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The Living Light



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PURSUING LOVE IN A WORLD FILLED WITH COEXISTING

Have you ever seen the coexist bumper sticker? You know, the one with all the different world religion symbols that spell out 'coexist'? To coexist is to exist at the same time or in the same place and the philosophy the bumper sticker is selling is that to accept all world religions as truth means the best interaction we can have with others is to merely 'coexist.'

Pastor Zach Zehnder writes that for him, "Coexisting is to settle for far less than what God intended for us in the interactions with our neighbors...God wants us to LOVE people."

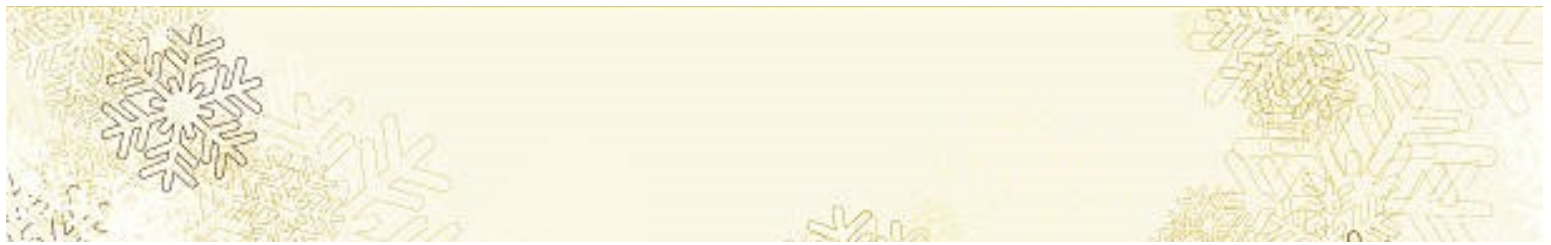
The Bible says so much more about our interactions with others and it goes well beyond occupying space next to each other. For when we love people the way that both God loves us and He calls us to love others, it's then that we will transform this world.

Pastor Zehnder summarizes that according to God's Word, to love people is to...

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BE with them. “As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.” John 17:18. Jesus came with a mission to announce that it is possible for us to BE in relationship with Him and He, likewise, calls us to BE in real relationships with others. In a world that is pulling more to isolation, pursue connection and relationship with others.



FORGIVE them. “For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.” Matthew 6:14. In a world of revenge and payback, go against this trend and forgive those who sin against you. It’s amazing how walls break down and opportunities arise when we start our relationships with grace and not judgment.



SERVE them. “For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh but through love serve one another.” Galatians 5:13 So many use their gifts, talents and freedom to serve their own purposes. What changes the world, and surprisingly, what also brings us the most fulfillment this side of heaven is when we use what God has given us to serve others.

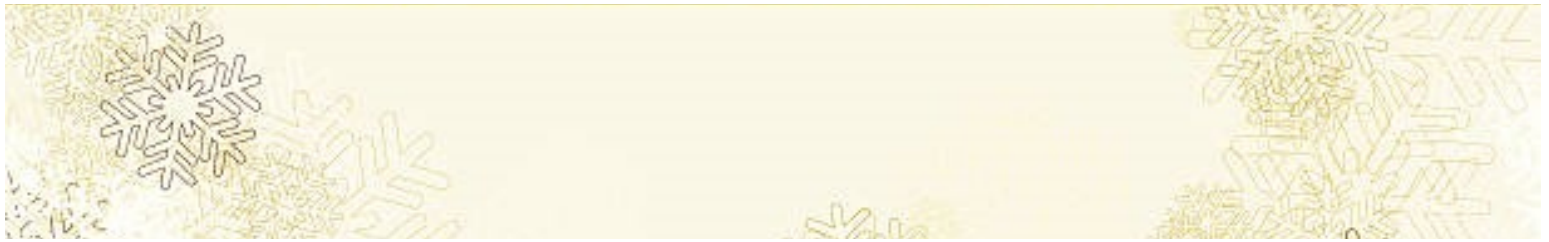
GIVE to them. “Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.” Matthew 5:42. In a country where money is our number one idol, followers of Jesus have decided not to live close-fisted, but open-handed, knowing that our money goes places and impacts people that sometimes we ourselves can’t physically go or impact.

GO to them. “And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’” Matthew 10:7. There is good news that followers of Jesus have. When you share this news and connect it to how God has moved in your life, you give hope to a world that is constantly looking for hope but sadly clinging to things of this world, which will leave us empty in the end.



