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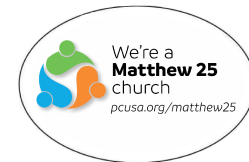


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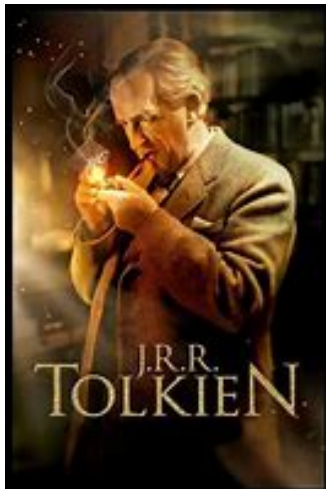
Follow Jesus. Love All. Serve Others.

TLPC NEWS



March 29, 2025

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR PAT



ADMIRABLE: J.R.R. Tolkien

A man of deep Christian Faith, Tolkien is best known for his works of fiction, *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*. These allegorical works explore faith values in non-religious language, and have a wide readership. But his influence on modern Christian Faith goes far beyond his writings.

One of the professors that he talked with almost daily was none other than C.S. Lewis. Their amiable conversations ranged through a variety of subjects, including faith. As an atheist/agnostic, Lewis was above all a rigorous scholar, and he was always willing to fearlessly discuss any topic with the other thinkers in their group, nicknamed "The Inklings." In time, he became a Christian himself, no longer able to dismiss Tolkien's faith as uninformed naiveté!

Tolkien inspires me to be a person who, through my life and relationships, draws people to Christ. Even people who may reject my faith to begin with!

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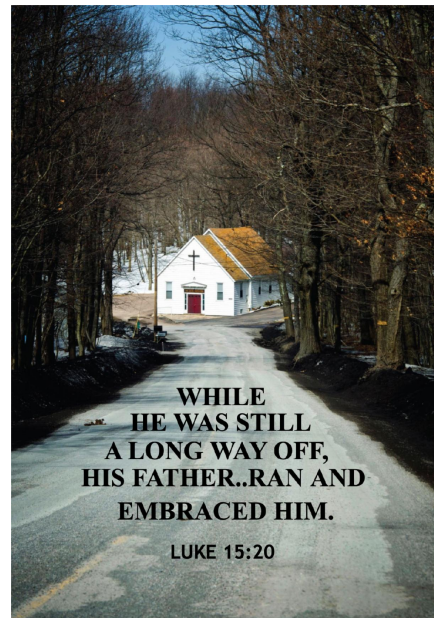
Please Join Us In Worship Tomorrow Morning at 9:00 AM

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

We will hear the Apostle Paul's appeal to us to "be reconciled to God." And, we will learn the lesson Jesus teaches to the Pharisees, tax collectors, and sinners (*us!*), in the Parable of the Prodigal Son.

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

***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.

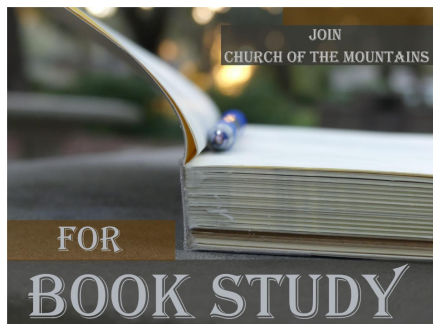
During Lent, we invite you to commit to **three of the four** Lenten practices:

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 30, 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.



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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?

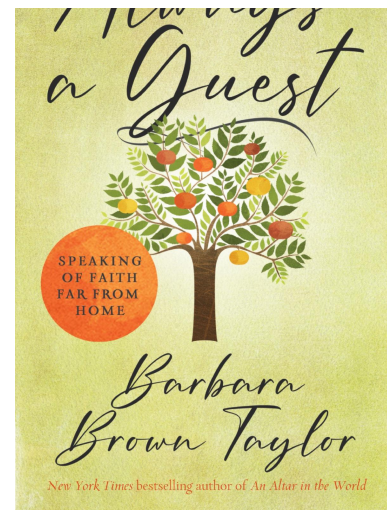
Can peace be found in a world marked by chaos, war, and division?

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 30

- **9:00 am:** *Fourth Sunday in Lent* Worship on Zoom or in-person at 10079 Church Street. *Pastor Pat Mecham* will be preaching; his sermon is titled, "Reconciled."
- **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, April 2

- **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, April 6

- **9:00 am:** *Fifth 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.

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:

Dear Friends,

An amazing Update is attached. Now that all of the permitting was finally granted and the groundbreaking ceremony accomplished, things are MOVING! And it's exciting. Please give it a read. And, we've been given a \$10,000 challenge grant to help furnish and equip the outpatient unit! Please, help.

*Blessings and gratitude,
Paula Lofstrom
Managing Director
International Health Partners, US & Tz*

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

IHP NEWS



Hi,

My name is Nathan Wheeler and I'm the Adult Program Manager at Zephyr Point Camp & Conference Center. I wanted to share with the folks at TLPC about our upcoming volunteer day to help us get ready for summer!

Our Spring Sprucing Volunteer Day will be held on Saturday, May 10!

Zephyr Point volunteers are always appreciated at this bi-annual event where so much work is accomplished, readying and improving the grounds for the upcoming season. How about spending the day working in a beautiful setting painting, hammering, raking, sewing, and having fun with other volunteers! Consider joining us for *Sprucing Up in the Pines*. Let us know what your talents are and we will match you up with something that needs to be done.

***Peace,
Rev. Nathan Wheeler
Adult Program Manager
Zephyr Point***

Please click the ZEPHYR POINT button below for more info and

[to register for Sprucing Up in the Pines on May 10:](#)

ZEPHYR POINT

COMMUNITY NEWS!



Tahoe Symphony Orchestra

Hi Friends,

Just a quick reminder that I'll be showing **"Dogs, Frogs and a Bear"** tonight, March 29. It is a series of short films featuring animal actors with famous human ones. See **Charlie Chaplin** in a cage with a lion! My musical costar this time is Alice Osborn on guitar, violin and recorder.

The show is at the Church of the Mountains, 10079 Church Street, Downtown Truckee. Doors open at 6:30, Showtime is 7:00. Moody's and Casa Baeza have promised to get you out in time if you make a reservation at 5:30 and tell them you are going to the movie.

DETAILS: "Dogs, Frogs and a Bear!"
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

TOCCATA presents:

SPRING'S AWAKENING: Choral Works

The Tahoe Symphony Orchestra and Chorus welcomes the season of renewal with a program that blends reverence, brilliance, and warmth.

Featuring two choral masterpieces (by Mozart & Vivaldi) that capture both devotion and joy, they shine a spotlight on the power of the human voice through the esteemed TOCCATA Chorus.

FEATURED WORKS:

MOZART: Solemn Vespers

VIVALDI: Gloria

BACH: "Ich habe genug"

DVORÁK: Serenade for Strings, No. 1

CONCERT DATES & LOCATION:

- RENO (St. John's) - March 30
- RENO (Trinity) - April 4
- CARSON VALLEY - April 6

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

CLOSING THOUGHTS

For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

Romans 5:10

Reconciled!

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!

GIVE TO TLPC

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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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