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Trumpet



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Pastor's Page

I have been going to Santa Rosa hospitals a little more frequently these days. In Kaiser's hallways, there are these huge signs with instructions about stopping throughout the day and taking three deep breaths. I assume the signs are more for the staff and the visitors than the patients because of where the signs are located and because they give the patients this little plastic contraption and instruct them to breathe into it.

Religion has been giving us this wisdom forever! Why do you think that the word for Spirit – Spirit that calls, gathers, unites, strengthens, consoles, and on and on – is a breath word? The breath that turns clay into blushing humanity. The breath that Christ Jesus gave up on the cross so that we could have eternal life.

I have said this before (hey, I'm getting old and am allowed to repeat myself now):

There's a popular saying out there that goes, "It's not the number of breaths you take that define your life; it's the moments that take your breath away." And I disagree. I feel that what defines your life is the breaths you take AFTER those breath-taking moments (highs and lows). You get up and go on.

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Perhaps the inspiring (note: breath word) grace acts you've been sharing in worship this summer happen because you are disciplining yourself to stop your usual pace and practice when a possible opportunity arises, take a breath (in other words, catch the Spirit), and act differently, gracefully, Christ-fully.

It's not a coincidence that when your heart gets weak, your breath gets shorter. Love and life go hand in hand. Your hand in another's.

Blessings to all of you. Keep up the grace work!

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*Love,
Pastor Jean*

Next Trumpet Deadline!

The next TLC Trumpet deadline will be **Friday, August 23**. 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

Church office: 707-544-0241

Worship:

Sunday morning at 9:30 with Holy Communion

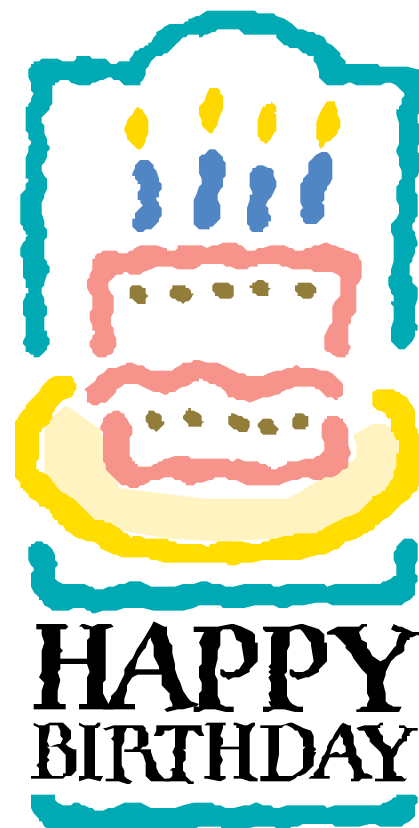
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August hours for our administrative assistant

Church office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Friday 10-2.



To:

Ingrid Feiertag	8/1
Jim Lehman	8/4
Lorenz Flak	8/8
Jim Harrison	8/12
Gloria Feiertag	8/13
Phina Borgeson	8/15
Mark Netherda	8/19
Bill Baggett	8/26
Alex Netherda	8/26
Griffin Becker	8/26
Mary Weber	8/29
Dave Flanagan	8/31

Happy birthday, happy birthday, we love you.

Happy birthday and may all your dreams come true.

When you blow out the candles, one flame stays aglow, That's the love within your heart where'er you go!

The Heavenly Hell Raisers of TLC

invite you to an Hawaiian Luau

When: Saturday, August 17, 2013

Time: 4 pm

Where: Jim and Jean Harrison's

1000 McDonald Ave., Santa Rosa

Dress for the islands but don't forget a sweater or wrap as we will be on the patio.

Donations to help defray costs appreciated.

Need a ride? Just let us know.

Rsvp 545-6042 or ecosave@sonic.net

Jean and Jim Harrison and Mary Dawson

TLC Group News



Summer Salad Potlucks

Join us on Thursday August 15th at 6:30 pm for our monthly potluck, communion and prayers. Bring a salad or toppings for the provided bowl of greens. Desserts are always welcome too. No time to cook? Come anyway we always have more than enough. Need a special prayer said, let Pastor, Jean H. Cindy or Paul know.

