

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TLEFC Quarterly Meeting Results:

We are pleased to announce our new TLEFC Members:

Rosie Obukowicz, Mark Stigler, and Sherri Stigler.

Our new Nominating Committee Members:

Laurie Kirby and Nancy Long.

Common Ground:

Ladies, mark your calendars for a night of inspiration and fun.

We will meet here at 6:30 on Thursday, March 21. Bring a friend!



This Week's Verse

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! ² Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! ³ Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

~Psalm 100:1-3

Membership

Interested in becoming a member at TLEFC or just want to learn more about what membership entails? Pastor Tim would love to sit down with you to help you learn more about membership and the next steps towards becoming a member.

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

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Todays Volunteers

Building Steward: Eric G.

Nursery: Stauffer Family

Ushers: Bill L. & Wayne C.

Welcome Table: Cindy P.

Welcome Ministry: Bob & Melissa W.

Ian Stewart

Youth and Family Pastor

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Sunday, March 17

Dave K.

Nafziger Family

Chuck B. & Scott E.

Lori T.

Rosie O. & Jan S.

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SUNDAY • MARCH 10, 2024

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THEN THEY WILL FAST

Practice of Jesus

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Joel 2:12-17

12 That is why the Lord says,

“Turn to me now, while there is time.

Give me your hearts.

Come with fasting, weeping, and mourning.

13 Don't tear your clothing in your grief,
but tear your hearts instead.”

Return to the Lord your God,

for he is merciful and compassionate,

slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.

He is eager to relent and not punish.

14 Who knows? Perhaps he will give you a reprieve,
sending you a blessing instead of this curse.

Perhaps you will be able to offer grain and wine
to the Lord your God as before.

15 Blow the ram's horn in Jerusalem!

Announce a time of fasting;

call the people together

for a solemn meeting.

16 Gather all the people—

the elders, the children, and even the babies.

Call the bridegroom from his quarters

and the bride from her private room.

17 Let the priests, who minister in the Lord's presence,

stand and weep between the entry room to the Temple and the altar.

Let them pray, “Spare your people, Lord!

Don't let your special possession become an object of mockery.

Don't let them become a joke for unbelieving foreigners who say,

‘Has the God of Israel left them?’ ”

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We fast because we are **embodied, sinful, and dependent image-bearers of God.**

Fasting is a way for our bodies to join with the rest of our being in expressing our **brokenness** over - and repentance of - sin.

Other Biblical examples of fasting as a way of expressing brokenness and repentance over sin:

1 Kings 21:27-29 - God pronounced judgement against Ahab, Ahab responds with fasting, God delays judgement.

1 Samuel 7:6 - After the Philistines take the Ark of the covenant, the Israelites “went all day without food and confessed that they had sinned.”

Jonah 3:5 - In response to Jonah's message of God's judgement against their sin, the people of Nineveh believed God's message and fasted, and God relented of his judgement against Nineveh.

Acts 9:9 - Saul fasts after his encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus exposed his sinfulness.