

TLC Trumpet



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Pastor's Page

How does the Holy Spirit's power work through you?

Every year, on the Sundays after Easter, we hear from the fifth book of the New Testament, the Acts of the Apostles, which is the account of events immediately following Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension, and in which the Holy Spirit becomes a prominent player in the story of God's Creation.

Every year, on Easter, we hear Peter's speech at Cornelius' house, and we consider the power of forgiveness coming upon the household of a powerful Gentile as Jesus' disciples bring down the divide between Jew and Gentile in the power of Christ's inclusivity.

On the Sundays after Easter this year, other power issues flare up in the fire of the Holy Spirit:

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Every time your heart beats toward another, power is exchanged. There were many more acts of the Spirit's power changing the world than are recorded in the Bible.

Peter gives a speech about authority to Temple authorities. Jesus' spirit brings powerful Saul to his knees on the Road to Damascus. Peter calls on power to resurrect Tabitha. Paul has a vision, which becomes a struggle of will power. Lydia, a powerful Gentile woman, is converted. Paul exorcises a fortune-telling girl and is arrested, but power shakes open the prisoners' shackles and their powerful witness frees the jailer. We conclude our Acts visit in Year C once more at the Pentecost event, which is clearly an event about power and being empowered.

In these Acts stories, the work of the Holy Spirit is redemptive, freeing relationships to move into healthier places and strengthening community. I can almost feel Peter's spiritual buoyancy as he releases his heart from intolerance toward Gentiles and baptizes an entire household. Paul completely loses sight of his fear and hatred toward the people who are so

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Next Trumpet Deadline!

The next TLC Trumpet deadline will be Thursday, March 21. Editor requests articles be no longer than 500 words. Please email submissions to:

tlcsantarosa@sbcglobal.net

If you do not have email, place submissions (along with your name in case any clarification is needed) in Dorothy's inbox.

Pastor Jean Lebbert: 707-327-6292

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Worship:

Sunday morning at 9:30 with Holy Communion

Thanksgiving Lutheran Church

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April hours for our administrative assistant

Church office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 11-2.



Happy Birthday This Month to These TLC Members!

Sharon Kaye (Fruehling)	
Boschen	4/1
Margrit Buchmann	4/3
Greg Bartlett	4/15
Lorraine Larson	4/20
Lola Bumahl	4/27

2013 Easter Message from Presiding Bishop Mark S. Hanson

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Easter. It is about more than an open tomb. It is the good news of the risen Christ who opens lives.

Think about Jesus' friends after his death. Their lives were closed down by fear, disappointment and confusion. The risen Christ appeared saying "peace be with you" and opened their lives with a liberating word of reconciliation. In the same way Christ opens your life with a baptismal promise that joins your life to his death and resurrection. "You are my child. Nothing in all creation will separate you from my love."

Even now Christ is opening your life, your daily work, your passions and imagination. Christ is opening your daily life into a holy calling that fills the world with love. At the Lord's table, Christ is opening you into a community that can bear even suffering with confidence, and sorrow with hope.

The risen Christ opens the Scriptures - the full depth of God's promise made to Sarah and Abraham now coming to life in the new creation. Even when everything else is being stripped away, the risen Christ opens you to God's promised future.

Christ opens you to God's work of forgiveness and reconciliation. Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, is opening this way of life for you.

In God's grace,

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson
Presiding Bishop

TLC Group News



Come Celebrate

Mark July 14th for a special celebration of ten years in our beautiful church on Fulton Road. Church services will feature special music for the occasion and hopefully many guests. Plan to stay after for a meal, entertainment and a chance to look back over the history of our congregation and forward to our future plans. Stay tuned for further details.

Monthly Potlucks Return

Now that Lent is past we will resume our monthly supper potlucks and communion on the third Thursdays at 6:30 pm. Join us on April 18th for food, fun, fellowship, prayer and communion. If you need a ride contact Jean Harrison at 545.6042 or ecosave@sonic.net.

