

TLC Trumpet



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Pastor's Page

I read an article this morning that used the term "sloppy agape" in reference to how congregations lack clear organization and task delegation. As much as I'd love to help TLC get pristinely organized, I wish more that I'd coined the term "sloppy agape."

Except I would have given it a positive spin. After all, love – and agape is the love of a Christian community – is sloppy. It's riddled with give-and-take, bending the rules, self-sacrifice, blurry boundaries, valid anger, tough forgiveness, intervention, invasion of privacy, exclusive communication, inclusive communication, mushy sentiment, lavish gratitude, tying up ends and falling through cracks, simultaneously celebrating one and stepping on the toes of another. To highlight a little of the process of living together in love.

When the community is together, it's stressful as much as it's delightful. People remark how comfortable they feel in worship at TLC, but at the end of Sunday mornings, I need a nap.

Even so, occasionally I meet a person who avoids worshipping because they feel unworthy. And I wish, oh, I wish that they didn't feel that way and that they could come and witness the sloppy agape of TLC.

Even so, there is nothing more pristinely organized than TLC folks when someone encounters crisis and tums to us for help. Instantly there are Casserole Angels, Prayer Warriors, Leadership Rescuers, arms to hold, hearts to beat, shoulders to cry on. Priorities shift to Other. People appear in the kitchen, in the office, moving tables and chairs. Our sanctuary gets transformed into a dining hall faster than Jesus ascended into heaven (or use a favorite biblical image of your own).

Money accumulates to donate to rescue efforts. The F.I.S.H. barrel fills up. Prayers rise up.

Even so, we are not called to perfect organization. We are called to live lives that give witness to the Love that authored the whole story in the first place and that is loving it through to the end. We are called to agape.

*Love,
Pastor Jan*

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Next Trumpet Deadline!

The next TLC Trumpet deadline will be Thursday, June 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. Submissions may be edited for space.

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Worship:

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June hours for our administrative assistant

The office hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30-12:30; and Friday from 11-2



Happy Birthday!

Blessings to the following who celebrate birthdays this month:

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| Fiona Becker | 6/1 |
| Deborah Baggett | 6/7 |
| Zoe Zuest-Becker | 6/16 |
| Kirsten Bartlett | 6/18 |
| Stan Schuler | 6/19 |
| Mary Dawson | 6/30 |

(Note: Bob Hax's birthday is June 9)

TLC Highlights for June

A Joint Ministry Event:

2nd Annual Independence Day Worship and Picnic

TLC, Bethlehem, and Faith will gather together under the oaks at Faith Lutheran Church on Sunday, July 3, for worship and potluck picnic. Here is our next opportunity to give a witness of unity to Santa Rosa, to develop Christ-centered relationships with other Lutherans in town, and to start off Independence Day by confessing in corporate worship our utter dependence on the grace and love of God!

Special dates

- Ascension of the Lord, June 2, 2011
- Pentecost, June 12, 2011
- Flag Day, June 14, 2011
- Trinity Sunday, June 19, 2011
- Father's Day, June 19, 2011
- First Day of Summer, June 22, 2011



Prayer Request from Luther Advocacy Ministries

Prayers are always in order, particularly as July 9 approaches when South Sudan will become an independent nation. These are days we suggest a focus on the situation of the people of Sudan. Our sisters and brothers in Sudan and around the world are in prayer now. They are praying for peace and self-determination and will continue in prayer until, and after, independence for South Sudan is realized.

Remembering the role prayer played in the days before the January 2011 referendum on self-determination for South Sudan, a number of faith communities will again come together in a Season of Prayer with the people of Sudan in this time. Specifically, we are invited to pray for thirty minutes on:

- Each day from May 20 through 26 when a delegation of Member States of the UN Security Council will visit Africa and spend time in Sudan; and



IN NEED OF PRAYER

- Each Friday until July 9 (this would be May 28, June 4, June 11, June 18, June 25, July 2, and July 9).
- In the United States, we are called to pray at 11:00a.m. (EDT); 10:00 a.m. (CDT); 9:00 a.m. (MDT); 8:00 a.m. (PDT). And we have invited our sisters and brothers in Sudan to pray with us at 7:00 p.m. in their country.

