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TRINDLE SPRING LUTHERAN CHURCH | 14 STATE ROAD, MECHANISBURG PA 17050

Message from Pastor Aaron Erdley

LISTENING SESSIONS

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Friends in Christ,

I want to take a moment to thank those of you who were able to take part in our "listening sessions." We gathered to hear stories about the old church building, memories of ministry, and the people who made life and church in that place so formative and memorable. In our time together I heard many names and stories from the past; some of which I had heard before and even after being here for 9 years there were still some that were brand new to me. We always stand on the shoulders of those who came before us, and so these stories are part of our collective story of faith here at TSLC. If you were unable to attend, but would like to share a story or two, please feel free to email them to me so that we can include them in our archive of stories and pictures.

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As each session went on, one thread that was apparent in the conversations was that the church and its members were such a central part of everyday life, not just on Sunday mornings. The church may not always be the social center of society in the same way that it was fifty years ago, but it remains true that relationships are an essential part of a faith life and community.

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The October 2024 Newsletter is dedicated to the Glory of God and with gratitude for all Trindle Spring Lutheran volunteers by Kathy and Bruce Seagrist!

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At this point, the lead paint and asbestos remediation process has been completed, and within the next few weeks the actual demolition will begin. Before that happens, we will be gathering on the front lawn of the old building for the 10:30am service on Sunday, October 6th. We will be not only decommissioning the building that day, but also remembering and celebrating the faith lives formed and lived, and the faithful ministry that was done while that building was our church home. There will be a few surprise guests joining us that morning for worship.

We've rented a tent so the outdoor worship service will happen rain or shine. Be sure to bring your lawn chair. Following worship we will have a time of fellowship with a potluck lunch and pictures of the old building.

This is certainly a milestone in the life of TSLC, and I would ask that we be patient and gracious with one another as everyone processes what it means to them to say goodbye to this building. If you need to talk or would like to share a story in person, just let me know.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Aaron

Faith Formation Class Sunday, September 29, 2024 through Sunday, October 20, 2024: Lessons from Dietrich Bonhoeffer – A House Divided and a World on Fire

Join Pastor Aaron/Pastor Martha for 4 Sundays beginning **Sunday, September 29, 2024 from 9:15 – 10:10 am** as we explore the life and theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and lessons we might use in our intersections of faith and civic life. All are welcome; bring a friend.

Bonhoeffer was a Lutheran pastor and theologian living in Nazi Germany, who eventually joined the resistance and was arrested and killed before the end of WWII. This curriculum was compiled by Dr. Lori Brandt Hale, an internationally renowned Bonhoeffer scholar and president of the International Bonhoeffer Society – English Language Section. We give thanks to Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania (LAMP), who is a partner in distributing this curriculum to encourage deeper conversation and discernment about how we live as disciples in community.

5-part Sermon Series “Life Together” Sunday, October 6, through Sunday, November 3, 2024

Are you hungry for the “real life” of Christian fellowship? Do work and worship go together? Do you want to understand the importance of showing love daily through actions? Do you ever wonder how faith can be sustained in families or groups?

Plan now to join us for a sermon series about our “Life Together” in Jesus Christ. Pastor Aaron and Pastor Martha will be preaching all of October and the first week of November with a focus on the book by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together: The Classic Exploration of Christian Community*.

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Council Meeting Highlights

SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

1. Old building abatement has begun, demolition bids are out and project is on schedule.
2. Congregational listening sessions scheduled for 9/18 at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm regarding sharing memories of the old building.
3. Constitutional changes approved by the council to be reviewed and voted on at the Annual Meeting.
4. The grant funding for Pastor Aaron's sabbatical was not accepted. The Sabbatical Task Force is reviewing alternative options to be presented to the council and the congregation.
5. Bid submitted from Berkheimer to spend \$11,389. to replace one of the A/C units in the East Wing (Lounge/Nursery) that stopped working in the summer. Funding to come from the savings from the 2024 Capital Appeal approved funds. Motion passed to accept the bid.
6. Council approved an updated Building Use Policy.

