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## Summer Sunday Series at Thanksgiving Lutheran Church: From Fear to Hope to Faith

“What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compares to what lies within us.”

*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

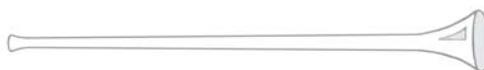
When something in life causes you to tremble, how do you access the strength inside of you?

This summer, Pastor Jean will help us examine stories, in the books of the Holy Bible and in the headlines, of people who encounter fear. She will explore root causes of fear and avenues of hope which lead to the peace of faith.

The series is part of the regular Sunday morning worship. There will be opportunity to make personal prayer requests, and there will be a time for reactions and questions about Pastor Lebbert's presentations. There will be a special Children's Time: Stump the Pastor. Individuals will bring an object in the "Treasure Chest," and Pastor Jean will be put on the spot to find the treasure of the Gospel in that object. Worship will conclude with Holy Communion (all are welcome), sharing of the peace of Christ, and time for fellowship and refreshments on our new patio.

July 5	<b>Thou Shalt Fear God</b> (1 Kings 19, Psalm 36 + 37)
July 12	<b>No Faith? Then, No Miracles, Merely a Mess</b> (Mark 6:1-34)
July 19	<b>New Wineskins and A Patchwork of Paranoia</b> (Luke 5:1-6:19)
July 26	<b>Post-Feast Fear</b> (John 6)

### What a Great Day!



It was a glorious event, the day that the three ELCA congregations in Santa Rosa joined as one for worship. A mass choir, made up from singers from all three parishes, lifted our hearts. Bishop Mark Holmerud brought a Good Word. The TLC Band created a spirit-filled aura for the Eucharist. There were 232 in attendance. Besides enveloped offerings that went to the separate churches, \$220 was gathered for support of Habitat for Humanity. And, it was almost like Jesus' Feeding of the 5,000: seemed like more food was leftover than was brought to share!

Existing relationships were rekindled, and new ones budded, and besides the Blessing of the Animals and A Christmas Progressive Dinner, which are already in planning stages, other desires for coming together have sprung up. Among them: youth activities, fellowship for Twenty-somethings, traveling mass choir. Wow!

May the Holy Spirit bless and let prosper all that grows from this great day!

## A Little Bit of Catechism: A Few Words from Luther\*

(...because the *Catechism* isn't just for kids!)

Sometimes I have a hard time praying. Maybe you do too. Sometimes I wonder if I am praying for the “right” things, or praying the “right” way. Sometimes I find myself wondering if I should bother with prayer: With all the need in the world, why should I expect God to pay attention to what I think I need? There are plenty of people out there far “worthier” than I, who are “better” at prayer than I am—maybe I should just leave this whole praying thing up to them? If these kinds of unhelpful thoughts never enter your mind, count your blessings (and see Pastor Jean about joining the TLC prayer chain!) But if you do sometimes struggle in your prayer life, you might be interested to discover that apparently this was the case in Luther’s day, too. Luther, a pastor at heart, speaks to just these kinds of doubts as he introduces his teachings on the **Lord’s Prayer**, the third section of his *Large Catechism*.

As Luther lays it out, praying is an extension of the Second Commandment and is not optional: “To pray...is to call upon God in every need. This God requires of us; it is not a matter of our choice....We should regard the words of our prayers and their purpose as something demanded by God and done in obedience to him. We should think, ‘On my account this prayer would not amount to anything; but it is important because God has commanded it.’” It seems that our *own* opinion about our prayers is not the point! To prayer-impeding thoughts like this: “I am not holy enough or worthy enough; if I were as righteous and holy as St. Peter or St. Paul, then I would pray,” Luther admonishes “Away with such thoughts!...Therefore you should say: ‘The prayer I offer is just as precious, holy, and pleasing to God as those of St. Paul and the holiest of saints...I freely admit that he is holier in respect to his person, but not on account of the commandment. For God does not regard prayer on account of the person, but on account of his Word...On this commandment, on which all the saints base their prayer, I, too, base mine.’”

