January - February Bulletin

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Rev. LeRoy Zemke

Reflections Thoughts For Transformation A New World View

"Man is setting out to satisfy needs that mean more to him than simply nourishment and clothing. He is embarking on a rediscovery of himself. The history of man is that of his voyage toward the unknown, in search for the realization of his immortal Self, of his soul." Rabindranath Tagore

"Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." Romans 12:2 Holy Bible

The Bible states in Genesis 1-3, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light."

In three poetically inspired verses, the opening words of one of the world's best known sacred scriptures, we are introduced to the language surrounding the beginning of the mystery of creation. No scientist, past or present has yet found a totally accurate metaphor that profoundly speaks to the mystery. No one has referenced this question in either scientific terms or mystical images that are more exact.

Astronomy speaks of exploding galaxies, black holes, expanding and contracting nebulae and ever changing cosmic space. We are gently reminded that the origins of life are ultimately the "stuff" of sages, perhaps saints and Awakened Beings.

Every spiritual teaching has a profound and powerful cosmology from the ancient Samarians, Egyptians and Easenes to the culture of Tibet, India and China. A seed of truth exists in each one, I suspect, in that one principle appears to hold true ... an ultimate Divine Being or Divine Impulse initiates the flow of life and triggers the spark we know as the lifestream into which human beings emerged. Whether we consciously or academically understand how it happened, we (mankind) have arrived on what we call planet earth.

When we think about reality, we are attempting to define that which is genuine or real from that which is received as unreal in our life. An Indian sage once wrote that that which is real changes not. It is the limitless light of the ancient Kabbalists, the Spirit of God which move across the face of the deep. In a word, it is Source of All that we see in form, in manifestation, in our tangible, mundane, human world, and exists behind all that is unmanifest and ever unknown as well.

To our human, perhaps here better stated as our total and complete intellectual capacity to function in the world, ultimately, reality can only be gradually (intuitively) apprehended. It can never truly be precisely languaged by our worldly sciences, on the mighty metaphors that emerge from art, the realm of nature or other systems of organized thought, sacred scripture or even inspired writings.

What then is a new vision, a new world view? For the purpose of this writing, it is the <u>inner</u> focus of the direction(s) we are choosing for our lives. As we have observed above, we are born out of the cosmic womb and contain the seeds of the Infinite within us. We ask our various religion(s) and science(s) to explain or at least give imagery to the world in which we live. We also look to religion and very often to the various spiritual systems or philosophies for revelation about our journey or our dharma, our deep inner purpose for our life.

There are many approaches to the theme of a new vision of reality (for us individually). I am suggesting something very practical and very important to aid this discovery.

1. A new year invites us to do an inventory.

Essentially that means, to sort, classify, discard and or release that which no longer is needed or serves our lives. Certainly we can do this with the tangibles such as clothes or paraphernalia surrounding our work, business, hobby or household. It's a most practical exercise because it frees us from the burden of clutter and the accumulated "stuff" of our incarnation or even across one year.

(a) We can also do an inventory of ideas, behaviors patterns of response to people, places and things in our lives that need to be examined. Do we believe in an idea of lack? Do we fear the worst about our health? Or a life situation? What about the hope that we have for a new job, work or business direction that we've put off for many reasons? Let's not forget our tendency to procrastinate and delay a decision to the future simply because we are afraid of the outcome.

(b) In this step write out, in very simple language, the behavior, beliefs, attitude about our personal selves or our lives that we may want to change, surrender or release.

(c) Be precise. Be brief. Be clear. It's most important to

write down what really is esential, something we can actually do or are willing to do. *This is an action step.* Writing down what we wish to release helps us to objectify the goal. It aids us to focus on what's important.

(d) **Remember**, do not judge/criticize the attitude or behavior selected. Fear is really a way to delay what needs to be changed or at the very best, identified and discussed as something needing to be languaged! Be gently with this step!

2. Bless, honor and give thanks for every gift, grace and goodness that appears in our life. Very, very often, as we give thanks at deep internal levels of our life for what is in our life, what we need to let go of, to surrender, or release becomes easier and much of the struggle around it falls away. It quite literally fades and will disappear. As we approach this step be willing to write down what area(s) of our life that work well and flow smoothly. Again, be specific.

