

TLC

Trumpet



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Pastor's Page

Blessings to all of you. I hope that you have a splendid celebration of Easter.

Allow some awe back into your life, especially if you've been without it for a while. How? Well, it takes willingness. I feel that sometimes we have a tendency to grab onto an understanding too quickly. When something happens, be willing to accept it and stay awake as it plays out. Maybe there's a reason it happened, but maybe not!

We have some things like that going on at TLC: the Growth Through Outreach (GTO) events, our Capital Fundraising Campaign, Cielo Azul Farm, a new Mission Statement, efforts to tie into the 5-year Capital Campaign of the ELCA, the encouragement of our synod bishop to have us talk about how Jesus is in our lives. I believe that Spirit is moving in all of these things.

Be willing to believe that too. There are passages in the New Testament that offer assurance that the divine is with us: "Lo, I am with you always, even to the ends of the earth", "Spirit intercedes for us", "Nothing will separate us from the love of God"...

Use that assurance to call on God for help, "I called to you in my distress, and you answered me."

Give that assurance to others. Be a listener, not a fixer. It's an awesome experience being the kind of person that someone can confide in, and getting to talk out difficulties is a genuine step toward strength enough for the journey.

There are many ways to invite awe, but I close with one more: laugh every day. I am not discounting grief, fear, stress, frustration, disappointment, passion for justice, loss, illness, sin. Just reminding all of us that laughter is good medicine. Joy is a strength.

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Love,
Pastor Jean

Next Trumpet Deadline!

The next TLC Trumpet deadline will be **Friday, April 24th**. 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.



Birthday Blessings to:

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

Pastor Jean Lebbert: 707-327-6292

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Worship:

Sunday morning at 9:30 with Holy Communion

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Hours for our administrative assistant:

Church office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9-1.



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*Friday, May 29 -
Sunday, May 31,
2015*

*Hyatt Regency Hotel
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for our Hospitality Area — and... plan to deliver healthy cookie donation in non-returnable containers



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Thanks for your help!

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April Events and Group News

Film Festival Winner and Favorite To Be Shown at TLC on April 11th

We will be showing a one hour documentary of an historic event in LGBT civil rights history; *Lewd and Lascivious: 1965: Drag Queens, Ministers, and the SFPD* (formerly titled *The Last Dance Raid*).

This little known civil rights event pre-dates the now very famous Stonewall event in New York City in 1969. The dance, a Mardi Gras Costume Ball held New Year's Day night, was a fund raiser held in a rented venue. For the first time, Christian ministers (including Lutheran) involved in the civil rights movement, are part of the organizing committee. Men in clerical collars are mingling with the (up to that point, underground) LGBT community to show that a new day is dawning in the struggle for social justice and human equality. The documentary is a film that shows what police harassment and public abuse were like at that time. Don't miss this historic film to be shown at TLC on April 11th. An eye-witness to the event, Lutheran Pastor, Chuck Lewis, and long-time friend and advocate for LGBT rights, Jo Chadwick, will be present to answer questions.

TLC Book Group

The book group is meeting on Monday, April 27th at 7:00PM at the home of Lisa Bartlett. We are reading *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* by John Boyne. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, please contact Lisa Bartlett,
GLBartlett@sbcglobal.net



How To Pray For Enemies

On April 19th, Pastor Jean and Nicholas Brie will lead the first of two forums on praying for enemies. The second will be offered in June. All are invited and encouraged to stay after worship for this challenging topic.



Campbell Labels and Box tops for Education

Please cut them from your cans and cereal boxes, etc. There is a small container on the ledge of the pass-through to the kitchen where you can deposit them.

We send these to Mosaic at Bethphage Village, which is a home in Axtell, NE, for people with developmental disabilities. It is an affiliate ministry organization of the ELCA.

Worship in April

Apr 2 Maundy Thursday 12:30, 3:30, and 7:30

Scriptures: Psalm 116: 12-15; Matthew 26: 1-13

Prayer of the Day: God of promise, you made a covenant with your people in Israel, which you renewed at Jesus' last supper. Renew your covenant with us daily, so that we might learn to live in your light and peace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Begin the three holy days before Easter by coming to one of the three times set throughout this day for stillness and holiness. We will follow the divino lectio method of meditating on the scriptures and then share the intimacy of prayer and Holy Communion. The three times are 12:30, 5:30, 7:30.

Apr 3 Good Friday 7:30 p.m.

Focus: Jesus' Passion in the Gospel According to Matthew

Prayer of the Day: Grieved God, your only son Jesus fell to the earthly desires of humanity. Forgive us for our sin and restore us to your grace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Jesus' perfect obedience brings him to the cross, where we can only wonder, trust, accept that the Prince of Peace broke the bonds of sin and death for us there, on the cross, where perfect forgiveness was the judgment.

Apr 5 Easter Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship followed by potluck Easter Brunch

Scriptures: Psalm 118:19-24; Matthew 28: 1-10

Prayer of the Day: Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Receive our unending love and devotion as we celebrate today the undeserved gift of your love. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

On this day, we proclaim that barriers are broken between heaven and earth, death and life, holy and human. Once again, we exclaim with joy, "Alleluia! Praise to Yahweh!"



