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## Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church



Follow Jesus. Love All. Serve Others.

# TLPC NEWS



**December 7, 2024**



## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR PAT



### **God Loved Us First**

John continues: *"In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins."*



Love *originates* with God. It's not something that we produce. "Anyone who loves is born of God." Whether we like it or not, anyone who is loving others with a truly *Godly* love (see 1Corinthians 13) is born of God. Any atheist. Any agnostic. Even people who are on the opposite end of the political spectrum. God's love is moving among us, and who are we to try to confine it?!

When we look at the cross, we are able to see just how much God loves us, how much God is willing to suffer just to redeem us. And even when we don't feel very lovable, God whispers to us: *You are precious to me.* Never forget this. Never forget this.

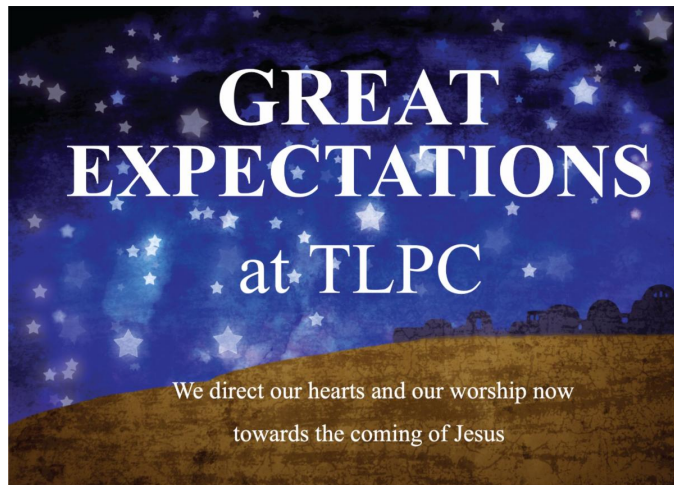
*Faithfully,*  
Pastor Pat  
(775)397-3259  
[pastorpat1953@gmail.com](mailto:pastorpat1953@gmail.com)

## Please Join Us In Worship Tomorrow Morning at 9:00 AM

Tomorrow is the  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

Pastor Pat will be leading us in worship at 9:00 am. We will hear John the Baptist's advice on how to prepare for the coming of Jesus and we will continue to prepare our hearts for His coming.

Pastor Pat's sermon is titled:  
*"The Promise of Peace."*



***Please join us at 9:00 am in-person or on Zoom!***



## TLPC is Again Adopting Three Families for Christmas to Honor Jesus' Birthday!

myself thinking of whose birthday it is! God gave us the Gift of LOVE when Jesus came to earth as a human infant. During his life on earth, Jesus always put those in need first. *You can make a real difference in the life of a Truckee family and honor Jesus' birthday this Christmas!*

We'll use *SignUpGenius* again this year. Choose one or more gifts from *SignUpGenius* and have fun shopping for the gifts! Make sure you label each gift with the name of the recipient. *Special thanks go to Sandy DeGuire, who is again doing Christmas stockings for all the children!!*



Click the "**ADOPT A FAMILY**" button below to choose a gift and recipient!

**Please remember to bring the gifts to 10435 Royal Crest Dr. (Glenshire) by Tuesday, December 17.** Alternatively, if you order early enough, you can purchase gifts on **Amazon.com** or **Target.com**, add our name and address to your address book and have them delivered directly to our house.

Questions: Contact Edie at [thelotts@gmail.com](mailto:thelotts@gmail.com) or (530)414-0799

