

Kensington Church's Response to the COVID-19 Situation:

Traverse City

May 29

A Note from Joel

Nestled into the rolling hills of Grand Traverse County is this beautiful place. Today, I spent a significant amount of time exploring the property and praying over you - the people who call this their church home.

We've been conversing with Kensington's Executive Team, as well as with other area pastors. As you can imagine, there are a plethora of details, precautions, and opinions to navigate when it comes to "opening" back up. That's why I've been praying! We NEED the Holy Spirit to guide our intellect and emotions through this.

I'm also really, really excited! I believe God wants to do great work among us in this next season. As we wade through all of the opportunities and obstacles of this next season, I believe with all my heart that we're still called to experience a deeper sense of "life to the full" and to join Jesus in His mission - to "seek and save the lost" (John 10:10, Luke 19:10). That's what Jesus ultimately gave his life for and that's the mission we're called to as well.

Therefore, will you pray with me? As I stand here outside of this beautiful place, I'm imagining the day when we can meet again and fill this space with joy. Although it may look a little different than what we've been used to, it's going to be beautiful when we can gather together again. I'm imagining smiles, laughter, worship, community, and ambition for the mission that will fill the air. I can't wait! With that being said, will you pray for that day? Will you pray for the Holy Spirit to give us discernment as we navigate through all of the details?

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In the days to come, you'll receive more details regarding when and how we will reopen our facilities. Some of us will be incredibly eager to gather together; some of us will be cautious. As we all process these details and emotions, I encourage you to respect one another's perspectives. We all have to do the responsible thing as we consider the contexts of our lives. With that being said, please be attentive to a follow-up email that will lay out our plan moving forward.

“Lord, we're asking You to go before us and prepare the way - fill this sweet space! As we begin to think about gathering together again in this facility, we ask You to prepare the hearts of people, prepare a spirit of worship, and prime the events that will soon take place in this building. Nurture us all in a way that builds up unity. Draw our hearts near to You. Lord, restore in us a passion for your mission - to experience and see others experience abundant Life. Cause us to care for the marginalized and those who may be struggling. Build us up, Lord; build up Your church. In the overcoming name of Jesus we pray, Amen.”

- Joel

TC HWP Team Fun | June 20

Hey TC family, Desiree and Tonya have some fun planned for our campus on Saturday, June 20. Tonya and Desiree will be running a virtual half marathon starting and finishing at the TC Campus on Saturday, June 20, to bring awareness to Hope Water Project. To maintain safety and social distancing they will each be running their 13.1 miles in opposite directions on opposite shoulders of the road between 7am - 9am that day (along E. Long Lake Rd and N. Long Lake Rd). If able, we'd love to have your family drive by, wave, honk, and show your support for Hope Water Project that day. (It's also Desiree's birthday so if you'd like to sing to her, go for it!) It's not too late for you to participate in the virtual Hope Water Project 5k event taking place the following Saturday, June 27. Click [here](#) to register for the HWP Virtual 5K or [here](#) to make a donation to Hope Water Project. We hope to see you on June 20!

All Things Students

Kkids | Hey Parents! Looking for engaging ways for your kiddos to follow along with the main service? We have weekly Kkids videos & content, craft ideas, and more, check out our [Kensington Kids Facebook page](#) or find weekly lessons [here](#).

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TC Worship Team at Midweek

Did you happen to catch this week's midweek service on Wednesday night? If not, click [here](#) to watch. The TC Worship Team was featured this week so you are sure to see some familiar faces!

Blood Drive | July 1

Looking for another way you can help the local community? Our TC Campus will be hosting a Blood Drive on Wednesday, July 1. The Blood Bus had originally planned for dates during the Cherry Festival, but since the festival was cancelled, they have had to find alternative ways to meet our community's needs. (As a bonus, there is a \$10 e-gift card for donors on July 1). Find appointment times and registration [here](#), or email tonya.jacobs@kensingtonchurch.org with questions.

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