



THE EVANGEL

Evangel - from the Greek euangelos meaning good messenger, or good news.

Temple Lutheran Church

June/July 2022

Spring Bustles With Activity at TLC

Though we are technically still in a pandemic, many activities and projects at TLC (and the world) have inched closer to normal and are definitely bringing us back together in person. Here is some of what we've accomplished in May:



TLC children "help" Rob Mannix and Pastor Tim plant a tree in front of the church.

Sunday, May 8 — A Tree Planting and a Forum on the Generation to Generation Campaign. Mission partners at TLC gathered after worship on this chilly May day to plant a tree in front of the church to commemorate the end of the construction project and the beginning of the Generation to Generation Campaign. Just as we are providing a future in faith for our children and grandchildren through the campaign, we also provide a tangible symbol - a tree to grow with them and shelter them. Afterwards, a forum was held inside the church to answer the questions and listen to the thoughts of mission partners concerning the capital campaign.

Sunday, May 15 — Pledge Sunday.

This was the day to commit to the Generation to Generation Campaign for those who had not already turned in their pledges. The newly formed children's bell choir performed "Jesus Loves Me" during the worship service - thank you Florrie and Joyce! The sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Michael Foss. By the end of the service over \$180,000 had been pledged to the campaign, which will be ongoing with a goal of \$250,000.



TLC's Children's Handchime Choir performs "Jesus Loves Me" on Pledge Sunday.

Saturday, May 28 — In-Person Food Pantry. After two years of delivering groceries to our food pantry friends, TLC returned to in-person shopping. Our patrons and our servants were thrilled to see one another again and catch up, and our patrons were happy to choose the items that suited them and their individual needs. Thanks to the Bridgets (McCormack and Keaveney) for organizing and keeping things running smoothly and to all who helped in any way. Donations are always welcome and can be placed in the bin outside of the courtyard door. The food pantry will be open on the fourth Saturday of each month from 1 PM to 3 PM. Servants are always welcome.

Join us for Worship

*In-Person Worship,
Live Streamed
Sundays
at 10 a.m.*

*Live Streaming will
continue indefinitely.*

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A Kids' Sunday Riddle: Who Am I?

By Jeanne Daniels

Who am I? I am sitting with all my friends and we all are waiting. Waiting for what? I feel like I have so much pent-up energy, just waiting to burst forth, but I must wait until the time is right. Oh no! What is happening? Ouch! My friends and I all just fell on the ground, but we are OK. However, we are all so thirsty and in need of a drink of water due to the summer-like weather we have had recently. The hot weather with the sun beating down just increases our energy. We feel as though we want to burst. Burst with energy like the children around us. Listen, I hear the children singing with excitement about seeds. They are singing two seed songs entitled "Faith as Small as a Mustard Seed" and "The Seed Song." Older children are reading prayers that they wrote themselves. The younger children are listening to a Bible Story about what faith as small as a mustard seed can do. A small amount of faith can move mountains and can ask a large mulberry tree to jump into the ocean! That is the way I feel. I may be very small right now, but someday with a little bit of faith and energy I could be as big as a mulberry tree one day. Oh, I now understand. Do you? My friends and I are seeds! What about the children? Are they seeds also?



Pastor Tim delivers the children's "Sermon Under the Tree" on Kids' Sunday.

As seeds, we are small, dry, hard, compact pieces of energy. We are ready to push up through the earth to become more than possibility. We require a convergence of nourishing actions and beneficial happenstance over which we have no control. We must fall or be planted into hospitable soil. We must get enough (but not too much) water, sunlight, and nutrition. We must be protected from predators yet available to pollinators.

Our children arrive to us in similar circumstances: future yet to be revealed, cultivation required immediately. The nurturing that a child needs to blossom comes first from the home and family into which they fall. But, when we begin to raise a child we cannot know what sort of "ground" will be best for them, because we cannot know what sort of "flower" they have the potential to become. As parents, unlike as gardeners, we lack the seed packet with its picture on the front, its instructions on the back. Are you doing everything a chrysanthemum ought to need? Maybe your child is a sunflower or a wild flower. We, as Temple Lutheran Church, can only try to do what we think is best in providing a place to experience God's love and kindness. The church meets the children's needs by teaching them moral and spiritual values.

We, Temple Lutheran Church, on May 22nd celebrated our children through Kids' Sunday, when all were God's children and experienced crafts, bible reading, children's sermon, and prayer written by children. We also celebrated Ava, Matthew and Hannah's first communion. We truly celebrated

growth. The children are the future of the church. Please consider investing in the church's growth and future by becoming a Sunday School Teacher. Kid's Sunday, 05/22/2022, marked the end of our first post-pandemic year. We are looking forward to seeing all the children and our new teachers in the fall.

In Memoriam



Joan Hellwege, teacher and long time member of Temple Lutheran, passed away on May 15th after a 6 month illness. Joan and husband Conrad Hellwege were active members of Temple for many years before moving to Florida nearly twenty years ago. Even then, both Hellweges maintained an active interest in Temple, always coming to a service when they came back "home" to visit Joan's mother *still living at age 100+.

Joan and Conrad were both middle school teachers. Joan taught English in the Upper Darby School District's Beverly Hills Middle school for 25 years; Conrad was a 7th grade science teacher at Haverford Middle School even longer. If you ask some of our older mission partners who lived in Havertown as kids, you'll find more than one student of Conrad's among them. They were frequent travelers, visiting all 50 states and nearly 70 countries. They often shared their experiences and pictures with others at Temple social events.

