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Gone, But Not Forgotten

We did it! Remember when Jack and Flak first came to TLC and we discovered how spectacular this Dynamic Duo really are? And some people wanted to keep them with us a long time . . . maybe forever? Well . . . we kept them here as long as humanly possible . . . nearly two years! They were tired and threatening mutiny, so we could not hang on any longer. It was a great ride, and now we look forward to a new life in Christ, led by Pastor Jean Lebbert.

Jack and Flak went out with a bang at the May 27 Pentecost service. They presented their keys to Council President Sandy Koppen as a way of saying, "we don't need these anymore." Sandy even wrote a song in their honor. She and daughter Natalie sang it along with Nora's piano accompaniment. (The lyrics are presented on page 4 of this Trumpet) Add one more voice and they might be the second coming of the Andrews Sisters.

Bob and Joan Hax presented Flak with an artichoke grown from the plant that was a cutting received from Flak a year ago. Bob and Joan also gave them each a specially-created memento from the May 20 Going-Away Party that was held at Deb Ferronato's country estate. Bob took pictures of the revelers during the day. Then they created a colorful booklet-binder recounting the day's events. Prominent in most of Bob's pictures were pink flamingos. But how

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Here - A Day to Remember

June 1

My first day at Thanksgiving, and I am moving in — to office, hearts, crises, enthusiasm, and a role as spiritual leader here.

The sea of my past is sloshing around in packing boxes ready to spill into adventures to come: the trepidations of inevitable conflicts, the triumphs of successful communication, acts of forgiveness, and creating stronger bonds.

We have lots to do together in this place and out of this place.

Let's undertake it in the glory given us in Christ.

Let's welcome everyone who crosses our threshold, loving them because we are loved.

Let's increase the thanks in our hearts, knowing that everything we need is provided.

Let's be Light from Light.

And, in us, the body will grow.

Pastor Jean

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could you exclude them when they were everywhere (It might be nice if one of the books - or copies of the pictures? - could be displayed on a Sunday so that all would have a chance to see it.)

Our collective thanks to Deb and Mark for all the work they put into the party. Such precise organization for such a large group of people! Mark slaved over umpteen barbecue grills preparing the meat. Deb, Karen Lehman, and others supervised the other foodstuffs, Keith Becker and Lisa Bartlett were spotted washing up some dishes. Cold beverages flowed like the waterfall in Deb and Mark's spectacular swimming pool! Jack and Flak were presented with gifts of wine and champagne, and a framed plaque for each, with pictures and words of appreciation from the Congregation for the care and nurturing they have showered upon us during these years. All of TLC has a special place in their heart for Jean Flak and Marti Lundin for their unique brands of caring as well.

Perhaps, the best part of the BBQ day was . . . no one had to worry about the kids. They spotted that wild swimming pool and were completely and happily occupied for the day!

George Land

Dear Friends at Thanksgiving:

Just a brief note to thank you for the wonderful "farewell" bar-b-q in the fantastic setting of the Ferronato's "homestead" on May 20th. We really appreciate the framed photograph of Thanksgiving Lutheran and our collective ministry.

Our "thanks" include more than just a bar-b-q. It includes thankfulness of your acceptance of us and your willingness to work together in the ministry of the Gospel at the end of College Avenue.

I am especially appreciative of having the opportunity of serving with a dear old friend, Sandi. She kept me informed as to what was going on and what I should do, and, when I

should do it! Church secretaries and pastor's wives, are truly the power behind the throne. They are the ones who make sure that the right thing gets done at the right time.

I am quite sure that you will embrace Pastor Lebbert in the same loving fashion as you have accepted us.

God bless you as you expand your ministry in the neighborhood!
Sincerely,

Rev. Lorents J. Flak, **Rt.**
**bold and underline mine. ed.*

Many thanks from both of us for nearly two years of joy and love in your midst. We will not ever forget your many kindnesses and interactions in the causes of worship, justice and compassion. Our best wishes go with all TLC'er's for a gracious future.

Just a few thoughts as you begin a new ministry with Pastor Jean:

"We plant seeds that one day will grow.
We water seeds already planted knowing that they hold future promise.
We lay foundations that need further development.
We provide yeast that effects beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything
And there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.
This enables us to do something
And to do it very well.
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning,
A step along the way,
An opportunity for God's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.
We are the workers, not master builders.
Ministers not messiahs
We are prophets of a future not our own."