HHR News

On April 20th HHR will be visiting the **Rare Rock Mosaic Art Museum** located at 3094 Coffey Lane. This unique art museum features works of art that are created entirely of rocks found in quarries, mines, deserts and mountains from around the world. For more information, please contact Barbara Kling.

The Women In Acts

Join us after church on April 28th for the start of another wonderful series of Bible stories led by Sandy Koppen. We will be looking at stories of the women in Acts which should be really interesting.

Jean's Jots

George Land taught a class on the Roar of the Crowd: First 50 years of Baseball History at Sonoma State on Tuesdays from March 26 to April 30. There's still time to go and hear George - \$5 parking fee required...congratulations to Kyle Alexander who graduated from Sonoma State with a BA in Fine Arts...Pastor Jean talked about doing acts of love in her sermon on March 3 and how many acts we could do in a month - I got to wondering if TLC could do an act of love for our surrounding community and what would that be - any ideas...Diane Land is halfway or more through her Chemotherapy and George was delighted to take her the Prayer Quilt...Pastor Jean's family is having a shower for the soon to be born child of Pastor's God son...Dorothy Fast, our office administrator is becoming a Master Gardener...pulpit exchange with TLC, Faith, and Bethlehem will be every other Sunday after Easter...Cindy Heiller's dogs had their pups - 4 in one litter and 6 in another...say lots of prayers for Nora Wilson who will be going through cancer diagnosis and treatment starting chemotherapy on April 1 - the chemo will be for six months



April Sundays of Easter!

April 7: Second Sunday of Easter

Psalm 118:14-29; Acts 5:27-32; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

Highlights: Book of Concord, session 3; Worship Committee meets

April 14: Third Sunday of Easter

Psalm 30; Acts 9:1-2; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

Highlights: Dedication of Lunden Piano; Evangelism and Outreach meets

April 21: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Psalm 23; Acts 9:36-43; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

Highlights: Stewardship meets

April 28: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Psalm 148; Acts 112:1-18; Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35

Highlights: Adult Forum—Women in Acts; Council meets



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remarkably changed by Christ's love. Just imagine tapping into power that would enable you to destroy the barriers of death, shackles, and aimlessness!

Can mild-mannered, well-behaved Lutherans be that powerful? Let's see: Luther, Melancthon, Bonhoeffer, Wangerin, Hanson, Holmerud, Feiertag, Lunden, Flak . . . who am I missing? Oh! Among countless more: YOU!

Every time your heart beats toward another, power is exchanged. There were many more acts of the Spirit's power changing the world than are

recorded in the Bible. Many, many, many more. Some as doable as donating non-perishables to stock food kitchens that minister to the hungry; some as scary as breaking a law in order to bring in a newer order. Every prayer draws the infinite to the finite. Every kiss of peace obliterates a bit of darkness. Every breath is an act of life.

*Love,
Pastor Jean*

Pride Plans Include Fun For All....

The Sonoma County Gay Pride Parade and Festival will once again reign in Guerneville on Sunday, June 2nd, with all of the pomp, circumstance and frivolity for which it is famous. The Outreach & Evangelism team, along with a special task force (Jan Loewen, Jordan Eberly, Paul Feiertag) are busily planning TLC's support of and participation in the celebration of our LGBTQ brothers and sisters. And, there will be plenty of ways to participate. Here are just a few:

- Come to worship early on June 2nd, 8:30 AM, after which we will car-pool out to Guerneville.
- Claim a seat in the TLC section of bleachers lining the parade route. Stand, yell, clap & otherwise show your support when the TLC "float" rolls by.
- Or maybe you'd like to be in the parade? Ride on our decorated flat-bed-truck-float, or walk along beside it, ride a decorated bike or _____(fill in the blank.)

- Take a turn in the TLC booth, greeting passers-by, blowing up balloons and distributing info about our welcoming community.
- Help with float decorating!
- And, attend the Inter Faith Worship Service on June 9th (more info to come.)



