberia

Venmo:

PayPal:



Rev. Eric Doe is the Acting Director of Lutheran Schools in Liberia.

He came to visit Temple in 2013 and again in 2015.

It has been 10 years since Temple has offered financial support to LSL.

They remain diligent in their hard work and growth.



These are some of the children in the Lutheran Schools in Liberia.



**Name: John Kiazolu**

**Age: 11**

**Grade: 4**

**School: Bishop A. Donald Main**

**Lutheran Training Academy**

**Hobbies: Football (Soccer)**

**John lost his mother from breast cancer months ago. He wishes to be a professional footballer in the future.**

**Yearly Tuition: \$140**

**Name: Elisha Cooper**

**Age: 10**

**Grade: 4**

**School: Totota Lutheran High School**

**Hobbies: Reading**

**Elisha plans to be a pilot in the future.**



**Name: Even Blagba**

**Age: 14**

**Grade: 7**

**School: Nyema Tyee Memorial**

**Lutheran School**

**Hobbies: Singing in the choir**

**Even says one day she wants to be a professional nurse.**



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