Archbishop Oscar Romero,
Martyred Roman Catholic Bishop of El Salvador

Marti and Jack Lundin



Pastor Schmeling's Case

What follows is an e-mail from Lutherans Concerned/North America to all RiC churches and all individual members of LCNA. I reported on Pastor Bradley Schmeling's church trial in the April and May issues of the Trumpet. The word "preclude" is so prominent in the following "Update" that its definition is necessary. My *Webster's New World Dictionary* defines it—to make impossible, especially in advance; shut out; to prevent. It has rational uses, e.g., belief in free will precludes the acceptance of predestination; and certain evidence precludes a conviction. In Leviticus 21:7 a very clear rule precluded men from Israel's priesthood who married a prostitute or a divorced woman.

Those who hastily wrote ELCA policy in response to three openly gay seminarians who requested authorization for ordination and calls to churches found a use for the word. In *Definitions and Guidelines on Discipline* we now read: "Practicing homosexuals are precluded from the ordained ministry of this church." That issue is closed to debate. They didn't want to talk about it. Why? Because we said so.

Just as Thanksgiving Lutheran Church learned to know, accept and love lesbian and gay individuals as brothers and sisters in Christ who should be given all the rights and privileges of membership in God's Church, so the ELCA is learning to know, accept and love its partnered gay clergy. "Preclude" is a strong word to use against one chosen in holy baptism to be a member of the body of Christ. "Preclude" is a

good word to describe what the ELCA Constitution & Bylaws do not do.

Paul Feiertag

May 27, 2007

In the appeal process, both parties are entitled to appeal. Pastor Schmeling appealed on the grounds that the Disciplinary Hearing Committee violated due process. The Hearing Committee interpreted the extra-constitutional policy "precluding" pastors in same-gender relationships as "precluding" the use of constitutionally guaranteed discretion to recommend a) no penalty b) private censure c) suspension or d) removal.

Nothing in Definitions and Guidelines for Discipline suggests that "preclude" overrides the Constitution's own requirement that a hearing committee decide whether discipline should even be imposed.

No other violation of Definitions and Guidelines for Discipline is grounds for "precluding" a person from the ordained ministry. Under the provisions of the Constitution regarding ordained service, the hearing committee said they would have found no fault in Pastor Schmeling and no discipline would have been recommended.

Pastor Schmeling requested that the Committee on Appeals reverse the decision of the hearing committee and remand the matter to that committee with instruction regarding the use of discretion as guaranteed by the constitution.

Bishop Warren issued a cross-appeal stating that the hearing committee had overstepped its bounds by extending the removal date to August 15, 2007, for giving an opinion that the policy was "at least bad" and "very well may violate the Constitution and By-laws of this church," and for suggesting the legislative means to eliminate the policy. Warren requested that the Committee on Appeals act to remove Pastor Schmeling from the clergy roster immediately.

On Monday, May 21, 2007, Pastor Schmeling responded to Bishop Warren's cross-

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appeal. The constitutional guidelines for the discipline process do not set the timeline for effective dates. They do not preclude a disciplinary hearing committee from determining whether, or not, discipline should be imposed based on the facts. Furthermore, they do not preclude a disciplinary hearing committee from identifying possible conflicts between a policy outside the Constitution and the Constitution itself. The testimony offered during the hearing drew the committee to conclude that the policy was likely in conflict with the Constitution and gave two means of remedy, one appellate and one legislative.

On Monday, Bishop Warren also responded to Pastor Schmeling's appeal. The final round of responses is due on June 1, 2007. The decision of the Committee on Appeals is "normally" rendered within 60 days, or by August 1, 2007, five days before the beginning of the Churchwide Assembly.



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Special MUSIC

Pastors

(to the tune of "Sisters," by Irving Berlin)

Pastors, Pastors, there were never such devoted pastors.
Never ones to beat around the bush its true;
They're quick to tell us, "God loves you!"

Time, talents, Jack and Flak were up for the challenge.
Ideas flying right and left around the clock,
And once in awhile, we'd go pot luck!

All kinds of weather, they stuck together, the same in the rain and sun.
Two different faces, but in tight places, they trust in the Three-in-One!

