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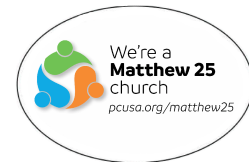


Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church



Follow Jesus. Love All. Serve Others.

TLPC NEWS



December 14, 2024



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR PAT

for·give
/fər'giv/ *to Love*

- stop feeling angry or resentful

Since God Loved Us

Paul urged the Colossians, "Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, **forgive** each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also **must forgive**." John echoes this idea in verse 13, "Beloved. since God loved us so much. we also ought to

toward (someone) for an offense, flaw or mistake.

- cancel (a debt)

love one another."

"Forgive" and "Love" are both decisions, not feelings! These two followers of Jesus understood the connection between love and forgiveness, and they urge

us to make the choice to *do as God does*. Yes, holding on to our anger and our bitterness seems to give us power, but it bars us from experiencing God's love, God's healing and life-giving love.

When we consider how much God has forgiven us, we are empowered to let go of our crippling desire for revenge, and we can choose to forgive. And when we dwell on the depth of God's love for us—love so overwhelming that God sent the Son to be born for us, and to die for us—then we are moved to choose to love even those who have treated us badly.

And the closer we move to that reality, the more we step into the sunshine and warmth that God so desperately wants to give us!

Faithfully,
Pastor Pat
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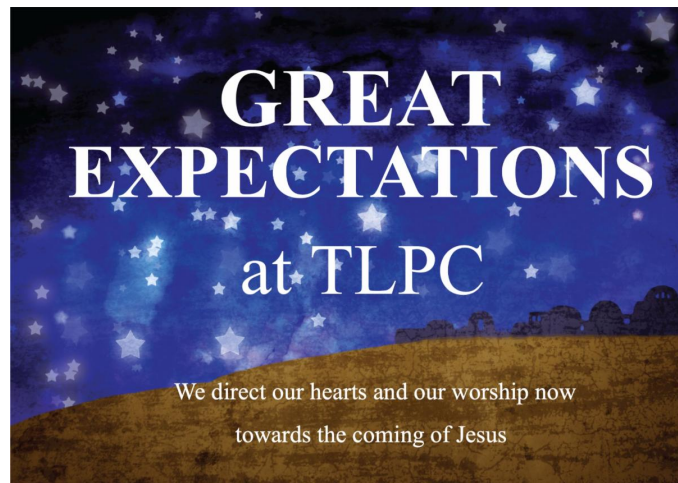
Please Join Us In Worship Tomorrow Morning at 9:00 AM

Tomorrow is the
Third Sunday of Advent

Pastor Pat will be leading us in
worship at 9:00 am.

We will hear John the Baptist's
answer to the question, "What
should we do?" And we will
continue to prepare our hearts
for His coming.

Pastor Pat's sermon is titled:
"I Will Change Your Name."



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

Christmas Potluck



Hi Everyone! I hope you are staying warm and safe during this storm. Both our council and COM's council **would like to postpone today's Christmas Potluck party** due to the risk of all of our safety. **We would love it if you could bring your favorite dish to church tomorrow... and we will have a Fellowship Feast!** I hope to see all of you there (if we can get out!).

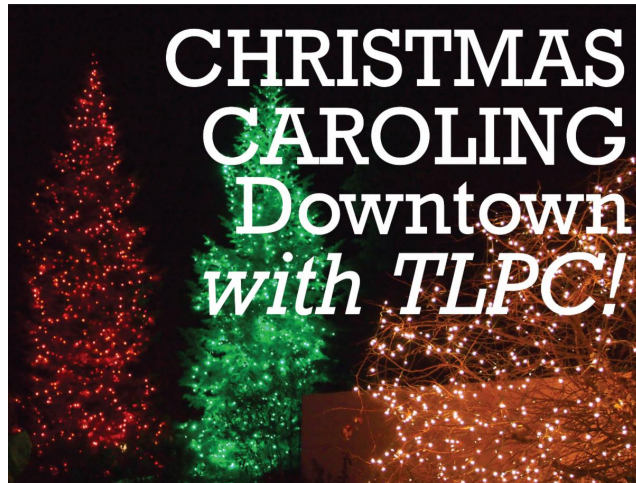
Blessings and Merry Christmas!
Jami Wiseman
(The lady with a half-cooked ham)

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!

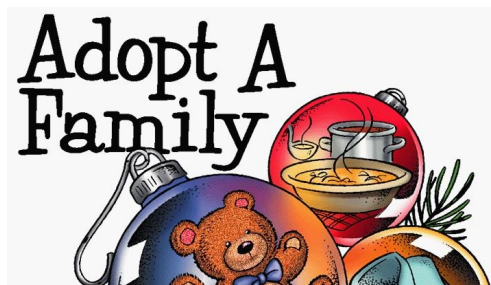
**Invite your family, friends, and
neighbors... and
PLEASE JOIN US!**



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

As I ponder the true meaning of Christmas, I find 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 - **THE SIGN-**



UP IS NOW FULL... THANK YOU to everyone who is donating a gift!