YOUR NOMINATIONS NEEDED!

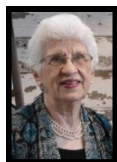
If you have an interest in serving on Church Council, the Nominating Committee, serving as a voting member at Synod Assembly, or if you have someone you would like to nominate, you can find the Nomination Forms in the narthex.

NOTE FOR COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Annual Reports are due into the church office by **Friday, October 25, 2024**. Please submit in Word format, thank you.

Our Annual Congregational meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 17, 2024**, after the second service.

CHURCH MEMBERS



The congregation extends condolences to the family of **Lorraine Westby**, who passed on September 13, 2024.



The congregation extends condolences to the family of **Earl Fertenbaugh**, who passed on September 21, 2024.

Income & Expenses

OPERATING FUND YTD 2024

INCOME

Offering	\$299,874
Misc. Income*	\$1,344
Total Income	\$301,219

EXPENSE

Ministry to Others

Outreach	\$25,064
Evangelism	\$847
Parish Life	(34)

Ministry within Congregation

Christian Ed	\$1,413
Fellowship	\$2,700
Keeping Our Church Safe	--
Stewardship	--
Worship & Music	\$4,806
Youth & Family	\$247

Administration

Archives	--
Property Maint.	\$65,375
Office Mgt.	\$14,562
Salary/Support	\$178,479
Vision of Ministry	\$3,290

Total Expense **\$296,748**

Net Income **\$4,470**

* Includes Thrivent Choice, Community Aid, Building Use, Donations, etc.

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Homebound Visitation Ministry growing

HOMEBOUND VISITATION NEEDS LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

The number of homebound people in our worshipping community continues to increase. So that we may provide continuous and regular care in the form of visits with communion, we are looking for volunteers who feel called to this ministry. Skills and gifts that are needed include: listening with an open heart, a compassionate, loving, and caring spirit, and a flexible schedule. You will be providing prayer, reading, and communion to those who are unable to be physically present with us in worship. You may be visiting people in their homes, nursing facilities, or retirement communities. There will be training provided. No memorization is required. We will have communion kits available, and you will be installed in a worship service once trained.

If after praying and pondering whether you feel called to this important ministry, please contact Pastor Aaron or Pastor Martha. We are happy to further discuss it with you and answer any questions you may have. We expect to have a training session on **Sunday, November 3, 2024**, after the second service.

Thank you for your continued care (prayers, calls, visits, and cards) for all our homebound brothers and sisters in Christ.

Music at Trindle Spring

MUSIC AT THE SPRING KICKS OFF SEASON 3!

All are invited to join us on **Sunday, October 13, 2024**, for the first concert of Music at the Spring's 3rd Season. This concert will feature the Mendelssohn Piano Trio, an critically acclaimed ensemble that features the talents of Ya-Ting Chang (piano), Peter Sirotin (violin) and Fiona Thompson (cello). They will present a program entitled "Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man" that features works by Beethoven, Rachmaninoff, and Korngold. The concert begins at 3pm and is free and open to the public. We hope to see you there!

BECOME A MUSIC AT THE SPRING SPONSOR!

If you would like to become a season sponsor, we invite you to pick up a sponsorship form from the music ministry bulletin board outside Pastor Aaron's office, fill it out, and return it with your donation to Danielle Erdley. Alternatively, you can use the "Music at the Spring" section of our online giving portal and put "sponsor" in the comments of your donation. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Danielle. Thank you for your support of this ministry!

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COLLEGE CARE FALL PACKAGE COLLECTION 2024

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!!

Collection runs from **now through Sunday, October 13, 2024.**

There are currently **19 students** on the list to receive care packages.

Shipping costs in the spring were **\$11 - \$14/box**, and the estimated cost of goodies to fill a box - **\$17.**

Are you interested in sponsoring a box? Donating towards shipping costs? Donating snacks but can't get to the store?

YOU CAN! Reach out to **Kristin Cleaver** for details! See Kristin's contact info in the church directory or contact the church office.

Grocery List Ideas (Take this page to the store with you.)