Caring, sharing, even though they might've felt like swearing;
Many times they could have given up but they hung on....

Thanks, Lord for pastors—without 'em we'd be a disaster!
Yes, thanks, Lord for pastors, they bring us God's message of love!

Sung by Sandy and Natalie Koppen Flak and Jack's final Sunday with us at TLC



THE PENTECOST READING IN ACTS 2

by Paul Feiertag

Have you ever wondered about all those place names in the Pentecost story?

Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs (Acts 2:9-11).

I have, too, so here is what I found out:

The first four are far to the east of the Roman Empire, north and east of the Tigris River, between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers, and above the Persian Gulf. They had prominent roles in Jewish history at different times. Parthians plundered Jerusalem as they pushed the Romans out of Asia Minor and Syria in 40-37 B.C. They placed Antiochus, the last of the Hasmonaean, as their puppet on the throne. Medes together with Syrians ruled over the Jews in the 4th century B.C. Elam was a province of the Persian Empire. Old Testament prophets often spoke against them. Mesopotamia was Greek shorthand for the lands between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers that Alexander the Great had conquered. All these conquerors took Jews with skills captive and settled them in their cities.

When Judea is mentioned, it is as home, the center of the universe. From home we follow a well-traveled road to Tarsus north and around through five provinces of the Roman Empire in what is now modern Turkey. Named first is the east central mountainous province of Cappadocia, where many Jews settled in the 2nd century BC. We walk farther north to Pontus, which was united with the former province of

Bithynia to the west and south. Asia, the westernmost province had many cities with Jewish synagogues, including its capital in Ephesus. Heading back east takes us through Phrygia, and then south to the Mediterranean Sea we arrive in Pamphylia.

Directly south, on the African continent, we hear about Jews and local Gentiles who worshiped God in synagogues in Egypt and Libya, specifically Cyrene, where Greek-speaking Jews were great in number. Finally we are directed to Rome, the capital of the Roman Empire, and all the western countries that it represented.

Robert Smith explained in his commentary on Acts that Cretans and Arabians are not place names but categories similar to the way we use “easterners” and “westerners”. “Cretan” would be all of the Greek-speaking world and “Arabians” would designate those from areas where Aramaic was the primary language.

That makes twelve places identified in addition to Judea where Jews had been scattered from their Judean home. These scattered Jews and proselytes gathering in Jerusalem for Pentecost are like the twelve tribes of Israel newly refashioned and recreated by the Spirit’s wind and fire and the proclamation of Jesus who died on the cross, was buried and raised so that “. . . the entire house of Israel [may] know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified” (Acts 2:36).

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.



Sunday School and Adult Forum are on break for the summer (our last regular session is Sunday, June 3.) A BIG thank you to Colleen Sass and Jan Loewen for serving as Sunday School teachers for the school entire year, and to Mary Thompson and Diane Land for serving as substitute teachers! Many thanks for your commitment to helping our kids explore their faith.

Stewardship Corner

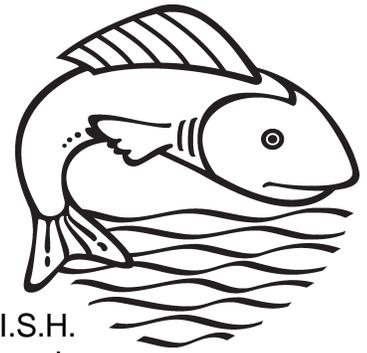
Thanksgiving Lutheran strives to encourage all members to view their offerings of time, talent, and treasure as acts of discipleship in response to God's gracious gifts to us, and our members have historically taken this message to heart, often going the "extra mile" in response to financial difficulties of the congregation as well as contributing generously to causes outside of the congregation! The following is brought to you by the Finance team as part of an ongoing series, "10 Stewardship Principles," adapted from ELCA Stewardship materials available online; we hope that you will recognize yourself in these principles!