Please 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!!

Please remember to bring the gifts to 10435 Royal Crest Dr. (Glenshire) by Tuesday, December 17. Alternatively, if you order early enough, you can you can purchase gifts on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) or [Target.com](https://www.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 or (530)414-0799

Edie Lott
TLPC Social Action, Missions and Justice Team Leader

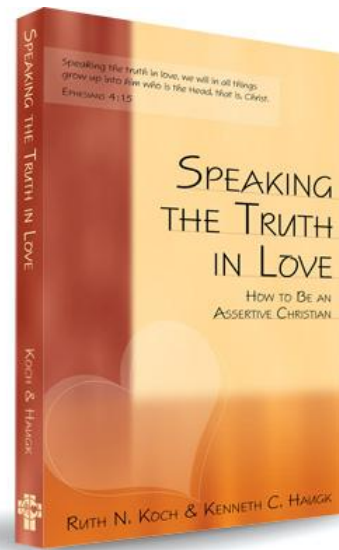


New Study Opportunity at TLPC beginning in January!

**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 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; his sermon is titled, "I Will Change Your Name."**

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

Saturday, December 21

- 4:30 pm: **CAROLING DOWNTOWN!** Meet at church - 10079 Church Street.

Sunday, December 22

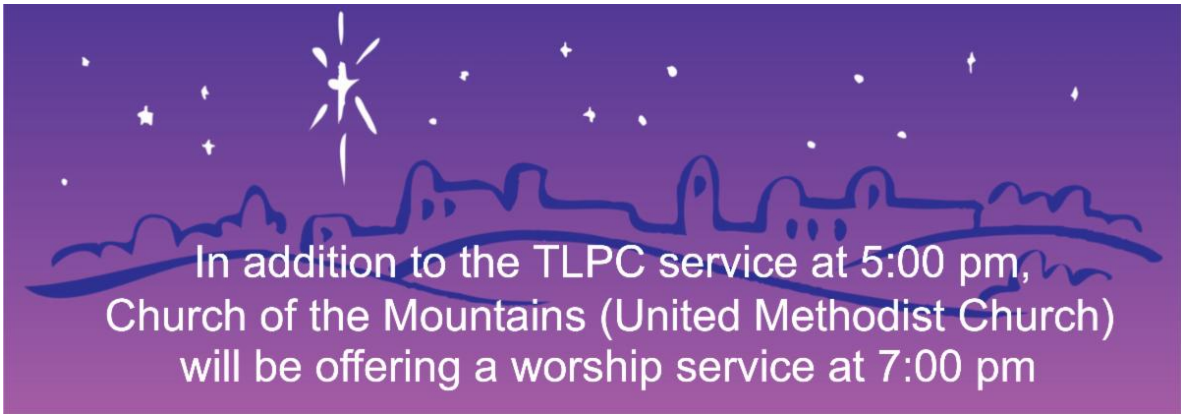
- 9:00 am: **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT** Worship and Holy Communion on Zoom or in-person at 10079 Church Street. **Pastor Pat Mecham** will be preaching.

Tuesday, December 24

- 5:00 pm: **CHRISTMAS EVE Worship** on Zoom or in-person at 10079 Church Street. **Pastor Pat Mecham** will be preaching. *(In addition to the TLPC service at 5:00 pm, Church of the Mountains will be offering a worship service at 7:00 pm.)*

PLEASE INVITE YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS TO WORSHIP WITH US ON CHRISTMAS EVE!





In addition to the TLPC service at 5:00 pm,
Church of the Mountains (United Methodist Church)
will be offering a worship service at 7:00 pm

MINISTRY PARTNER NEWS!

One of TLPC's important ministry partners is *International Health Partners (IHP)*. A portion of your contributions to TLPC are allocated to ministry partners such as IHP.

Please click the "IHP NEWS" button below to view and read IHP's November Update:



IHP NEWS

COMMUNITY NEWS!



Tahoe Symphony Orchestra & Chorus presents:

TOCCATA 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:

SOUTH LAKE - Sunday, Dec. 15

TRUCKEE - Friday, Dec. 20

CARSON CITY - Saturday, Dec. 21

RENO - Sunday, Dec. 22

TICKETS for MESSIAH

THOUGHTS FOR ADVENT

In that day you will say:

*"Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done,
and proclaim that his name is exalted."*

Isaiah 12:4

This Advent, what can you do to proclaim His name make known what He has done?

Council Meeting Minutes

Click the buttons below to read the minutes of the October and November TLPC Council meetings:

[October Council Minutes](#)

[November Council Minutes](#)

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

*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 NOV. 2024

REVENUES = \$103,085 Actual (compared to Budget of \$130,000)
EXPENDITURES = \$78,701 Actual (compared to Budget of \$136,647)
SURPLUS/DEFICIT = (surplus) \$24,384

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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