Luther tells us that prayer is also prescribed “that we should reflect on our need, which ought to drive and compel us to pray without ceasing. A person who wants to make a request must present a petition, naming and describing something that he or she desires; otherwise it cannot be called a prayer....where there is to be true prayer, there must be utter earnestness. We must feel our need, the distress that drives and impels us to cry out. Then prayer will come spontaneously, as it should, and no one will need to be taught how to prepare for it or how to create the proper devotion.” Some years ago, going through a difficult time, I confided to a friend that I felt guilty praying, despite my aching heart, for something that seemed somehow selfish to me. I didn’t know it at the time, but my friend gave me what I have come to see as very “Lutheran” advice: She directed me to Hannah’s story in 1 Samuel, and reminded me that God knew my need, and I should not be afraid or ashamed to pray about it. Bringing your aching heart to God in prayer becomes a means of holding God to his promises: “Here I come, dear Father, and pray not of my own accord nor because of my own worthiness, but at your commandment and promise, which cannot fail or deceive me.”

And if we are still worried about “doing prayer right,” Luther directs us to the Lord’s Prayer: “In seven successive articles or petitions are comprehended all the needs that continually beset us, each one so great that it should impel us to keep praying for it all our lives.”

-Sandy Koppen

\*Source for Luther quotes: *The Book of Concord: the Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church*, Robert Kolb and Timothy J. Wengert, editors. Augsburg Fortress, 2000.

We wish a Glad and Happy Birthday to these members of the TLC Community



Nora Wilson	7/13
Spencer Netherda	7/15
Lisa Bartlett	7/21
Bobbi Adams	7/22
Tim Brown	7/23
Diane Land	7/24
Shawn Flanagan	7/29
Ray August Brandt	7/31 (92 <sup>nd</sup> )

# BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

## Linking Up to the Prayer Chain

If you have a petition that you would like to have on our prayer chain, call Pastor Jean (327-6292). Prayer requests will be held confidential if you desire; just let Pastor know.

If you would like to be part of the prayer chain, the next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 5, at 10 a.m. at Lola Burmah's place, 176 Sequoia Gardens.



## Heavenly Hell Raisers

July is go to the Theatre at SRT month with Mary Dawson

We have two choices, "Mame" on Sunday July 19th at 2 PM or "Lend Me a Tenor" on Sunday July 26th at 2 PM. Both plays are comedies.

There will be a sign up sheet posted on Kiosk. Please select your choice.

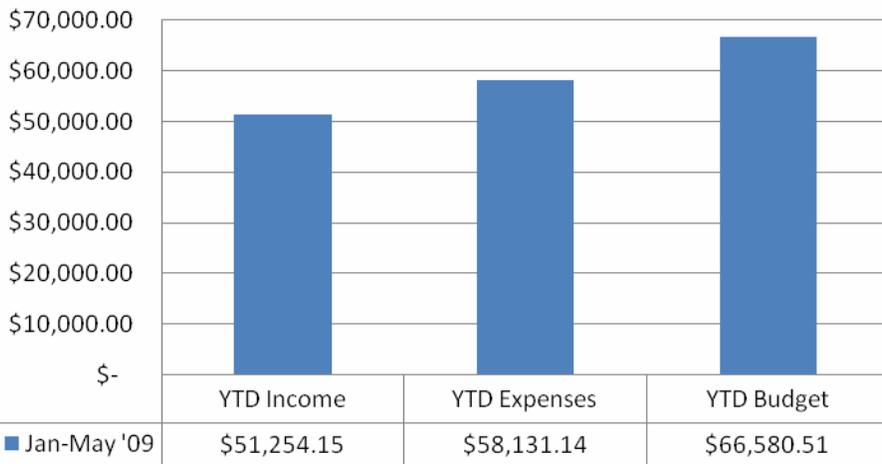
The one with most chosen will be the one we get tickets to. Is this fair?