Pray at these times or whenever time works for you; pray wherever you are; pray individually or gather with your congregation, ecumenical or interfaith community; pray in any manner you feel comfortable praying.

Blessings,

ELCA Advocacy Ministries

Calling all Crafters and Bakers.

The time has arrived to start planning for the Holiday Craft Bazaar.

The date of this fabulous affair is November 10th and 11th from 12pm to 8pm both days.

Reserve a table for both days for the small sum of \$25 and start accumulating the items you desire to sell for the holidays. Bakers are needed to bake items such as cookies, cakes, etc. to donate for sale. These baked goods will be available for purchase.

All proceeds from the baked goods sale and table reservation fees go to Thanksgiving Lutheran Church.

For further information contact Kathy Flanagan, 707-526-5582 or see her at TLC on Sunday mornings.



Prayer Ventures

June 2011

1 Offer thanks for the young people who give one year of their lives to serve the church around the world through the Young Adults in Global Mission program. Pray especially for Lauren Frail and Julie Rower who serve in Hungary.

2 Pray for the following ELCA synods as they meet in assembly this week: Allegheny, Central/Southern Illinois, Delaware-Maryland, Lower Susquehanna, New Jersey, North Carolina, Western North Dakota, Virginia, East-Central Synod of Wisconsin,

Metropolitan Chicago, Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, West Virginia-Western Maryland, Central States, Eastern Washington-Idaho, Indiana-Kentucky, Montana, Nebraska, New England, Northeastern Iowa, Oregon, Southeastern, and Western Iowa.

3 Pray for the Pastor's Academy of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi and the two pastors from the ELCA Northwest Synod of Wisconsin who will join faculty this month in Malawi to teach Bible and the Lutheran Confessions to all the pastors of the church, as well as lay evangelists.

4 Pray that those attending the Bread for the World Gathering in Washington, D.C., this month come home inspired and equipped to speak boldly for people living with hunger and poverty.

5 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Merciful God, we thank you for the growing peace in Angola and Mozambique, and for the Lutheran churches there who are making positive impact in their communities through health service programs and the proclamation of the good news.

6 Give thanks for the service of Carolyn Rasmussen, who serves as a volunteer teacher at Phebe Hospital and School of Nursing in Liberia.

7 Pray for summer camp ministries of Lutheridge + Lutherock Ministries, Inc., and Agape Kure Beach, outdoor ministries of the ELCA serving the southeast.

8 Pray for all world leaders, especially those in war-torn countries, as they consider decisions that will affect God's people and creation.

9 Pray for the following ELCA synods as they meet in assembly this week: Grand Canyon, South Dakota, La Crosse Area, and Southwestern Minnesota.

10 Pray for the North Carolina June 10-12 gathering of the North Carolina Women of the ELCA as they explore the theme, "Women of Faith with Arms Wide Open."

11 Pray for ELCA missionary Karen Anderson who is serving the people of Chile as they recover from the February 27, 2010, earthquake. Karen helps to design, launch and direct an

international training course on popular education in health.

12 Day of Pentecost

Good and gracious God, we thank you for the signs of hope in Brazil today. Continue to enliven the churches in their witness to the hope in Christ that is brought within reach of men, women and children in their everyday lives.

13 Pray for all of the young people participating in the Young Adult in Global Mission program especially Katelyn Petrille, Valerie Rivas, Andrew Steele, Amanda Tompkins and Joy Waughtal, who serve in a variety of social ministry settings in South Africa.

14 Pray for the summer camps of Bear Creek Camp in Pennsylvania and Vandercamp in New York, both outdoor ministries of the ELCA.

15 Pray for the Rev. Ingebjorg Laugeland, who serves as children and youth pastor at Hjelmeland Lutheran Parish in Norway.

