

TLC Trumpet



Keeping you informed and sharing our experience, strength & hope in the love of Christ

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*Happy
Holidays*

*From Pastor Jean, Dorothy
Fast, and all of us here at
Thanksgiving Lutheran*

Next Trumpet Deadline!

The next TLC Trumpet deadline will be Friday, December 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

Church office: 707-544-0241

Worship:

Sunday morning at 9:30 with Holy Communion

Thanksgiving Lutheran Church

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December hours for our administrative assistant

Church office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10-1, and Friday 11-2. The offices will be closed December 24th and 25th.



Happy Birthday!



Happy Birthday to

Barbara Kling	12/3
Jean Flak	12/4
Jean Lebbert	12/9
Jean Harrison	12/10
Kim Lehman	12/24
Karen Lehman	12/27
Bill Reed	12/25

Christmas Caroling

Caroling to our neighbors at Sequoia Gardens is a GREAT way to celebrate the Advent season. Plan to join us **for a free, warm-up lunch at TLC** following worship Sunday, December 2, with a brief rehearsal of some carols that may be new to you. Then **at 12:45 p.m.** we head for the clubhouse where residents are gathering in anticipation! **Bring a plate of holiday goodies to share if you can**, for once we have sung our hearts out, we will enjoy holiday treats with our new/old friends! This continues to be a joy and blessing to all who participate, and we hope that will include **YOU!**

P.S.: If you want to solo or join a friend in a duet of your holiday favorite, let Sharon Boschen know at 843-7739!



Caroling Party

TLC Group News



Jottings From Jean Flak....

The Flak's are saddened at the death of Jean's sister-in-law on November 1. Barb was a sparkle in our lives and for the last 15 years she lived with dementia, most of that time without speaking, even so she was a jewel....aren't you glad that election is over and there won't be any more election materials in the mail....starting January 8th at 3 p.m. there will be a 6 session seminar on Seniors In Transition, for more information contact Astrid Anderson (I'm going to attend!)...Diane Land is recovering from surgery - thanks for all your prayers....did you turn in your Pledge Card - it's never too late...on December 2 everyone can join the caroling at Sequoia Gardens - lunch will be served following worship and at 1:00 we will go caroling...wasn't it great to hear Jim Lehman sing not one but two solos on November 25!



Monthly Potluck Moves

For this month only the monthly potluck and communion will be on the 2nd not the 3rd Thursday due to the Blue Christmas Service. So join us on December 13th with a favorite Christmas dish to enjoy fellowship, great food and a meaningful communion service around the supper table. All are most welcome. It starts at 6:30pm.

Why we are having a party for Pastor's birthday (Pastor's explanation)

Three reasons.

First, it's been a hard year for so many of you - I wanted to have a couple of gatherings at which we could have fun, enjoy each other, celebrate our faith community. That was the reason behind the pie contest on Thanksgiving Eve and for my birthday party. I asked the CCC committee if they would host these events. I hope that all of you will come to the party. (By the way, in lieu of gifts, please bring non-perishable food items for the FISH barrel and/or a donation to the ELCA Disaster Relief ministry.)

Second, I don't usually like to do much celebrating for my birthday, BUT I am always encouraging all of you to celebrate your life, your gifts, so I'm walking the walk!

Third, it's the big 6-0! My whole life, I've always felt like I would come into my correct age when I reach 63 - now, I'll only be three years away!

Seniors In Transition

A small group series
to help you make
decisions and
maximize your
independence

It's human nature to put off or even ignore life's difficult decisions. There is a certain fear in realizing that with the passing years the body wears down and the frailties of aging intimidate us. As we age, many of us will want to stay in our own homes and try to live independently for as long as possible. While there's nothing wrong with that approach, many of us will also put off making provisions and plans for the time when we are no longer able to live independently. In the worst case scenario, no plans are made until a crisis hits. Then we and our loved ones have to face everything all at once, making crucial decisions under high pressure in very short amounts of time.



Our Seniors in Transition course is a six session, small group ministry that provides a forum in which to explore your options.

