

# TLC Trumpet



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

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## Pastor's Page

As Christians, we live in the now and in the new that Christ is ushering in. So, turning over yet another calendar is not much of a milestone. We more celebrate how, by our love, we crack open a dark heart and let the light of life seep in and revive, refresh, renew, resurrect.

Okay, we may not actually witness that process any more than someone who helps construct a highway or any road witnesses the joy of folks that use that road to travel.

**We live by faith.**

- Faith that our worship not only refreshes us every week, but also brings a spark of the divine and the warmth of our welcome into the hearts of our visitors.
- Faith that our offerings support not only TLC but also go out into the world to bring hope, relief, love, sustenance to others around the

whole world. The ELCA is a presence all over the world, on hand in disasters, is a voice for justice in political arenas. We are part of that grand work through our offerings – weekly and for special causes. Our offerings also support the good ministries of Lutheran Social Services, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Mount Cross Camps, F.I.S.H. and too many to list are the services, programs, ministries that you all individually support.

- Faith that, in all that we do, we bring glory to the One who gives all life. There are a lot of powers that people can put their trust in. We worship the Power of love, life, justice, right relationship, the Power that gracefully is poured out to empower us, the Power that unites church to world, road makers to travelers.

This month, we install the 2014 Council: Lisa Bartlett, Keith Becker, Jordan Eberly, Cindy Heiller, Barbara Kling, Marilyn Schuler.

This month, our Focus Groups will do the good work of carving paths to better relationships between TLC and neighbors and community. I don't think that TLC has done this kind of ministry before. If you are reading this and are not aware of these groups, WAKE UP, not for heaven's sake, but for yours. Whenever we have

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## Next Trumpet Deadline!

The next TLC Trumpet deadline will be Thursday, **January 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

Thanksgiving Lutheran Church

1225 Fulton Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

email: tlcsantarosa@sbcglobal.net

### January hours for our administrative assistant

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



**Many Blessings for a wonderful celebration of life for:**

Michelle Eisenhart	1/12
Kier Skinner	1/15
Joan Hax	1/19



## Save the Date!!

*"Be My Valentine" Progressive Dinner*

Saturday, February 15

5:30 pm

\$10 per person ~ Food and beverages included

*See Verda, Barbara, Joan, Marilyn, Ingrid, Gloria, George or Jordan for more information.*

## TLC Group News



### **Christian Education Sundays Continue**

The Adult Forum on Sunday January 26th will be led by Pastor Jean. We will explore "What it Really Means to Welcome Everyone Just As They Are." We will also address how to really welcome visitors. Should be a lively and interesting topic. Plan to stay after Fellowship time on the 26th.

### **Celebration of the Resurrection for Donna Mae Phillips**

Donna Phillips moved to Placerville to live with her daughter a few years ago, but she left her heart at TLC. On December 3, she died suddenly, though peacefully, at home. There will be a memorial service for her at TLC on Saturday, January 4, at 2 p.m. Memorials may be made in her honor to TLC. May this good and faithful servant rest in eternal peace.

### **Let Us Break Bread Together Nite**

Join the fun, fellowship and food on Thursday, January 16th at 6:30 pm at the church as we partake of Mexican goodies prepared by Jean Harrison. You need not bring anything but are welcome to give a few dollars towards the purchase of ingredients. Stay for prayers and communion afterwards.

### **Labels and Box tops for Education**

Please continue to 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.

For those who are new to the congregation, 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.

### **News from the Flanagans**

David and Kathy Flanagan send holiday greetings from their new home in Olympia, Washington. Their address is 2536 Link Ct. SW, Olympia, WA 98512. They live 37 miles from Kim and Anthony and their two grandsons.