16 Give thanks for those who volunteer their time and gifts to teach at the Lutheran schools in Bratislava, Košice, Liptovsky Mikulas, and Tisovec, Slovakia, especially Carol Anderson, Kathy and William Fredell, Elizabeth Mitchell, Jim and Paula Stensvaag, and Suzanne Strekal

17 Pray for the following ELCA

synods as they meet in assembly this week: Southwestern Pennsylvania, Northeastern Pennsylvania, Northern Illinois and Upper Susquehanna.

18 Give thanks for all ELCA short-term volunteers who give three to six months to service in locations around the globe.

19 First Sunday after Pentecost

O God, you who are a part of the very fabric of our whole lives, we lift up to you the people of Argentina and Uruguay. Living in the natural wealth you have given these countries they struggle with economic challenges, may they find peace with you and justice for their people.

20 Pray for the Bishop's School, a residential week for seniors in high school on the campus of Southern Seminary that gathers June 19 – 25.

21 Give thanks for God's good creation—from the smallest of sea creatures to the birds of the air—and all your magnificent handiwork at risk of exposure from our human errors.

22 Pray for the 30 youth who will gather this week for the Leadership Pathways program at Lenoir-Rhyne University in North Carolina, which serves to build up young people as

strong disciples.

23 Give thanks for Bette McCrandall who began serving with the Lutheran Church in Liberia on June 1, 1984, and is concluding her service in Liberia this month. She served as an advisor for the church's educational ministries.

24 Pray for the following ELCA synods as they meet in assembly this week: Caribbean, Slovak-Zion and Greater Milwaukee.

25 Pray that medical personnel be trained and clinics made available for people with AIDS, tuberculosis and other diseases who currently have no access to medical care.

26 Second Sunday after Pentecost

Come, Lord Jesus, into the life of Christian churches in Bolivia, Chile and Peru. Help them be signs of your mercy as they work with the poor, the indigenous and the marginalized, and give them courage and faithfulness to walk in your steps.

27 Give thanks for the ministry of Nancy Anderson and the Rev. Rodney Nordby in Papua New Guinea. Rodney serves as an auditor in the national offices of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea in Lae, and Nancy assists with work with the church's interna-

tional relations.

28 Pray for the ELCA Region 9 Mission Resource Staff who are consulting together for mission strategy development today in Columbia, South Carolina.





29 Pray for those who have no clean water to drink, and who suffer with otherwise preventable diseases and infections.

30 Pray for the Rev. Dana Nelson and Thomas Ososki who serve in Peru. Dana serves the Cristo Rey Lutheran Congregation in Lima, Peru and assists the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Peru with other congregations and mission work. Tom shares his architectural skills as a consultant for new church buildings.

Prayer petitions for Sundays follow the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle and can be incorporated into the prayers at weekly worship. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.



June 2011 at Thanksgiving Lutheran

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|---|
| 29 Mt. Cross Work Event 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship 1:00 PM Casa de Alfararro | 30 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anon | 31 1:00 PM Bible Study 8:00 PM Narcotics Anon | 1 7:00 PM Casa de Alfararro | 2 6:30 PM Meditation Group | 3 7:00 PM Casa de Alfararro | 4 10:00 AM Alcoholics Anon |
| 5 8:00 AM Brush up on Faith Basics 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship 11:30 AM Worship Committee 1:00 PM Casa de Alfararro | 6 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anon 7:00 PM Mutual Ministry Meeting | 7 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Property Meeting 8:00 PM Narcotics Anon | 8 7:00 PM Casa de Alfararro | 9 10:00 AM Gateway Conference Clergy 6:30 PM Pot Luck - Biblical Lands 6:30 PM Meditation Grp. | 10 7:00 PM Casa de Alfararro | 11 10:00 AM Alcoholics Anon 11:00 AM CCC |
| 12 8:00 AM Brush up on Faith Basics 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship 1:00 PM Casa de Alfararro | 13  7:00 PM Alcoholics Anon 7:00 PM Book Group | 14  1:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM Christian Ed Meeting 8:00 PM Narcotics Anon | 15 7:00 PM Casa de Alfararro | 16 6:30 PM Meditation Group | 17 7:00 PM Casa de Alfararro | 18 10:00 AM Alcoholics Anon 10:00 AM Finance Committee Meeting |
|  19 8:00 AM Brush up on Faith Basics 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship 11:30 AM Stewardship Meeting 1:00 PM Casa de Alfararro | 20 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anon |  21 1:00 PM Bible Study 8:00 PM Narcotics Anon | 22 6:30 PM Council 7:00 PM Casa de Alfararro | 23 6:30 PM Meditation Group | 24 7:00 PM Casa de Alfararro | 25 10:00 AM Alcoholics Anon 1:00 PM HHR tour of the Hembree House Cultural Center 7:00 PM Casa de Alfararro |
| 26 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship 11:30 AM Adult Forum on the Lord's Prayer 1:00 PM Casa de Alfararro 6:30 PM Vacation Bible School | 27 6:30 PM Vacation Bible School 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anon | 28 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Vacation Bible School 8:00 PM Narcotics Anon | 29 6:30 PM Vacation Bible School 7:00 PM Casa de Alfararro | 30 6:30 PM Meditation Group 6:30 PM Vacation Bible School | 1 7:00 PM Casa de Alfararro | 2 10:00 AM Alcoholics Anon |