If you would like to see both, well that is possible also. Let me know!

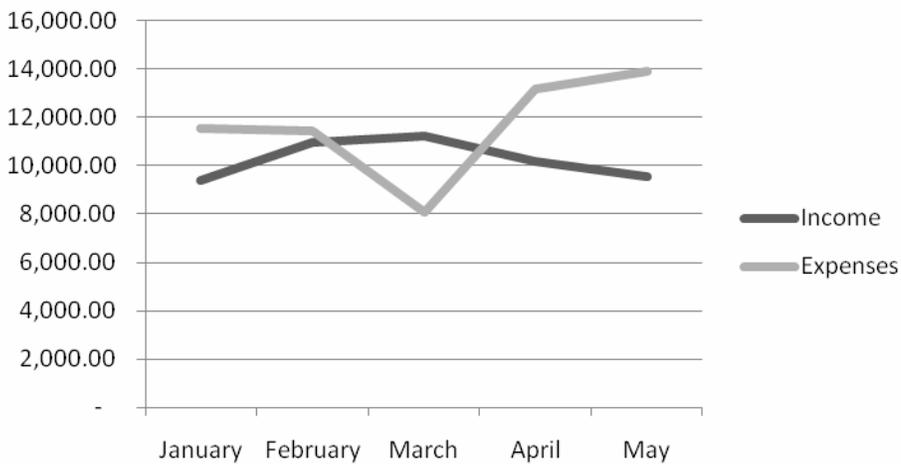
Any non HHR folks please know that you too can go to the theatre. Let me know what you would like to see and when. I can get your tickets for \$10. each.

*Mary Dawson*

## January-May 2009



## January-May 2009 Income and Expenses



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## TLC Finance Update

As I wrote last month, the good news is that all bills have been paid. The bad news is that our year to date difference between income and expenses has now increased to \$5,764.17. Please consider TLC's financial situation when making your weekly offerings. And please remember to make them over these summer months even if you are away. We need the continued cash flow to pay our bills. If you will be gone for an extended time consider writing a check to TLC before you leave and mailing it to the church. The Finance Committee is carefully monitoring the expenses each month. TLC people are remarkably generous in their giving of money, talents and time. Keep it up!!!

## Special Funds Update

Money continues to accumulate in our special funds. Here are the totals as of 6/18/09

Stained Glass Window	\$6,339.37
Memorial Gardens	\$ 363.24
Sanctuary Chairs	\$3,678.87
Landscaping of patio area	\$ 28.49

Look for the weekly updates on the bulletin board in the Narthex

*Jean Harrison, Treasurer*



## You Look Mahvalous!

We've been working toward publishing a new TLC Photo Directory, and are very close to publishing. We've taken pictures of just about everybody, gathered photos of various groups and events, updated names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses, compiled a new Who's Who at TLC, decided the order of the contents, and proofread it. Right now we are researching costs – color copying/printing and binders - and hope to have the directory finished by the end of July! The format will allow for adding and subtracting pages as needed as we grow and change. Stay tuned – can't wait for you to see it!

*Karen Lehman*

## Grace and Peace To All

I do want you all to know that you are invited to join me to celebrate Independence Day and our love for each other in Christ Jesus.

We will gather at TLC around 3 p.m. to enjoy games, conversation, holiday foods. The party will break up at around 8 p.m., to allow any of you who want to travel to a fireworks show to do so.

I'll be grilling burgers and hot dogs to go with some grand picnic foods. If you want to, bring an appetizer or dish to share too. Please also bring along whatever it is that you like to drink. When the coals are just right, there will be the makings of s'mores for dessert AND Joan Hax is bringing a good, old watermelon WITH seeds, so's we can have a seed spitting contest!

If you have a good game you like to play, bring it along too!

May you have a fun and safe celebration.

