

# TLC Trumpet



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*“Consider the lilies”  
“Stop and smell the roses”  
“Breathe”  
“Take five”*

Can you think of others? Simple acts that serve as life’s mini-intermissions, to restore the soul, ease the mind, maybe even elicit a smile in the middle of a hard day. This summer, let’s share these simple tools and how they help us along life’s way.

It’s amazing what one moment can do and equally amazing how we can pack our schedules so full that we don’t take time for even one moment, a very short interval, an instant. What?! In 24 hours, we don’t even take an instant to take care of our souls? Aye, aye, aye. This might be a stewardship call.

Scripture values simplicity, even things that might be disregarded as insignificant.

In worship this summer, we will hold up some of these scriptures and consider simple gifts which, by their very simplicity, help us tap into reinvigorating power. There will be opportunity for you to share some of the simple ways you have found to be restorative in your life, and we will have the delight every week of a different rendition of the beloved Shaker song “Tis The Gift To Be Simple.”

So, come. Take time out of your week to reunite your soul with Spirit, to worship, and to fellowship with your faith community. It is one of the best simple gifts that we have been given in our religious tradition. I hope this summer you will take advantage, treat yourself, taste and see how good God is!

See ya in church!

*Love,  
Pastor Jean*

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## Next Trumpet Deadline!

The next TLC Trumpet deadline will be Monday, July 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

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## Worship:

Sunday morning at 9:30 with Holy Communion

Thanksgiving Lutheran Church

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## July hours for our administrative assistant

Church office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9-12, and Friday 11-2.



## Blessings for a Happy Birthday this month to:

Nora Wilson	7/13
Spencer Netherda	7/15
Lisa Bartlett	7/21
Bobbi Adams	7/21
Diane Land	7/24
Shawn Flanagan	7/29

## TLC Highlights

### Fourth of July Event at TLC!

Although the inter-faith event was cancelled, here at TLC we still want to celebrate our country's independence! On **July 4th at 2 p.m.**, TLC would like to invite you to join us for a Barbeque/Pot luck event here on our patio. We'll have decorations, a bible trivia contest, a TLC-Bingo! game, and FOOD and beverages. Please bring a meat/protein to grill for your family as well as a salad, dessert or side dish. CCC committee will provide beverages. Let's take time to enjoy our country's freedom with some fun and fellowship! See Jordan Eberly for details. No sign up is required!!



## TLC Group News



### Thursday Evening Potlucks

For July and August join the potluckers for a weekly salad supper, prayer and communion each Thursday beginning on July 12th at 7 pm. We eat on the patio weather permitting and enjoy the beautiful summer bounty and wonderful fellowship. Jordan will be sharing some Bible and Church trivia with us each week. A large bowl of greens, bread and wine are provided. Bring something to top the salad or a dessert to share. Here is the beginning schedule:

July 12	All American
July 19	South of the Border
July 26	Mediterranean
August 2	Use Your Imagination

### More BS\* You Won't Hear in Church!

(\**Bible Stories*, of course!)

Join Sandy Koppen on **Sunday, July 22** after worship for the seventh session of *BS You Won't Hear in Church*, a Bible study series developed by PLTS graduate Tim Feiertag. In this series we are looking at some interesting, mostly Old Testament, Bible stories that we don't hear in the 3-year church lectionary. (Each session stands on its own, so don't worry if you have missed the previous sessions—all are welcome!) This month: What do you remember about Jonah? Have you ever tried to flee from God?

**July 22 (Session 7): "The Prophet Who Sailed Away From God" (Jonah 1: 1-17)**

## Jottings from Jean

George Land and his brothers have written and published a book about their parents....Lorraine Larson is reading said book...Jean Flak says the picture of the house on page 4 looks just like the parsonage she and Flak lived in Iowa....by the way Lorraine Larson is doing well....and she doesn't need any further treatment....and she has a pacemaker now....she has also been in the hospital again due to a virus she picked up when she got her pacemaker....Kim Santiago is getting married on July 6th, the same day the son Liam will be baptized....Astrid Anderson is traveling across country with her cat visiting friend and relatives....the Beckers are traveling as well....Mark Koppen has a new job and would be pleased to tell you about it...Lyle Burmahl is at Emeritus recovering from a broken ankle and Lola is living with their daughter Patty while Lyle is recovering....Mary Thompson has finally turned into a California girl --she has a pool....Diane Land has a new puppy named Spice....say a prayer for Barbara Kling's grand niece who is in Sudan using her expertise in conflict resolution

