



together

2022 Annual Report



Loneliness. Estrangement. Polarization.

As society fractures into smaller “tribes” and fewer people even know their neighbors, our impersonal era is taking a dramatic toll. Jesus called the church to be the living antidote. As Christians, we are part of a large extended family.

We pray, learn, and worship **together**.

We give, grieve, and grow **together**.

Together we teach our children and help our elderly.

Together we support the weak and serve our community.

Together we are a witness of God’s love.

“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” JOHN 13:35

Together we experience the presence of Christ.

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.” MATTHEW 18:20

In these pages you’ll see many ways we have served and grown this past year.

It has only happened...

together.



meeting together

“They met together daily in the temple courts, broke bread in their homes, and received their food with glad and grateful hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.”

ACTS 2:46-47a

Attendance trends (weekly worship services)

January
1,006

Mid-Year
1,569

December
2,398

“You helped our whole family understand what it means to be a Christian. Your messages on God’s grace are the reason my Dad became a believer.”

“Thank you (and the team) for sermons lifting the heavy yoke and burden of works and legalism. It has slowly brought me back to church and the Lord. I can take a breath of fresh air and open my life to the joy set before me. Profound.”

– Connie McNair

- 798 average online attendance
- 1,202 average daily video devo views
- 57 average TLC en Español attendance (and growing!)
- 110 new members added
- 75 people baptized
- 101 visitor cards submitted in Q4 2022 alone



learning together

“Assemble together the people—men, women, and little ones, and the sojourner within your towns—that they may hear and learn to fear the LORD your God...”

DEUTERONOMY 31:12

- 858 people in 92 sermon-based small groups
- 160 people in 7 midweek electives
- 25 in TLC Bible & Theology course
- 148 women in five different Bible studies
- 44 moms & 30 preschoolers in MOPS
- 75-150 participants in Encore (Senior Adults)



1,475 adults were in a small group, home a higher percentage related to attendance than



"Our camp theme was Big Trust, with a little guy jumping into a huge hand. I knew I was the little guy jumping into God's hand and there was no going back... I was now fully devoted to Christ and I fully trusted him."

-7th grade boy



"Last May, after a brave battle with cancer, my dad Lou Tuosto entered heaven's gates. My dad attended TLC, and faithfully served the church for decades. He didn't get to see his grandsons go to TLCS for school this year, where they have learned so much about Jesus, and have become mighty evangelists and worshipers just like he was. I know my dad is so proud of them, and of his church family for giving them this incredible foundation for their faith."

-Jessica Gaul

Youth and Young Adults

- 75 junior high students weekly (Tuesdays and Sundays)
- 65 high school students weekly (Wednesdays and Sundays)
- 80-120 college/career students at The Hub in our new college center weekly!
- 2,500 street tacos fed to students over one year of youth group meetings
- 401 students enrolled at Twin Lakes Christian School
- 110 children enrolled at Children's Enrichment Center
- 1,546 campers at Kruz Kidz summer day camps

**group, class, or support group in 2022,
ever, a great foundation for church growth!**



"I am Athena's only parent. When she was three, I joined the TLC staff and was able to enroll her in CEC and later TLCS. She learned about Jesus, kindness, and compassion every day, as did I. By age 7 she decided to follow Jesus

by being baptized. Her life, as well as mine, has been transformed. I will be forever grateful for the loving people here who have accepted us and made us family. Most of all, I am grateful my beautiful girl is growing up to be a person who reflects the love of Christ to others — because of the impressions made on her here."