*Love,  
Pastor Jean*



## Landscaping Task Force Update

As directed by Council, a professional landscaper has been engaged to give direction to the landscaping around the patio. David Beazlie, BSLA, a landscape designer from Forestville has been chosen, and using criteria from Council, he is drawing up plans and suggestions as to what plants would be good for our site and type of soil, and are drought tolerant and low maintenance. This information should be available by the end of June for the Task Force and other interested people to review. Funding is not yet in place for this project so that will need to be addressed also. Mr. Beazlie is a delightful man with much experience working with churches and other such groups. He had some great ideas for us to consider. This is an exciting project for TLC.

Jean Harrison

## Summer Luncheon and Bible Study at Bethlehem

Bethlehem Lutheran Church has invited us to join them for their monthly Luncheon and Bible Study on **Wednesday, July 8**, at noon. The luncheon is potluck; you are asked to bring a small salad or dessert to share. Pastor Brian Claasen is the leader for the Bible Study. The gathering is sponsored by the Women of Bethlehem.



## TLC Annual Women's Retreat

We have a date for the next retreat! And a short deadline for a deposit! The retreat is set for January 29 - January 31. We are in Harrison House and Cabins 3-5, which gives us a capacity of **39** if we need it.

Harrison House holds 18, and there is a piano in the program room, which is pretty cool. Note that our meeting space is also in Harrison House, and I'm told it's larger than Webb Lodge. You can click on this link and get more details about the space, and where it's located at the Ranch: <http://bishopsranch.org/ranchmap2.html> (if the link doesn't work to click on it, just type the address into your browser...)

Basically, we need 15 people to commit with a \$40 deposit by July 12, so if your calendar is clear and you would like to attend, please bring your check to me at church! *Please be sure the check comes to me first*, so I can record it on my retreat notes, before it goes into the bank! Make it to TLC, with "women's retreat" in the notation (you can make a larger deposit if you'd like - less to pay later!).

Prices are going up everywhere, and the Ranch is no exception, but it's still a good deal when you compare it to other retreats offered! To stay in Harrison House will be \$196.00 for 2 nights and 5 meals, the full retreat. The cabins are a little less. Total amount will be due December 1, 2009. This year, there will be 6 different packages for you to choose from:

- 2 nights, 5 meals – cabins or Harrison House
- 1 night, 5 meals – cabins or Harrison House
- Saturday only, 3 meals – cabins or Harrison House

Specific pricing broken down by package and accommodations to follow soon - this is just to give you some basic information so you can think about how you want to proceed for yourself.

If we can have a fund raiser or two, we could bring the cost down for everyone – if you have any thoughts or willingness on this subject, please contact me and we'll get something planned! We'll have to accomplish any events of this nature before October 15.

This is going to be another wonderful retreat - especially if YOU are there!

*Karen Lehman*



## **This was the Synod Assembly – I Wished You Were With Us!**

In the many years I've been attending these annual meetings, this was the most inspiring and most efficient! The planners had carefully anticipated every nuance of every event. Bishop Holmerud set the tone of warmth and welcome and presided efficiently and respectfully in business sessions. Music and worship were glorious! The Bible Study presented by former Bishop April Uring gave a whole new meaning to the familiar story of God calling Samuel and Eli's loss of his priestly calling (a prophetic word with accountability for us in the 21<sup>st</sup> century church.)

And speaking of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we used hand-held voting machines that instantly tallied our votes and recorded them on screen. Even when speaking on opposite sides, delegates were respectful, thoughtful and genuine. From the Lutheran Office of Public Policy (our Sacramento presence on legislation) to the warmth of Pastor John Rutsindintwarne, General Secretary, Lutheran Church of Rwanda, to Rev. Walt Parry, Executive Director of Fresno Metro ministry – all showed the power of the Spirit at work in our ELCA and in our communities.