In contrast to the Hellenistic philosophical ideal of *self-sufficiency* as the way to transcend shortcomings and hardships, Paul tells the people that *God* is the source of all blessing—"And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." (2 Cor 9: 8) **Stewardship Principle #5: Share abundantly** as we have received, follows from our recognition of God as the source of everything we have, everything we are—with thankful hearts we use and share our gifts for the benefit of all, and we recognize that the *purpose* of our gifts is the building up of the community, the building up of the body of Christ. **Stewardship Principle #6: Give proportionately**, references our way of giving in relation to our abundance. As Paul tells the Corinthians, "...if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have." (2 Cor 8: 12) We are to give according to our "means," and our gifts "count," whatever their size, because they are given by joyful stewards!



F.I.S.H.*

Food
Bank
News



Thanksgiving Lutheran Church has committed to provide volunteers to work at F.I.S.H. on the first Saturday of each month. We are usually there from about 9:45 A.M. to about 12:45 P.M. F.I.S.H. is located at 1055 Benton (Corner of Benton and North Streets), which is about half way between Pacific and College streets. The work is not difficult - no special skills needed-just a cheerful smile. It's always fun when we arrive to see what we get to give away. With summer coming we should be receiving a variety of fresh produce. If you have some extra space in your garden or some pots to fill think about F.I.S.H.

This is how a typical Saturday morning goes: Someone handles the phone for incoming client calls. Name, I.D. number and how many adults and kids in his or her family is recorded. This information is passed along to whoever is filling bags. There is a list of basics to be bagged according to the make-up of the family.

When they come to pick up their bags they are eligible for any number of other items as available. One church donates bags with cake and frosting mixes for families who may have a birthday during the month. Doesn't sound like much, but to some families a birthday cake may be an extraordinary treat.

It's rewarding work and a chance to meet a variety of citizens of God's kingdom. If you think you'd like to spend some time at F.I.S.H., let Stan or I or a church council member know. Dave and Kathy Flanagan took good care of bagging food and greeting clients at the door in May.

If you are new or visiting at Thanksgiving Lutheran and wondering about the Blue Barrel in the Narthex, it's waiting for you to drop in a bag of good things to eat!

The Schulers

*FRIENDS IN SERVICE HERE

Getting to Know...

Jim and Jean Harrison

Jim is a California native and a product of Gilroy High School. He graduated from U. of California, Berkeley with a degree in Forestry. While working for the Division of Forestry as a Supervisor of Fire Crews, a tree fell on him in 1965. This led to a long time in the hospital and a lot of problems with his back.

He left the tree business and began selling hearing aids. Twenty years later, he sold his hearing aid business and switched to real estate. He was married while in college, then divorced 20 years later. They had two children, while his wife already had two. One of her children is the grandmother of Keir. Though not a blood relative, Jim and Jean are the legal guardians of Keir. He came to them 6 years ago and will soon be entering the 8th grade. He frequently serves as an acolyte.

Along the way, Jim bought a mobile home park in the Sierras. He owned this for 18 years until he sold it and rolled his money into an RV park in Louisiana. Jim wrote the book on bad timing. He bought the RV park in May 2005. A few months later, Hurricane Katrina paid him a visit . . . and he is still picking up the pieces. They also own Eco-Save Products, a national company specializing in bacteria for waste removal.

Jean left her St. Louis birthplace early and came to Concord, Napa, and then Salinas, graduating from North Salinas High School. She went to U. of California, Davis with majors in Home Economics and Child Development. She married another student, but then came a tragic car crash. Her husband was killed and she was injured. She moved to Santa Rosa where her parents had relocated. Then to California Lutheran College where she got an M.A. and Teaching Credentials. She taught Special Education in the Roseland District. One day, she prevented a student from attacking and injuring other students. For her trouble, she received a back injury. Other factors led to a disillusioned view of teaching, and she left the profession.

But there were good times while teaching. Jean went to a party at a friend's house. She spotted a good-looking guy at the house bar sitting on a stool. Eventually, Jean was on the stool . . . the same stool . . . on the guy's lap. The guy of course, was Jim. At this time, Jean was 32 and Jim was 50, but that did not prevent marriage.

Maybe some of that marriage magic can be traced to one person . . .our own Pastor Flak. Jean arrived in Santa Rosa and became a member of Faith Lutheran Church at about the same time that Flak arrived. Flak married them in 1981 and also confirmed step-granddaughter Robin, who was living with them at the time. He also confirmed Keir at TLC on May 27, this year. J and J are long-time members of Faith (and still are, though they are also TLC members). Jean remembers Bob Willse speaking at Faith with news of a new church he was starting, to be named TLC.

