

Tanque Verde Lutheran Church



Be Renewed

“...but those who hope in the Lord will RENEW their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.” Isaiah 40:31

LETTER FROM THE PASTORS

Dear Friends,

There is no question our world is drastically different today than it was a year and a half ago. In addition to the uncertainty and discomfort that change often brings, there have been significant challenges for us in the ways we are used to being church.

Thankfully as we adjust to a changing world, we are grounded in God's unchanging love, and can find renewal in the one who is "making all things new." Such renewal allows us to embrace the exciting opportunities for innovation and ministry that lie before us.

To be the church that God is calling us to be in the coming year, it will require each of us to examine ourselves and grow in our faith, commitment, and generosity. As we consider our ministry plans for 2022 and how we will resource those plans, we want to introduce to you a generosity emphasis entitled "Be Renewed." Our desire is that 100% of the people who call Tanque Verde Lutheran Church their church home will respond to Be Renewed.

The vision and ministry of TVLC is needed more than ever and we need to come together as a church and Be Renewed to make that vision a continued reality.

Through this Be Renewed emphasis, you are invited to...

- seek God's will for your life
- be open to how God will challenge you during this time
- have open conversation in your household and pray about your generosity
- attend worship November 13 or 14 and be ready to respond

Over the next four weeks, let's consider the encouragement we find in God's word to trust and honor God with the resources we have been given. We're excited to see what God will do in our lives and in our church as we allow ourselves to Be Renewed! Thank you, in advance, for being part of this life-changing work we do together.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Josh and Pastor Stephen

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...AND TAKE HEART

Being renewed is a choice. Sometimes when we're dealing with the chaos, fatigue, and frustration it is easy for those feelings to take root inside of us. But 2 Corinthians 4:16 gives us hope: "Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day." You have a choice to be renewed and take heart! We have a choice to take heart in our vision as a church and how God is calling each of us to give generously to that make that vision a reality.

...IN YOUR THINKING

We cannot allow the challenges that we face right now to corrupt our thinking. Ephesians 4:23 tells us to, "allow the Holy Spirit to renew our thoughts and our attitudes." We can throw off the negative thoughts and be renewed in our thinking. As we each do this together it renews our thinking about giving and generosity.

...WITH A STEADFAST SPIRIT

Psalms 51 talks about being, "renewed with a steadfast spirit." Being steadfast means to be unwavering. The idea of renewal is to be reinvigorated. These challenging times can put strain on our relationship with God and our resolve to be faithful in various ways, including giving. We need to be renewed with a steadfast spirit in our relationship with Jesus, commitment to his work, and our giving.

...IN YOUR STRENGTH BY HOPE

Isaiah 40:31 says "...but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength." When we hope in God our strength is renewed. Be Renewed is about each of us listening to God and allowing our hope to give us the strength to be faithful as we follow Jesus and live generously. That may mean giving for the first time or taking a step of faith to grow in our giving. If we will all respond to Be Renewed, just imagine the vision we can bring to reality through TVLC.

Will you Be Renewed?

Will You...

Be Renewed and take **HEART**?

Be Renewed in your **THINKING**?

Be Renewed with a **STEADFAST SPIRIT**?

Be Renewed in your **STRENGTH** powered by **HOPE**?

Be Renewed isn't about giving more for the sake of giving more or to just start giving. It is about God changing you... speaking to you...and growing you spiritually to give and be generous in the way God created you to be.

Be Renewed isn't a transactional decision...it is a transformational response. God doesn't need our money, nor does God want us to give out of obligation.

God brings money into our lives so we can give and be a part of the life-changing ministry Jesus is doing here at TVLC.

We are blessed to be a part
of a life-changing blessing to others.

Join us for worship each week of Be Renewed as we learn at an even deeper level how to be renewed. Start praying now how God will ultimately want you to respond to Be Renewed on November 13 or 14.

