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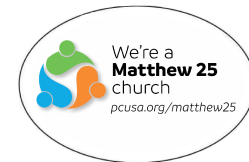


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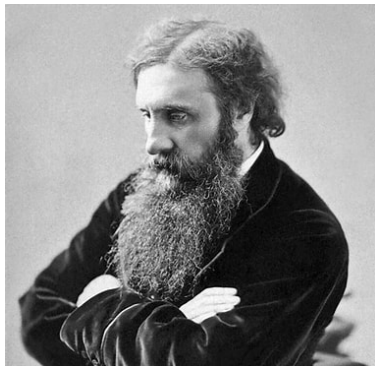
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TLPC NEWS



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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR PAT



ADMIRABLE: George MacDonald

Although his is a name you might not recognize, you will want to know him better!

George was a pastor of a church in Scotland in the 1800's, but his congregation was unhappy that his presentation of the Gospel indicated a *wide welcome* to people of every kind. In order to get rid of him, they reduced his salary. So, to provide for his wife and children, George began writing books for children. His fantasy and fairy tales and adventure novels became so popular that he was able to live entirely on the income from his writing!

Many years later, a renowned scholar named C.S. Lewis picked up one of his works and, through reading it, found himself being moved from atheism to belief in Christian Faith. Lewis became even more famous for his Christian writings, and his impact on our world is immeasurable. But Lewis himself refers to George MacDonald as his "master" and a profound influence, stating that MacDonald's writing brought him closer to the Spirit of Christ than any other writer!

I admire George MacDonald for his writing AND for his humble attitude. I am certain that he would never have guessed that he would inspire one of the greatest Christian writers of our age!

Faithfully,
Pastor Pat
(775)397-3259
pastorpat1953@gmail.com



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

Tomorrow is the third Sunday in Lent and Pastor Pat Mecham will be leading us in worship at 9:00 am.

We will hear readings from Isaiah and Psalms. And, we will listen as Jesus tells the Parable of the Fig Tree.

Pastor Pat's sermon is titled:
"Concentrate."



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.

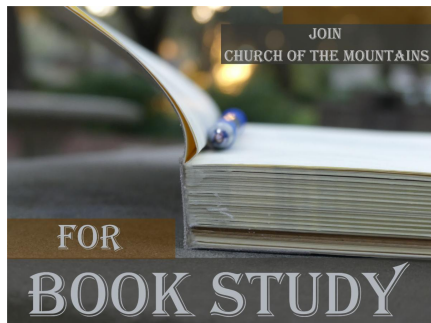
During Lent, we invite you to commit to **three of the four** Lenten practices:

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 23, Church of the Mountains continues 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 Quest"



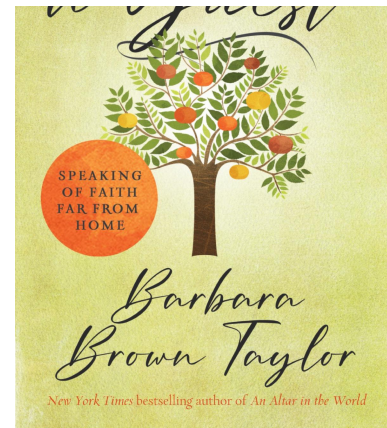
a *Guest*. Taylor, an Episcopal priest, professor, and theologian, shares reflections that help us wrestle with these questions and find meaning in our faith journey:

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 23

- **9:00 am:** *Third Sunday in Lent* Worship on Zoom or in-person at 10079 Church Street. *Pastor Pat Mecham* will be preaching; his sermon is titled, "Concentrate."
- **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 26

- **10:30 am:** Men's Bible Study via Zoom - All are welcome! Please contact Mark Heyne (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 30

- **9:00 am:** *Fourth 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS!

Dear Friends,

After the success of "Girl Shy" and "The Gold Rush," my dream of playing the piano for regular **silent movies** is coming to fruition: **Pure entertainment! No green screens, CGI or AI!**

Next week, I will be showing "**Dogs, Frogs and a Bear!**" It is a collection of silent short films from the 1920s starring **Animal Actors** and famous human ones including **Buster Keaton** and **Charlie Chaplin**.



This time, I will be featuring guest artist **Alice Osborn on Guitar, Voice and Violin.**

One of the short movies is "*Alice's Adventures at Sea*" starring the curly-haired precursor to Shirley Temple, **Virginia Davis**. The movie is one of a series of short movies made by *Laugh-O-Gram Studio* in Kansas City. *Laugh-O-Gram* failed in 1923, but it's founder moved to Hollywood to try again and became quite famous. His name was **Walt Disney**.

DETAILS: "Dogs, Frogs and a Bear!"

Friday, March 28 and Saturday, March 29, 2025

at the Church of the Mountains, 10079 Church St., downtown Truckee

Doors open at 6:30 pm. Show at 7:00 pm.

Tickets are \$20 General and \$5 kids if purchased in advance with the code RAGTIME

Hope to see you there!

Heidi Kuzma

For tickets and more information, please click the SILENT MOVIE button below:

SILENT MOVIE

CLOSING THOUGHTS

...so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God...

Colossians 1:10

Is your fig tree bearing fruit?

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 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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Visit our website

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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