### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **TLEFC Directory**

We are in the process of updating our church directory. Bob Koch will be taking pictures outside by the lower-level entry doors after Sunday worship on the following dates. May 21, May 28, and June 11. You will be able to update your contact information at that time.

#### **Camp Scholarships for Youth**

The board in the foyer has envelopes on it for donations, if you would like to help with scholarships, please take an envelope and return it to Pastor Ian by May 21.

#### **Annual Congregational Meeting**

We will hold our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, June 4.

The following positions will be voted on:

Elders: Scott Eppler, Dave Kirby, Bill Long, Doug Russell

<u>Deacons</u>: Charles Bodie, Wayne Canada, Glenn Stauffer, John Welsh

<u>Deaconesses:</u> Amy Baumetz, Anne Ellis, Ann Eppler, Betsy Koch, Donna Russell, Melissa Werner

<u>Financial Secretary:</u> M.A. Ogren

Missions Chair: Bob & Melissa Werner

Nominating Committee: Chris Naftziger, Jaynie Naftziger, Jeff Davies, Marcy Davies

Worship Chair: Doug Russell

#### **TLEFC's Rummage Sale Fundraiser**

Friday & Saturday, May 26 & 27, 8:00am-4:00pm.

Clean, saleable items can be dropped off at the church on May 21-24.

We need volunteers. There are time slots from set up, to sale days, to tear down. Please reach out to let Melissa know where you can help. Please also save grocery bags (paper and plastic) for the checkout stations.

Text or call Melissa Werner at 715-891-0011.

#### **Donations Needed**

Bill and Lisa Miller are coordinating the food sales for the rummage sale,

they need snack items to be sold. If you could help donate a dozen chocolate chip cookies, individual snack size bags of chips or popcorn, please bring your donation to the church by May 25.

Text or call Lisa Miller at 715-493-1675.

#### Give

To give to the ministry of TLEFC, offerings can be placed in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary, or you can give online at tlefc.org/give. You can also give online by scanning the QR code on the right.

#### **Tim Beyer**

Senior Pastor

pastortim@tlefc.org

#### **Todays Volunteers**

**Building Steward:** Jeff K.

Facebook Moderator: Leah R.

Nursery: Chase & Emma K.

Welcome Table: Donna R.

**Welcome Ministry:** Bob ℰ Melissa W.

Doug & Bonnie B.

Connie T.

#### Ian Stewart

Youth and Family Pastor pastorian@tlefc.org

#### Sunday, May 28

Chuck B.

Lori T.

Epplers & Vanessa B.

Cindy P.

Jeff & Patty K.

Doug & Bonnie B.

Jan S.

# THREE LAKES EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH SUNDAY • MAY 21, 2023

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## TO LIVE IS CHRIST

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#### THREE LAKES EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

We are a community that strives to **REACH** people with the gospel of Jesus Christ, **GROW** to be like Christ, and **SERVE** others.

12 Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. 13 As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. 14 And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

15 It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. 16 The latter do so out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. 17 The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. 18 But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice.

Philippians 1:12-18

From Paul's perspective, in the light of the gospel, everything must serve the purpose of the glory of Christ, so it isn't therefore a tragedy that Paul's in prison being persecuted within or unjustly maligned without. No, it is a privilege. Paul considers it a blessing to be considered worthy to suffer for the cause of Christ. This is not the kind of Christianity any of us end up with except through a profound experiencing of Christ's cross applied to our lives.

Matt Chandler. To Live is Christ to Die is Gain



How we react to life's circumstances will be determined by what we value and desire most deeply.

1) Paul's desire

2) Paul's circumstances

3) Paul's reaction to his circumstances