

TLC Trumpet



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Pastor's Page

My sister, Janet, and I are going to lead the TLC Women's Retreat again in January, so we are both doing reading in preparation. I read the following in *Your Soul's Compass* by Joan Borysenko, Ph.D. and Gordon Dveirin, Ed.D., and it spoke right to a place in my heart. I share it because maybe it will speak to some other's hearts too. Besides, the deadline for the Trumpet snuck up on me this month!

It is a reflection by Deanne Butterfield, a liberal Quaker, on what she calls "the emotional truth of the moment" she experienced in a job search.

"There are numerous times when I need guidance—maybe I have a decision to make and I'm thinking, *C'mon, God, give me a lightning bolt.* And because I'm a human being as well as a spiritual being, it doesn't just come.

What we [Quakers] have in common is that we've experienced that there is a Source of Guidance. How we conceptualize it differs, and we each have to find the experience in our own way. I'm cerebral, so I have to have some concept of the steps. What works for me is to ground myself in the question *What's the truth of this situation?* This means that I need to stop worrying about the solution and focus on the emotional truth instead.

Maybe I'm afraid or feeling vulnerable. If I can stay with that and just feel it without judging

it or pushing it away, then I can move to a larger truth. As I'm able to sit with each level of the truth in a really vulnerable way, everything opens up. First truth, I'm scared. Then I can sit with the truth about the talents and gifts I was born with. As I expand the concentric circles, I feel like I'm closer to the larger truth.

I use the word *truth* in connection with spiritual guidance. It's not the right word, but it's the closest I can get. If I can have the patience and faith to really move through these levels, guidance isn't a lightning bolt and seldom comes with an answer like *This is the job you need.* It's a bigger Truth that opens the way.

There's not divine guidance about what job I should take. The guidance comes as I move out in the circle from what I know 200% to what I don't know 100% [in other words, she goes beyond a rational sense of absolute certainty to a position of openness]. I feel lighter, I have confidence, and the way opens. The phone rings and someone tells me about a job that's available."

Wherever you are this month—seeking guidance for a decision or transition or resolution for a situation or relationship challenge or whatever—bless your heart.

Love,
Pastor Jan

Next Trumpet Deadline!

The next TLC Trumpet deadline will be **Friday, July 24th**. 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.



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Worship:

Sunday morning at 9:30 with Holy Communion

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Hours for our administrative assistant:

Church office hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9-1.



Blessings this month to these Birthday Celebrants:

Spencer Netherda	7/15
Verda Burr	7/17
Lisa Bartlett	7/21
Bobbi Adams	7/21
Diane Land	7/24

Interfaith Service for Gay Pride

On Saturday, July 11, at 11 a.m., the Interfaith Service for Sonoma County Pride 2015 will be hosted by The Metropolitan Community Church of the Redwood Empire and be held at the Odd Fellows Hall in Guerneville. This year's theme is "Equality Everywhere!" and is a declaration of the growing equality here in the USA and abroad.

The service will include speakers from various faith traditions, the MCC Choir, musical guest Bobby Jo Valentine and a candle lighting service. It will be followed by a potluck picnic at the Odd Fellows Recreational Park.

All are invited to attend this wonderful annual community gathering. TLC has participated over many years, and last year, we hosted the service.





July Events and Group News

TLC Book Group

The book group meets next on Monday July 13th at 7:00PM at the home of Jean Flak. We are reading *A Fall of Marigolds* by Susan Meisner. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, please contact Lisa Bartlett, GLBartlett@sbcglobal.net



Celebration of Life

The Memorial Service for Jim Harrison will be August 1st at 3 pm. It will be a true celebration of his life, just as he wanted it to be. After the service, please plan on staying for a barbeque and Dixieland Jazz music by musicians who are good friends. Jim loved TLC and he wanted to be remembered for his zest for life and pleasure in people.

Craft Fair 25 and 26 July 2015 at TLC!!

TLC is having their own spot for anyone who would like to donate items they have made, or are saleable, (not garage sale stuff) Have a hobby, building things, making things, sewing projects, knitting, hand crafted items all kinds are wanted and needed for our very own Hodgepodge table. We will donate all proceeds from our sales to TLC 's mortgage. See Mary Dawson about signing up. You have to wait until June 28th though, as she is not around for a month. In the meantime, start your projects now.



Campbell Labels and Box tops for Education

Please 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.