3. **Spirit is always available** for us even when we consciously disbelieve it or consistently doubt it. Any really new vision for ourselves originates out of our connection to the Infinite Presence, or Source of All Life. When we come in silence, in stillness and ask for the specific help we need to gain clarity and revelation, it unfolds.

A prayerful or affirmative way to approach this dimension of our sacred connection might be: "I am open and receptive now to a new idea or a new way to see what has blocked me before. I give thanks for this guidance and it is so."

In his essence, man is not a slave to himself, nor to the world; he is a lover. His freedom and accomplishments are in love, which is another name for perfect understanding. In this ability to understand, in this impregnation of everything that is, he is one with the Spirit that penetrates everything, and that is also the breath of the soul.

Rabindranath Tagore

You are unique as you are here and now. You are never the same. You will never be the same again. You have never before been what you are now. You will never be it again.

Swami Prajnanpad

ALTERNATIVE HEALING

THE TEMPLE OF THE LIVING GOD'S HEALING MINISTRY AFFIRMS GOD AS THE TRUE SOURCE OF OUR STRENGTH, GUIDANCE AND HEALING. WITHIN A SPIRITUAL FRAMEWORK WE OFFER ASSISTANCE, PRAYER, AND SUPPORT THROUGH A VARIETY OF HEALING APPROACHES.

SPIRITUAL HEALING

ENERGETIC HEALING BEFORE SERVICE, 10:35 - 10:50 AM CONGREGATIONAL DIVINE HEALING DURING EVERY SERVICE

PRAYER & HEALING MINISTRY

Upon receipt of a request for healing the individual's name will be placed in our healing prayer chest and prayed for during Sunday Service. The same request is given to the Healing Team to be prayed for throughout the month.



ARE YOU INWARDLY WILLING & READY TO EXPERIENCE HEALING IN ALL AREAS OF YOUR LIFE?

DO YOU NEED A LISTENING EAR?

A Chaplain or Minister is available to support you on your spiritual journey.

Someone who will hold sacred space with you.

Someone who will listen and hold what is said in strictest confidence.

Someone who will pray with you.

Someone who is there when you are in need.

> Each Sunday this service is available to all.

Sunday Services

January Theme A New World View

January 7 Rev. LeRoy Zemke "Our World View"

January 14 Rev. Annette Mason "**Me, You, Us, Them**"

January 21 Lynne Forrest "Change Your Mind & Change Your Life"

January 28 Lonnie J. Nichols "Living Divinely in Your Temple"

February Theme Love Is the Way

February 4 Rev. LeRoy Zemke "Love is Our Awakening Work!"

February 11 Paul Cardillo "Step Back, and Let Love Lead Your Way"

February 18 Rev. Kathy Engelhardt **"Love is ABSOLUTE**"

February 25 Carol Mitchell **"All You Need is Love"**

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Temple invites your participation to make all of our classes more rewarding and fulfilling.



Please sign up early for the class or classes you want.

Sign up sheets are in the church lobby, or call the church secretary "Carol" and she will assist you. (727) 822-8628 This makes it easier for the teacher to plan for supplies and materials.

Students may pay per week for weekly classes or in full. Some classes require entire payment up front with registration, depending on the class itself. Scholarships may be available and must be requested along with paperwork at least two(2) weeks prior to any class.

Suggestions? Do you have an idea for a class you would like to see offered. Call Rev. Karmene at (727) 488-7664

Kadampa Buddhist Meditation Classes

Come and join the Kadampa Meditation Classes to learn how to calm your mind and find more inner peace, happiness and compassion in your daily life.



WEDNESDAYS 6:30 – 8:00 PM \$10 Students \$5 Burlington House *Park in grass area of Burlington House*

People from all walks of life attend our classes - young and old, religious and non-religious. All are welcome regardless of prior experience or spiritual affiliation.
Some want to learn how to meditate, some want to deepen their practice and others want to find out more about mindfulness and awakened living.

What to expect ~ a simple relaxation meditation to get started; then a brief explanation of a topic of the night which is of practical benefit to our daily life; then another guided meditation focusing on the meaning of the talk; followed by an informal discussion.

