## Hello church-

I just want to take a moment to let you know how much we appreciate your grace through these crazy days. Every time some new thing comes down from Newsom or the county, there is a collective groan here at the church. We know that there are a lot of diverse and varied opinions out there, and we also know that at any given time, probably at least half of you disagree with our decision. :)

But (at least to us), you are allowing us the grace to navigate this time as best we can. You haven't allowed division and anger to sneak in (again, at least as far as we can tell). Thank you for being understanding on this. Your grace encourages us and helps us to keep fighting the good fight.

PLEASE keep praying for your church leadership. Seems to be true that it's darkest right before the dawn.

# We're almost there though! Thanks for sticking with us!

### **THANK you for 20 YEARS!**

Speaking of sticking with us, **Pastor John has been at LACC for 20 years** this year! We had all sorts of big plans for a lot of fanfare, but one thing after the other thwarted those plans. The Elders have given a gift to John and Debra, and we encourage you to make sure you tell John how grateful you are for leading us in the Worship of our Lord for the past 2 decades. THANK YOU PASTOR JOHN! Looking forward to 60 more!

# THIS WEEK for CHURCH

The newest lock down orders actually don't change much for the church, so I'm calling a victory! Thank you Jesus! It still ain't good, but I'm thankful it didn't get worse! That being said, we're still not able to meet inside and since we LOVED our little bonfire church last week (thanks to all who came), we plan to do that as much as we can.

HOWEVER, this weekend's weather... uhhh... does not look great for bonfire church. At this point, we're not planning on having it in the rain or snow. However, we can all start praying now that God would open the door and... who knows? We'll make the final call on Saturday and send out a follow-up email. (The good news is that *this* decision isn't up to Newsom, it's up to the Lord, amen?)

All that being said, we'll have bonfire church as often as we can on Sunday while the

weather cooperates.

### THIS SUNDAY ONLINE

Of course, our ONLINE SERVICE on Sunday starts at 9:00 with children's church and 9:30 for regular service. We have a SPECIAL GUEST CHOIR this week! LACS Students are leading us in a couple of songs of worship and they are AWESOME! We hope you'll tune in and worship with us this weekend.

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

Right now, we have a plan! But, no one has too much faith in "plans" right now, am I right? Currently, the plan is for an outdoor Christmas Eve Service around the bonfires (we'll have more than one). If it's not windy, we'll even try to have candles as we close with Silent Night. We'll keep you updated.

### **AUCTION & BAKE SALE**

Don't forget the auction is set for this Saturday from 10-2. Please visit <u>http://lakechurch.life/our-school/auction-2020</u> to preview the items and for instructions on how to bid. Also, stop by the bake sale for some delicious baked goodies! Thank you for supporting the school

#### **CHRISTMAS BASKETS**

We are getting ready to prepare and deliver Christmas Baskets! Do you know someone who could use the blessing? Please contact us at the church and let us know!

We are here for you during these trying times. Please don't hesitate to let us know how we can serve you.

# FINALLY

Just a reminder to remember the ministry of Lake Almanor Community Church in your year-end giving. Every penny you give helps us continue to do good work for our Lord. Thank you in advance.

Praying for our community, **Pastor Paul**