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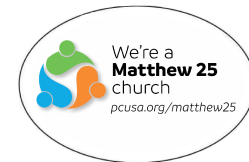


## Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church



Follow Jesus. Love All. Serve Others.

# TLPC NEWS



March 15, 2025

## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR PAT



### **ADMIRABLE: Mister Rogers**

Fred McFeely Rogers had a ministry. He was the creator of a children's television program called "*Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*" which ran from 1968 to 2001. He had earned his Divinity degree in 1962 and became a Presbyterian minister in 1963, using his ministry to reach children (and families) through television.

His commitment to kindness was the overriding value through his entire program, and kids who had little support and encouragement and affirmation in their daily lives **found it** when they watched "*Mister Rogers' Neighborhood!*" As one child proclaimed (to a not-so-supportive parent), "Mister Rogers loves

me!"

His way of dealing with all the ugliness and hatred in the world was not to raise a strident, shrill voice—but to quietly demonstrate what real love looks like. While some dismiss him as a "passive milktoast kind of guy" and discount his effectiveness, there are millions of others who have seen his example and now want to be a part of his neighborhood.

I say "Yes!" when I hear his invitation, "Won't you be my neighbor?"

*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 in Lent and Pastor Pat Mecham will be leading us in worship at 9:00 am.

We will hear the Apostle Paul's plea for us to "stand firm in the Lord" and we will learn how Jesus stayed on course despite impending danger.

Pastor Pat's sermon is titled:  
*"Don't be 'Detoured'."*



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





The Sierra Pacific Synod is joining all five Region 2 ELCA synods for the 40-40-40 Lenten Challenge, deepening faith through daily spiritual practices while supporting the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission (NELM) in Rock Point, AZ.

For over 70 years, NELM has served the Navajo Nation with Christian education, healthcare, and water access, yet more than half of Rock Point households **lack safe drinking water**. NELM aims to install a system that meets national and Navajo EPA standards—ensuring clean, safe water for the community.

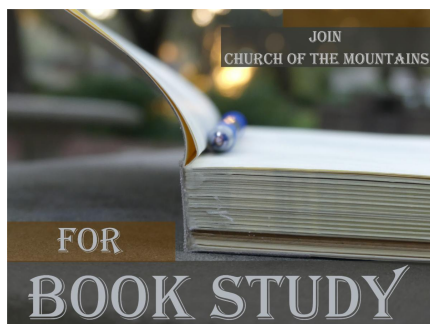
During Lent, we invite you to commit to **three of the four** Lenten practices:

1. Daily **Devotion** – Engage with daily reflections from ELCA pastors.
2. Daily **Diligence** – Find ways to save water each day.
3. Daily **Dedication** – Engage in Community activities around water.
4. Daily **Donation** – **Give \$1 a day** (or more) to Lutheran Disaster Response, directly supporting NELM’s water project.

All resources will be provided to you... Please sign-up and help bring life-giving water to Rock Point!

***To learn more and to sign-up to participate, please click the LENTEN CHALLENGE button below:***

## LENTEN CHALLENGE



## Five-Week Book Study at Church of the Mountains

This Sunday, March 16, Church of the Mountains will begin a five-week faith conversation downstairs in the fellowship hall immediately after the 10:30 am Church of the Mountains worship



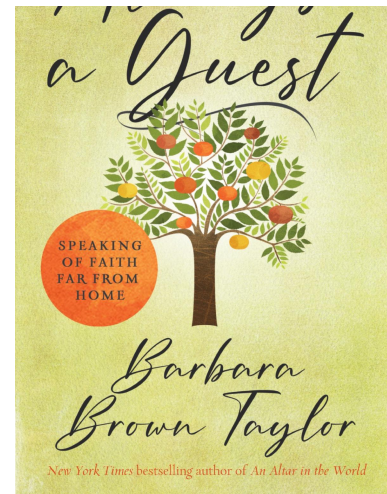
service. Each Sunday session will last approximately 45 minutes. We will study insights from Barbara Brown Taylor's book, "Always a Guest." Taylor, an Episcopal priest, professor, and theologian, shares reflections that help us wrestle with these questions and find meaning in our faith journey:

*Can hope endure in times of uncertainty, anxiety, and fear?*

*Is joy and faith merely a "fairy tale response" to the reality of evil, sorrow, and despair?*

*Can peace be found in a world marked by chaos, war, and division?*

*Where is the God of love and grace in these present times?*



These are deep and pressing questions, and Church of the Mountains invites you to explore them together with Hanna Bear as our facilitator.

You're welcome to join for one week or all five, whether you've read the book or not. If you'd like to read along, "Always a Guest" is available on Amazon in print or Kindle.

Even if "book studies" aren't your thing, we hope you'll come for the conversation, the listening, and the shared encouragement. All are welcome!



## 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, March 16**

- **9:00 am:** *Second Sunday in Lent* Worship on Zoom or in-person at 10079 Church Street. *Pastor Pat Mecham* will be preaching; his sermon is titled, "Don't be 'Detoured'."
- **11:30 am:** "Always a Guest" Book Study downstairs at 10079 Church Street.

*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

**Wednesday, March 19**

- **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

**Sunday, March 23**

- **9:00 am:** *Third Sunday in Lent* Worship and Holy Communion on Zoom or in-person at 10079 Church Street. *Pastor Pat Mecham* will be preaching.
- **11:30 am:** "Always a Guest" Book Study downstairs at 10079 Church Street.

## CLOSING THOUGHTS

*Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.*

**1 Corinthians 15:58**

Don't be detoured!

### Council Meeting and Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes

Click the buttons below to read the minutes of the February TLPC Council meeting and the February 23 Annual Congregational Meeting:

[February Council Minutes](#)

[Congregational Meeting 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](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 FEB. 2025

REVENUES = \$13,148 Actual (compared to Budget of \$19,090)  
EXPENDITURES = \$9,737 Actual (compared to Budget of \$18,566)  
SURPLUS/DEFICIT = (surplus) \$3,411

*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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