We send these to Mosaic at Bethpage Village, which is a home in Axtell, NE, for people with developmental disabilities. It is an affiliate ministry organization of the ELCA.

Sunday Worship in July

July will be an Alpha and Omega celebration month at TLC. On Saturday, July 4, we celebrate the Feiertags' 50th anniversary with family, faith community, and friends. All are invited to the party out on TLC's beautiful patio. Locals are invited to bring a potluck dish to share – especially if they have one with a German flair. On Saturday and Sunday at the end of the month, our next GTO (Growth Through Outreach) event takes place. It's a Community Craft Fair: talented vendors, fair food, live music. Come and bring the whole family, bring friends, let your neighbors know that they are welcome too!

Our gratitude goes out to the Saturday AA Group, who are relocating their meeting on that weekend so that we can hold this fair. Please note that there is not regular Sunday worship that weekend. There will be a brief prayer service at 8 a.m., primarily for vendors and workers, but anyone is welcome as well. TLC members and friends are encouraged to visit another congregation for worship that Sunday. Of course, we do ask that everybody keep their pledges.

Proceeds from the Craft Fair will be donated to TLC's Capital Fundraiser Campaign.



July 5 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: Psalm 123; Ezekiel 2:1-5; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

Sermon Title: Getting Caught Up

Music Leader: Leilani

July 12 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: Psalm 85:8-13; Amos 7:7-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

Sermon Title: Plumb Lines, Foundations, and Losing Your Head

Music Leader: Classic Band

July 19 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: Psalm 23; Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

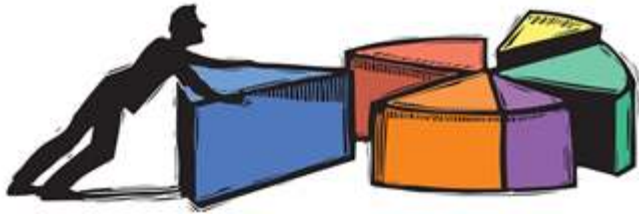
Sermon Title: All We Like Sheep

Music Leader: New Band

July 26 9th Sunday after Pentecost – Craft Day – no 9:30 worship

Scripture: Psalm 145

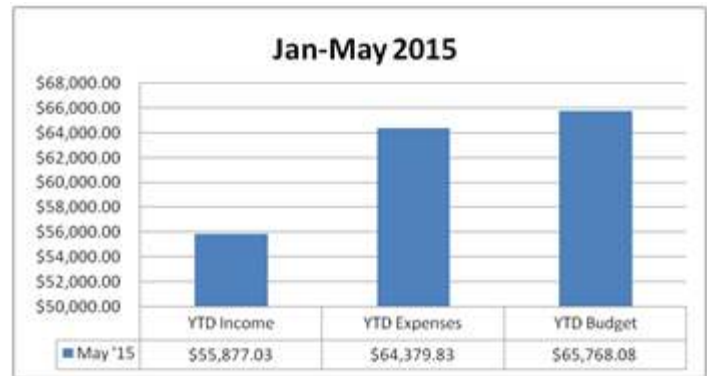
Special: 8 – 8:15 a.m. – Prayer Service for Crafters and Workers



Financial Update

Sadly the deficits continue. May had a deficit of \$2,957.76. This was primarily due to the once a year payment of all of our insurance. Expenses were \$15,904.11. Income was only \$12,946.35. The deficit for the year to date is \$8,502.80. That is an average of \$1,700.56/month or \$425.14/week. Currently not all pledges are up to date. If they were the total deficit would only be \$5,302.98. Thank you very much for all who give so generously and for all keep this situation in their prayers.

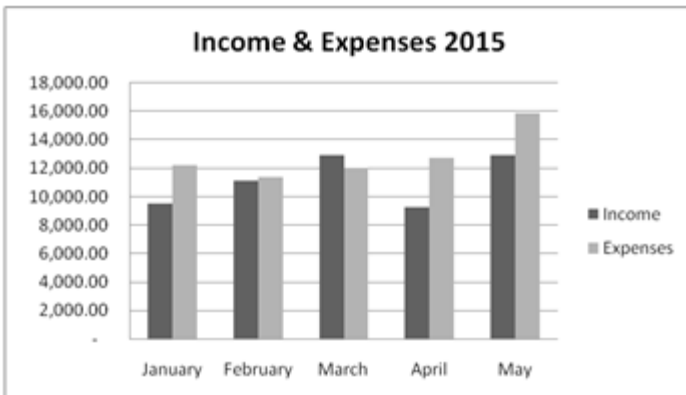
Mission Investment Fund our mortgage holder has agreed to extend the current modification until November. That keeps our current loan payment at \$3,600 instead of \$4,500.