Besides elections to various positions, the Assembly adopted six resolutions:

- Encouraging every congregation to join the Book of Faith Initiative; celebrate the ways that scripture is already part of our ministry and daily life; encourage all disciples to increase their Biblical literacy; explore new opportunities for engaging the Bible; participate in Synod Training Events and include scripture as an integral part of all meetings and events...
- Memorializing the Churchwide Assembly to amend policies on ministry relating to same gendered partnerships and reinstate to the roster or to candidacy those who were removed or resigned based on current policy.
- Memorialize the Churchwide Assembly to adopt the proposed Social Statement on Human Secuality and its implementing resolutions as recommended by the ELCA Church Council
- Call for the ELCA to amend pension policies to include those in same-sex marriages, civil unions or domestic partnerships
- Support seminarians in the candidacy process by creating a line item in congregation budgets of at least \$100.00, request Thrivent matching funds and set up for 2010 budgets
- Environmental Stewardship
- Two bylaws changes

See the full text of these resolutions, the Bishop's address and other assembly reports online at the Sierra Pacific Synod web address. It was an honor to be the TLC delegate, and I thank you for this amazing experience.

*Sharon Boschen*

### **Paul Feiertag Reports on the Assembly Workshop, "Marriage in the Bible"**

At our Synod Assembly in Fresno a Jewish biblical scholar and a Lutheran seminary professor led a workshop on marriage in the Bible. They started with the following statement by Rev. Rick Warren, Pastor of Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, California: "The traditional, historic, universal definition of marriage [is] one man and one woman for life. And every culture for 5,000 years and

every religion for 5,000 years has said that the definition of marriage is between one man and one woman.”

I knew that had to be his wishful thinking, but I learned that biblical Hebrew does not even have a separate word for “wife” or “marriage”. Translators put the words “wife” and “married” into the text where they are appropriate for our cultural understanding of what happened. I knew about the patriarchal culture of the biblical world, but I was not aware that the language of marriage in the Bible is the same as is used in buying, selling or trading objects. Look at this example: X (father/male) gave/sold Y (woman) to Z (male) for a woman/wife. Or X (male) took/bought Y (female) for a woman/wife. The woman was transferred from the “house of” one “father” to the house of another by the payment of “mohar” translated as “bridal price”.

Against my advice, at my first wedding, the bride insisted on “being given away by her father” and including the word “obey” in her vow because it had to be “just the same as at Mamma and Daddy’s wedding.” Her bridesmaids started teasing her at the reception. I got a phone call to destroy the marriage license and had to go back and counsel the couple to stay together. I had tried to tell them she was injecting an older culture into a more modern understanding of marriage.

We would NOT practice polygamy today. (I was surprised to learn that there is a separate word for a man’s second wife—but not the first. He could have up to four wives.) If a man could afford to, he could buy one or more concubines. Usually they were slaves or daughters of the very poor given in payment for a debt—lower status than wives but entitled to sexual rights and the seventh day off. Nor would we approve of marriage to half-sisters, taking women for wives or concubines as spoils of war, levirate marriage, and forcing a rape victim to marry the rapist.

In the Song of Songs there is no “marriage” and the woman expresses love for the man. That’s a surprise!

What I learned about the culture of Jesus’ time was that the Roman patriarchal philosophy (defending and preserving the empire by their absolute social and biological superiority and dominance over women, slaves and barbarians) took so many men all over the empire that girls were married at 14 to maximize their potential for pregnancy and were to bear as many children as possible. Can you imagine having to raise your wife like a father and keeping her pregnant?

We heard a reading from Aristotle’s, Politics I about Master and Slave, Husband and Wife, and Father and Children, and I suddenly could not escape seeing how Aristotle influenced the household codes in the New Testament. Once again another culture was imposed into what we call Holy Scripture. Understanding each culture in its own context can free us to see where our US Constitution’s emphasis on equality and freedoms must be extended to all. Yes, to same-gendered couples in society and church. Thanksgiving Lutheran Church is ahead of the curve.

