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Behold I Make All Things New!

*He makes
ALL things
new!*

Jesus, who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he

will be my son. **Revelation 21:5-7**

How are you feeling about the New Year? The characteristic mood, the typical mental stance, on New Year's Day is a look to the future. We have a calendar of unused days stretching out before us. There is curiosity about them and fear of them. Amateur prophets make predictions. Astrological magazines and horoscope plotters are in their peak season.

Articles abound in magazines and newspapers: the business outlook, the literary prospects, the political probabilities, the social changes expected. And with all this, no one can avoid these personal questions: What will it bring for me? What waits to be recorded in my diary pages of the New Year?

For the year 2022, I want to point you to God's Word. Find your hope, your purpose, your direction in the Bible. In the book of Revelation, the word of God speaks to this combination of anxiety and hope about the future. For the person who is concerned with the future, the book of Revelation is the timely word of God. In the course of our years, New Year's Day is a day wherein our concern about the future is expressed. The book of Revelation is the part of Scripture that deals with our concern about the future.

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The statement “I make all things new” is supported by the identification “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.” Alpha is the first letter in the Greek alphabet, and Omega is the last. When translated into our terms, Alpha and Omega comes out as “from A to Z.” God’s being includes all things. Nothing is excluded from His will and purpose, including time. Jesus knows our beginning and our end.

Every New Year, we find a year ahead of us in which God will be making all things new. Of everything that is and of everything that takes place, He will be both the source and the destination. It takes great courage to believe that and great faithfulness to act upon it, for every newspaper in the country will be headlining a contradiction, and your own sin and rebellion will be turning in contrary evidence. All the same, let this Word of God tear away the veil that obscures the presence and action of God in the days ahead.



There is an amazing story about Ludwig Van Beethoven I want to share with you as we enter into a New Year. During his forty-five-year career as a composer, Beethoven wrote 722 symphonies, sonatas, and concertos.

As you may know, many of those compositions were written after Beethoven had gone deaf. When he first noticed his hearing loss, Beethoven was devastated. Unable to hear the music he made, life felt meaningless. At first, Beethoven played so loudly that he injured his hands. Not to mention listener’s ears! Eventually, he was able to not only adapt to his hearing loss but also innovate a new sound.

An analysis of Beethoven’s music by the British Medical Journal reveals that high notes accounted for eighty percent of his music in his twenties, but only twenty percent in his forties. This may reflect the influence of the musical culture of his time.

Beethoven’s Fifth Symphony ranks as one of his greatest musical achievements, and it starts with a series of notes that have become iconic—da, da, da dum. The amazing thing? It was written after Beethoven had lost his hearing! How is that even possible?

“As his hearing deteriorated,” notes Arthur Brooks, “He was less influenced by the prevailing compositional

fashions, and more by the musical structures forming inside his own head.”

Instead of being influenced by the musical trends of his day, Beethoven trusted his internal voice. He composed out of his convictions.

There’s a question I’ve been thinking about lately: What percentage of your thoughts, words and actions are a regurgitation of the media you’re watching and the social media you’re following? And what percentage is a revelation you’re getting from God’s Word?

We’re bombarded by breaking news and fake news all day, every day. Online advertisers use clickbait to compete for our attention. Social media algorithms are designed to keep us in our echo chambers. If we aren’t careful, our default settings become opinion polls, and we take our cues from cultural talking points. This is when and where and why God’s people need to be grounded in God’s Word!

I encourage you to consider starting a Bible Reading plan this New Year. The best place to start is to download the app “Bible” on your smartphone. This app has been downloaded by over 500 million people and offers many different daily Bible reading plans. For 2022, ground yourself in God’s Word and be filled with the hope, strength, life, and love of Jesus Christ.

May God Bless you this New Year!

Pastor Andy





CHRISTMAS DINNER

The first Christmas Dinner was a huge success! Paired with the Christmas Cantata, a wonderful meal was shared with about 80 people. The youth girls stepped up and helped served the meal this year! Thank you to all who brought desserts, helped with set up and clean up! It was a wonderful day of music, food and fellowship!

UPCOMING EVENTS

BOD Installation

Sunday, January 2, 2022

Prayer Shawl

Prayer Shawl resumes Friday, January 7, 1:30 pm in Room 12.

Wise Owls

The January Wise Owl meeting is Saturday, January 15, 12:00 pm in Room 12.

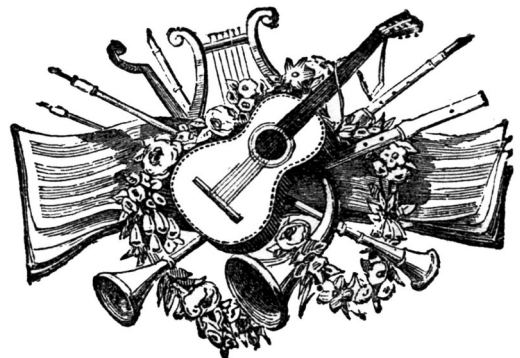


2021 Christmas Cantata



Choir will resume on January 12, 2022.

TLC is looking for volunteer musicians to offer anthems during service. Show your talents while making joyful music unto the Lord!



The King's Kids program offered extended hours in December, which allowed parents to do some Christmas shopping, wrapping or just relaxing!

TLC provided a Taco bar and S'mores to the kids, while Patti and her girls provided all kinds of fun activities as well!

We LOVE being able to continue to make connections with the kids and their families that access our facilities!



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TLC Building Projects

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



Upcoming Projects

Paint narthex

Paint door 6 entry area

Paint preschool hallway – August 2022

Paint stairway to mechanical room

Replace overhead lights

Completed Projects

HVAC unit #3 quote submitted to board

New signage for church, preschool and King's Kids

Repaired float in urinal

Brian Kuntz installed a ramp in the shed

Converted light fixture to LED

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Year's Day
2 BOD Installation 8:00 AM Worship 9:15 AM Sunday School (Rm 7) 9:20 AM Bible Study 9:20 AM Youth Bible Study 10:30 AM Worship	3 5:30 PM Bible Study (Youth Rm) 7:00 PM Board of Elders (Rm 12)	4 9:00 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12)	5 6:30 PM Bible Study (Rm 12) 6:30 PM Confirmation (Rm 1) 7:30 PM Choir	6 10:00 AM Bible Study (Rm 12)	7 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Prayer Shawl (Rm 12)	8
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Birthdays

- 3 Matthew Schonover
3 Janet Feeman
7 Johanna DeWolf
7 Christopher Olson
8 James Bergmann
9 Dennis Barrett
9 Josh Eyring
10 Karen Scheck
11 Paul Bomer
- 15 Brenden Conley
16 Douglas Riley
22 Christina Hovey
24 Andy Lattimer
26 Cynthia Duncan
27 Rose Mary Seay
28 Heather Vanaman
28 Richard Himmelfreich
31 Larry Buckles

Anniversaries

- 4 Mr. & Mrs. Kris Kodzev
11 Mr. & Mrs. Jim Gates
16 Mr. & Mrs. Larry Buckles



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