Outreach to the LGBTQ community is not TLC's only mission, but as the **only** official RIC Lutheran congregation in Sonoma County, it is an important one. We are hoping to demonstrate that this is a mission the larger congregation supports, and not just the few people who usually represent us at the festival. So, think about how YOU would like to participate and plan to join us in Guerneville on June 2nd.

Jan Thomas, for the Outreach & Evangelism Committee

Highlights of March Council Meeting

The March 24 meeting began with the reading of the Relational Covenants and a Glow Circle created by President Eberly. Complete minutes of the meeting will eventually be posted on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Below are highlights of the discussions, deliberations, and decisions.

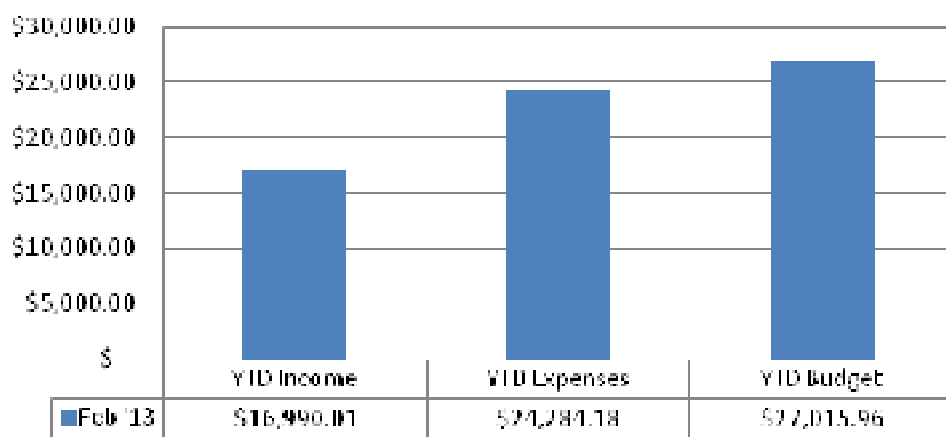
- Outreach and Evangelism is spearheading the effort for TLC members to participate in the 2013 Sonoma County Gay Pride events. The aim is for us to make a strong witness of welcome to the LGBTQ community. Having only a few TLC participants makes a weak witness. Ideas in the works include creating a float for the June 2 parade; providing group seating for those unable to ride on the float; passing out balloons during the Gay Pride event that will include basic about and a welcome to TLC; holding worship at TLC on

June 2 at 8:30 a.m. to enable TLC members to worship and have time to get to the event; encouraging more people to attend the interfaith worship service, usually held the following Sunday.

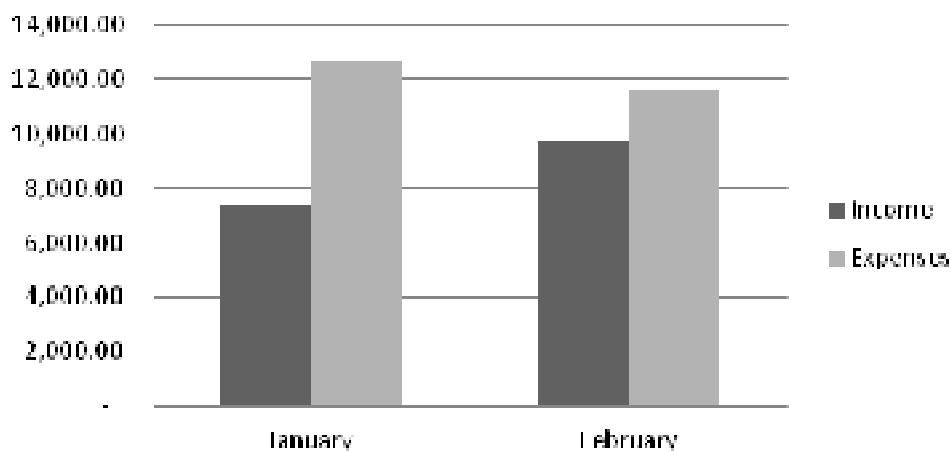
- The dedication of the Lunden piano will be on April 13.
- Dates for the 2013-2014 Congregational Meeting were set for November 17 and January 19. Ideas were tossed around about how to make these meetings for inspirational and affirming to encourage more participation.