Holy Week

Apr 12 First Sunday of Easter 9:30 a.m.

Scriptures: Psalm 40:9-10; Matthew 28: 16-20

Prayer of the Day: God of action, you sent your disciples into the world preach, teach, and make disciples of all nations. Make us instruments of proclamation, so that all might know of the love you have for humanity. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

We conclude the Gospel According to Matthew with the final scene. The resurrected Christ meets with his disciples on the mountain. Some worship; some doubted. The Savior gives the world its commission to usher in the kingdom of heaven, one believer at a time.

Apr 19 Second Sunday of Easter 9:30 a.m.

Scriptures: Matthew 9: 36-37; Acts 10:1-17, 34-35

Prayer of the Day: God of all nations, you made it clear that all people are invited to partake of the glory of your salvation. Help us to invite all people to your goodness, so that no one might be forgotten in your saving grace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

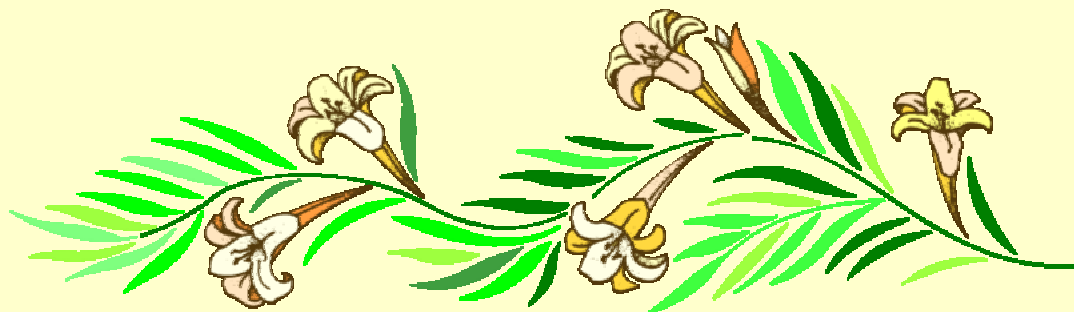
We move into the book of The Acts of the Apostles during the rest of the Sundays in Easter. The barrier between chosen and everyone else is celebrated this day with the story of the baptism of Cornelius by Peter.

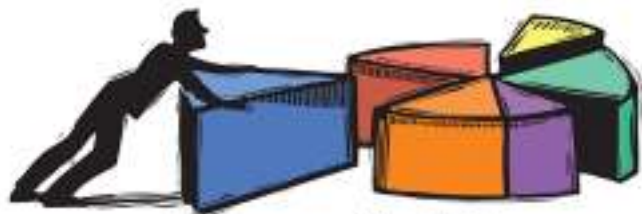
Apr 26 Third Sunday in Easter 9:30 a.m.

Scriptures: Matthew 10:40-42; Acts 13:1-3, 14:8-18

Prayer of the Day: God of all, you opened your gates wide to receive all your children into the heavenly kingdom. Help us to be vehicles of promise and proclamation for all who will listen, so that every soul might live in your grace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Paul and Barnabbas begin to spread the Good News throughout the world.

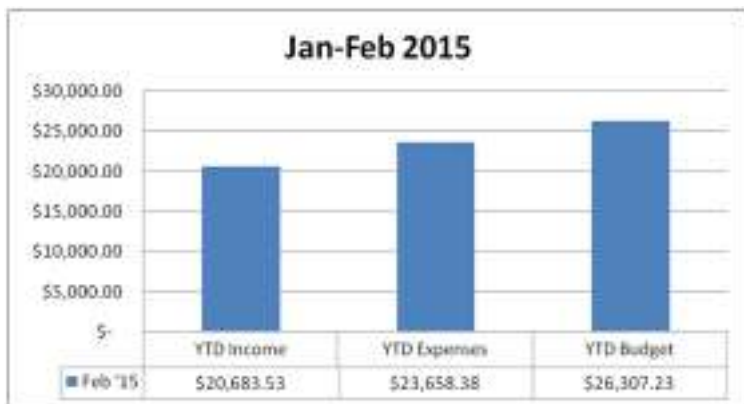
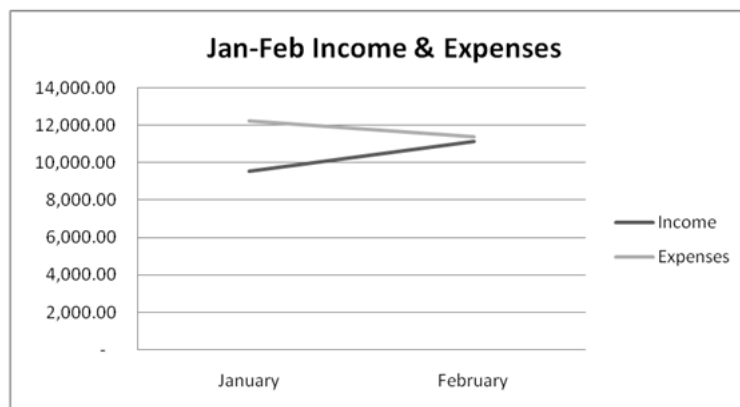




Finance Update

Capital Campaign Progress Report

Thanks to all who contacted family and friends to give to our Capital Campaign Fund. As of 3/27 we have received \$4,400.00. That includes gifts through Pay Pal on our web site. Money continues to arrive. Every little bit helps us do our blessed work here in Santa Rosa.