Services for Joan will be held on June 11, 2022 in Sarasota, FL. She and Conrad retired to that area to be closer to their children, both of whom had moved there. They stayed active in the Lutheran church as members of the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Sarasota. Donations in memory of Joan may be made to Temple Lutheran and will be forwarded to St.

Farewell, Vicar Ian

Vicar Ian Clements has completed his year with Temple Lutheran Church, and we will miss his good humor, his support in our church activities, his assistance at worship, and his innovative and inspiring sermons.



We wish the best for Vicar Ian as he continues his studies at United Lutheran Seminary in Germantown. Thank you and God bless you, Vicar Ian! (And, yes, WE CAN DIG IT!)

First Communion

Kids' Sunday brought extra blessings to three of our church's children. Ava Carr, Matthew Carr, and Hannah Hartnett received their First Communion during the worship service. Afterwards they shared cake in the courtyard with the mission partners and guests of TLC.



God bless you and your families, Matthew, Ava and Hannah! (Pictured with Pastor Tim above.)

Roy Hallowell Finally Celebrates His Pandemic-Postponed Graduation

Roy Hallowell, a long time mission partner of TLC completed his Diakonia studies just before the beginning of the pandemic and didn't have the opportunity to celebrate that accomplishment or receive acknowledgement for his hard work.

That changed on May 21, when Roy and his fellow graduates were honored in a ceremony at Grace Lutheran Church in Broomall, presided over by Bishop Patricia Davenport. The Rev. Bryan Penman (a Director of Evangelical Mission) preached. An obviously proud Pastor Tim Johansen assisted in the ceremony.

Diakonia is a program for Christian education and faith formation. Roy took classes in Bible, Pastoral Care, Church History, Evangelism, and more. He attended the program with five other Lutherans from Delaware County.

Congratulations, Roy! Thank you so much for being such an example and inspiration to us.



Roy Hallowell (fourth from right) is honored in a ceremony at Grace Lutheran, presided over by Bishop Patricia Davenport (center, with vestments.)

TLC's Confirmation Class "Escapes"

On a recent Friday evening, Pastor Tim and twelve Confirmation candidates took their class to Sproul Lanes in Springfield to experience an escape room. Participants are "locked" in the room and must use critical thinking, problem

solving and teamwork to find their way out. Our confirmation geniuses were able to do just that and have fun at the same time.

On Pentecost Sunday one of the confirmation candidates, Josh Schmid, was confirmed during the worship service by Pastor Tim. Josh (far left in picture) has been studying all year with the class, but is moving to the Boston area next month so is unable to be confirmed with the rest of the class in the fall. We wish Josh the best in his new home and thank God for the time we had with him at TLC.

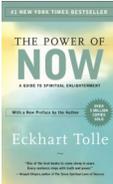


Pastor Tim and the Confirmation class enjoy a field trip to the Escape Room at Sproul Lanes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CALENDAR

Book Club Meeting



Our next book for the TLC Book Club will be **The Power of Now: A Guide to Spiritual Enlightenment** by Eckhart Tolle. Please join us on Monday, July 11 at 8 PM for great discussion and fellowship. Even if you haven't read the book, you are very welcome to join in person at Temple's Café or on Zoom. Meeting ID: 838 3646 6562

Passcode: BookClub.

TLC Food Pantry

The Food Pantry has returned to in-person shopping and the next pantry day is Saturday, June 25. If you would like to serve in any way, please contact Bridget or Cam McCormack.

Women's Group

The women's group is suspended for the summer and plans to return to in-person meetings in the fall. If you have questions, contact Lisa Schneller.

Preparing Meals

Please check out the sign-up genius in the bulletin or the Temple Connections to provide a dinner for the Cook family as Sue continues her journey to good health. New dates are available, and your kindness is very much appreciated!

Backpacks School Supply Drive

It's time to start collecting supplies to stuff backpacks for students in the Chester and Upper Darby communities. Please check the Temple Connections or the bulletin for how to help, needed supplies, and where to drop off items.

Bear Creek Camp

Bear Creek Camp is a Lutheran camp for children grades 2-12. If you are interested in sending your child to camp at any point over the summer, please reach out to Pastor Tim. Bear Creek offers an experience that will change your child's life! You can also find more info at: www.bearcreekcamp.org.

<https://www.templelutheran.org/mentalhealth>

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June 25 TLC Food Pantry Service Day
Servants Welcome!



July 3 Grace Lutheran Worships with Temple
@ Temple Lutheran

July 10 Dr. Seuss Worship
Potluck picnic to follow. Bring a side dish!

**July 11
8 PM** TLC Book Club
Enjoy a lively discussion

July 12 LIFE Center Meal
Contact: Ingrid Burd

**July
17, 24, 31** Churchy Words Sermon Series

July 23 TLC Food Pantry Service Day
Servants Welcome!



**August 1
8 PM** TLC Book Club
Enjoy a lively discussion

August 1-5 Rocky Railway VBS 2022!

August 14 Blue Rocks Baseball Game

August 27 TLC Food Pantry Service Day
Servants Welcome!

Contact Us If you have any questions, or if you have suggestions or submissions for the upcoming Evangel

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