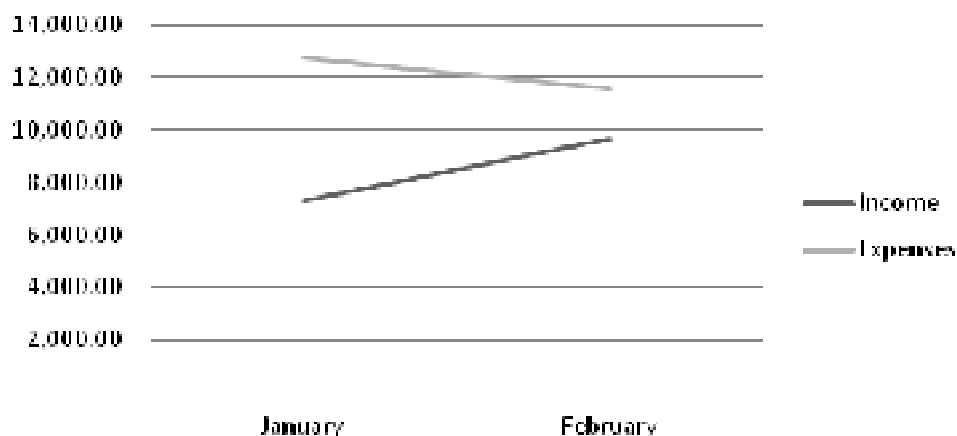
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Income & Expenses 2013



Jan-Feb Income & Expenses



Finance Update

Financially we are not off to a very good start. The deficit in January was \$5,424.17 and the February deficit was \$1,870.00 for a total so far of \$7,294.17 That is an average of \$3,647.09/month or \$405.23/week. March does look better. Please keep this situation in your thoughts and prayers.

Giving to Others

TLCers continue their tradition of giving. The Christmas offering of \$1,120.50 went to Lutheran Social Services of Northern California. In January and February \$140 was sent to 2nd Mile Projects and \$127 to the Rwanda School Project.

Finance Committee meets Sunday, April 21 after church at Jean Harrison's home.

Pennies From E-Scrip

Take advantage of the e-scrip program and register your Safeway card and credit cards. Then, every time you use them in a transaction, you will earn pennies for TLC! It makes good cents!

Go to www.escrip.com and click on "1-Sign Up" and follow the directions using TLC's ID #: 137963301.

Message from the Board of Santa Rosa Mothers Club

Since 1970, Earth Day has been celebrated around the world on April 22nd as a way to remind us all of the importance of taking care of our planet, our home. As parents, we have the privilege of educating our children about the value caring for the environment. Evidence has shown that as one of the Earth's inhabitants (we humans) are causing irreversible damage and jeopardizing the future of all the species we share it with.

With our hectic and busy lives, it is sometimes very tempting to choose disposable and convenient, over sustainable and eco-friendly products and practices. The City of Santa Rosa offers many ways for our families to make environmentally sound choices without much effort. Here are just a few.

Did you know that in Santa Rosa alone, 800 tons of food waste goes into the landfill EACH WEEK? When organic waste is buried in the landfill, it generates greenhouse gases; in fact, landfills are the number one source of human-caused methane in the US.

We can cut down on food waste in our landfill by using the yard waste bin. It is no longer just a bin for grass clippings and trimmings. Some of the many things we can put into our yard waste bin include, but is not limited to: fruit and vegetable waste,



pasta, rice, bread, tea bags, coffee grounds and filters, and eggshells. For more information, visit the Sonoma County Waste Management Agency website: www.recyclenow.org/compost/curbside.asp.

