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## Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church

### A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JEANIE

Dear Ones,

In my 35 years of ministry, there have been a couple of sermons that people remember. A sermon I gave two years ago on Good Shepherd Sunday was one of them. I said that in today's parlance, most people would not fully understand Jesus' metaphor of *"I am the good shepherd."* I offered the metaphor of Jesus as the "good coach"; an image to which, in our day and age, most people can relate.

This week I rewrote that sermon, talking to a number of athletes and coaches about their understanding of what makes a good coach. Their answers were very similar to what Jesus says about being a good shepherd. A good coach knows her athletes, a good coach is always there, a good coach protects and encourages his team.

In this season of our lives when so much is unknown and we have so many questions ("when will we open?", "when will we have a vaccine?", "when will we get back to normal?"), knowing we have a good coach is a great comfort to me.

I love Psalm 23, the Shepherd Psalm of David. *"The Lord is my shepherd, I lack for nothing."* And then the beautiful words, *"surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life."* The Hebrew word for follow is literally pursue. I love that goodness and mercy shall pursue us, all the days of our lives.

So, as we worship online, I wasn't able to bring a baby lamb to church for the children's message. Mark Reynaud has always been such a help holding those baby lambs! Instead, I went to my friend's sheep ranch and filmed the beginning of our Good Shepherd Sunday worship in a pasture with the sheep.

Blessings this day. And know that goodness and mercy pursues you, gifts of a "good coach" who loves us and knows us by name.

*Pastor Jeanie*

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### OPERATION GRATITUDE - Update from Pastor Jeanie

Thank you to all our members and friends who have written notes of gratitude to our firefighters and post office workers! I received a thank you from Battalion Chief Laura Brown at Truckee Fire and a phone call from our Postmaster. *We are making a difference TLPC!* This week our Council teams have chosen the grocery store workers as our heroes for Operation Gratitude. We encourage you to pray everyday this week for the grocery store workers and to write a note of thanks to the following markets.

*With GRATITUDE,*

*Pastor Jeanie*

#### **Safeway**

11290 Donner Pass Rd  
Truckee, CA 96161

#### **Save Mart**

11399 Deerfield Dr  
Truckee, CA 96161

#### **New Moon Natural Foods**

11357 Donner Pass Rd Unit C  
Truckee, CA 96161

#### **Glenshire General Store**

10095 Dorchester Dr A  
Truckee, CA 96161

#### **Mi Pueblito Market**

11430 Deerfield Dr  
Truckee, CA 96161

*Heavenly Father, we thank you for the grocery store workers who so courageously go to work each day to help make sure our community has access to food. We ask you to bless them and to guard and protect them and their families. Help them be aware of your never-ending presence, hold them in your mighty arms, and shield them from harm.*

*AMEN*

### UPCOMING AT TLPC

*Everyone needs God's word and comfort... Please consider forwarding links to worship services to your friends and neighbors!*

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**Sunday, May 24**

- 10:00 am: Worship and Holy Communion - Pastor Jeanie preaches this week; her sermon is entitled "The Good Coach." A link to the service will be posted on the TLPC website ([TLPC.org](http://TLPC.org)). Click the play button to view the service.
- 10:30 am: Prayers of the People and fellowship via an on-line Zoom Meeting. A link to the Zoom Meeting will be emailed to you.

**Tuesday, May 26**

- 7:00 pm: Together Tuesday. An opportunity for fellowship via an on-line Zoom Meeting. Instructions for participating in the Zoom Meeting will be emailed to you prior to the meeting.

**Ongoing**

- Sunday Worship Services: will be videotaped and posted to the TLPC website ([TLPC.org](http://TLPC.org)) every week.
- Sunday School: A children's message and on-line Sunday School materials parents and their children can use at home will be emailed to you each week.
- More Worship and Faith Formation Opportunities: We are working on additional ways for us to safely worship and study God's word from home. We will keep you up to date on new opportunities as they are developed.

**STAYING IN TOUCH (WITHOUT TOUCHING)**

Please open this attachment for a list of who to contact at TLPC:



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**YOUR CHURCH OFFERING**

TLPC's expenses have continued to increase as we find ways to respond to new needs in our community and the world. We understand the current situation not only impacts TLPC's finances, but also yours. We are hoping you will be able to continue your regular weekly offering. We also ask you to prayerfully consider an additional contribution to help TLPC cover its increased expenses while we wait for the time when we can again safely pass the offering plate. Giving is easy! Instructions for how to give, including secure online and mobile giving options, are outlined on the "Giving" page of the TLPC website or by clicking this link: [GIVE TO TLPC](#)  
Thank you for your faithfulness!!

**CLOSING THOUGHTS**

*But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit. Jude 20*

What can you do to help while sheltering-in-place? **Pray** people of TLPC, **PRAY!**

(As part of *Operation Gratitude*, please add a petition for grocery store workers to your daily prayers this week.)

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*If you have requests for announcements to be included in future editions of TLPC NEWS, or if you have ideas on additional topics to be included in future issues or ways we can improve, please call or email Mark Heyne: 612.741.9119 / [mheyne8@gmail.com](mailto:mheyne8@gmail.com) Thank you!*