## Sierra Pacific 2012 Synod Assembly

Recap by Lisa Bartlett

I know that many of you have attended Synod Assemblies in the past. I was one of the 65 "First Timers" attending this year. I tried to approach the event with an open mind and heart and not have too many pre-conceived ideas of what it would be like. I think this approach was good for me, and I was surprised by how familiar things felt. Realizing that TLC's practices and rituals so closely match the Synods was reassuring and comforting to me as I found myself in a room of over 500 strangers. Being able to worship, pray, and do the Church's work with that many Lutherans was a very positive experience for me.

The theme of this year's Assembly was "For the Love of God: Caring for Creation", focusing the members of the ELCA on how we as individuals and congregations can help with global issues such as climate change, ever increasing natural disasters, and the

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**One thought that was discussed by the group was how do we each hear the world's "groaning"? How is the earth speaking to you? What can you do in response and what can we do as a Church to care for Creation?**

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negative carbon footprint that humans have been creating in the world. One thought that was discussed by the group was how do we each hear the world's "groaning"? How is the earth speaking to you? What can you do in response and what can we do as a Church to care for Creation? It's a lot to think about, but seeing how TLC is already working toward caring for the earth with the community garden, replacing our lawn with low-water plants and recycling; it wouldn't be hard for us to move into being even more environmentally conscious as a congregation. Maybe going solar in the future?

The business of the Synod was handled very professionally. Reports read, constitution by-laws changes made, committee members elected, representatives to the church wide assembly elected, budget discussed and passed, etc. There were seven resolutions that were up for vote. Six of the

seven passed:

1. Recognition of the Lutheran Association of Christian Educators (LACE)
2. In support of the "Remember Them" Monument in Oakland
3. In support of ELCA Malaria Campaign
4. Regarding Sierra Pacific Synod Compensation Guidelines
5. Witnessing against Capital Punishment
6. In support of Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and CA Lutheran University

The resolution that failed was: Divesting from Large Financial Institutions.

The best parts of the Assembly for me were:

1. seeing three new congregations move from mission status, and seeing that all three were not traditional "Northern European" congregations
2. having an old Missouri Synod congregation join the ELCA

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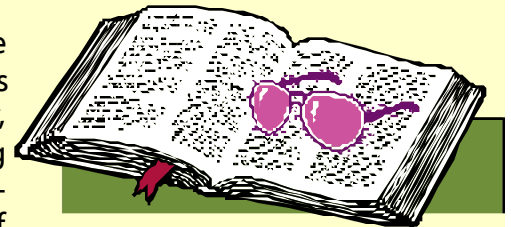


*Synod recap, continued*

3. watching the SPS Youth Committee members participate fully in the Assembly (our church will flourish for years in the hands of these wonderful young adults and teens)
4. listening to the two Pastors speeches on the recognition of their 50 years as ordained ministers
5. participating with the prayers and music lead by the three new congregations
6. celebrating the retirement of the Rev. Harvey Blomberg
7. witnessing that Bishop Holmerude looks to be healthy and happy after his bout of cancer
8. greeting Pastor Greg Schaffer and having him remember me (he told me that he summer spent at TLC was a special time for him and that he sends his greetings to everyone)
9. getting to spend so much time with Pastor Jean (I learned two profound things from her; "you can never over use prayer" and "truth is not fact")

Thank you all for allowing me to represent TLC at this year's Assembly. It was an honor and a truly wonderful experience for me.