Breath Deep, Relax, Enjoy!

Visit us at: www.tlgtemple.org

Young Men's Discussion Group

with Lonnie Nichols (Facilitator)



1st and 3rd Thursdays 6:30 – 8:00 PM

> Love Offering (Burlington House)

Title: "INFINITYCHAT"

This is an open discussion group for young men who would like to talk about anything with NO judgement.

It's title says it: The forum is open for any topic. Guest facilitators will be attending occasionally. Each session will end with a meditation.

Call the Temple for more information at (727) 822-8628.

ATTENTION!!!



is scheduled for

Saturday, January 6, 2024 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

and

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

will take place

Sunday, January 7 11AM Service

We welcome you to explore becoming a part of our Temple Family.

We invite you to sign-up in the lobby.

Visit our Temple website: www.tlgtemple.org

Author's Book Talk featuring Gordon Rojo

Saturday, January 6 4:30 – 6:00 PM



Sacred Silence by Gordon Rojo

From the author: "This body of work is a collection of years' worth of stories and meditations that have led to profound healing in both myself and others. Everything you are going to read is true – as it actually happened. Every meditation is transcribed from meditations that I consider the most potent of what I use and teach."

Rojo's book is an inspiring, easy read that will draw you to meditation whether you're a novice or have enjoyed meditation for a long time. Rojo includes personal stories, practical meditation practices and life lessons. The book also comes with guided audio for every meditation described.

Gordon Rojo is a certified meditation facilitator, author of Sacred Silence: Meditations for Healing and Growth, and has 10 years of personal daily meditation practice. Studied in Buddhism, Taoism, Transcendental Meditation, and Traumatic Crisis Intervention (TCI), all his meditations are well-rounded with an emphasis on deep self-healing and self-love.

FUTURE VIEWS 2024 PROPHECIES & PREDICTIONS Sunday January 7 12:30 - 2 p.m.



Moderated by Rev. LeRoy Zemke Intuitive



remy McDonald



Lynne Forrest Intuitive/Tarota

Admission: \$20

Tickets available in advance or at the door on January 7

Two baskets to be raffled off.

Baskets will be on exhibit Dec. 31 Buy your chance early, write your name on the ticket, place it in the box by the item. You do not have to be here to win!

BEGINNER'S TAROT

with

Daniel J. Harris



Wednesdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31

(4 Weeks)

6:00 – 7:30 PM

\$20 per Class

(Limited to <u>8</u> students)

Please sign up in Lobby or call the Temple at (727) 822-8628 to pre-register.

Visit us at: www.tlgtemple.org

Joín us for the Temple's Monthly Psychic Fair!



Saturday, January 13 12:00 ~ 4:00PM

Readers:

Daniel J. Harris ~ Intuitive, Tarot Janet Reynolds ~ Spirit Medium, Clairvoyant Michelle Leonello ~ Clairvoyant, Medium, Oracles

Readings:

15 Mínutes for \$20

Call ahead or walk in to schedule appointment.

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The Bible Seen Through Metaphysics

with Lynne Forrest



Sundays

January 14 & February 11 12:30 – 2:00 PM Love Offering

We invite you to join us monthly as Lynne presents a different story from the Bible, each month, as a lesson in metaphysics. Each story will then be applied to our personal experience through a guided meditation and/or Tarot experiential. Embrace an understanding of the Bible with a refreshing and exciting approach. Sign up in the Lobby.

Lynne is an Author, Reality Guide & Personal Growth Mentor. Lynne was educated through a life time of studying and observing metaphysical life principles, taught to her early in life, while learning how to apply those principles to her own life in positive ways. She has been sharing her findings with others and watching their lives transform since the seventies, and has supported herself and her family through a private practice, which was founded on those principles in 1985.

Visit us at: www.tlgtemple.org

Practical Health Solutions

with Rev. Karmene M. Lusis



4th Saturday January 27 & February 24 1:00 - 2:30 pm \$25/class

Are you curious about dealing with your health in a natural way? Are you willing to be open to new ways of healing what distresses your body?

