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## Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church

### A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JEANIE

This week's Scripture passage from Luke 24 tells the amazing story of two companions on the road to Emmaus who were joined by Jesus. For seven miles they walked and talked all the while not recognizing that it was Jesus walking with them. It was only when they invited Jesus to join them for a meal and broke bread together that they recognized Him.

I think we are all on a road to Emmaus at times in our lives, when we don't even realize that Jesus is walking right beside us. So, I invite you this Sunday during our online worship, to prepare bread and wine or juice so that we may celebrate communion and recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Even though we will be apart, we will all be on the road to Emmaus together!

Our Church is kicking off a very important outreach this week that we are calling *OPERATION GRATITUDE*. Beginning this week, we are inviting all our members and friends to pray for a different group of heroes in our community and to mail them a letter or card of thanks. You can also ask your kids/grandkids to draw a thank you picture to mail with your card.

This week we are showing our appreciation and gratitude to our firefighters in the six stations we have in Truckee. We invite you to pray for our firefighters each day this week. Here is a prayer that you may want to use in your devotions:

*Holy God, who gave us the great commandment to love one another. We thank you for all those who so generously and courageously devote themselves to helping and protecting others. We lift up this day all the firefighters who serve us and our neighbors with strength and compassion. We stand in awe of their ability to remain calm in crisis situations and to act with determination and purpose when faced with fire, accidents, disasters, and medical emergencies. We pray for your protecting grace upon our firefighters today. Give them guidance in chaotic situations, shield them from injury and sickness when they enter into harm's way, and surround their families with your love and protections as they serve. In your name, AMEN*

In addition, we invite you to send a card of thanks to the address listed below. Our cards will be distributed to the Truckee fire stations.

Truckee Fire Protection District

c/o Laura Brown

PO Box 2768

Truckee, CA 96161

The fire stations are not currently accepting outside gifts of any kind because of the possibility of infection. However, as we move forward with *OPERATION GRATITUDE* and honor other hero organizations, we will also be delivering small gratitude bags that will include a gift certificate to one of our local Truckee restaurants.

Thank you to our three Council teams that are sponsoring this effort: our Outreach and Membership Team, our Missions, Justice and Social Outreach Team, and our Worship Team.

*In Love, Courage, and Gratitude.*

*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, May 3

- 10:00 am: Worship and Holy Communion - Pastor Jeanie preaches this week; her sermon is entitled "Recognizing." 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 5

- 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. Coming soon: online study of the book of Galatians!

### 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

Here are TLPC's first quarter financial results from Treasurer Ed Czerwinski:

QUARTER 1	Actual	Budget	Variance	Last Year
Total Revenues	\$52,388	\$48,000	\$4,388	\$30,642
Total Expenditures	\$42,133	\$46,381	-\$4,248	\$34,284
Balance	\$10,255	\$1,619	\$8,636	-\$3,642

Results look good through March - praise God! However, TLPC's expenses have continued to increase as we find ways to respond to new needs in our community and the world. Compounding the problem, giving for April was below what TLPC expected. 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 a new secure 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

*He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many. 2 Corinthians 1:10-11*

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 firefighters 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!*