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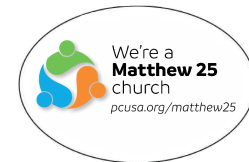


## Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church



Follow Jesus. Love All. Serve Others.

# TLPC NEWS



**January 4, 2025**

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

Tomorrow is  
***Epiphany of Our Lord Sunday!***

Pastor Pat Mecham will be leading us in worship at **9:00 am**. We will remember the revealing of Jesus to the Gentiles, specifically the Magi, the Wise Men of the Nativity story.



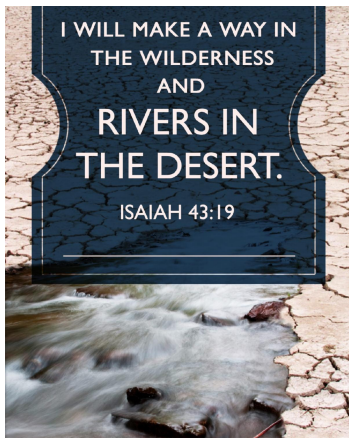
Pastor Pat's sermon is titled:  
***"Gentiles in Our Family."***

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

## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR PAT



***God's at Work in the New Year!***



Q: How many Lutherans and Presbyterians does it take to change a light bulb?

A: CHANGE?!!

Just when we are getting used to things, God goes and says something like Isaiah 43:19, "*Behold, I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.*"

To even the most casual observer, there are big changes in the works. Governments are toppling in various corners of the world; changes are coming in our country; our own personal lives are experiencing loss and change and we are being forced to adapt. It's all very unsettling!

And yet. And yet, *thus it has always been*. We long for homeostasis, but change is happening all around us at an alarmingly increasing rate! What is a person of faith to do?

Trust. Trust that God has a plan, that God is at work in this New Year. Trust that "*there is a time for tearing down, and a time for building up.*" God declares Sovereign control, assuring us that all this cataclysmic activity is leading to making a way in the wilderness and bringing rivers to the desert.

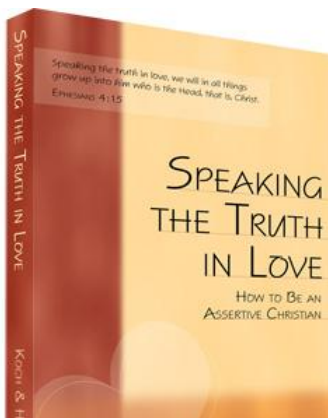
These are good things, right? Of course, right! God only asks that we trust, that we develop our powers of observation and PERCEIVE what God is doing!

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

*Looking for a great way to start 2025?*  
New Study Opportunity at TLPC beginning **TOMORROW!**



**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



...and discover how consistent practicing 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 **TOMORROW** - 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.

**Start the New Year right and please join us!  
You can 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, January 5**

- **9:00 am: EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD SUNDAY** Worship and Holy Communion on Zoom or in-person at 10079 Church Street. *Pastor Pat Mecham* will be preaching; his sermon is titled, "*Gentiles in Our Family.*"
- **11:45 am: "Speaking the Truth in Love"** Book Study downstairs at 10079 Church Street (see article above for more info).

**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, January 8**

- **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, January 12**

- **9:00 am: Worship and Holy Communion on Zoom or in-person at 10079**

- 9:00 am: Worship and Holy Communion on Zoom or in person at 10079 Church Street. *Pastor Pat Mecham* will be preaching.
- 11:45 am: "Speaking the Truth in Love" Book Study downstairs at 10079 Church Street (see article above for more info).

## 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.

*Here's the latest message from Paula Lofstrom of IHP:*

*"We hope your holidays are full of joy and the prospect of a New Year is as exciting for you as it is for IHP. The building will start in February thanks to your generous and faithful donations. People in Tanzania will be receiving healthcare by September that have had no access before. Please see the attached Update for the latest news."*

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

## IHP NEWS

### THOUGHTS FOR EPIPHANY

***After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."***

**Matthew 2:1-2**

Be wise like the Magi... Worship *The Newborn King!*



On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and

*Worshiped*  
him.  
MATTHEW 2:11

#### 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)

#### 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

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

### **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!

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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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