Christian Education

Usually on the 4th Sunday of each month, which is Christian Education Sunday, we have an Adult Forum. However in August you are invited to stay after service for a hotdog, hamburger and veggie burger bar-b-que courtesy of the Christian Education Committee. You need not bring a thing except appetites, conversation and a desire for fellowship. See you then!!

HHR Annual Luau

Journey to the Hawaiian Isle of Harrison on Saturday August 17th. Arrive around 4 pm for Hawaiian drinks, food, fellowship, music and fun. Wear your favorite Hawaiian outfit and pretend the Harrison patio is Hawaii for the evening. All adults are invited for this annual outing. Please sign up on the bulletin board at church or contact Jean Harrison or Mary Dawson. It helps to know how many we are preparing for!

Jean's Jots

A very good friend of Lorraine Larson's died recently and Lorraine is very sad - give her an extra hug when you see her....Thanks to Rob Boyd for joining the Altar Guild and for the lovely floral arrangement for Nora....Lola Bumahl has been regaining strength at Emeritus and then off to daughter Patty's....It's been good to see Wes and Dorothy Hays....We welcome Rob Boyd, Jon Riewe and Verda Burr who will become members of TLC soon....Good to see Laura Koppen for a short visit and have Fiona Becker here for the summer....One of Cindy Heiller's dogs has championship status now....Mary Thompson had a successful surgery on her hip and is now getting physical therapy at home....Margrit Buchmann has a century plant in bloom....Verda Burr has joined the CCC group....Many thanks to Jean Harrison for all her efforts in making the 25th Anniversary celebration such a success and to all the others who pitched in to help....Margrit Bachmann and her husband Robert will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary August 17 (heroes of our time!)....Phina Borgeson will be doing community gardening stuff at the Sonoma County Fair....And Margrit Bachmann will be doing spinning and weaving at the same place....Remember to say a prayer for Nora Wilson and everyone else in your life

Gateway Conference Events Coming in September

TLC is part of the Gateway Conference of the Sierra Pacific Synod. The Sierra Pacific Synod serves the ELCA congregations in Northern California and Northern Nevada. That's a big territory.

There are two such events coming up, and I encourage you to attend them.

On September 8, Dean Jean (yours truly) will install the new pastor called to Cross and Crown in Rohnert Park. Her

N.O.A.H., a food pantry in Rohnert Park. The worship service begins at 3 p.m. and will be held at Cross and Crown.

On Sunday, September 29, TLC will host, for the first time ever, the Fall assembly of the Gateway Conference. This is an annual event held so that members of the 14 congregations in our Conference get a chance to know each other, so that we can hear a little of what's happening in our churches, and get to have a discussion with a member of the Bishop's office. I'll give you more details about this event in the September Trumpet, in weekly announcements, and in e-mails. But, please mark it on your calendar. I'd love it if there was a good showing of TLC folks.

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So, the Synod divides the geography into smaller sections, called Conferences, to make it easier for the Bishop to communicate to all the congregations through Conference Deans, Conference Clergy gatherings, and Conference events. Remember the story of the prophet Elijah feeling so alone that he wanted to die and then was reinvigorated when Yahweh made him aware that there were 7,000 faithful Israelites out there? Conference collegiality helps congregations know that they are not alone.

It is good for you to know what your wider church expressions are doing, but it is even better when you participate to show you care about your church and other congregations. Plus, you get to meet people who are genuinely called to work in these wider contexts: Synod Council members, Discipling Team members, etc. They are inspiring.

name is Pam Schaefer. Sept. 8 is also the day all ELCA churches are asked to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the ELCA and participate in some kind of a community event. Pam has made her installation a community service event in that everyone who comes is asked to bring a non-perishable food item which will be donated to

ELCA "God's Work Our Hands" Sunday

In honor of the 25th Anniversary of the formation of the ELCA a national celebration is set for Sunday September 8th. Congregations throughout the United States are joining in special worship experiences and opportunities for giving. Thanksgiving Lutheran will join with them. If you wish to give in honor of this occasion please bring a home baked goodie to church that Sunday. These will be delivered to the Redwood Gospel Mission to provide dessert for the hungry guests they serve. Here is a wonderful way to extend the summer theme of Random Acts of Grace into the Fall!