Water flavor packets, K-Cups, instant coffee, individually packaged tea bags, Hot chocolate, single serving bags of chips, pretzels, goldfish, combos, snack-sized candy bars – or even full size!, granola bars, instant oatmeal packets, gum, tic-tacs, hard candies, sandwich crackers, Pop tarts, pudding, microwave popcorn fruit snacks, cookies, Post-its, pens, mechanical pencils, highlighters, stickers, tissue packs mini hand sanitizers



Please place donated items in the designated bins, located in the narthex. Thank you!

CANDY COLLECTION

MECHANICSBURG HALLOWEEN PARADE -TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024, 7:00 P.M.

This year the theme for the Trindle Spring Lutheran Church float is

"MARVEL SUPERHEROES"

If you are interested in being a part of the float building, will be gathering to paint on **Saturday, September 28, 2024**, from 9am-noon.

If you are interested in being a part of the parade float please signup on the bulletin board outside the main office.

We are again collecting candy to help with this year's float. You can place your donated candy in the "tootsie roll" bin.

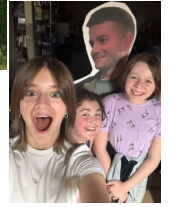
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Youth and Family Ministry News

2024-2025 Youth Group Theme Announced!

YOU WERE BORN FOR THIS!

Each year, several area youth leaders gather to develop a curriculum to use in regular youth group meetings as well as for joint youth events like the Day 'O' Games (see pictures) and Mega Retreat. This year's theme is "You Were Born For This!" and is based on the scripture passage from the book of Esther.



Esther 4:14 If you persist in staying silent at a time like this, help and deliverance will arrive for the Jews from someplace else; but you and your family will be wiped out. Who knows? Maybe you were made queen for just such a time as this.

WHAT'S THE POINT?

We are blessed with countless opportunities to influence the world around us. We are called to recognize and seize the right opportunities to spread God's love throughout the world. This year in youth group we will be exploring how God might have called us to be disciples for such a time as this.

FALL HIKE AND HOT DOG ROAST—(Congregation wide event)

October 6, 2024

The Fellowship Committee will be sponsoring a Fall Hike and Hog Dog Roast at Laurel Lake. The Hike will begin at 3:00 at the Lake. For those not interested in the hike, but eager to spend a beautiful autumn afternoon outside, you may just come and socialize while the hot dogs are cooked! After the hike, we will welcome in the fall season with a hot dog roast and s'mores for dessert. All food will be provided, you just need to come and have fun! A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the office. **Deadline for signing up is Sunday, September 29, 2024.**

ELEMENTARY YOUTH GROUP (K-5)

October 13, 2024

We have our first elementary youth group meeting of the year from 12-1pm (lunch provided)! Come out to eat, play games, and learn more about God!

MIDDLE/SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

October 13, 2024

We have our first middle/senior high youth group meeting of the year at 5pm. There will be food!

Save the Dates

UPCOMING YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY EVENTS

October 6	Fall Hike & Hotdog Roast
October 8	Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade
October 13	Elementary Youth Group (12pm)
	Middle/Senior High Youth Group (5pm)

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Outreach Committee

New Hope Ministries Back to School Daze collection – thank you

Stats: Backpacks collected 20, June School Lunches 49, August Lunches & Snacks 63

Thank you to all who donated backpacks for New Hope Ministries' "Back to School Daze" event which was held on August 8, 2024. Over **115 children** (kindergarten through high school) in our Mechanicsburg Community received backpacks filled with supplies. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Our committee also made up/provided **130** lunches during June, July and August for New Hope's summer lunch program for school-age children. The lunches included a sandwich (Turkey/Cheese and sunflower butter/jelly) veggie sticks, 100% juice box and a granola bar.– Carlotta Strohl

NEW HOPE MINISTRIES FOOD COLLECTION



Note: Our collection will be taken in on September 30th. See shopping carts in both entrances (East/West) for your donations. Thank you church family!