## Worship in January

- Jan 5**      **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Christmas**  
Scriptures: Psalm 66:1-5; John 1:35-51  
Sermon: Come and See  
Music Leader: Original Band
- Jan 12**      **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Epiphany And Women's Retreat**  
Scriptures: Psalm 104:14-16; John 2:1-11  
Sermon: Guest Preacher: Debbie McAllister  
Music Leader: Mark Koppen  
Presider: Paul Feiertag
- Jan. 19**      **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany**  
Scriptures: Psalm 127:1-2; John 2:13-25  
Sermon: Consuming Zeal  
Music Leader: New Band  
Gift of G.A.B.
- Jan. 26**      **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany AND RIC Sunday**  
Scriptures: Psalm 139:13-18; John 3:1-21  
Sermon: Being Made New  
Music Leader: TBD  
Christian Education Forum: Becoming Even More Radically Welcoming  
Cent\$ational \$unday



### Pastor's Page

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to stop and once again try to inform the congregation, it impedes our ministry. (okay, exhortation over).

This month, our women come together in retreat again. This too is a ministry of relationships – established ones grow deeper, new ones begin, the Word becomes a playmate as well as teacher. Here is time for relaxing, sharing, laughing, learning, loving.

This month, we conclude our annual Congregational meeting (on the 19<sup>th</sup>). We will select our voting member for the Synod Assembly, at which a new synodical bishop will be elected.

And we may install a new pianist! Griff Becker has discerned that taking on this position

is not a good fit for him at this time, but he gave it a good try, did a good job, and he will still inspire us with a piano solo now and then.

And, believe it or not, I haven't listed everything that is on the calendar at TLC for this month. Take a look (it's included in this newsletter), and while you peruse it, think hard about how you can take a bigger part in all that we do. Try something new, try something challenging, help build a road.

And, bless you in all that you do. We couldn't do it without you.

*Love,  
Pastor Jan*

## Finance News

We did not have a deficit in November which is good news. Expenses were \$459.22 less than income. This brings the yearly deficit to \$20,111.70 or on average \$1,828.34 per month and \$457.08 per week. This is far better than was predicted by the adopted operating budget.

Total pledges for 2014 are at \$93,564. This is an increase since the adoption of the 2014 Operating Budget. We still predict a deficit but not as large a one as shown at the congregational meeting. It is not too late to turn in your pledge if you desire. Just contact Astrid Anderson, Financial Secretary.

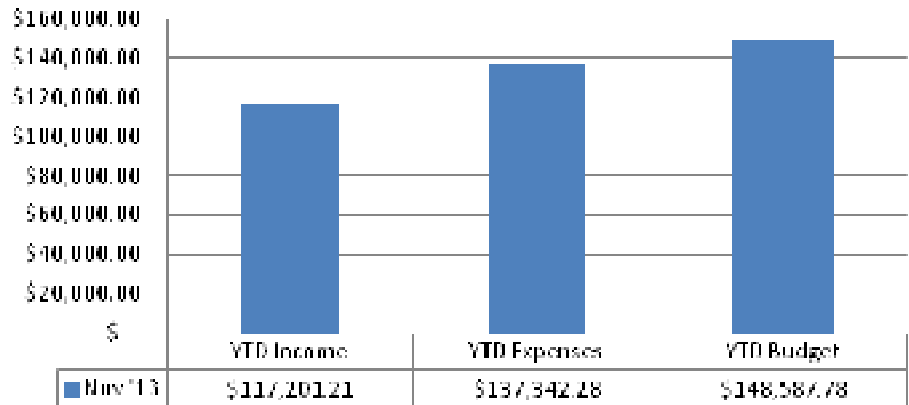
Thank you to everyone for giving so generously.

