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TLPC NEWS

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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JEANIE



Every year we hold a congregational meeting, a time to review the year, elect new officers, and consider any concerns of our members. This year our congregational meeting will be Jan. 31 and online of course. As I prepare my annual report for the meeting, I have been reflecting on this past year, not only the hardships of the pandemic, but also the blessings and graces that emerged in our congregation.

Our worship service went online last year.

Thanks to the efforts of our Worship Team and Denny and Edie Lott, we did not miss one Sunday. Thanks be to God! We started a weekly newsletter last year. Thanks to the efforts of our Church Administrator, we have an effective way to communicate, give online, and view a calendar of events. Thanks be to God!

I also want to lift up one of our greatest gifts, the privilege of having two interns. Ryan McKenzie and his family had to move from Zephyr Conference Center when Zephyr cancelled all their programs and retreats due to COVID. Ryan and the other directors and staff were let go. As hard as that decision was, Ryan was led by God to Chaplaincy at Renown Hospital. He was absolutely a gift to Karen Ellis and Bill Tankersley and their families as they underwent surgery. Ryan is completing his last seminary course and will be taking his ordination exams this year. We will have the honor, the incredible honor, of hosting his ordination service sometime this year.

And last year we welcomed Jonas Ellison as our Field Education Student. Jonas is a student at the Wartburg Theological Seminary, (take a look at the amazing gothic architecture in the middle of the cornfields of Iowa!) and currently lives with his family in Iowa where he is completing his

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!!

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TLPC CONTACTS

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

currently lives with his family in Eloyton where he is completing his education online. This September Jonas will begin his mandatory internship year and TLPC Council is determined to find ways to raise the monies to pay the stipend that is required by the ELCA.

Growing our church, reaching out to new people with the life giving love of Jesus Christ, will be a major focus for our Council in 2021. While we attempt to reach people of all ages, Council has a goal of especially seeking children and young families. We are all aware that church membership in our nation is declining. What is often not considered is that leadership of young members is also radically declining. The United Methodist Church reported that less than 850 of their ministers were under 40. A study by the United Church of Christ revealed that only 7.8% of their clergy were under 40, and a study of American pastors by Barna Research found that "only one in seven pastors is under 40 [approximately 14%], and half are over 55." (Young Leaders in An Aging Church, January 13th, 2021 **Alex Joyner**)

Studies of church growth reveal that churches that empower young leaders are reaching younger members. Carey Nieuwhof, a church trends blogger, says that, "The next generation inherently understands the generation they're trying to reach better than previous generations. . . . It's becoming increasingly clear that it's going to take the leadership of the next generation to reach the next generation." (Young leaders In An Aging Church) In addition to Ryan and Jonas, we are also blessed with the leadership of Ben Avery who serves on our council and attends our Council meetings even when he has been up all night snow plowing or delivering cement. Another sign of our commitment to empowering young leaders!

I hope everyone in our church watched our online children's Christmas play this year. In the midst of a pandemic, families came to church and children in their family bubbles and with safe distances outside, performed a modern day telling of the Christmas story. We carry an important legacy in Truckee, the liturgy and worship of the Presbyterian and Evangelical Lutheran Churches, a heritage that dates back centuries proclaiming the love of a God who sent His son Jesus to humankind. Thank God that we have Jonas and Ryan to help us share this Good News! Thanks be to God!

With Thanks and Praise,
Pastor Jeanie
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A CALL TO PRAYER FROM ELCA PRESIDING BISHOP ELIZABETH A. EATON



The psalmist reminds us that *"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble"* (Psalm 46:1). Our nation is bracing amid reports of acts of political violence planned for the coming days at state capitols and in our nation's capital. Wherever you are, and whatever your political beliefs, we are one in Christ Jesus. On this firm foundation, as a pastor and a bishop, I invite you to join me in prayer during this time of chaos, confusion, fear and grief. For even when *"the nations are in an uproar,"* we are encouraged that *"the Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge"* (Psalm 46:6a, 7).

Mighty God, our great help in trouble, as distrust, fear and violence threaten our nation and its peoples, we come to you in prayer, seeking your wisdom, strength and peace. We pray for the health of our democracy and its leaders, that those elected to serve may utilize government structures and processes to promote human flourishing and the common good... We pray for those who risk harm to ensure the safety of others: police officers, security guards, the National Guard and other military personnel... We pray for an end to the evils of white supremacy, Christian nationalism, and racial violence that threatens, destroys and kill... We pray for those experiencing trauma induced by the public display and use of hateful language and symbols, including Confederate flags, anti-Semitic language and images, and nooses... We pray for Black, Indigenous, People of Color and historically marginalized groups traumatized by violence stemming from white supremacy: lynchings, bombings, vandalism and church burnings... We pray for clergy and church leaders, especially for those burdened by mistrust and painful divisions in their

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We pray for clergy and church leaders, especially for those burdened by mistrust and painful divisions in their communities. Give them and all people the courage to confront white supremacy, Christian nationalism and racist rhetoric with messages of truth, sustained by the power of your magnificent love... We pray for people and communities struggling to discern your voice amid competing voices clamoring for attention. Direct us to listen deeply and celebrate the diversity among us. Freed in Christ, we dare to witness to your promise of abundant life and abiding peace... In this time of great uncertainty, we pray without ceasing, trusting that your word, Holy God, never returns empty and your mercy never fails. We pray in the name of Jesus and by the power the Holy Spirit. Amen.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - 10:00 AM JAN. 31 PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!

The TLPC Annual Meeting will be held via Zoom on Sunday, January 31 at 10:00 am. All TLPC members are asked to attend and we hope to see everyone there! More details will be provided soon... In the meantime, please mark your calendars and save the date!



PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YOUTH MISSION TRIPS BY DONATING SOFT GOODS



We're collecting soft goods again to provide scholarships for youth mission trips. We may not know when we can go to Savers again, but we know we will. Old, usable clothing, purses and bags, blankets, pillows, stuffed animals, and similar items are needed. We now have storage - Thanks Darlene Fredricks!!! **Contact Lori Breuch at 530-386-0788 to coordinate pickup.** Thanks for keeping these items out of the landfill and helping our youth at the same time!

LENT IS COMING!

The 40 days before Easter is a time of walking with Jesus as he faces the cross.

We will be holding an Ash Wednesday service online on Feb. 17 and we will be offering a Lenten Bible study during our Together Tuesday Zoom meetings during Lent.

In addition, the Faith Formation Team will be creating a congregational devotional with a scripture reading and a brief devotion for each day in Lent. We invite you to begin choosing a scripture that has meaning to you so that you can be a part of the TLPC Lenten Devotional!



UPCOMING EVENTS AT TLPC

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

Sunday, January 17

10:00 am: Worship and Holy Communion online. Pastor Jennie preaches this week's homily.

- **10:00 am: worship and Holy Communion online** - Pastor Jeanie preaches this week, her sermon is entitled "Known by God." You can view this week's service and bulletin by clicking the buttons below.

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Tuesday, January 19

- **There will not be a "Together Tuesday" Zoom meeting this week.** TLPC Council is working to make "Together Tuesday" more valuable for those that attend. Stay tuned... we'll update you as soon as details are available!

Wednesday, January 20

- **8:15 am: Men's Bible Study via Zoom** - please contact Mark Heyne (mheyne8@gmail.com) for more info and to receive the Zoom link.

Sunday, January 24

- **10:00 am: Worship and Holy Communion online.**

Sunday, January 31

- **10:00 am: Annual Congregational Meeting via Zoom** - Please stay tuned for more details!

CLOSING THOUGHTS

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:21

Please pray for our leaders.

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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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