For more information, please contact our Program Coordinator, Dorothy Fast, 707-387-7105
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or our liaisons

- Cross and Crown—Pat Anderson, 707-795-7695
castlean@sonic.net
- Thanksgiving Lutheran—Astrid Anderson, 707-539-4552
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**Do not cast me
away when I am
old; do not forsake
me when my
strength is gone.**

Psalm 71:9

Session Overview

Session One: Open discussion about each participant's needs and where they are in regards to independent living.

Session Two: Continue focus on the wants and needs of the group members regarding their transition. We will also discuss which facilities we will be visiting.

Session Three: Practical discussion about different living situations; e.g. staying at home, choosing a facility, etc. Shortly after this session we will be visiting a facility.

Session Four: Review the facility trip and discuss how that affects your plans and perceptions about your future situation. We will also discuss seeing another facility.

Session Five: A speaker will come in to discuss a topic relevant to the desires of the group.

Session Six: Discuss and refine our plans; Pastor will lead a discussion about spirituality and aging.



Worship During December

Advent 2012 Join Us As We Celebrate Fruits of Faith

Dec. 2 The Fruit of Strength

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Ps 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

Dec. 9 The Fruit of Righteousness -- Guest Preacher: Janet Venerella

Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

Dec. 16 The Fruit of Peace -- Guest Preacher/Presider: Elizabeth McCord

Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

Dec. 23 The Fruit of Knowing

Micah 5:2-5a; Ps 80:1-7; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

Special Christmas Services

Dec. 20 Blue Christmas at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

This is a gathering for those who need a more meditative, quiet space for pondering the mystery of Immanuel.

Dec. 24 7 p.m. "In the Quiet of the Night"

A time to sing Christmas Carols, hear special music offerings and a retelling of the nativity story from the Gospel According to Luke

Dec. 24 10 p.m. Carols and Candles

A time to light candles in the darkness as we await the coming of the Light of the World.

Dec. 25 10 a.m. Christ is Born

This year, we join Faith and Bethlehem at Bethlehem for Christmas morning worship. Pastor Brian Claasen will be the preacher for this joint ministry worship event.

First Sunday of Christmas

Dec. 30 Temple Life

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2: 41-52



Finance News

October had a hefty deficit, \$3,459.63. This was extremely close to the profit from September. Our deficit for the year is \$10,147.96 which is an average of \$1,127.55 per month. November will not have as large of a deficit as October and in fact there is a chance that it won't have one at all. However our savings continue to dwindle. Income needs to increase.

Pledges and Envelopes

Thank you to all who pledged for 2013 and to all of you who give without pledging. Because of you are bills are all paid and we continue to do God's work. Offering envelopes for 2013 will be handed out soon.

Christmas Gifts

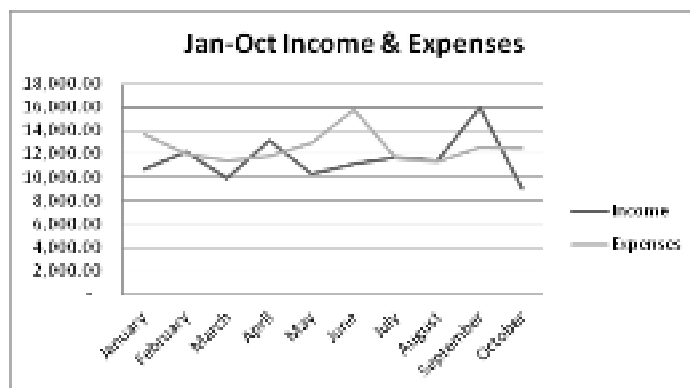
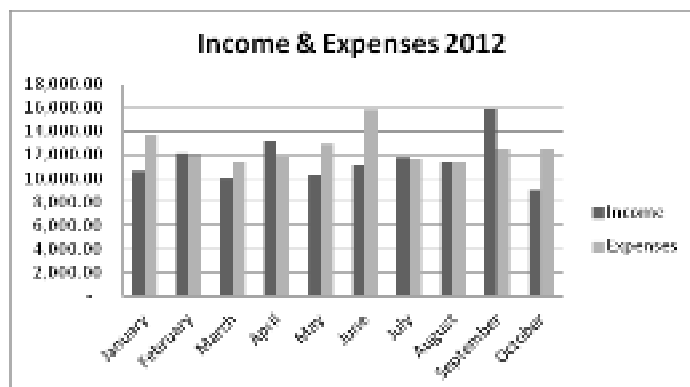
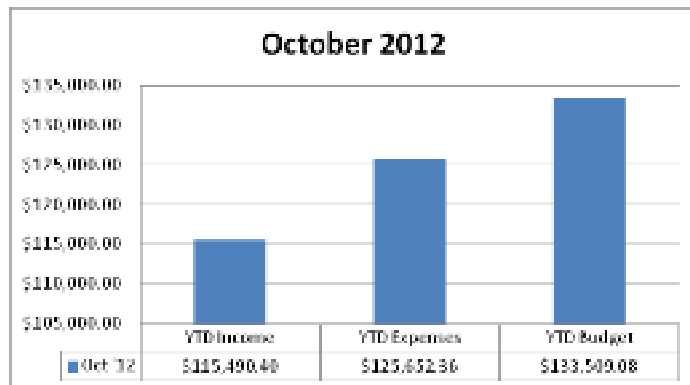
The Christmas offering goes to Lutheran Social Services of Northern California. Our gifts go directly to help those in need in our area.