Worship in August

We continue in our summer program of Random Acts of Grace: RAGTIME. It is a spiritual discipline to help individuals open their compassion to awareness of the needs of others that they can help meet with actions and prayers. Too often we can become so self-involved that we don't even look at others, let alone give them any of our time to even notice they may be in dire need, let alone do anything to help them. Even when he was exhausted, Jesus saw the needs in the crowds that followed him, and his free, open compassion gave him the impetus to turn to them in grace. The more you practice acts of grace toward others, the more holy energy will come into you and the deeper will be your love of God. Get with the program, by God!



August 4 Random Acts of Supportive Grace – Financial and creative

Acts that help people struggling with money or motivation

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21 Parable of the Rich Fool

Highlights: Book of Concord, session 6; Worship Committee

August 11 Random Acts of Mindful Grace – Wisdom and optimism

Acts that help people struggling with accepting things as they are, doing their best

Gospel: Luke 12:32-20 Do Not Worry

August 18 Random Acts of Heartfelt Grace – Kindness, love, forgiveness, compassion

Acts that help people struggling with loneliness, isolation, hurt feelings

Gospel: Luke 12:49-56 There are Many Spiritual Crises We Neglect

Highlights: Gift of G.A.B.

August 25 Random Acts of Willful Grace – Courage and guidance

Acts that help people struggling with restlessness, disappointment, direction

Luke 13:10-17 Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman

Highlights: Forum, Council, Centsational Sunday

Pauline Cachareles, who helped found the quilting group at TLC, passed away on June 21, 1913. Born in North Dakota, she moved to Santa Rosa in the 1950's. She is survived by her daughter Yvonne Ailmo, daughter Anita Smith, and son Tony Cachareles, 15 grandkids, 24 greats and nine great greats.

She will be sorely missed.

In celebration the life of Nora Jean Wilson

(July 13, 1953 – July 30, 2013)

And in the sure and certain hope of her resurrection

"I go to prepare a place for you."

Dear Jesus,

Make hers a beautiful space.

It could be in a cloud; she loved cool weather.

Although, there needs to be perfect acoustics; she brings music with her.

Could there be a luxuriously comfortable chair there now for her mom

and one waiting for Terry?

And could she have a kitty?

What I have prepared for her is beautiful and absolutely perfect.

Yes?

Yes. I have placed her in your hearts.