Gifts to Others

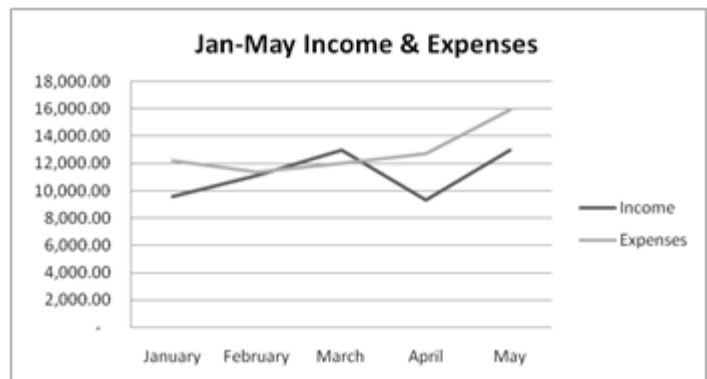
As of June 21 TLCers have given the following amounts to others less fortunate than us:

- Rwanda School Project-\$507
 - 2nd Mile Groups-\$305
 - Reconciling Works-\$100
 - ELCA Malaria Fund-\$505
 - ELCA Disaster Relief Fund-\$150
 - FISH - \$20
 - FISH from our Easter offering-\$425
- Thank you all



Capital Fund Drive

Money continues to arrive for the Capital Fund Drive which is designated to pay down our mortgage principal. As of June 21 we have raised \$13,507.50. Every dollar and cent raised helps us get our financial house in better order. Thank you to all who have given and to all who have helped to raise these funds. Donations are still most welcome. And don't forget the upcoming Crafts Fair which benefits this fund.



Who's Who at TLC?

Officers

President, Marilyn Schuler
Vice President, Lisa Bartlett
Secretary, Jordan Eberly
Treasurer, Jean Harrison
Financial Secretary, Astrid Anderson

Council Members

Verda Burr
Mary Dawson
Pastor Jean Lebbert
Mary Thompson

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Jan Thomas, Evangelism and Outreach
Jean Harrison, Finance
Pastor Jean Lebbert, Mutual Ministry
Karen Lehman, Property
Keith Becker, Stewardship
In Hiatus: Youth, Christian Education, Worship,
and Music

Coordinators

Mary Dawson, Altar Guild
Ingrid and Paul Feiertag, Worship Stewards
Quilters, Gloria Feiertag
Jean Harrison, Patio Landscaping
George Land, Ushers
Jim Lehman, Website
Jim Lehman, Sound
Karen Lehman, Community Garden
Karen Lehman, Women's Retreat
Jan Loewen and Sandy Koppen, Growth Through
Outreach (GTO)
Jan Loewen and Sandy Koppen, Worship Music
Mary Weber, TLC Facebook Page

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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.

TLC is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation, which means we believe that God celebrates diversity in all of creation, loves us all unconditionally, and intends that all persons be valued. We welcome and accept all people regardless of their cultural or ethnic background, physical or mental abilities, socio-economic, sexual orientation, or marital status, gender, or age. God loves us exactly as we are.

TLC July Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:30 Worship 7p Roca de Salvacion	29	30 1p Bible Study 6p NA Meeting 8p NA Meeting	1 5p Roca de Salvacion	2	3 5p Roca de Salvacion	4 5p -9p Feiertag Anniversary
5 9:30 Worship 7p Roca de Salvacion	6 6:30p Property	7 1p Bible Study 6p NA Meeting 8p NA Meeting	8 5p Roca de Salvacion	9	10 5p Roca de Salvacion	11 10 AA Meeting 11:30 CCC
12 9:30 Worship 7p Roca de Salvacion	13 7p Book Club	14 1p Bible Study 6p NA Meeting 8p NA Meeting	15 5p Roca de Salvacion	16	17 5p Roca de Salvacion	18 10 AA Meeting
19 9:30 Worship 7p Roca de Salvacion	20	21 1p Bible Study 6p NA Meeting 8p NA Meeting	22 5p Roca de Salvacion	23	24 5p Roca de Salvacion Trumpet Deadline	25 9-4p Craft Fair
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