*(One of the best things about attending a Synod Assembly is getting to choose the workshops that interest you. Here’s Paul’s synopsis of the second workshop he attended...editor)*

The second workshop I attended at Synod Assembly was on “**Criminal Justice: Developing a New ELCA Social Statement**”—led by our synod’s two liaisons with the prison systems in Nevada and California. It was crowded, indicating how many people in the Sierra Pacific Synod are impacted by the need for reform of the criminal justice system. Nationwide there has been a call for the ELCA to form a task force to address these troubling issues. Two years ago at Churchwide Assembly in Chicago the initiative was approved 957 to 68 and is expected to be voted on in 2013. At this point names of the task force members are just being released.

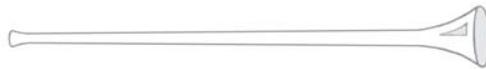
Everyone it seemed wanted to see speakers, so we organized into two rows of circles taking up the whole room. Family members described the sentencing of loved ones and the heartache of having to travel all over the state as they were moved from one prison to another, many in areas isolated from public transportation. The workshop leaders were familiar with every prison's peculiarities and ways to overcome complications. I am so ignorant of these issues. I went because a good friend in the retired clergy group I attend has been a prison chaplain most of his career and opened my ears and mind. Now family members and pastors were telling stories beyond my belief.

I was appalled to learn of the racism that is allowed and even, it seems, fostered by prison officials. Rehabilitation or job training for the return to public life is just about non-existent. I heard about conflict of interest—the people who have the authority to grant paroles are the same people who are dependent on keeping prisoner numbers at a maximum for higher subsidies. One injustice gets heaped upon another and another. Criminal *Justice* is a misnomer in so many ways.

Parents told us that even with their support, prisoners released on parole or having served their time have so little chance of success “on the outside.” I felt like I was listening to my last First Sergeant in the Army as I was leaving with my discharge papers in hand, “Feiertag, you will never make it. I’ll give you six months. You’ll be begging the Army to take you back.”

The leaders had all the facts and figures. I hope I did not get the numbers right, but can California be holding in its prisons almost one quarter of all those imprisoned by all the nations on this earth? And can the cost of incarcerating prisoners in California exceed the total K through State university education budget? At the end of the 1 hour 15 minutes everyone stayed because people still were waiting to tell their horror stories. There was not one positive thing to tell except that someone’s loved one did get off drugs. You can tell that my head is still spinning. If ever there was a topic that needs to be addressed at TLC, this is one.

*Paul Feiertag*



## ***Getting to Know...***

### ***Ilene Friend***

Ilene is a native of Sandpoint, ID, just 50 miles from the Canadian border. With her parents, she moved to California . . . to Hemet, East Los Angeles, and finally to Compton, where she went to high school and junior college. Compton in the 1950’s was the exact opposite of what it is today.

Ilene married at age 18 and has four children, Lynda, Pat, Michael, and Larry, plus 3 foster children that she helped raise. She is blessed with 9 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Her working life has always been in banks, beginning with Golden State Bank in Paramount, CA. She moved north in 1956 and took a job at Exchange Bank. Ilene climbed the ladder from Teller to Supervisor, and was Manager of the Rincon Valley branch when she retired at age 55.

Since 1982, Ilene has lived with Bobbi Adams at the “Adams and Friend Farm,” a member of Sonoma County Farm Trails. Here, they sell fresh eggs and fruit in season. When not busy in their shop and craft room, the two ladies are often on the road in their 34’ motor home. Many trips have taken them across the U.S. Ilene has gone to Wasilla, (Alaska) to visit her son, Larry. She has also made several trips abroad to visit Lynda in Monaco, France, and England.

At TLC, we share Ilene with Graton Baptist Church. A life-long Baptist, she attends TLC with Bobbi, then they quickly leave for the service in Graton. There, she sometimes fills in at the organ, drawing on a music skill she developed as a teenager.