TLC Group News



Christian Education News

June 26th join Jean Flak as she leads the Adult Forum this time. She will be speaking about "Friendship." The young people will practice a bible skit to be presented in July.

All young people are invited to attend Vacation Bible School at Bethlehem Lutheran church on St. Francis Drive June 26th through June 30 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. TLC will pick up the tab **but you must fill out a registration form and get it to Jean Harrison.** Preschool through 6th graders will be the students. Older youth are most welcome to register as volunteers. Each attendee receives a free tee shirt.

Heavenly Hell Raisers

The Heavenly Hell Raisers will be visiting the Hembree House Cultural Center at 9225 Foxwood Dr. in Windsor, on Saturday, June 25, at 1pm. Afterwards we may want to visit some of the shops on the Windsor Town Green or go to the Golden Spoon by the Windsor Raley's for some frozen yogurt.

TLC Book Group

The next book group meeting will be June 13th, at 7 pm, at Mary Weber's house. We'll be starting *Searching for God Knows What* by Donald Miller. A great time to join the group!

Benevolence and More Benevolence

As of May 22nd TLCers have given the following amounts to the following charities:

Rwanda School Project-\$426,

Second Mile-\$275,

Synod Assembly-\$20,

ELCA World Relief-\$100,

FISH- \$639.50 (our Easter offering)

and over \$100 to hunger relief from the Buck-A-Chick auction.

(monies from the art auction are not quite all in). These gifts are

in addition to the 10% given to the Sierra Pacific Synod each

month from our offerings after our mortgage is paid. This money

supports the Synod and its many programs. We are truly

generous individuals.

International Potlucks Resume

Potlucks and more Potlucks

Put your thinking caps on and come up with a dish from Holy lands mentioned in the Bible for our June 9th potluck supper, prayer and communion evening. We start at 6:30 pm and everyone is most welcome.

Then beginning July 7th our popular weekly salad suppers, prayer and communion resumes at 7 pm. A large bowl of greens and bread will be provided each week. You bring the toppings and dessert.

The schedule and themes are:

July 7 South of the Border

July 14 Oriental

July 21 Mediterranean

July 28 Seafood

August 4 Polynesian

August 11 Moroccan

August 18 BBQ vegetables from our gardens

In September we will return to the monthly themed potlucks at 6:30 pm.

See you at these events!!!

TLC Quilters

The quilting group will be on hiatus for the months of June and July.

