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Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church



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TLPC NEWS

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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JEANIE

WHEN COVID HAS A FACE

Since the Pandemic began, we have been blessed. Only one of our members has contracted the virus. Only two family members have had the virus. We have been blessed to live in Truckee where we can take precautions, enjoy God's beautiful creation and not get sick. But COVID has a face. Ryan McKenzie, under our care to become a minister has lost his job and home.

Ryan has been the deeply loved and valued Director of Ministries at our precious Zephyr Point Conference Center. Ryan has served for five years at Zephyr, instrumental in developing the future vision of the center, leading the center to a partnership with Azusa Pacific, creating a highly successful summer program, developing a highly energized staff, leading worship, guiding Zephyr to a relationship with the Celtic Iona Community and Ryan's dear friend, John Phillip Newel, and sharing his phenomenal gifts in music for a great number of retreats and conferences. It has been Ryan's call to ministry, and we were all looking forward to his ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament in February.

The pandemic has hit the Conference Center hard and summer programming, conferences, retreats, and the university partnership were all canceled. The Conference Center has lost millions in revenue. The staff had to be let go including all the Directors. As valuable as Ryan is to the future of the conference center, as instrumental as he has been to Zephyr Point, as beloved as he has been to his staff, he no longer has a job. He has to vacate his home on the grounds of Zephyr Point by the end of October. COVID has a face and it is our extremely talented and wonderful seminarian and member, Ryan McKenzie.

In the midst of all this, Ryan has remained a faithful and trusting disciple and father. His son Caelum, age 4, is a reflection of his father's faith. Caelum has begun using a new adjective. If something is really good

YOUR CHURCH OFFERING

We are hoping you are able to continue your regular weekly offering. We also ask you to prayerfully consider an additional contribution to help TLPC cover its expenses. Giving is easy! Click the button below to give now... Thank you for your faithfulness!!

GIVE TO TLPC

STAYING IN TOUCH (WITHOUT TOUCHING)

Click the button below for a list of who to contact at TLPC.

TLPC CONTACTS

PRAYER REQUESTS

We would like to pray for you! Please call or email Pastor Jeanie and indicate

Caelum has begun using a new adjective. If something is really good, Caelum will say it is a "Jesus." He has described a sunset as a "Jesus Sunset," and a scrumptious dinner as a "Jesus dinner." His words reflect his father's faith.

Tomorrow, Sunday, September 27th, Ryan will be preaching on "Everybody Take a Breath," a sermon on the importance of breath, breathing, and the Spirit of God during this season of pandemic.

Tomorrow at 10:00 we will be worshipping outside. I ask that you make every effort to be at church tomorrow as a way of supporting Ryan and his family. Bring your own chairs. And bring all your love so that we can surround Ryan as his church family during this difficult time. COVID may have a face, but God has a face that is infinitely wider... His Son Jesus! In whose name we gather, love, and have our being.

*My love to our precious congregation,
Pastor Jeanie
Ph: (916)996-6236*

if your request is confidential or if you would like the Prayer Team or the congregation to pray for you.

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL

Please Help TLPC by Completing a Short Survey

Many things have changed since March. How we worship and how we participate in church activities are certainly included among the changes. TLPC Council and staff have worked hard to provide retooled worship experiences and church programs to help our congregation remain focused on our mission to "Follow Jesus. Love all. Serve others." amidst all the changes and new challenges in our daily lives.

Your church Council now feels it is important to find out how we are doing. We want to make sure that TLPC is providing worship and program activities that you find valuable. We especially want to find out if there is anything we are missing... Should we change anything or offer new or different things that would serve you and our Heavenly Father better?

Last Sunday, Council President Lori Breuch emailed a very short survey to everyone in the congregation. If you haven't yet had a chance to complete the survey, please do so in the next few days. We need your input; your thoughts are critical in our efforts to make sure TLPC is doing the right things for you and our community. The survey has been designed to take no more than 5 minutes to complete. Please complete the survey by clicking on the "COMPLETE SURVEY!" button below.

Thank you in advance for your time and input!!

COMPLETE SURVEY!

OPERATION GRATEFUL & SUPPORT

Sierra Senior Services

We will continue to express our gratefulness to Sierra Senior Services this week. Each weekday Sierra Senior Services provides meals to eligible seniors with a medical need who are not able to leave their homes, allowing them to live independently in their homes as long as possible. All deliveries are made by dedicated volunteers who drive six routes covering the entire Truckee Community, Kings Beach, Tahoe City, the Placer County portion of the West Shore of Lake Tahoe, Incline Village and Crystal Bay. Volunteers bring food and friendship along with a daily wellness check to isolated seniors.

Sierra Senior Services serves approximately 140 seniors. The need has doubled since March; they are now serving 1,000 meals per week. Their clients are isolated and COVID has made it worse; **please include the staff, volunteers, and clients of Sierra Senior Services in your daily prayers! They would very much appreciate postcards, cards, or letters addressed to "Dear Friend" to let their clients know we are thinking of them and praying for them. Cards should be sent to the Sierra Senior Services PO Box and their staff will distribute them to their clients:**

**Sierra Senior Services
PO Box 4152
Truckee, CA 96161**

During our last Together Tuesday meeting, the Executive Director of Sierra Senior Services told us how impactful your prayers and cards are to seniors that are isolated...
Thank You!!

"God's Work. Our Hands."



A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who signed up to participate in "God's Work. Our Hands."!!

If you signed up for:

- **Days for Girls** - Please return your washed and ironed fabric by Oct. 10.
- **Tahoe Truckee Unified School District Backpack Giveback** - Please drop off your donations at church on Sunday, Sept. 27 anytime between 9:30 am and 11:30 am.

Thank you for putting your hands to God's work!

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 AT 10:00 AM

TLPC outdoor worship will be very casual. We are planning for meaningful and enjoyable worship; however, the experience will be somewhat different from what we are accustomed to. **To learn what to expect and how to prepare prior to attending outdoor worship, please click the button below to view a list of instructions and guidelines... It's important you review this guide before attending. Thank you!**

We understand that there is a wide spectrum of risk and comfort level in our congregation. In order to honor those who are not able to meet together, we will be continuing an online worship. If you are in an "at risk" group or if you are not able or willing to join us outdoors for any reason, we encourage you to continue to worship with us online!

OUTDOOR WORSHIP GUIDE

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TLPC

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

Sunday, September 27

- **10:00 am: Worship and Holy Communion online or outdoors at 11662 Hope Court** - Ryan McKenzie preaches this week; his sermon is entitled "Everybody Take a Breath." You can view this week's service and bulletins by clicking the buttons below.

[VIEW ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES](#)

[ONLINE BULLETIN](#)

OUTDOOR BULLETIN

Tuesday, September 29

- **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. Or, simply click the button below Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm:

TOGETHER TUESDAY - 7:00 pm

Sunday, October 4

- **10:00 am: Worship and Holy Communion online or outdoors at 11662 Hope Court.**

Closing Thoughts

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. 2 Corinthians 4:6

Please help the light of Jesus shine on isolated seniors in our community... As part of *Operation Grateful & Support*, please add a petition to your daily prayers this week for the staff, volunteers, and clients of *Sierra Senior Services*.

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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 / office@tlpc.org Thank you!

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