

Knowing Christ...Making Christ Known



September 13, 2020

WELCOME TO



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OUR MISSION –
"TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE CHRIST KNOWN"

Visiting today? Welcome! September 13, 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

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 for information or the form to do this.

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING: MARK 10:35-45

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

VIRTUAL CAFÉ! will happen directly after service using the link found below! This is a new Zoom meeting and will be held on Sundays, every week from 10:20am to 11:35am. Bible study in Café begins Sunday, September 13.

Virtual Café Link

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

For Healing and Encouragement Angie, Paul Arata, Jane Bachensky, Geoff Bailey, Keith Bailey, Fernando Batista, Brendan Bell, family and friends of Pauline Bruss, John Burd, Nancy Butler, Jack Byers, Mike Carr, Linda Clack, Jane Corso, Marion Crawford, Noah Davis, Bobbie Delanev, Gordon Dershimer, Declan Devlin, Chase Doyle and Adam, Mary England, Christie Ennis, Bill Faust, Shane Faust, David Fitch, Kristine Ferguson-Franklin, Lois Ann Forgess-Oler, Lois Gabbott, Patty Gardner, Todd Gasper, Greg Hallquist, Mike and Sandy Harms, Florence Homer, Craig Jamgochian, Kapusniak, Kim Komar, Louis F. Lamoreux, Jean Long, 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, family and friends of Freddy Seefeldt, 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:

TLC Food Pantry Service Day on SATURDAY, September 26 1:00-3:00 p.m.





We need some help: Stocking, Restocking, Organizing and Recycling

Call Bridget to sign up 856-607-6702

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, November 4, 2:30 - 7:00 p.m. Call Sue Cook, Red Cross or <u>click</u> to make an appointment. Giving blood saves lives!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School (for the meantime) will have two modes: one in person (Saturday School) and one online (Sunday School)! They will both start this weekend of September 12th and 13th.



The online version will run just like it did in the spring, on **Sundays** before service from 9am-9:30am with Miss Jeanne via a Zoom link which can be found here: https://temple.zoom.us/j/97251710321

Our second mode will be in person, similar to Adult Worship on Wednesday nights. The in person Saturday School will be meeting on <u>Saturday</u> mornings. Saturday School will meet at:

9:30-10:15: Kindergarten - 5th Grade

10:30-11:15: Middle School/High School Youth Group

We will meet at Grange Field under/near the pavilion. Make sure to bring your own chairs! Health precautions will include wearing a mask for the length of the time and remaining 6 feet apart at all times. Because of this, I strongly recommend (and ask) that parents for Kindergarteners through 5th Graders stay the whole time to help with social distancing and health protocol. Children attending the Middle School/High School Youth Group may attend on their own. Parents may stay, but are encouraged to give the group privacy for reasons of confidentiality.

I also ask that if you have a cell phone, please bring it! To try and help save trees, I will be sending out materials via an email.

I am super excited for this opportunity, and am looking forward to seeing your children in a way that still honors their health. As with everything else, flexibility is key during this time. I will be monitoring the health safety protocol for the area each week to determine the best way to deliver Sunday School. There will be a weekly email with updates, so be on the lookout!

Any questions, please do not hesitate to text or email me. I look forward to seeing you on Saturday!

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

"Freedom is like taking a bath: you got to keep doing it every day." - Florynce Kennedy

Doing the work of anti-racism is a process. I discovered this when I started working on it several years ago, and I'm reminded of it when I meet with Temple's antiracism task force. It's a process, and it's hard work, and there are many steps we must take, and we're never done. And the truth is, the steps never really end – we just become ready to take the next step while still working on the last.

I've been taking the steps and circling back and around. I started with learning. I'm working my way through books, videos and essays, and listening closely to what people of color say. One thing I've learned is to examine my own unconscious bias. We all have it. It's interesting to take Harvard's Implicit Association Test for race to see where your responses place you. (https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/takeatest.html)

Now, I've started having conversations with members of my community. I've learned to admit my own bias and past behaviors that may have perpetuated racism. I can remember times I was silent after a racist comment was made. In doing so, I let the speaker feel safe to speak in racist ways.

I'm actually excited to take action now, and invite you to join me! There are a million ways to fight racist systems and structures, and we have power in numbers.

Whatever stage(s) you are in, we're all right there with you. Temple's Racial Justice Task Force is working on ways to engage in learning together as a church community. As we all continue to learn, examine and engage, we'll share some opportunities for taking action together. Thanks for joining us in this journey!

Vanessa Wallace

P.S. 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.

Resources – TLC Family
Doin' the Work

STAYING CONNECTED IN COMMUNITY

Life has ups and downs and we all go through challenging times.
Especially now, when social distancing has brought in an additional level of human distancing, we can often find ourselves craving human interaction and support. This group has been initiated for exactly



this purpose, to build human connections, especially in the face of the current adversity. TLC's "Staying Connected in Community" aspires to be a safe group that welcomes everyone to share their experiences and challenges, and to listen and connect with others while recognizing both our common humanity and the divine light we share. "Staying Connected in Community" will be meeting virtually every 3rd Thursday of the month, with group gatherings starting at 7:45 pm and discussion between 8-9.30pm.

We will have a Zoom link in the next Temple Connections. First meeting will be Thursday, September 17.