You might call Ilene “the Pillow Lady.” Though long retired from the daily grind, she stays active with her pillow business. Her “Old Fashioned Pillow Bar” has received pillows for renovation from dry cleaners since 1986. With these pillows, Ilene is busy cleaning, fluffing, sanitizing, deodorizing, and providing new ticking. Then, back they go to their source. If this sounds good, you can bring your pillows to her door . . . that way it is much cheaper than what the cleaner company pays!

*George Land*



## **TLC Community Garden Update**

The TLC Community Garden is a busy place! We are fully occupied – 31 plots and 16 sets of gardeners! In fact, one couple is expecting more than beans, watermelons and tomatoes – Gaia & Jerome’s son Zion is due to “blossom” in August!

Dan and Christine are donating pounds of produce to those in need, and Ian is writing a CAB grant for a rain catching system, intended to water the garden, and perhaps some of the landscaping - the TLC roof is metal, and therefore perfect for this sort of activity (stay tuned for developments).

The big deal right now is that we are getting ready to install the pipes and valves needed to bring water to the north section, and connect the lines laid in '07 to the rest of the south section, to which we'll connect hose bib valves. All of this means a valve for every two plots, and since we're using valves, it gives each gardener the flexibility to use a variety of watering systems. For security, we'll be installing valves that require a “key” to turn them on and off (like what's on the outside of the main building).

We've been holding onto the money in the TLC Community Garden designated funds since it was gathered in the Thanksgiving Eve offering in 2007 (with funds matched by Thrivent), and we will be using this money to pay for the materials and the rental fee for the trencher. What a huge relief it is to have these funds available for this project! A big THANK YOU to the TLC congregation!

And speaking of THANK YOU, the gardeners are planning a party for Saturday, September 26 – the TLC Community Garden Harvest Picnic, and YOU are invited! We'll be showcasing our harvest with delicious dishes prepared by the gardeners, local sustainably raised meat on the grill, and juices from local orchards – please mark your calendar for this fun event on the TLC patio and garden paths.

If you are interested and able to help with the irrigation project on either Friday evening, July 10 at 6pm or Saturday, July 11 at 9am, please come by and pitch in – we need all the help we can get to accomplish this big job!

*Karen Lehman,*

*TLC Community Garden Project Coordinator*



Maybe you've heard already, but community gardens are quite a hot item these days – people from all over the country are coming to the TLC website through the Community Garden page (they are searching “community garden” and finding us – very cool!). Sonoma County Department of Health Services has a Health Action Program Manager (Ellen Bauer), and there have been meetings of the Food Access Workgroup to determine how to get more gardens growing in Sonoma County to bring fresh food and healthy gardening activity to neighborhoods. There is an initiative called “iWalk” through the county, and the community garden initiative is called “iGrow”. Probably the most useful aspect of this to us at the TLC CGP is that soon we'll know where all the community gardens are in the county, and be able to network with each other to share resources, information, and collaborate on events.

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## **We Are Lutheran – Therefore We Sing\***

**Saturday, July 18 at 6pm**

is the

### ***TLC Potluck Sing-Along!***

We'll potluck out on the patio – TRUE potluck!

(Don't tell us what you're bringing –

just sign up to let us know how many are in your party  
so we know how many tables and chairs to set up!)

Bring: a dish to share (a main dish, a salad, or a dessert)  
and a beverage of your choice.

After we're full of fabulous fare we'll gather 'round the piano,  
where Nora will provide the musical accompaniment,  
and we'll apply our most enthusiastic vocalistical efforts.

We're putting together a song book with old favorites -  
from summer camp, hymns and other songs,  
and you'll have a chance to pick what tune comes next!

Mark your calendar – we'll see you on the 18<sup>th</sup>!

*\*no auditioning necessary...*

# Three Key Factors of a Dynamic Ministry

I have been writing of the results of an ELCA study that sought the answer to the question: "Why do some congregations grow and others do not?" The first reason is those growing congregations have a clear vision for ministry. Vision is a combination of purpose, values and time.