Join Rev. Karmene in a most intriguing, eye-opening, beneficial discussion group on practical health solutions. Rev. Karmene will provide valuable information on nutrition, health and well-being that will serve you well in your lifetime.

This will be an interactive group, so that we learn from one another various ways in dealing with our health naturally, as we move forward into the future. Register early. Space is limited.

Rev. Karmene Lusis received her BA in the Healing Arts and brings a wealth of over 50 years of personal experience and knowledge on health, nutrition and healing techniques to each class. Join us and learn how to improve your overall health.



MIRACLES BOOKSTORE

presents

"Snuggle Story Hour"

with Traci Schunk-kolb

Thursday, January 18, 2024 6:15–7:00 PM Love Offering

The Temple's Miracles Bookstore is happy to announce its first *Snuggle Story Hour*. The stories are primarily geared for 3 to 8 year olds and their grown up snuggle partner.

Traci will lead you in a brief breathing exercise, followed by the story. There may be one or two group discussion points, followed by a few snuggle partner topics to explore. All topics are aimed at personal and inner spiritual growth.

Bring your favorite pillow, cushion, mat or blanket and snuggle up in.

You will then be sent home with an optional coloring page and discussion topics. Our book on that day will be *The Hug that Got Stuck,* by Andrew Newman.

Traci Schunk-kolb received her Master's Degree in Social Work. Her work encompassed presentations for children and families within outpatient addiction clinic settings, child mental health outpatient services, and various other settings, including preschool through high school.



"Mental Fitness" with Amanda Surratt

Sunday, January 21 12:30 – 1:30 PM Love Offering

A Course in Miracles states, "You may believe that you are responsible for what you do, but not for what you think. The truth is that **you are responsible for what you think**, because it is only at this level that you can exercise choice. **What you do comes from what you think.**"

And yet, many of us struggle to gain mastery over our own minds; instead, we often find ourselves caught up in negative thinking, anxiety, or rumination.

In this interactive presentation, you will learn the 3 "mental muscles" that will allow you to shift the balance of power from your inner Saboteurs (your FEAR-based negative self) to your inner Sage (your LOVE-based positive self).

This scientifically based model has been validated by 500,000+ participants in over 50 countries, and it has been featured in the New York Times and Wall Street Journal. It was created by Shirzad Chamine and is known as Positive Intelligence® (also more commonly known as Mental Fitness).

Amanda Surratt is a certified Strategic Intervention Coach, a Positive Intelligence® Member Coach, a certified Reiki Master Practitioner, and an RYT200 Yoga Teacher. Additionally, she holds Certifications in Applied Positive Psychology and Positive Psychology Consulting. Her unique approach blends the pragmatism of scientifically informed methodologies with the intuition and empathy of an energy worker and healer.

FORMS OF THE FORMLESS: Yoga Philosophy and the Basis of Hinduism

with

Linn Sennott, PhD, 500-hour Yoga Teacher



Sunday, Jan. 28 & Feb. 25 12:30 - 1:45 PM

\$10 per talk

(5 PART SERIES – to be continued through May)

Experience these talks packed with information. Yoga is a philosophy that may be practiced by one of any religion. The origin of yoga is intertwined with the Indian subcontinent. Hindus actually have no name for their religion. Instead, the system of beliefs, scriptures, and customs forms a complete way of life known as *Sanatana Dharma*: the Eternal Way. Come and learn about these fascinating topics. Each participant receives a hand-out.

January 28 *The Vedas*: The word means "knowledge and truth." This ancient system was meant to keep the world going with order and harmony.

February 25 *The Upanishads* and *The Bhagavad Gita*: This high wisdom forms "the completion of The Vedas." Why did Ghandi always carry the Gita in his pocket?

Linn Sennott has studied yoga (both the physical practice and the philosophical underpinnings) for 45 years and taught for 25. She has been on the faculty of several yoga teacher trainings. As a retired university professor, Linn is skilled at synthesizing complex material and presenting it in a readily accessible form.

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Peace Meditation with Rev. Karmene Lusis

Wednesday February 7 12:00-12:30PM

LOVE OFFERING

Let us share in sacred space as we enter into the silence together and be awakened to a deeper understanding of our divine nature.

Let us unite in peace and Oneness !