For more details, please contact Lisa Schneller at lisaschneller23@gmail.com"



COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

We are collecting light weight items, "store bought" treats such as raisins, dried fruit and nuts, gum, lollipops, popcorn, peanuts, pretzels, crackers, cookies, Halloween candy, small packs of coffee, tea or hot chocolate,

instant soup.

NO POTATO CHIPS or

CRUSHABLE SNACKS, PLEASE.
Please put items in the tub by the glass doors.

BED LINEN ITEMS FOR HOMELESS

TLC Food Pantry is the collecting the following New or Gently Used items for distribution to the homeless in Philadelphia:





Flat sheets Pillows Pillow cases Towels Comforters

No ripped, torn, or visibly soiled items please.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is just around the corner!

Juli is looking for 2-3 servants (more always welcome!) to help with Sunday School this year. Please email her (julpie19@gmail.com) or text her (610 301 6992) if you are interested.



IMPORTANT ELECTION DEADLINES AND INFORMATIONElection Day is Tuesday, November 3. Voting is one of the most important things U.S. citizens can do. We all benefit when everyone makes their voice heard. Whether voters choose to work by mail or at the polls, all voting options are safe.

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- **October 19** is the deadline to <u>register to vote in Pennsylvania</u>.
- October 27 at 5 p.m. is the last day for your county office to receive mail-in and absentee ballot applications
- **November 3** is the day of the General Election. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. As long as you are in line by 8 p.m., you will be able to vote. Voted mail-in and absentee ballots must also be received by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Visit <u>VotesPA</u> for any statewide updates and general information about voting in Pennsylvania.



Thank you to everyone who is making live streaming the Sunday Service possible. For the musicians – Sarah Foss, Will Hulcher, 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 Timothy Johansen.

NEW LOCATION IN-PERSON WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY WEDNESDAYS

Please join us this Wednesday (and each Wednesday to come) at 7 PM for worship in the parking lot of the old Brookline School on Earlington Road (and Sagamore). We'll gather together for a scripture lesson and a prepared reflection, then we'll break into small groups for checkins 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



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



SUPPORTING THE LUTHERS

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

Go Fund Me

The Church & Mental Illness | Register Now



YOU ARE NOT ALONE THE CHURCH & MENTAL ILLNESS

SEPTEMBER 19 | 9AM-12PM Free Live Webinar

- A personal story of life with mental illness
- Recognizing and defining mental illness
 Steps to take when we encounter mental

Saturday, September 19, 10am-noon Main Line Chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health) in conjunction with the Delaware Conference Executive Committee will be hosting a free live webinar on the topic of Mental Illness and Mental Wellness for the leaders and members of the Delco congregations (you may invite a friend from beyond this "circle"; registration will be limited to the first 100 registrants). The discussion will include:

- A presenter's personal story of life with mental illness
- Recognizing and defining mental illness
- Steps we can take when we encounter mental illness This is an important topic made more urgent in these

increasingly stressful times.

Register Here



FOOD PANTRY

Check the website https://tlcfoodpantry.com The TLC Food Pantry delivered to 57 families on August 22. Each received two bags of grocery items.

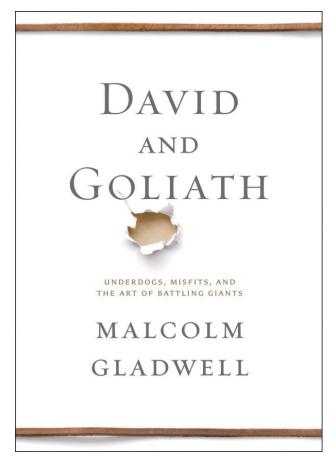
Needed: Paper products (particularly paper towels), detergent, hand soap (bars) and coffee both instant and ground.

VIRTUAL 5K SUPERHERO RUN

Run anytime before October 31.



BOOK CLUB



Our next book for the TLC Bookclub will be "David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants" by Malcolm Gladwell.

"In his #1
bestselling
books The
Tipping Point,
Blink, and
Outliers,
Malcolm
Gladwell has
explored the
ways we
understand and
change our

world. Now he looks at the complex and surprising ways the weak can defeat the strong, the small can match up against the giant, and how our goals (often culturally determined) can make a huge difference in our ultimate sense of success. Drawing upon examples from the world of business, sports, culture, cutting-edge psychology, and an array of unforgettable characters around the world, David and Goliath is in many ways the most practical and provocative book Malcolm Gladwell has ever written." - Goodreads

Please join us on Monday, October 5 at 8PM for great discussion and fellowship. Even if you haven't read the book, you are very welcome to join! For more details on how to join the video chat, contact Despina at despina.kontos@gmail.com

CALENDAR

Tuesdays 8:30 p.m. AA Meeting

Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. Outdoor Worship at Old Brookline

School, Earlington & Sagamore Rds.

Thursdays 7:00 p.m. Sober with Sitters (AA with Childcare)

Saturdays In-person Saturday School, Grange Field

9:30-10:15: Kindergarten – 5th Grade

10:30-11:15: Middle/High School Youth Group

Sundays 9:00 a.m. Sunday School with Ms. Jeanne 9:30 a.m. Live Streamed Worship Service

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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

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

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