When you love people according to these five principles, you are more than coexisting; you are making a difference eternally.

The only way we can love like this is by God’s grace. God has so much more for us in life than just coexisting, He has love. Love is something so beyond coexisting and He never calls us to do something He hasn’t already done.



The truth about God is ... He loved us by:

BEING with us. “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever.” John 14:16 Not only did he come down in human form 2000 years ago but He lives in us still today through His Holy Spirit.

FORGIVING us. “But God showed his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8. He came down and paid the price for our sin, not while we had it all figured out, but while we were still a mess. There is no greater forgiveness story in the world.

SERVING us. “Even as the Son of Man came, not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:28. Jesus was a King unlike any others. He could have set up an earthly kingdom like no one else but stuck to His Father’s will because He came for a greater purpose: to set up a heavenly kingdom that involves you and me!

GIVING to us. “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16. This most popular verse shows us that His perfect love was displayed by giving His one and only Son. And Jesus gave His life for you and me.

GOING with us. “It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.” Deuteronomy 31:8. As you go and speak, know that the same Spirit that rose Jesus Christ goes with you and will even speak for you when you don’t know what to say!

Something so beautiful and wonderful comes when communities love each other like Jesus rather than just coexist with one another. So forget coexisting! God made you and me for more. As hard as it might be, I’d prefer to be loving.



This Lent, I hope and pray that friends and families of TLC will participate in a 40 Day Red Letter Challenge written and developed by Pastor Zach Zehnder. Starting on Ash

Wednesday, February 17, 2021, we will explore these five ways that God has loved us so that we may more fully love others. Devotional RLC Workbooks for adults, youth and children will be available to pick up beginning January 10. We will also be forming small groups to explore and discuss how to make an eternal difference as followers of Jesus Christ. My hope is that through the 40-Day Red Letter Challenge, we may be experience the love of Jesus in a powerful way that compels us to love others in a way that makes an eternal difference!

In Christ,

Pastor Andy



Food Pantry

During this increased time of need in our community, please know that our Food Pantry is available to members and community on a weekly basis. TLC's mission is GROWING, CARING, SHARING. We want others to know that we care and are willing to share. If you are in need OR you know someone that could use some help, we are here.

Thank you for allowing us to serve in this way.

- Vicki and Gary Sandman, Gail McAlister

Beyond Thank You

TLC would like to recognize Gail McAlister, Vickie Sandman and Gary Sandman for the amount of time, effort, thoughtfulness and love they put into providing food and comfort for our community and those in need this Thanksgiving and Christmas.

We thank you for your generosity and heart. We appreciate your time and efforts and we are grateful for you as members, friends and family!



Stuff The Van!

Help TLC's Youth Group stuff a van for Redeemer Crisis Center in Cleveland! Covid is preventing the youth from helping serve a meal this year but they are still able to help stock Redeemer's pantry with food/supplies! Can u help? The center is in need of the following items the most but will accept any food: peanut butter, jelly, canned tuna, canned chicken, rice, vegetable oil, soap and laundry detergent. Leave donations in the youth room. A youth leader will come pick them up! Accepting donations until January 15. Bring your food and help us STUFF THE VAN!! Questions or to schedule a pick-up call Todd Miller at 330 573 5779 or email at tandl22720@gmail.com



New Year Recipes

Lucky New Year Pork & Sauerkraut

- 1 (2 pound) boneless pork loin roast
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 3 springs thyme leaves
- salt and pepper to taste
- 4 pounds sauerkraut
- 1 pound kielbasa (cut into 3" pieces)

Preheat the oven broiler. Place the roast in a roasting pan, brush with olive oil, sprinkle with thyme leaves and season with salt and pepper. Place under the broiler for 10 minutes until lightly browned in several places.

Place 2 lb sauerkraut in slow cooker. Arrange Kielbasa piece around edge and place roast in center. Cover with remaining sauerkraut.

Cover and cook for 6 hours on high.

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Tiramisu

- 6 egg yolks
- 3/4 C sugar
- 2/3 C milk
- 1 1/4 C heavy cream
- 1/2 tsp vanilla
- 1 lb mascarpone cheese, rm temp
- 1/c C coffee, rm temp
- 2 Tbsp rum
- 3 oz ladyfingers
- 1 Tbsp cocoa powder, unsweetened

In a medium saucepan, whisk together egg yolks and sugar until well blended. Whisk in milk and cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture boils. Boil gently for 1 minute. Remove from heat and allow to cool slightly. Cover tightly and chill in refrigerator 1 hour.