SCHOOL PROJECT FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF - THANK YOU

Thank you to every one who brought in many, many supplies. The School kits are being put together in October. We have enough supplies for over 60 school kits.

CROP-WALK SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024

As you're probably aware, the 2024 Mechanicsburg/West Shore CROP Walk will be held on **Sunday, October 20, 2024**. We are in need of both donations & walkers! To register (or donate) online, go to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/event/mechanicsburgpa> or google: Crop Walk & search for Mechanicsburg. From there, go to the list of teams and click on Trindle Spring Lutheran Church & add your name there. In memory of Leanne, Ulli Klemm will match the first \$500 raised by those from TSLC. **Those who register on-line by September 27, 2024, will receive a t-shirt the day of the walk.** For those who prefer to donate or sign up to walk in person, please see Cindy Duck (I'll have a table in the narthex) before & after church beginning September 29, 2024. All checks should be made out to CWS/CROP (**please do NOT make checks payable to Trindle Spring**). Thank you, Outreach Committee/ Cindy Duck.

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Fellowship Events

Fall Hike & Hotdog Roast Sunday, October 6, 2024.

The Fellowship Committee will be sponsoring a Fall Hike and Hog Dog Roast at Laurel Lake on Sunday, October 6, 2024. The Hike will begin at 3:00 at the Lake. For those not interested in the hike, but eager to spend a beautiful autumn afternoon outside, you may just come and socialize while the hot dogs are cooked! After the hike, we will welcome in the Fall Season with a hot dog roast and smores for dessert. All food will be provided, you just need to come and have fun! If you would still like to go, contact Sandy Greiss or Deby Lefin.

Dutch Apple Theatre Saturday, October 26, 2024.

It's 1962 and Baltimore's Tracy Turnblad, a big girl, with an even bigger heart, wins a spot on the local TV dance program. Overnight she is transformed from an outsider to a teen celebrity. The upbeat score includes Good Morning Baltimore, You Can't Stop the Beat, and the title song, Hairspray. Rated PG. Running Time: 2 hours 30 minutes

Where: Dutch Apple Dinner Theater

When: Saturday, October 26, 2024

Time: Dinner: 6:00 p.m. Show: 7:30 p.m.

Price: \$75.00

A block of 24 seats (Section B) have been reserved for this event. Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis. Transportation will be on your own.

Deadline for sign up and payment is due by Sunday, October 6, 2024. Make checks payable to TSLC, on the memo line place "Dutch Apple Theater" and give checks or cash to Sandy Greiss or Deb Lefin. Questions...contact [Sandy Greiss...segreiss@comcast.net](mailto:Sandy.Greiss...segreiss@comcast.net)

Save the Dates

SUMMARY OF 2024 EVENTS

October 6	Fall Hike & Hotdog Roast 3pm
October 26	Dutch Apple Theater (Hairspray)
November 15	Family Bowling 7pm
November 22	Dietrich Bonhoeffer Movie

Family Bowling Friday, November 15, 2024.

Location and price TBD. 7-9pm. All are welcome. Please let Casey or Elaine know if you plan to attend by November 1, 2024, so we have enough room for everyone. November 15th- Bowling. Please let Casey or Elaine know if you plan to attend **by November 1, 2024**, so we have enough room for everyone.

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER MOVIE Friday, November 22, 2024.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German Lutheran pastor, theologian and anti-Nazi dissident who was a key founding member of the Confessing Church. His writings on Christianity's role in the secular world have become widely influential; his 1937 book "The Cost of Discipleship" is described as a modern classic. A movie titled *Bonhoeffer* will be released in movie theaters on November 22, 2024. Viewing the movie after attending the Pastors' sessions on him would be a great way to extend your understanding.