Recyclenow.org also has a list of agencies and businesses that take other types of "garbage" and will reuse or recycle them instead of adding it to our landfill. For example, used clothing can be brought to one of the many local thrift stores in town. The Vietnam Veterans of America will pick up your clothing donation and use the money it gets from reselling the items to fund their programs. You can schedule a pickup online at: www.clothingdonations.org. The Cotton. From Blue to Green® organization (www.cottonfrombluetogreen.org) currently accepts donations of denim and uses that material to make eco-friendly insulation for homes within communities in need.

Or how about that wedding dress? You can donate it to Brides Against Breast Cancer™. This organization will use donation funds to help create memorable experiences for women living with metastatic

breast cancer and their loved ones. More information can be found online at: www.bridesagainstbreastcancer.org.


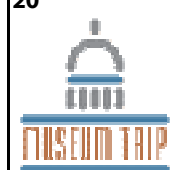

If your fruit and vegetable gardens produce more food than your family can keep up with (lucky you), you can contact Ample Harvest online (www.ampleharvest.org) and they will connect you to available food pantries in your area.

If you have a working cell phone and you want to get an upgrade, you can contact Flipswap® (www.flipswap.com) rather than throwing your old phone away. Flipswap will pay you cash for your phone so old devices can get a second chance and not end up in a landfill. Old phones will be reused, resold, or recycled in an environmentally friendly way. Other e-waste can be recycled in your curbside bin. Visit www.recyclenow.org for more information, or call the eco desk at 707-565-3375.

This is just a small sample of the many organizations out there that make it easy for us to keep as much "garbage" out of the landfills and actually reuse it for a better purpose. Information is powerful and if we all just do our part and celebrate Earth Day everyday in little ways, we just might be able to leave our children a cleaner, healthier planet. Happy Earth Day everyone!

Emily Vincent, Co-chair, Community Service, Santa Rosa Mothers Club

April 2013 at Thanksgiving Lutheran

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9:30 AM Easter Sunday Worship and Brunch 11:00 AM Easter Sunday Brunch 3:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	1 7:00 PM Mutual Ministry	2 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous small group 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	3 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	4	5 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	6 9:00 AM Cross and Crown Retreat 10:00 AM Alcoholics Anonymous 12:00 PM CCC
7 8:00 AM Book of Concord session 3 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship 3:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	8	9 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous small group 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	10  6:30 PM Property Meeting 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	11	12 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	13 10:00 AM Alcoholics Anonymous
14 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM Outreach and Evangelism 3:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	15	16 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous small group 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	17 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	18	19 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	 HHR Rock Mosaic exhibit 10:00 AM Alcoholics Anonymous
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TLC Executive Committee:

Jordan Eberly, President
Keith Becker, Vice-president
Lisa Bartlett, Secretary
Jean Harrison, Treasurer
Astrid Anderson, Financial Secretary

Council Liaisons to Committees:

Christian Education	Cindy Heiller
Congregation and Community Care	Barbara Kling
Finance	Lisa Bartlett
Mutual Ministry	Pastor Jean Lebbert
Outreach and Evangelism	Mary Weber
Property	Keith Becker
Stewardship	Keith Becker
Worship and Music	Jordan Eberly

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Committee Chairs

Christian Education	Jean Harrison
Congregation and Community Care	Jordan Eberly
Finance	Jean Harrison
Mutual Ministry	Pastor Jean Lebbert
Outreach and Evangelism	Jan Thomas
Property	Jan Loewen
Stewardship	Keith Becker
Worship and Music	Mary Thompson
Youth (in hiatus)	

Who's Who In Worship

Altar Guild Coordinator:

Mary Dawson

Greeters Coordinator:

Jan Thomas

Asst. Ministers Coordinator:

Ingrid Feiertag

Offering Teller Coordinator:

Paul Feiertag

Readers Coordinator:

Ingrid Feiertag

Ushers Coordinator:

George Land

**Who's Who In Special
Taskforces**

Community Garden Coordinator:

Karen Lehman

Landscaping Coordinator:

Jean Harrison

Quilters Coordinator:

Gloria Feiertag

Women's Retreat Coordinator:

Karen Lehman