*Edie Lott*  
*TLPC Social Action, Missions and Justice Team Leader*

**You can participate by clicking the "ADOPT A FAMILY" button below:**

ADOPT A FAMILY



## Introducing Paola Budani

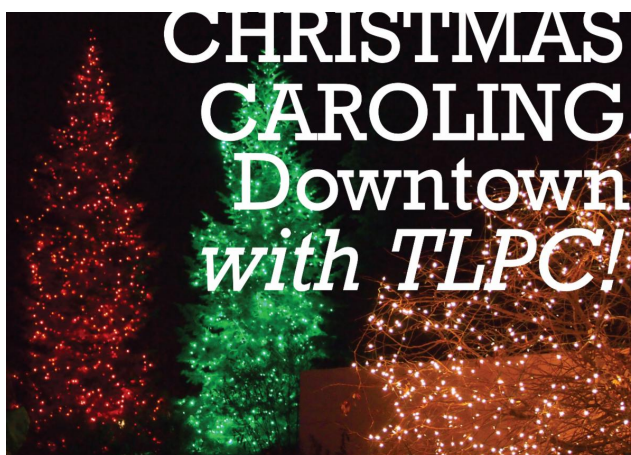
Our new musical accompanist is a doctoral candidate at the University of Nevada. Paola ("POW-lah") is from Albania, and she received her Master's Degree from Syracuse University. She begins her service at TLPC *tomorrow* - December 8. *Please make her feel welcome!*

Please Join Us at 4:30 pm on Sat., Dec. 21 for  
**CHRISTMAS CAROLING!**

TLPC will be CAROLING on



Saturday, December 21. We will gather at 4:30 pm at the church, pass out song sheets and electric candles, then make our way downtown to sing! We will have some flyers regarding our Christmas Eve service to hand out to people there. Pastor Pat will accompany on guitar. When we are tired and cold and ready to quit (around 5:30 pm), we will return to the church for cookies and hot chocolate! **Invite your family, friends, and neighbors... and PLEASE JOIN US!**



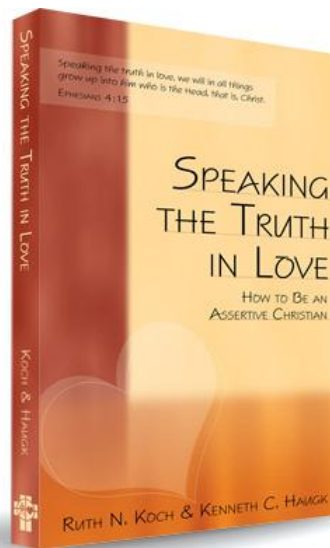
*New Study Opportunity at TLPC beginning in January!*

**Melissa Mecham will facilitate a book study on:**  
***"Speaking the Truth in Love"***  
**by Ruth N. Koch and Kenneth C. Haugk.**

This book teaches how to be assertive in our relationships and interactions as opposed to aggressiveness (mean, sarcastic) or being passive (quiet, taken advantage of). It also teaches a balanced way of reacting to anger, criticism, compliments, requests, and other areas of life.

You will discover how scriptural understanding of assertive living builds healthy relationships with others, in groups or congregations. We will learn practical ways to relate to each other with greater honesty, compassion and respect. Assertive behavior is loving behavior with Jesus being the model.

The study will held in the downstairs Fellowship Room at church beginning on Sunday, January 5, 2025 right after the second service (11:45 am). We will meet weekly until Sunday, March 2. Amazon has new and used copies and we have a few used copies if anyone needs one.



***Please sign-up to participate by clicking the "BOOK STUDY SIGN-UP" button below:***



## BOOK STUDY SIGN-UP



# TLPC KIDS & YOUTH!

Information, worship and faith formation resources  
for kids, youth, and parents

*As parents, we want to make sure our children have all the opportunities to achieve their best in school, experience athletic teams, follow their dreams and interests in music, dance, science, and art, and to have quality family time! At TLPC, we want to partner with you to ensure that your children have a strong spiritual foundation as well.*

**You can view and print this week's Sunday School activities by clicking the buttons below:**

[Sunday School Materials for Pre-Readers](#)

[Sunday School Materials for Readers](#)



## UPCOMING EVENTS AT TLPC

*Everyone needs God's word and comfort... Please invite your friends, relatives, and neighbors to worship with us!*

**Sunday, December 8**

- **9:00 am: *SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT* Worship and Holy Communion on Zoom or in-person at 10079 Church Street. Pastor Pat Mecham will be preaching; his sermon is titled, "The Promise of Peace."**