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Parish Life Ministries

SECOND SATURDAY SUPPER
OCTOBER 12, 2024, 4-6PM

MENU:

- Italian and Country Sausages OR
- Tuna Salad Sandwich OR
- Chicken Salad Sandwich
- Choice of: Italian Wedding Soup OR
- Beef Noodle Soup
- Apple Crisp
- Assorted Muffins, Breads, Rolls
- Assorted Desserts
- Hot and Cold Beverages

For any questions call 717-766-7091 Opt. 7

Communion Elements & DVDs/ CDs of Sunday Service Available

Communion elements are available in the church office for those still communing at home. You can either pick up or we will drop off. Gluten-free is available. DVD's and CD's are available for the 10:30 a.m. service. Contact the church office to have one delivered to you every week with a bulletin.

Lovely fall mums planted by church member, Bruce Seagrist.



Men's Monthly Breakfast

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2024, 7:30AM

**JOIN US AT MIDDLESEX DINER,
CARLISLE**

Any questions, contact Steve Vogelsong

Seniors Monthly Luncheon

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024, 11:30AM
(THIRD MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH)

JOIN US AT

PEPPERMILL RESTAURANT, MECHANICSBURG

Any questions, contact Irene Dillahey or

Carlotta Strohl

The Shawl Ministry

**JOIN US ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EVERY
MONTH AT 3PM IN THE LOUNGE**

*Any questions, contact Lynne Neibert or
Sandy Breech*

Tithes & Offerings

- Go to our website:
www.trindlespringlutheran.org
- Click on 'donate now'
- Login/create profile button
- Call the church office for any questions.

Community Aid

- Trindle Spring Partner Number#**10139**
- Tags for your bags are available in the Outreach Corner in a basket.

Newsletter copies

Copies are available for pick-up in the narthex. Would you like a pastoral visit and a newsletter brought along? Contact one of the pastors.....

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Grief Support Group this Fall

A GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP will be offered to church members at TSLC starting Wednesday, October 2, 9, 16, and 23 from 6-7:30pm in the Lounge. There are many types of grief and loss from: loss of a loved one, loss of a job, miscarriage, divorce, loss of a pet, tragic accident. These are only a few that come to mind. The purpose of this group is to support each other through the grieving process. If you attended the spring session, you are again invited to join us.

Anyone who is interested in attending these four sessions may contact:

Beth Basehore at (717) 916-4255 or bethbasehore@gmail.com

OR

Bonnie Distad at 1 (301) 988-0464 or Bonnie.distad@yahoo.com

October 2024 Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FROM THE PASTORS AND STAFF!

Gordon Rider	Harold Coover	Tom Carper	Darin Brevig
Mekayla Reinfeld	Jim Duck	Larry Kohler	Sue Menser
Sheldon Rodgers	Denise Yohn	Keri Finkenbinder	Bob MacGregor
Sandy Fertenbaugh	Mona Fahnestock	Raymond Boyer*	Eugene McCartney
Wendy Ricedorf	Greg Shank	Cody Eppley	Austin Orwan
Deb Benner	Camden Myers	Kristy Giordano	Bob Phillips
Scott Grigor	Mary Zook	Ryan Jones	Ned Detter
Scott Eppley	Bruce Seagrist	Charlie Bender	Raymond Boyer*
Lee Rodgers	Steven Westby	Kaycee Glantz	Jim Ruff
Sara Frankenfield	Melinda Bailey	Scott Liebel	Margot Krum
Marlin Yohn	Irene Simpson	Amanda Ebbert	Kathy Bowers
Sherry Stoner	Gerald Gordon	Alex Strawser	Mike Phillips
Dawn Scott			

Note* Two Raymond Boyers

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEND A CARD AND WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE BIRTH DAY, CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR THE MEMBER BIRTHDAY.