Financial News

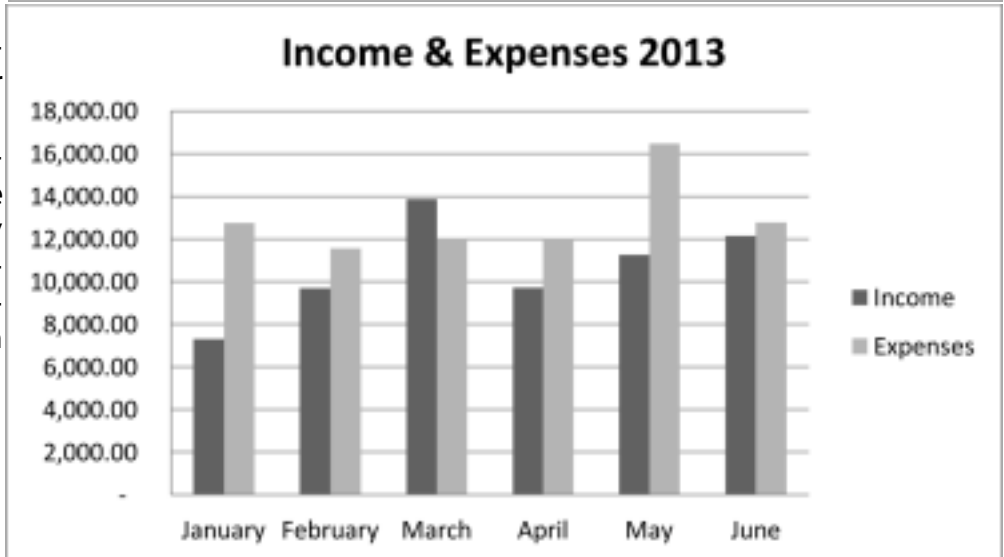
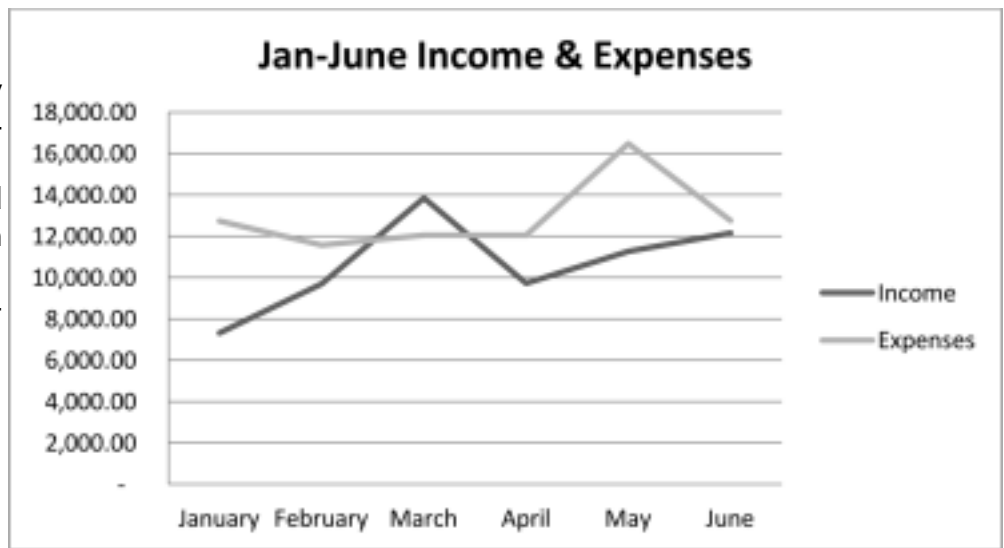
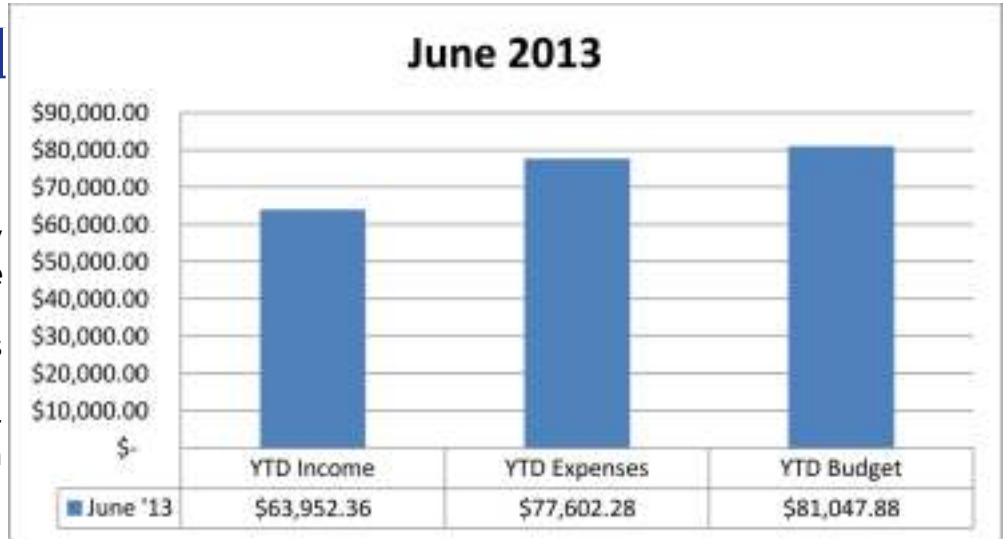
The June deficit was only \$617.59. This brings the year to date deficit to \$13,820.55 on average that is \$2303.43 per month, or \$575.86 per week. Please continue to keep this situation in your thoughts and prayers.

TLC's Generosity

TLCers are generous givers. Individual gifts as of July 28th for this year are as follows: FISH \$20, ELCA Disaster Relief \$70, ELCA Hunger Fund \$75, ELCA Malaria Eradication \$857, 2nd Mile giving \$430 and the Rwanda School Project \$560. Way to go!!

Budget Preparations





It doesn't seem possible but it is time to start preparing the budget for 2014. This document is always approved by the congregation at the November meeting. Requests for input have gone out to all committees. If anyone has anything they wish included in the budget please contact any member of the Finance Committee. They are Astrid Anderson, Lisa Bartlett, Jean Harrison and Sandy Koppen. Thank you.





Happening
This Month!

TLC August Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM Christian Education 12:00 PM Council Meeting 3:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	29	30 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Narcotics Anon small group 8:00 PM Narcotics Anon	31 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	1	2 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	3 10:00 AM Alcoholics Anon
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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

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