In a medium bowl, beat cream with vanilla until stiff peaks form.

Whisk mascarpone into yolk mixture until smooth.

In a small bowl, combine coffee and rum. Split ladyfingers in half lengthwise and drizzle with coffee mixture.

Arrange half of soaked ladyfingers in bottom of a 7x11 inch dish. Spread half of mascarpone mixture over ladyfingers, then half of whipped cream over that. Repeat layers and sprinkle with cocoa. Cover and refrigerate 4 to 6 hours until set.

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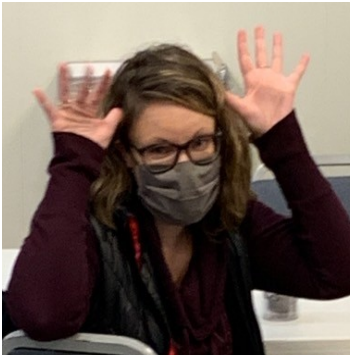
Youth Group News

Andy Wahl

Todd Miller

Jenn Larson

Beth Niermann



January Youth Events

Sunday, Jan3, 6:00 -8:00 pm, Youth Led Meeting.

Sunday, Jan10, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, Regular Youth Meeting.

Friday, Jan 22, 1:00 pm, Delivery of Donations to Redeemer Crisis Center.



Music Ministry: Songs for The New Year & New Beginnings

Your Destiny by Kevin Levar and the One Sound

Beautiful Day by Jamie Grace

Amazing by Ricky Dillard and the New G

Lord I'm Ready Now by Plumb

Made New by Lincoln Brewster

Break Every Chain by Tasha Cobbs

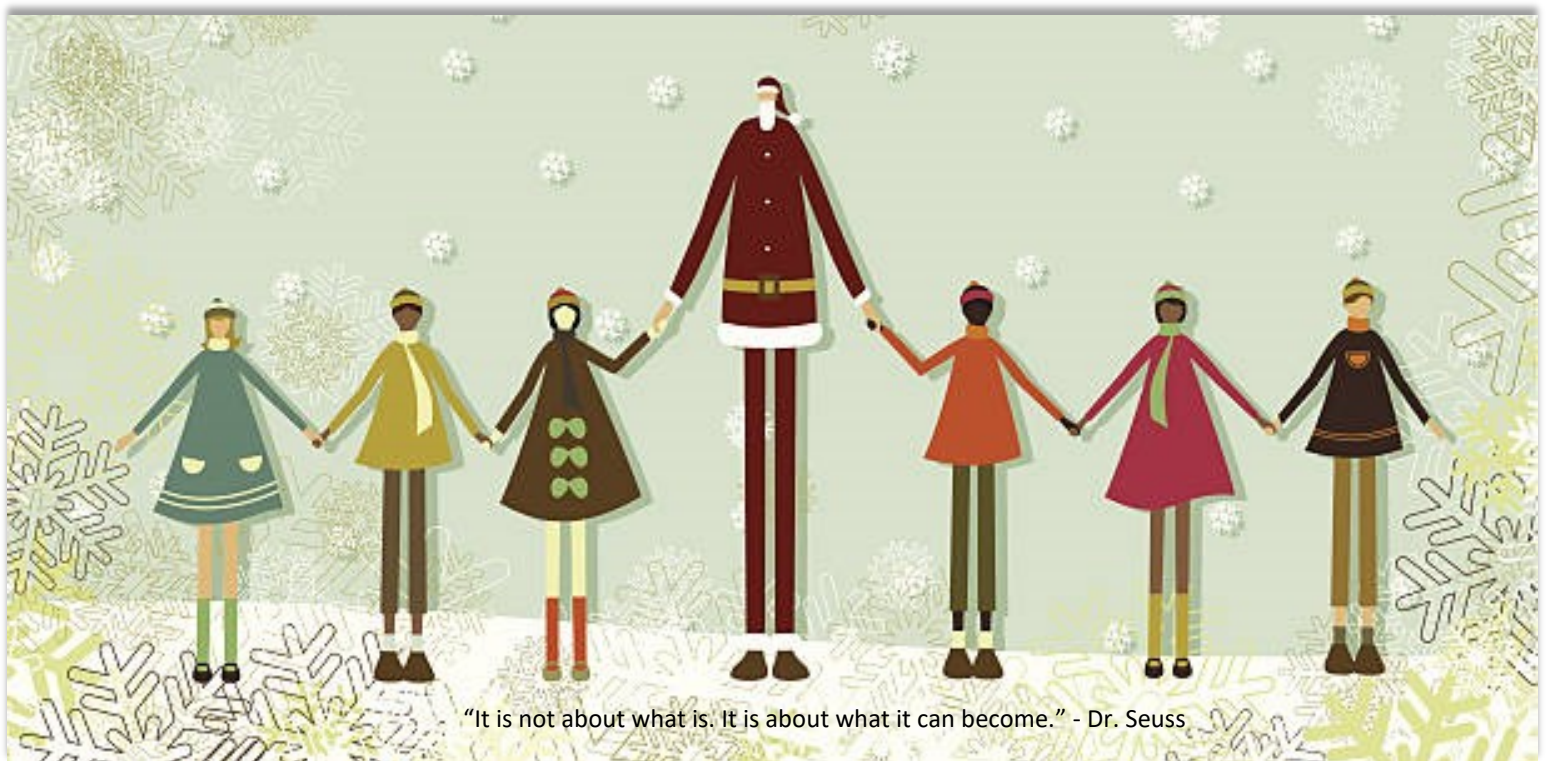
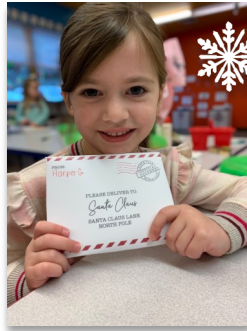
Start a Fire by Unspoken