Social Gathering



You are invited to join in the fun as Temple members and friends gather together to embrace the loving friendships in their lives. Enjoy a variety of foods to choose from, a warm and inviting ambience, drinks and laughter.

Thursday, February 8th, 2024 6:00 pm

at "Harvey's 4th Street Grill"

3121 - 4th Street North St. Petersburg, FL 33704



Sign-up in the Temple lobby by February 5th

Join us for the Temple's Monthly Psychic Fair!



Saturday, February 10 12:00 ~ 4:00PM

Readers:

Lynne Alexander ~ Intuitive, Tarot

Francesca Roberts ~ Clairvoyant, Tarot

Michelle Leonello ~ Clairvoyant, Medium, Oracles

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Weird or What?

(6 week Discussion Group) Facilitated by Rev. Annette Mason



Thursdays February 15, 22, 29 & March 7, 14, 21 7pm -9pm Love Offering

Has anything strange ever happened to you?

The Temple of the Living God is a unique community, in which it is not only safe to ask questions, it is actually encouraged. We are a community of seekers who choose to be open to all things possible and sometimes to unexpected or even unusual experiences that occur.

If anything unusual or out of the ordinary has happened to you that you would like to ask questions about or explore further, this is the group for you.

Come share. Angels, premonitions, dreams, visions, peculiar coincidences . . . everyone's experiences and questions are welcome.

A former public school educator and consultant, Rev. Mason has lived and worked both in Atlanta, Georgia and Paris, France. She has been a Reiki Master since 1990 and since 1994 has served at the Temple as a reader, teacher, Miracles Bookstore Manager and from 2004-2014 as Assistant Pastor.

TOASTMASTERS



TUESDAYS 6:30 – 8:30 PM TLG Sanctuary



Mondays 7:00 - 8:30 PM

w/ Margie Limbach Love Offering Burlington House

Thursdays 10:00 - 11:30 AM

w/ Margie Limbach Love Offering Burlington House

Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 PM

w/ Paul Cardillo Love Offering Lobby Law of Love — last Wednesday Love Offering Sanctuary

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A New Year's Blessing

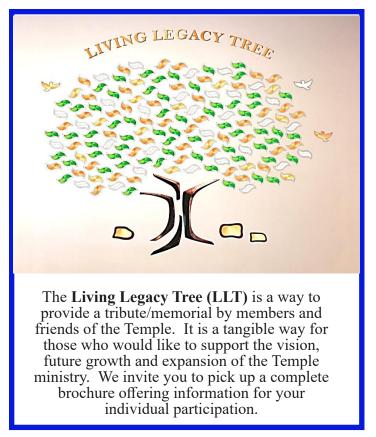
Infinite Source of All life, I come quietly, peacefully, humbly before You with deep gratitude.

As the old year passes, I seek to be open, at increasing levels of being to Your imprint upon my mind, my heart, my very soul.

Guide me, O Infinite Spirit, with wisdom in my search for clear direction in the unwritten pages of 2021.

Lead me, direct me, hold me, embrace me that I may ever be open and receptive to Your whispers and Your gentle embrace of my willing heart.

I give abundant thanks and trust in Your unfailing Presence ²⁴ above me, below me and everywhere around me, always.



The Leafaway Plan

In addition, we welcome you to consider using The Leafaway Plan to commemorate transitions, weddings, births or other special events and milestones on our Living Legacy Tree. This plan allows for you to participate individually or as part of a group, making your participation affordable and your tax-deductible contribution fit your budget.

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Senior Pastor	Rev. LeRoy Zemke	
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SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are available to members of the Temple and to others who regularly attend Sunday Services or classes.

Call the Temple at: (727) 822-8628 for information on Scholarships *at least 2 weeks before the proposed class begins.*

Additional Parking -Anytime on Temple Burlington House Property Directly North of Church's Parking Lot

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Please choose the above parking before parking on 2nd Ave N. Since street parking is public, we also want to respect those who live next to us! Temple of the Living God An Interfaith Metaphysical Community Church 1950 Second Avenue North St. Petersburg, Florida 33713 Phone (727) 822-8628 FAX: 727-894-1913 Website: www.tlgtemple.org

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