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Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JEANIE



These last two long months while the world has changed, we have actively "been the church." Members have delivered food, made Reno runs, donated blood, cooked for the Respite Center, gone shopping, and made hundreds, maybe thousands of masks. We have cared for each other and for our neighbors. We have been the hands and hearts of Jesus.

This last week, under the combined efforts of our *Social Outreach, Justice, and Missions Team* and our *Outreach and Membership Team*, we have begun to reach out to thank the first responders in our community. Through the generosity of Arlene Minkler, who hand painted these beautiful thank you cards, members delivered 20 gratitude bags to doctors and firefighters in their neighborhoods. The gratitude bags contained a thank you card, a candle, some chocolate (the best medicine), a gift certificate from a local Truckee owned restaurant, a prayer from St. Theresa of Avila, and a letter from me on behalf of our congregation. What made it so special was the fact that it was delivered face-to-face (safe distance of course) to people we know and care about and are working on the front lines helping and healing those with COVID-19 in our community. It is our way to let those in our community know the love of God through our small gift. We are "being the church!"

This coming week our Membership and Outreach Team will be delivering more bags. Thank you to Wendy (daughter of Diane Johnson), Annika and Ridge Overall, and other volunteers for painting cards. If you or your children or grandchildren would like to create some handmade cards, please let me know! Our *Days For Girls* team, under the direction of Marie Colbert, has donated some masks to include in next weeks bags.

If you have a first responder in your neighborhood and would like to deliver some of these gratitude bags next week, please let me know. It is a wonderful way to "be the church" in this very difficult time.

I close with this inspirational prayer penned by St. Theresa of Avilla in the late 1500s:

"Christ has no body now but yours.

No hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which he sees compassion in this world.

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, yours are His body.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours."

Be the Church in Love and Courage.

Pastor Jeanie

UPCOMING AT TLPC

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

Sunday, April 26

- 10:00 am: Worship - Pastor Joanie preaches this week on "Understanding God's Will." A link to the service will be posted on the TLPC website (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 and instructions for connecting will be emailed to you.

Tuesday, April 28

- 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 video taped and posted to the TLPC website (TLPC.org) every week.
- Sunday School: 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)

Weekly Newsletter: You will receive a new edition of this newsletter every Saturday.

Neighborhood Flocks and Shepherds: The Congregational Care & Fellowship Team have assigned each of us to a neighborhood "Flock". Each "Flock" is led by a "Shepherd". You will be receiving a call from your neighborhood Shepherd on a regular basis providing you with information on how you can use your Flock and Shepherd to request assistance. If you need help with anything, please don't hesitate to call your Shepherd!

Who to Contact if You Need Assistance:

- Pastoral Care, Spiritual Needs/Questions, Prayer Requests
 - Pastor Jeanie Shaw: 916.996.6236 / revjeanshaw@yahoo.com
 - Pastor Joanie Tankersley: 650.269.1073 / joanie.tankersley@icloud.com
- Church Administration, General Questions
 - Mark Heyne, Church Administrator: 612.741.9119 / mheyne8@gmail.com
 - Lori Breuch, Council President: 530.386.0788 / ljbreuch@gmail.com
 - Edie Lott, Technology/Media Director: 530.414.0799 / thelotts@gmail.com
- Daily Needs (grocery shopping, etc... None of us like asking for help, but please follow health recommendations and consider doing so if you need groceries, household supplies, etc. and you are over the age of 65 and/or have underlying health conditions.)
 - Glenshire 1 Flock - Shepherd Patti Conk: 973.771.8777 / patticonk@gmail.com
 - Glenshire 2 Flock - Shepherd Judy Silar: 530.412.4066 / judysilar@gmail.com
 - Tahoe Donner Flock - Shepherd Marie Strassburger: 530.536.8619 / strasmarie@aol.com
 - Winter Creek / Sierra Meadows Flock - Shepherd Sandy DeGuire: 209.609.5570 / sandydeguire@gmail.com
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 - Donner Lake / Serene Lakes / Reno Flock - Shepherd Darlene Fredericks: 530.412.0337 / freddie@lto.com
 - Seasonal Visitors / Assisted Living Flock - Shepherd Jeanie Shaw: 916.996.6236 / revjeanshaw@yahoo.com
- Tahoe Forest Health System COVID-19 Hotline: 530.582.3450 (8 am to 5 pm)

YOUTH MISSIONS FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Cleaning out your closets while sheltering at home? The *Youth Mission Fund* needs your old clothes, shoes, accessories, and linens. Call 530-386-0788 and Lori or Ben will come for curbside pick-up!

YOUR CHURCH OFFERING

Although we haven't be able to pass the offering plate for awhile, TLPC's expenses have not decreased. In fact, many church expenses have increased. We understand the current situation not only impacts TLPC's finances, but also yours. We are hoping that if you are able, you will continue your regular weekly offering. We also ask you to prayerfully consider an additional contribution to help TLPC cover its expenses while we wait for the time when we can again gather in-person safely. Giving is easy! Instructions for how to give, including a new, secure, easy to use online giving option, are outlined on the "Giving" page of the TLPC website or by clicking this link: <http://tlpc.org/giving/> Thank you for your faithfulness!

CLOSING THOUGHTS

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 8:38-39

You can add "neither shelter-in-place orders nor pandemic" to the Apostle Paul's list. People of TLPC, despite what at times may feel like isolation, you are not alone... *you can not be separated from the love of God!* Amen to that!





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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 Thank you!