Three things led to their TLC membership. One was their favorable impression of Bob. Another was the warm welcome they received from TLC members during their visits here. And finally, when Flak came here as Interim Pastor . . . the change-over was sealed!

Both Harrisons are firm supporters of the Santa Rosa Symphony. They have had season tickets for 20 years (also Santa Rosa Repertory Theater). Jean was on the Board for 9 years and was Symphony League President for 2 years. Their other music interest is Dixieland.

They are both big readers with Jean on mysteries and Jim on biographies. He also enjoys gardening, whenever he has a few days at home. They have traveled to Europe many times and have been to every one of our 50 states. At TLC, Jean has taught Sunday School in the past. Currently, they are both proud to be members of our exclusive staff of ushers.

In closing, Jim would like to find someone out there who can accurately predict the time and place that hurricanes will strike. While Jean advises today's young ladies that "sitting on a man's lap on a bar stool can lead to many wonderful things."

George Land

“ANGELS MINISTERED TO HIM”

MARK 1:13

Let God decide who ministers to you

Ever notice how the devil attacks you when you're most vulnerable? After fasting for 40 days in the wilderness Jesus was in "a state of extreme hunger, which the Devil took advantage of". Though hunger is a legitimate need Satan will offer to satisfy it in illegitimate ways. But after Jesus rebuked him, "The Devil left...And...angels...came and took care of Him." At that point Jesus was willing to allow the lesser (the beings He had created and commanded in heaven) to minister to the greater. And by doing so He set an example for each of us to follow.

Perhaps you're struggling today with issues that should be history. Maybe you were "wounded in the house of friends". As a result you no longer trust anybody. Now God can't minister to you through His chosen channels. You want to be healed as long as it's on your terms. Understand this: when you're in enough pain you won't care who God uses; you'll do whatever it takes! Think, if you were hurt in an accident would you really care who the doctors were that helped save your life? Would you question their financial status, church affiliation or cultural background? Frequently it's not the plan of God we struggle with so much as the people He chooses to accomplish it through. James says, "God sets Himself against the proud...but...gives grace to the lowly". That means when you really want God's help and are ready to accept it, you'll set aside your pride and open yourself up to those He sends your way to minister to you!

From the K-Love radio devotional series, submitted by Judy Sawyer



*Let's Get Ready
For a Party!*

Saturday, June 16, 8:00 am— let's all pitch in to get our property looking good for Pastor Jean's Installation Service! Council will bring the donuts, you bring willing hands (and garden tools!)

And:

Mark your calendar: **Pastor Jean's Installation Service** is being planned for the afternoon of **Saturday, June 23, 2007**—plan to be there to offer prayers of support, thanksgiving, and praise - and to **celebrate!**

Nifty Fifties Go Oceanic

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, June 27, for a trip to the Bodega Marine Laboratory at 2099 Westside Road in Bodega Bay. But wait . . . don't go there yet. We will meet at the Church at 11:45 to arrange car-pooling. Be sure to come hungry.

Then we take Hwy. 12 through Sebastopol and on to Bodega Hwy. At Hwy. 1, turn right and continue into Bodega Bay. At the "Lucas Wharf" sign on the left, turn into the parking lot, where you will be greeted by Diane and George Land. The trip should take 35 minutes.

Now we eat fish and chips (or whatever you want) at Dee's. Caution: Order only one serving per couple, because the servings are too big for one person to eat. The money you save can go into the Church collection plate.

After lunch we will drive 10 minutes to the Marine Lab. This is operated by the U. of California and they will give us a special tour (for \$5 each). We will see different tide pool and other marine critters. Last time there, we saw a huge octopus!

Thoughts About Being Salt....

By Sandy Koppen

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot." -Matthew 5:13

When I hear or read this verse, my first inclination is usually to start thinking about the *properties* of salt itself, and if I'm in church I would surely expect to hear about what salt *does*: salt preserves (especially important in pre-refrigeration eras); salt seasons; because it doesn't decay, salt can be a symbol for things that last; salt is common—inexpensive today and freely available (too available if you ask a cardiologist!)—but also vitally important, an indispensable commodity. Knowing quite a bit about the virtues of salt then, I might be able to think of a few people I know who qualify as "salt of the earth" types—dependable, honest, humble, what-you-see-is-what-you-get folks whose "saltiness" helps those around them to stay grounded and sane. But even though Jesus says "you are the salt of the earth," and I can use my imagination to think of ways that I could try to become more salt-like, I seldom *really* think of myself as salt.