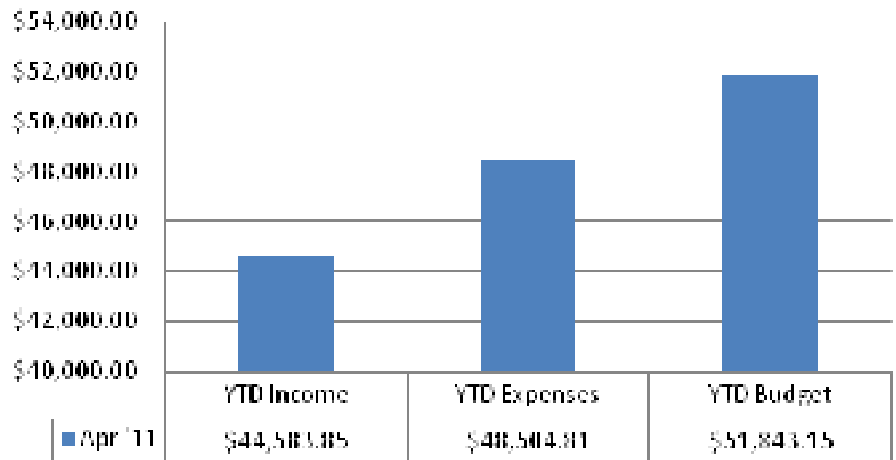


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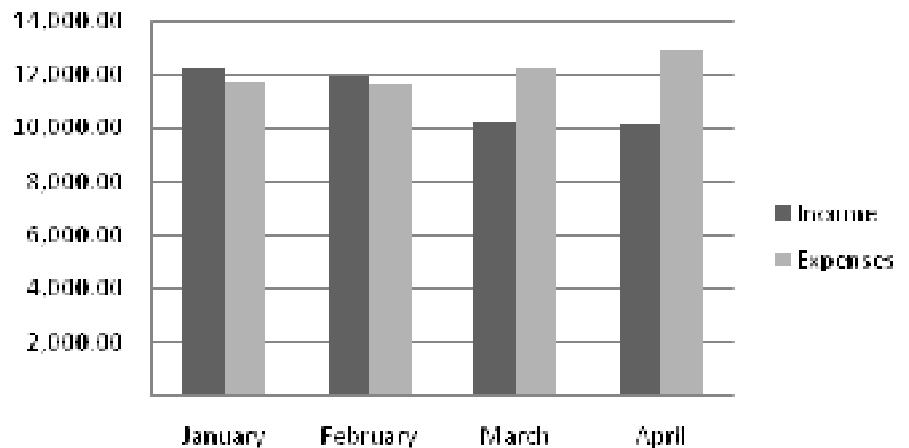
Many thanks go to our members and friends who keep their pledges current and also go that extra mile in their giving. Do remember that our expenses continue over the summer months even as many of our members are on vacation. Please try to give before you leave instead of after you return so that our bills can be paid on a timely basis. Thank you.

Our April expenses were \$2,751.01 greater than our income. The deficit was covered by money in savings but that is dwindling. We need to increase our income. Our expenses were less than what we budgeted for and everyone is being careful but our income just isn't enough. Remember we adopted a deficit budget with an average projected deficit of \$1,661.29. For January-through April our expenses outpaced income by \$3,920.96. May will almost certainly have a deficit also. Please keep this problem in your minds and prayers.

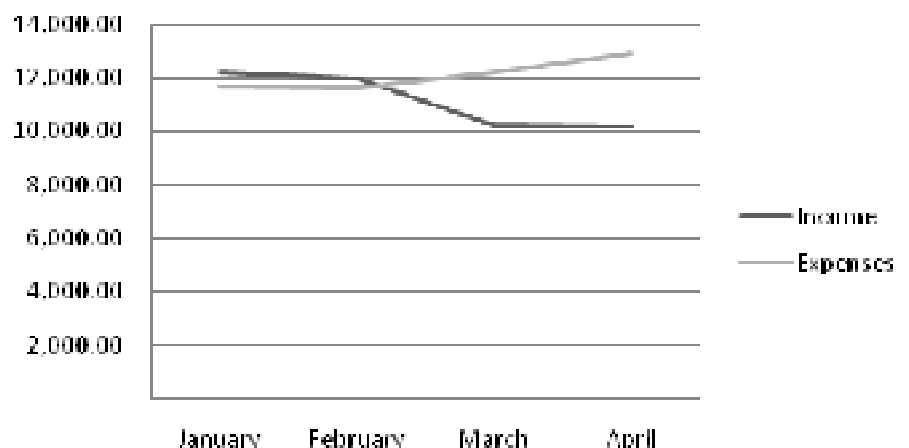
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Worship in the Month of June

June is an Omega-Alpha month! The season of Easter concludes-Pentecost begins. Readings from Acts of the Apostles ends-semi-continuous readings from the patriarchal saga in the Pentateuch begins. The month of June brings a brief end to our following the Revised Common Lectionary-our summer theme "Apocry-Full Summer" will focus on significant extra-biblical writings in The Apocrypha.