King of my Heart by Love and the Outcome

More of You by Colton Dixon

The Best Is Yet To Come by Donald Lawrence





"It is not about what is. It is about what it can become." - Dr. Seuss

TLC Building Projects:

Your financial gifts help us care for God's House. Thank you!

Completed Projects

Replacing fluorescent lights with LED as needed
Plumbing inspection for water leak
Repaired parking lot light
Converted parking lot lights to LED
Stored barriers & moved picnic tables
Bathroom stall door repair

Upcoming Projects

Paint preschool hallway
Paint stairwell to mechanical room
Sanctuary and Narthex repairs
Clean gutters
Cover AC units
Roof repair
Pavilion
Trim shrubs and plants in landscaping
Cleaning out the mechanical room
Hang artwork in Room 12
Youth room door
Boiler repair



Birthdays

3 Matthew Schonover
 5 Rick Weyandt
 7 Johanna DeWolf
 7 Christopher Olson
 8 James Bergmann
 8 Hannah Kenny
 9 Dennis Barrett
 9 Josh Eyring
 10 Patricia Brown
 10 Karen Scheck
 11 Paul Bomer
 15 Joseph Kress
 15 Brenden Conley
 16 Douglas Riley
 22 Christina Hovey
 24 Andy Lattimer
 24 Lorna Henderson
 26 Cynthia Duncan
 27 Kathy Habusta
 27 Rose Mary Seay
 28 Heather Vanaman
 28 Richard Himmelfreich
 29 Jared Emslander
 31 Larry Buckles
 31 Katlyn Wendland

Anniversaries

4 Mr. & Mrs. Kris Kodzev
 11 Mr. & Mrs. Jim Gates
 16 Mr. & Mrs. Larry Buckles
 18 Mr. & Mrs. Dave Graybeal

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Epiphany 8:00 AM BOD Installation 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School (Rm 6/7) 9:20 AM Bible Study (Rm 12, zoom) 9:20 AM Youth Bible Study (Youth Rm) 10:30 AM Worship	4 7:00 PM Board of Elders (Rm 12)	5 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12)	6 Preschool & KK resume	7 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Bible Study (Rm 12)	1 Happy New Year!	2
10 Baptism of Our Lord 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School (Rm 6/7) 9:20 AM Bible Study (Rm 12, zoom) 9:20 AM Youth Bible Study (Youth Rm) 10:30 AM Worship 6:00 PM Youth Group	11 7:00 PM Board of Directors (Rm 5)	12 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12)	13	14 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Bible Study (Rm 12)	15 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Wise Owls	16
17 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School (Rm 6/7) 9:20 AM Bible Study (Rm 12, zoom) 9:20 AM Youth Bible Study (Youth Rm) 10:30 AM Worship	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day No School	19 Newsletter Deadline 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12)	20	21 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Bible Study (Rm 12)	22 1:00 PM Youth - Redeemer Crisis Ctr	23
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