Mortgage Principal.

There will be a report of how much the Thanksgiving service offering was in the January Trumpet. That money goes to help pay down our mortgage principal. After we made our November mortgage payment the principal balance was \$693,207.67. The Thanksgiving offering will lower that amount.

Giving to Others

Through the end of October \$989.01 has been given to the Rwanda School Project and \$680 has gone to Second Mile groups selected by the Sierra Pacific Synod.



TLC Executive Committee:

Keith Becker, President
Astrid Anderson, Vice-president
Jean Harrison, Treasurer
Mary Thompson, Financial Secretary

Council Liaisons to Committees:

Christian Education	Jordan Eberly
Congregation and Community Care	Lisa Bartlett
Finance	Astrid Anderson
Outreach and Evangelism	Mary Weber
Property	Keith Becker
Stewardship	Keith Becker
Worship and Music	
Youth (in hiatus)	

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
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Who's Who In Worship

Altar Guild Coordinator:

Diane Land

Greeters Coordinator:

Jan Thomas

Asst. Ministers Coordinator:

Ingrid Feiertag

Musicians Coordinator:

Mark Koppen

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

**Please Support Those
who Support Us**










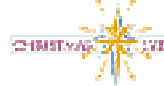

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At the Mission Investment Fund, we use the money you invest to fund building and renovation loans for ELCA congregations and related ministries. Give us a call at 877.886.3522

December 2012 at Thanksgiving Lutheran



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM Adult Forum 1:00 PM Casa del Alfarero	26 Trumpet Deadline 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous	27 1:00 PM Bible Study 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	28 7:00 PM Casa del Alfarero	29 7:00 PM HHR Game Night	30 7:00 PM Casa del Alfarero	1 10:00 AM Alcoholics Anonymous
2 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship—1st Advent 11:00 AM Christmas Caroling 1:00 PM Casa del Alfarero	3 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous	4 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM Narcotics Anon	5 7:00 PM Casa del Alfarero	6	7 7:00 PM Casa del Alfarero	8 10:00 AM Alcoholics Anonymous
 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship—2nd Advent 1:00 PM Casa del Alfarero	10 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous	11 1:00 PM Bible Study 4:15 PM Christian Ed Meeting 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM Narcotics Anon	 6:30 PM Property Mtg 7:00 PM Casa del Alfarero	 6:30 AM Monthly Potluck	14 7:00 PM Casa del Alfarero	 10:00 AM Alcoholics Anonymous 10:00 AM Finance Committee
16 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship—3rd Advent 11:00 AM Congressional Meeting 1:00 PM Casa del Alfarero	17 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous	18 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM Narcotics Anon 6:30 PM Council Meeting	19 7:00 PM Casa del Alfarero	 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM Blue Christmas	 7:00 PM Casa del Alfarero	22 10:00 AM Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 PM Casa del Alfarero
 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship—4th Advent 1:00 PM Casa del Alfarero	 12:00 PM Alathon – til 12am 7:00 PM Christmas Eve 10:00 PM Carols & Candles	 8:00 AM Alathon - til 9pm 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM Narcotics Anon	26 7:00 PM Casa del Alfarero	27	28 7:00 PM Casa del Alfarero	29 10:00 AM Alcoholics Anonymous
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