***You can view this week's service and bulletin by clicking the buttons below:***

IN-PERSON BULLETIN (PLEASE VIEW ON A MOBILE DEVICE OR PRINT AND BRING WITH YOU TO THE 9:00 AM IN-PERSON SERVICE)



You can worship with us on *Zoom* by clicking the button below on Sunday at 9:00 am Pacific Time:

## WORSHIP ON ZOOM

*If you are unable to attend in-person or on Zoom, you will find hundreds of beautiful and meaningful worship services videoed over the last three years by clicking the VIEW ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES button below. Please choose the one that corresponds to the calendar, a favorite, or one you have missed... and continue to worship with us online!*

VIEW ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES

### Wednesday, December 11

- **10:30 am: Men's Bible Study via Zoom** - All are welcome! Please contact Mark Heyne ([mheyne8@gmail.com](mailto:mheyne8@gmail.com)) for more info. **You can attend via Zoom by clicking the "ATTEND MEN'S BIBLE STUDY" button below at 10:30 am on Wednesday:**

ATTEND MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

- **6:30 pm: TLPC Council Meeting via Zoom** - All are welcome to attend - You can attend via Zoom by clicking the "ATTEND COUNCIL MEETING" button below at 6:30 pm on Wednesday:


ATTEND COUNCIL MEETING

### Sunday, December 15

- **9:00 am: *THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT* Worship and Holy Communion** on Zoom or in-person at 10079 Church Street. **Pastor Pat Mecham will be preaching.**



5:00 PM - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24  
10079 CHURCH STREET, TRUCKEE



In addition to the TLPC service at 5:00 pm,  
Church of the Mountains (United Methodist Church)  
will be offering a worship service at 9:00 pm

## COMMUNITY NEWS!



**Tahoe Symphony Orchestra & Chorus presents:  
Handel's MESSIAH & *Holiday Favorites***

Join TOCCATA December 13 - 22 as they show off their amazing chorus, orchestra,  
and a roster of world-class vocal soloists in the 19th annual presentation of *Messiah* &  
some special seasonal tunes:

**CONCERT LOCATIONS & DATES:**

**RENO** - Friday, Dec. 13

**SOUTH LAKE** - Sunday, Dec. 15

**TRUCKEE** - Friday, Dec. 20

**CARSON CITY** - Saturday, Dec. 21

RENO - Sunday, Dec. 22

TICKETS for MESSIAH

## THOUGHTS FOR ADVENT

**Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.  
Isaiah 7:14**

**This Advent, look for the signs of Immanuel - God with us!**

### PRAYER REQUESTS

We would like to pray for you! Please call or email Marie Colbert and indicate if your request is confidential or if you would like the Prayer Team or the congregation to pray for you:

[mariejimc@gmail.com](mailto:mariejimc@gmail.com)

*Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Romans 12:12*

### STAYING IN TOUCH

Are you looking for a way to contact us? Please click the button below for a list of who to contact at TLPC:

TLPC CONTACTS

### TLPC YEAR TO DATE FINANCIAL RESULTS THRU OCT. 2024

REVENUES = \$96,073 Actual (compared to Budget of \$118,182)

EXPENDITURES = \$71,054 Actual (compared to Budget of \$122,399)

SURPLUS/DEFICIT = (surplus) \$25,019

*Thank you for your faithfulness!*

GIVE NOW

### YOUR CHURCH OFFERING

We are hoping you are able to continue your regular weekly offering. We also ask you to prayerfully consider an additional contribution to support TLPC's mission to "Follow Jesus. Love All. Serve Others." in Truckee and across the globe. Giving is easy! Click the button below to give now... Thank you for your faithfulness!

GIVE TO TLPC

***We thank you for keeping the ministry and witness of TLPC in mind when planning your year-end and Christmas giving!***

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*If you have requests for announcements to be included in future editions of TLPC NEWS, or if you have ideas on additional topics to be included in future issues or ways we can improve, please call or email Mark Heyne: 612.741.9119 / office@tlpc.org Thank you!*

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