The second element growing congregations have embraced is a willingness to change. Ministries which have dreams larger than their memories are those which have embraced change. And, for congregations to change, the sum of dissatisfaction, vision and concrete action all must be greater than the costs.

The third factor in growing congregations is leadership. Leadership is a key component for any system wishing to move in a particular direction. God has used women and men, as God used Jesus, as leaders to change people and communities. A congregation is unlikely to change from a stalled or even declining state into a vibrant ministry without good leadership.

Leadership is not just about the pastor. In fact, good leadership is best exhibited in the development of a team. Moses appointed the seventy. Jesus started with twelve disciples. While an individual (generally the pastor) can move a congregation, the inclusion of skilled, committed and equipped lay leaders from the beginning will result in more change, more ownership of the outcomes by the whole congregation, and a wider range of gifts being utilized for leadership. It is the strength of lay leaders, combined with empowering, equipping and visionary pastoral leadership which will be most effective in congregational change.

- Purpose
- Willingness to change
- Leadership

All three elements must be present for a dynamic ministry to occur.

*Good leadership with no purpose or willingness to change results in frustration.*

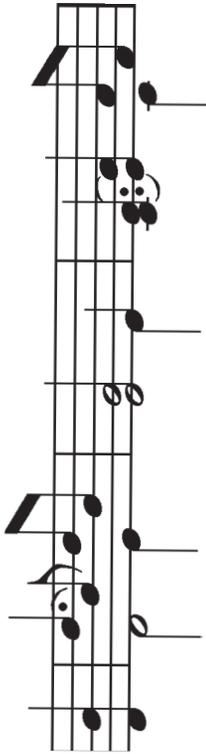
*A clear purpose with no willingness to change results in cynicism.*

*Willingness to change with no purpose results in chaos.*

How is it for your ministry? Our synod has resources to assist you. Coaches are trained and evaluative instruments are available to guide congregations toward a more fruitful ministry.

*Pr. Harvey Blomberg  
Director of Evangelical Mission*

# Hymns By Occupation



- Dentist's Hymn.....Crown Him with Many Crowns
- Weatherman's Hymn.....There Shall Be Showers of Blessings
- Contractor's Hymn.....The Church's One Foundation
- The Tailor's Hymn.....Holy, Holy, Holy
- The Golfer's Hymn.....There's a Green Hill Far Away
- Optometrist's Hymn.....Open My Eyes That I Might See
- The IRS Agent's Hymn.....I Surrender All
- The Gossip's Hymn.....Pass It On
- The Electrician's Hymn.....Send The Light
- The Shopper's Hymn.....Sweet Bye and Bye
- The Realtor's Hymn.....I've Got a Mansion Just over the Hilltop
- The Massage Therapists Hymn.....He Touched Me
- The Doctor's Hymn.....The Great Physician

AND for those who speed on the highway - a few hymns:

- 45mph.....God Will Take Care of You
- 65mph.....Nearer My God To Thee
- 85mph.....This World Is Not My Home
- 95mph.....Lord, I'm Coming Home
- 100mph.....Precious Memories

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- Deb Ferronato, Congregation President
- Sharon Boschen, VP
- Jan Thomas, Secretary
- Jean Harrison
- Jean Flak
- Joan Hax

## **Worship:**

**Sunday morning at 9:30 with Holy Communion**

**Thanksgiving Lutheran Church**  
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### **Next Trumpet Deadline!**

The next TLC Trumpet deadline will be Thursday, July 23. Editor requests articles be no longer than 500 words, and using 12 point Arial font is a plus! Please email submissions to:

[editor@thanksgivinglutheran.org](mailto:editor@thanksgivinglutheran.org)

If you do not have email, place submissions (along with your name in case any clarification is needed) in the "Lehman" mailbox at TLC by Sunday, July 19.