### Gifts to Others

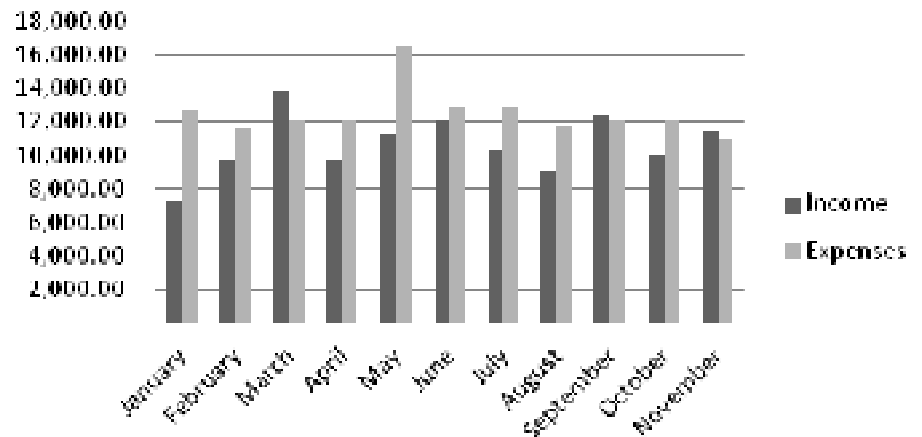
In addition to the money used for our operating expenses TLC members give to a number of other causes through their offerings. As of 12/22, \$1,157 has been given to the ELCA Malaria Eradication Project, \$20 to FISH, \$90 to ELCA Disaster Relief, \$75 to ELCA World Hunger, \$215 to Typhoon Haiyan Relief, \$710 to various Second Mile groups and \$582 to the Rwanda School Project. In addition \$975 was raised to pay for the new Hearing Loop System and \$1,298 was given

as Thanksgiving offerings towards mortgage principal reduction. So far \$303 has come in for the Christmas offering which goes to Lutheran Social Services of Northern California. Please note this does not include Christmas Eve, nor Christmas Day offerings. Well done TLCers.

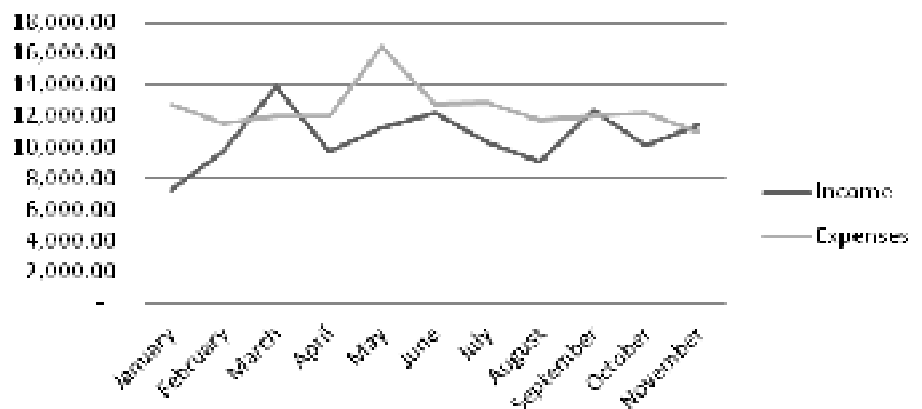
### Nov 2013



### Income & Expenses 2013



### Jan-Nov Income & Expenses





**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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who Support Us**



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.

**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

# TLC January Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday Morning Worship <b>11:00 AM</b> Council Meeting <b>3:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion	<b>30</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion Practice	<b>31</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Ala-thon <b>6:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous small group <b>8:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous	1	2	3	<b>4</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Alcoholics Anonymous <b>2:00 PM</b> Donna Phillips Memorial
<b>5</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday Morning Worship <b>3:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion	<b>6</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Mutual Ministry <b>7:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion Practice	<b>7</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Bible Study <b>6:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous small group <b>8:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous	<b>8</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Property Meeting	<b>9</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Christian Education	<b>10</b> Women's Retreat	<b>11</b> Women's Retreat <b>10:00 AM</b> Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>12</b> Women's Retreat <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday Morning Worship <b>3:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion	<b>13</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion Practice	<b>14</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Bible Study <b>1:00 PM</b> Quilting Group <b>6:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous small group <b>8:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous	<b>15</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Finance Committee	<b>16</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Break Bread Together Nite	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Alcoholics Anonymous
 Congregational Meeting <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday Morning Worship <b>3:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion	<b>20</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion Practice	<b>21</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Bible Study <b>6:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous small group <b>8:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>26</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday Morning Worship <b>9:30 AM</b> Adult Forum <b>3:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion	<b>27</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion Practice	<b>28</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Bible Study <b>6:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous small group <b>8:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Alcoholics Anonymous