-Tamara Weber

doing good together

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” HEBREWS 10:24–25

- 751 hospital visits completed in 2022
- 1,410 Sunshine Meals served for 2022
- 108+ Driving Angels rides for medical appointments
- 122+ HomeAid projects
- 400 people fed weekly by People’s Pantry (6,800 bags of groceries!)
- 6 Mom’s Angels car repair clinics helped 60 people
- Over 200 volunteers at a dozen “Acts of Kindness” projects
- 986 pairs of new pajamas for kids in transitional housing situations.
- 120 hygiene bags for unhoused individuals given out with 80 coats
- 200 gift bags for the staff at Watsonville High
- 163 classic vehicles at Kingsmen car show; \$5,000 to Jacob’s Heart and Grace Harbor



“I am a high school counselor for Santa Cruz City Schools. Yesterday was one of the highlights of my career. Twin Lakes’ car club, The Kingsmen, donated a power tool in the name of one of our students. They brought 7 members, a plaque, the donated welder and lots of love! I was sooo encouraged in this difficult time for schools to have Jesus show up in these seven Jesus-loving men!”

- Sheri Williams

“I have been a teacher at Watsonville High School for 46 years and receiving the ‘Acts of Kindness’ bag from TLC yesterday was one of the nicest things I’ve ever experienced.”

*“Carry one another’s burdens,
and so fulfill the law of Christ.”*

GALATIANS 6:2

caring together



- 50 participants in GriefShare
- 35 in Mental Health Support Groups
- 20 people in Divorce Care
- 120 in Recovery ministry (all in-person and zoom meetings combined)
- 85 prayer requests each week (588+ on the prayer team)



“When one young man walked into our Thursday Grace Recovery meeting, he made no eye contact as he sat down. He stayed, we prayed, and told him to keep coming back. He did. Each week. We watched him go from telling us he sat alone in a hotel room on Christmas morning because of where his drinking had taken him—to bouncing into our Monday Rigorous Honesty Recovery meeting to receive his 90-day chip a few weeks ago. His family is restored, he has a sponsor, and is working the 12-Steps. He shares at meetings about his story of hope.”

– Heidi Garwood, Recovery Ministry lay leader

“When I walked through the door I felt overwhelmed, heartbroken and deeply ashamed. Divorce Care was a lifeline of hope and continued to anchor me in both the love of God and the way Christ calls me to behave. It is the embodiment of how the body of Christ truly helps us carry our burdens when we feel like we are out of strength to carry on.”

– Divorce Care participant

sharing together

"All the believers were together and shared everything. From time to time they sold possessions and gave the proceeds to anyone in need." ACTS 2:44

- Over one million meals for Second Harvest Food Bank
- \$119,430 to help churches in Poland shelter war refugees
- \$14,000 for local Ukraine refugee family
- \$10,000 for Hurricane Ian relief
- \$19,000 for CZU fire victims
- \$3,300 for Afghan refugee relief



In 2022, we provided

- 750 Salvation Army gifts
- 27 care packages for Homeless Garden Project
- Care packages to 700 Bridge of Hope residents
- Gifts for 45 Prison Fellowship Angel Tree families (109 kids)
- Christmas gifts to 28 more local families (60 kids)



Every month we provide hot meals for people in a rotating shelter program. Other churches help as well, providing a total of 450 meals every month. We also provide free showers in a mobile trailer.



1,842 Christmas gifts!

**Here's a thank-you
from the local
Ukrainian refugee
family we have
helped together:**

"The care and support we have received has impacted each person in our family will impact us for the rest of our lives. TLCS transformed Yeva's and Sava's lives and helped bring out their talents and strengths. The community became a lifeline for me personally and for my parents as well. We are so thankful to God for you and for all the hard work you are doing for others. Thank you for your heart and care of our family."

- Natalia

on mission together



We experienced joy and tears at the official retirement of Doug and Dee Valenzuela, beloved TLC partners in Italy since 1979! Their legacy is tens of thousands who have heard the gospel—and the establishment of the two largest evangelical churches in Italy.

Our long-time partner Dr. John Stark completed an “audio Bible” for Sudanese Christians, a people group of 28 million who will now have the Bible in their mother tongue for the first time.