OCTOBER CHURCH CALENDAR 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Pot-Luck Luncheon 12pm Evangelism & Stewardship Committee 7pm Fellowship Committee 7pm	2 Zumba Gold 10am Grief Support Group 6pm Lounge Finance Committee 7pm	3 Trindle Quilters 9am Chancel Choir 7:20pm	4	5
6 Worship 8am & 10:30am Sunday School 9:15am Meals on Wheels Cakes due before first service 10:30am Special service at 15 State Road under a tent (bring a lawn chair) Pot-luck luncheon Fall Hike & Hotdog Roast 3pm	7 Zumba 6pm	8 Parish Life Shriners Club 6:30pm (F. Hall & Kitchen booked 12pm-9pm) Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade 7pm * Council moved to 10/15/2024 because of the parade.	9 Zumba Gold 10am Grief Support Group 6pm	10 Trindle Quilters 9am Policy & Procedure Meeting 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:20pm	11	12 Men's Breakfast 7:30am Middlesex Diner Second Saturday Community Supper 4:00-6:00pm
13 Worship 8am & 10:30am Sunday School 9:15am College Care Package Collection ends today 2025 Cong. Retreat Planning Meeting 11:30am Youth- Elementary 12pm The Shawl Ministry 3pm Music at the Spring 3pm Youth Jr./Sr. High 5pm	14 NO Zumba	15 *Church Council meeting 7pm November Newsletter article deadline	16 Zumba GOLD 10am Grief Support Group 6pm	17 Trindle Quilters 9am Chancel Choir 7:20pm	18	19
20 Worship 8am & 10:30am Sunday School 9:15am Council Corner 9:15 am CROP WALK 1pm	21 Seniors Luncheon 11:30am Zumba 6pm Policy & Proc. Meeting 6pm	22 Chris. Ed Meeting 7pm Outreach Committee Meeting 7pm	23 Zumba GOLD 10am Grief Support Group 6pm	24 Trindle Quilters 9am Bell Choir 6:15pm Chancel Choir 7:20pm	25 ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRS DUE IN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE (IN WORD)	26 Fellowship Event- Dutch Apple Theatre 6pm
27 Reformation Sunday Worship 9:15 am One service New Hope Food Blessing Parish Life Brunch	28 Zumba 6pm Safety & Security meeting 7pM	29	30 Zumba GOLD 10am	31 Trindle Quilters 9am NO Bell Choir NO Chancel Choir Nov. Newsletter emailed out, copies available in the narthex		

Clergy Sabbatical Frequently Asked Questions

Pastor Aaron will be on sabbatical from **July through September of 2025**. You may have questions about what a sabbatical is and what it means for Pastor Aaron, his family, and the congregation. We have plenty of time to talk in more detail about what will happen over his sabbatical, but below you will find a few frequently asked questions about clergy sabbatical.

What is a Sabbatical?

Sabbatical or a time of sabbath, is Biblically based. A Sabbatical provides time to disconnect from the physical, emotional, and spiritual demands of 24/7 ministry. It allows the pastor time for rest, prayer, and reflection. As the rate of clergy burnout is extremely high, a time for a sabbatical helps to ensure longevity and vibrancy in ministry.

Why do clergy take renewal leave or sabbaticals?

Research shows pastoral work is acutely stressful for clergy and their families.

Consider these statistics from Pastors:

94% say that the processing of extremes (deaths, pettiness, tragedies, etc.) is emotionally taxing.

91% have experienced some form of burnout, often working 60+ hours per week.

80% feel pressured to serve in ways that cause undue burdens on their families.

78% report having time off interrupted with ministry tasks and expectations.

52% feel they cannot possibly meet their church's expectations.

44% do not regularly take a day off.

Does this mean Pastor Aaron is looking for a new church?

No, it is an intentional time of rest and renewal to continue in his current call. The TSLC Sabbatical Policy requires the pastor to remain in his/her call for at least two years following a sabbatical.

Who will provide pastoral coverage while pastor is gone?

At TSLC, we are blessed with having two pastors. While Pastor Aaron is on sabbatical, Pastor Martha will be made full-time to provide worship leadership, education, pastoral care (hospital visits, counseling, and homebound visits), including special services such as funerals, weddings and baptisms.

How does a sabbatical benefit church members?

During the sabbatical period, it is expected the congregation will be using the time for growth, renewal, and reflection as well as the rostered minister. Following a sabbatical the pastor returns reinvigorated for ministry, renewed from the personal and spiritual growth that comes from participation in an intentionally structured time away. The congregation benefits from their pastor being well-rested, refreshed in body, mind, and spirit and a deepening of their relationship with God.



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