In the midweek Bible study (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.) looking at the upcoming Sunday texts ends briefly-a basic study of the Bible begins.*

Below are the texts for the Sundays in June. It is a good practice to look them over during the week before, to help you hear them better and get more out of the sermon!

6/5 7th Sunday of Easter

Scriptures: Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11

6/12 Pentecost

Scriptures: Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:25-35, 37; 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13; John 20:19-23

6/19 Holy Trinity

Scriptures: Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

6/26 Second Sunday After Pentecost

Scriptures: Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-43

*The big question is will the rains end and summer sunshine begin?



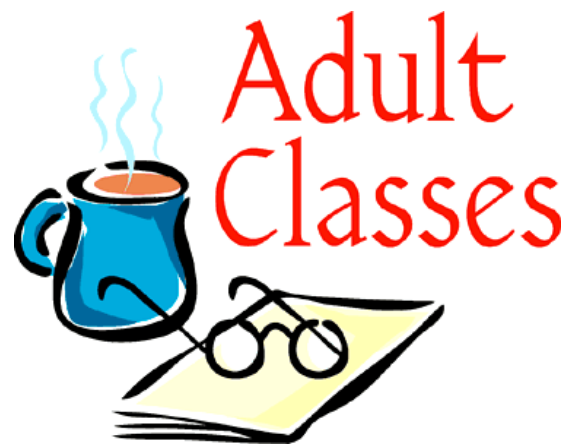
Basics in Faith Class Well Received

Seven people attended the first session of Pastor's Basics in Faith class, and seven more have expressed interest in also participating. That's a great turnout for this first time around.

The second session will be held on Sunday, June 5, at 8 a.m. in the classroom, and there will be several more sessions during June and July. There are 10 sessions in all, starting at 8 a.m., on 6/12, 6/19, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24

The class covers concepts, creeds, and vocabulary that are frequently encountered in practicing Christianity from a Lutheran perspective. Topics include Means of Grace, biblical authority, the significance of baptism, our heritage, and others.

Pastor Jean's intention is to offer the class once or twice a year for new members and for any member desiring to brush up on the basics. So, if you missed it this time around but are interested, let her know.



Council Highlights

In April the Council approved changing custodian firms. Thanks to the work of the Property Committee the new firm will clean more for less money. What a deal!

The purchase of water meters for the Community Garden was also approved by Council. This will insure that the gardeners pay only their share of irrigation water. It was difficult before to calculate.

Council also arranged for an evaluation of Dorothy Fast our wonderful Office Assistant.

Discussion on storage of financial records and historical archives, the current financial situation, and the kiosk and cleaning up the narthex occurred.

And finally the Council continues to work on revising our constitution to more clearly reflect what we actually do and to remove confusing parts of it. Each committee has been asked to review their job description. The goal is to adopt the revisions at the annual meeting in November.

As you can see the Council continues to work hard on your behalf!

P.Ss the Committees work even harder on your behalf—well done everyone!



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Jean Harrison, Treasurer

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| Congregation and Community Care | Karen Lehman |
| Finance | Astrid Anderson |
| Outreach and Evangelism | Pastor Jean Lebbert |
| Property | Keith Becker |
| Stewardship | Jean Flak |
| Worship and Music | Mark Koppen |
| Youth (in hiatus) | |

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| Mutual Ministry | Pastor Jean Lebbert |
| Outreach and Evangelism | Jim Lehman |
| Property | Jan Loewen |
| Stewardship | Jean Flak |
| 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:

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Sanctuary Task Force Coordinators:

Diane Land and Jan Thomas

Women's Groups Coordinator:

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