*“...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria,
and to the ends of the earth.” ACTS 1:8b*

23 global partners supported by TLC, plus:

- \$5,000 for Jordan Refugee Assistance
- \$3,775 for Bibles to AFnet graduates
- \$14,000 for a Training Center building for rural pastors in Indonesia
- \$20,000 for church launch in Humboldt County
- \$4,000 per year for two missionary students — one in London and one in the United States
- 170 Pastoral Graduates from the Advanced Bible & Theology (ABT) program in Zambia and Congo



giving together

Income	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Budget
Church	5,738,993	6,046,511	6,458,679
Missions	642,333	716,719	602,631
Camps, Loft, Schools	5,035,560	5,276,021	5,551,360
Total Operating Income	11,416,886	12,039,251	12,612,670
Expense			
Church	5,697,220	5,854,013	5,861,897
Missions	717,072	696,612	674,741
Camps, Loft, Schools	5,151,633	5,284,461	5,662,007
Total Operating Expense	11,565,925	11,835,086	12,198,645
Operating Surplus (Deficit)*	(149,039)	204,165	414,025

Subject to Final Audit and Adjustment

* Depreciation not included



Finances

We are grateful to God that TLC's financial state has never been healthier:

- We have no outside debt.
- Our general cash reserves grew by \$116K from 2021 to 2022.
- Our actual giving exceeded our budget estimate by 4%.
- We also received additional bequest gifts.
- TLCS enrollment grew during the pandemic to 400 students.
- Both CEC and Loft are shaking off some sluggishness due to the pandemic and are steadily trending upward financially.

Facilities

We started a major renovation and expansion of the TLC ball field last summer—all funded by special gifts! Heavy winter rains arrived early and halted progress.

We look forward to resuming work in May and completing this exciting project by mid-summer!

Also, in the months ahead keep your eyes open for new signs at both our church entrances, the removal of one of our oldest, most worn out modular buildings, and completion of the PureWater injection well later in the year!



forward together



Camp Hammer Update

Our largest project at Camp Hammer involved removing hundreds of trees killed in the CZU Lightning Complex Fire.

The church board held several special meetings this year with camping professionals and a prayer meeting on site at camp to seek guidance about the shape of future ministry and facilities there.

We are also waiting on two factors that affect our options: the insurance claim settlement and the ongoing

forest recovery. Much work has been involved to settle our claim with our insurance carrier—ensuring we receive all funds entitled by our policy.

We expect a final check in early May 2023. After that claim is settled and as we observe the health of the forest this summer we expect to settle on a general plan for camp's future in the months to come.

New in 2023

- **Adrian Moreno begins new position as Pastor of Connection**, overseeing membership, baptism, visitor & guest follow-up, and young family events and classes
- **First Annual Bible Conference** on May 13th
- **TLC in Aptos 50th anniversary weekend** September 16/17
- New apologetics series **"Explore God"** launches Fall 2023
- New **campus entry signs**
- Fall fundraising for **building to replace portables**
- **Coming in 2024:** New book and video-based small group series on Simon Peter

loving together

*“Above all these put
on love, which binds
everything together in
perfect harmony.”*

COLOSSIANS 3:14

I hope you were moved while reading this report as much as I was moved while writing it. I wish I had the space to include all the exciting reports I received from our amazing ministry leaders.

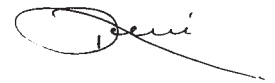
Most of all, I hope this conveys the sense that though the in-person church attendance figures are not yet where they were pre-pandemic, our growth trends are remarkably positive.

We have in a way “restarted” the church, and there is great forward momentum: We are meeting new visitors and welcoming new members at a pace I have never experienced in my 30 years at Twin Lakes. Ministries are growing, people are being saved, new initiatives are being started. I am so grateful!

One transformative way we have been “together” this year: The Loft coffee space. After its first full year, I can tell you it has affected every

ministry in these pages in ways we did not foresee. It gives us all a place to be together on campus every day, meeting, growing, sharing, praying, and simply living as a family. Evangelism, discipleship, and fellowship all happen naturally.

I’m looking forward to 2023 with a genuine sense of eager expectation. Can’t wait to see what God will do through us... together.



“May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” ROMANS 15:5-6



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