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## Summer Worship

### **July 8: Be Like This Little Child**

Scriptures: Psalm 84:1-4; Mark 9:33-37; Mark 10:13-15

### **July 15: Consider the Lilies and the Ants**

Scriptures: Psalm 95:1-4; Proverbs 30:24-28; Matthew 6:25-34

### **July 22: Seek The Simple Truth**

Scriptures: 1 Samuel 23:9-12; 1 Samuel 30:7-8; Matthew 7:6-12

### **July 29: Take a Breath of Faith**

Scriptures: Proverbs 17:22; Mark 12:38-13:2

### **August 5: A Good Word Gladdens The Heart**

Scriptures: Proverbs 12:25 and 15:4; James 3:5-8; 1 Kings 18

### **August 12: God In The Stillness**

Scriptures: Psalm 46; 1 Kings 19:1-18

### **August 19: Wondering and Pondering; Commemoration of Mary, the Mother of Christ**

Scriptures: Isaiah 61:7-11; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 1:46-55

### **August 26: Simply Sharing; Youth Acknowledgement Sunday**

Scriptures: Isaiah 55; John 6:1-15



## Finance Update

May was not a good month for TLC financially and June will not be either. In May we had a deficit of \$2,629.06 bringing our year to date deficit to \$5,608.38. That is an average monthly deficit of \$1,121.68. Income is not keeping up with expenses. As I write I have not yet closed out the month of June but the picture is not good. June will have a significant deficit also. Our savings are dwindling. Income has been down the past two months. Committees are doing a good job of keeping spending in check but there is only so much they can do. Please keep this situation in your prayers and thoughts.

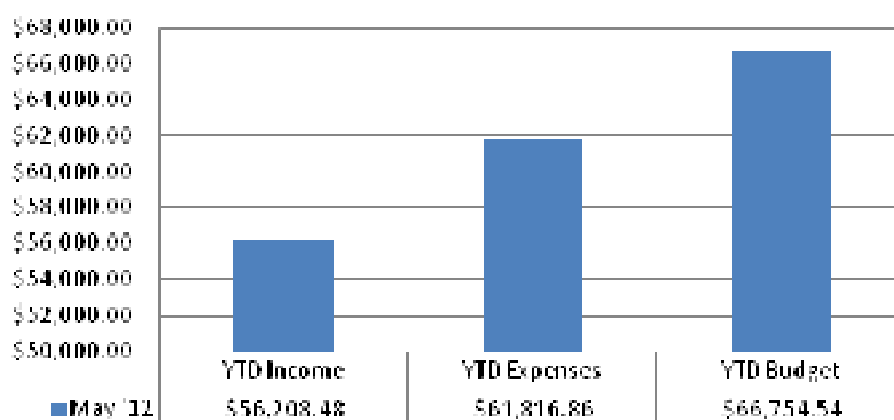
Thank you to all who have kept their pledges current and special thanks to those who are giving that bit extra. Every dollar helps. Over the summer months as people vacation and enjoy the beautiful summer weather don't forget to keep the money coming. Our bills don't stop just because our attendance is lower. Thanks for all of your help!

### Gifts to Others

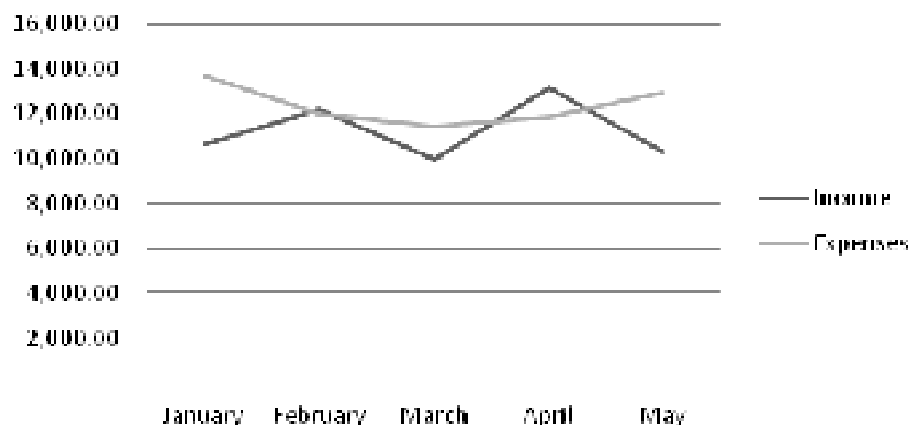
In May additional gifts came in for the Rwanda School Project and 2nd Mile Giving. Those gifts to date total \$591.01 for Rwanda and \$315 for 2nd Mile Gifts. Good going!