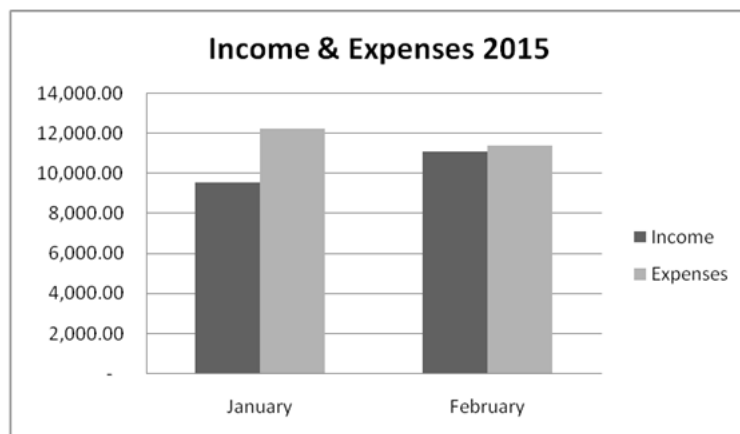


We are A Giving Group

As well as giving to our operating expenses, we also give to others in our community and beyond. As of 3/27 the following amounts have been contributed: \$212 to the Rwanda School Project, \$140 to Second Mile groups, \$25 to Reconciling Works and \$20 to FISH. In addition to monetary gifts packaged food and other items continue to be dropped in the blue barrel in the Narthex for FISH.

Finances to Date

February was a better month financially than January. February only had a deficit of \$289.04 with expenses running at \$11,406.57 and income of only \$11,117.53. The two month deficit for 2015 stands at \$2,974.85 which is an average of \$1,487.43/month or \$371.86/week. Total expenses for the two months were \$23,658.38 while total income was \$20,683.53. As always please keep this situation in your thoughts and prayers.



Who's Who at TLC?

Officers

President, Marilyn Schuler
Vice President, Lisa Bartlett
Secretary, Jordan Eberly
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Jean Harrison, Patio Landscaping
George Land, Ushers
Jim Lehman, Website
Jim Lehman, Sound
Karen Lehman, Community Garden
Karen Lehman, Women's Retreat
Jan Loewen and Sandy Koppen, Growth Through Outreach (GTO)
Jan Loewen and Sandy Koppen, Worship Music
Mary Weber, TLC Facebook Page

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TLC is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation, which means we believe that God celebrates diversity in all of creation, loves us all unconditionally, and intends that all persons be valued. We welcome and accept all people regardless of their cultural or ethnic background, physical or mental abilities, socio-economic, sexual orientation, or marital status, gender, or age. God loves us exactly as we are.

TLC April Calendar

Thanksgiving Lutheran; Holidays in United States

Apr 2015 (Pacific Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Centenary Palm Sunday 9:30am - Worship @ 7pm - Roca de	30	31 1pm - Bible Study @ 5pm - NA Meeting 8pm - NA Meeting	1 5pm - Roca de	2 12:30pm - Maundy 3:30pm - Maundy 7:30pm - Maundy	3 7:30pm - Good	4 10am - AA 11:30am - CCC
5 Easter Sunday 9:30am - Worship @ 7pm - Roca de	6 8:00pm - Mutual 9:30pm - Property	7 1pm - Bible Study @ 5pm - NA Meeting 8pm - NA Meeting	8 5pm - Roca de	9 8:30pm - Private	10 10am - AA 3pm - Film Showing 7pm - Film Showing	11
12 Mortgage Collection 9:30am - Worship @ 7pm - Roca de	13 Thomas Jefferson's	14 1pm - Bible Study @ 5pm - NA Meeting 8pm - NA Meeting	15 5pm - Roca de	16 5pm - Roca de	17 5pm - Roca de	18 10am - AA 1pm - Leaders
19 Swans Sunday 9:30am - Worship @ 7pm - Roca de	20	21 1pm - Bible Study @ 5pm - NA Meeting 8pm - NA Meeting	22 5pm - Roca de	23	24 Trumpet Deadline 5pm - Roca de	25 10am - AA
26 Centenary 9:30am - Worship @ 11am - Council 7pm - Roca de	27 7pm - Book Club @	28 1pm - Bible Study @ 5pm - NA Meeting 8pm - NA Meeting	29 5pm - Roca de	30	1 5pm - Roca de	2 10am - AA 11:30am - CCC