When Dietrich Bonhoeffer comments on Matt 5:13 in his book *Discipleship* (previously published and perhaps more commonly known by the title *The Cost of Discipleship*), he too begins by commenting on the qualities of salt. However, Bonhoeffer's emphasis isn't so much on how the disciples go about being SALT as it is on their BEING salt! He notes that Jesus says to the disciples, "You *are* the salt"—not "you *should be* the salt!" Bonhoeffer points out, "the disciples are given no choice whether they want to be salt or not. No appeal is made for them to become salt of the earth. Rather they just are salt, whether they want to be or not, by the power of the call which has reached them." Jesus says, "You *are* the salt"—not "you *have* the salt!" It isn't the disciples' *message* that is the salt, it is the disciples themselves!

The second half of Matt 5:13 goes on to say that salt which has lost its "saltiness" is no longer good for anything, and I'll bet that, somewhere along the line, you've heard that as a threatening judgment—I'd better shape up and work to keep my

good Christian "saltiness", or I risk being thrown out, as God will have no use for me! But listen to Bonhoeffer: Everything, even the most spoiled stuff, can be saved by salt. Only salt which has lost its saltiness is hopelessly spoiled....The earth is supposed to be saved by the community. But the community *that has stopped being what it is* will be hopelessly lost." (my emphasis) We ARE salt—we can't help it! Jesus has made that decision for us, has *called* us salt (it's not up to us to make ourselves into the salt!) and now we can respond gratefully by living into that call, by being what we are. Perhaps the important thought to hold is not the *fear* that we will be judged as tasteless salt but the *sadness* that in losing our saltiness—by not being what we are—we might miss the opportunity to be found, and to help others be found, by God.

So, during these "lazy, hazy, crazy" days of summer, I hope that you will come to church, worship, and let Pastor Jean and TLC help you remember that you ARE salt, "by the power of the call that has reached you."

Love Like Salt by Lisel Mueller

*It lies in our hands in crystals
too intricate to decipher*

*It goes into the skillet
without being given a second thought*

*It spills on the floor so fine
we step all over it*

We carry a pinch behind each eyeball

It breaks out on our foreheads

*We store it inside our bodies
in secret wineskins*

*At supper, we pass it around the table
talking of holidays by the sea*

**We Are Pride:
A Celebration for Sonoma County's Queer* Friends and Family
Sunday, June 10th, 2007
Juilliard Park, Santa Rosa
11:00 am – 4:00 pm**

**Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, Intersex and their friends. The use of "queer" is meant to be inclusive, respectful, and honoring of all the diverse people in our community.
Featuring: Great Performers, Crafts, Food, Information, Family Fun & More!*

Admission FREE to the Public!

Join TLC at this year's Pride Festival on June 10th! Thanksgiving Lutheran is proud to be a Reconciling in Christ Congregation, and this year, as an expression of our desire to make it known that all are welcome at TLC, we will have a booth at this year's Sonoma County Pride celebration! You don't have to be L, G, B, or T to enjoy the festival, the atmosphere is family-friendly, and you will also have a chance to see how other welcoming congregations in the area are reaching out to the gay community. **Everyone is encouraged to walk around the festival and visit the booths, and if you would like to help staff the TLC booth, contact Paul Feiertag!**

**Thanksgiving
Lutheran is a
Reconciling in
Christ (RIC)
Congregation...**

In faithfulness to the Gospel, we respond to God's compassionate love with openness of heart and spirit. Thanksgiving Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation. We welcome and accept gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered people and their families as full participating members of the congregation. We

welcome and accept all people regardless of their cultural or ethnic background, physical or mental abilities, socio-economic or marital status, gender, or age. God loves us exactly as we are. This congregation welcomes you, exactly as you are



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Sunday morning at 9:30 with Children's Sermon, Holy Communion, and education hour for all ages (Sept-May)

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

Thank you for keeping the Trumpet interesting and informative! *editor*