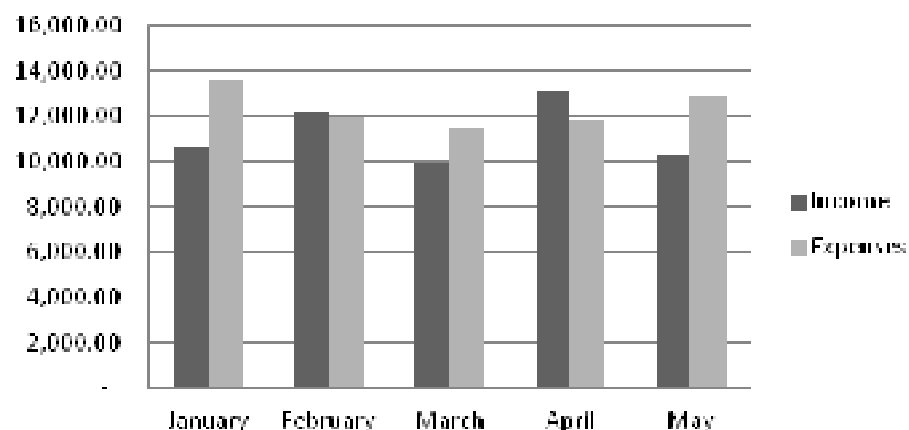
### May 2012



### Jan-May Income & Expenses



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**TLC Executive Committee:**

Keith Becker, President  
Astrid Anderson, Vice-president  
Mark Koppen, Secretary  
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	Mark Koppen
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
Worship and Music	Mary Thompson
Youth (in hiatus)	

## 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:**

Lorraine Larson

**Women's Retreat Coordinator:**

Karen Lehman

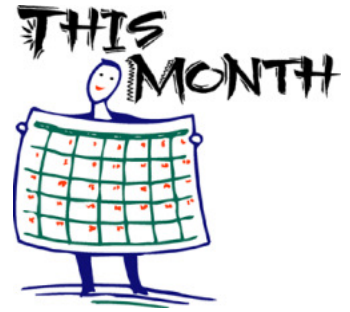
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# July 2012 at Thanksgiving Lutheran

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday Morning Worship <b>1:00 PM</b> Casa de Alfararo	<b>2</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>3</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Bible Study <b>8:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous	<b>4</b>  <b>2:00 PM</b> Fourth of July Event at TLC! <b>7:00 PM</b> Casa de Alfararo	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>2:00 PM</b> Flanagan Wedding	<b>7</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Alcoholics Anonymous <b>12:00 PM</b> CCC Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Casa de Alfararo
<b>8</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday Morning Worship <b>11:00 AM</b> Stewardship Meeting <b>1:00 PM</b> Casa de Alfararo	<b>9</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>10</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Bible Study <b>8:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous	<b>11</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Property Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Casa de Alfararo	<b>12</b>  <b>7:00 PM</b> Summer Salad Suppers	<b>13</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Casa de Alfararo	<b>14</b>  HHR trip to Civil War at Duncan Mills <b>10:00 AM</b> Alcoholics Anonymous
<b>15</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday Morning Worship <b>1:00 PM</b> Casa de Alfararo	<b>16</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>17</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Bible Study <b>8:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous	<b>18</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Council <b>7:00 PM</b> Casa de Alfararo	<b>19</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Summer Salad Suppers	<b>20</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Casa de Alfararo	<b>21</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Alcoholics Anonymous <b>10:00 AM</b> Finance Committee
<b>22</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday Morning Worship <b>11:00 AM</b> Adult Education Sunday <b>1:00 PM</b> Casa de Alfararo	<b>23</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>24</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Bible Study <b>8:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous	<b>25</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Casa de Alfararo	<b>26</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Summer Salad Suppers	<b>27</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Casa de Alfararo	<b>28</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Alcoholics Anonymous <b>7:00 PM</b> Casa de Alfararo
<b>29</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday Morning Worship <b>1:00 PM</b> Casa de Alfararo	<b>30</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Alcoholics Anonymous	<b>31</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Bible Study <b>8:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous	<b>1</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Casa de Alfararo	<b>2</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Summer Salad Suppers	<b>3</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Casa de Alfararo	<b>4</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Alcoholics Anonymous