

TLC Trumpet



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Pastor's Page

This month, I devote the privilege of this space to the GTO!

In response to the exhortation to get out into the community that came to us from the office of the Bishop of the Sierra Pacific Synod, Jan Loewen and Sandy Koppen have devoted zeal, time, heart, thought, hope, and faith into creating a focus group ministry tailor-made for TLC.

See the article by Barbara Kling about this ministry on page 2.

In a little way, trying to get every single member of a congregation to participate in something feels like an NPR pledge drive. The regular contributors regularly contribute. The pleading and presents and droning and insisting and guilt trips are aimed, in hopes against hope, at listeners who don't participate any further than turning on their radio (insert other listening

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contraption if you've moved beyond the 20th century radio).

It's harder to motivate uninvolved members of a congregation -- those who worship occasionally; those who never worship but insist on remaining on the roster (yes, there are those); those who only attend Sunday worship -- because the more you put into a faith community, the more you get out of it. Coaxing anything more from folks who choose to get little from their faith community is almost a vain effort.

(By the way, I have waded into guilt here -- Lutherans DO get motivated by guilt)

We have 86 members on our roster. I am going to pray that 86 members sign up and attend one of the focus group sessions.

There are 5 non-members who worship with us regularly. I am going to pray that they participate too.

91. Can we do it?

*Love,
Pastor Jan*

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Next Trumpet Deadline!

The next TLC Trumpet deadline will be Monday, **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.

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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May hours for our administrative assistant

Church office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Friday 9-1. Dorothy will be unavailable on June 19th-22.



Happy Birthday to these TLC Folks

Fiona Becker	6/1
Jon Riewe	6/5
Deborah Baggett	6/7
Zoe Zuest-Becker	6/16
Kirsten Bartlett	6/18
Stan Schuler	6/19
Rob Boyd	6/28
Mary Dawson	6/30

Growth Through Outreach is Coming!

Rev. Hytjan from the Sierra Pacific Synod has been encouraging us to look outside the box for ideas about how to grow our church. We thought, in order to look outside the box, we should first get to know the people inside the box with us. Jan Loewen and Sandy Koppen developed a Growth Through Outreach (GTO) Program. June focus groups will be the kickoff for this new program. **EVERYONE is encouraged and expected to sign up for one of the focus groups.** Sign up sheets will be available on Sunday. Please, everyone take part in this important program to help TLC's future.

Dates, times, and places for the focus groups are as follows:

- Tuesday, June 10, 7PM at Sandy Koppen's house
- Sunday, June 15, after church at TLC
- Thursday, June 19, 7PM at TLC
- Saturday, June 21, 1PM at Sandy Koppen's house
- Sunday, June 22, after church, at TLC.

TLC Group News



Congratulations to our TLC 2014 Graduates

Kyle Alexander graduated from Sonoma State, earning his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, cum laud, and he also earned multiple subjects teaching credential for teaching elementary school.

Casey Becker graduated from Santa Rosa High School and is planning to attend California State University at Chico in the fall.

Mary Weber received her Administrative Assistant Certificate and Office Clerk Certificate from Santa Rosa Junior College.



HHR Field Trip

Watch for a date and time later in June for the latest HHR field trip. Plans are to visit the Luther Burbank Experiment Farm in Sebastopol, hopefully with a docent led tour. Cost should be \$5 a person.

Rose Parade a Success!

Not only did we show Rose Parade attendees that TLC is here in Santa Rosa and very welcoming, we also won a trophy and \$300!! We came in third in non-profit decorated floats. Many, many thanks to the following hard workers who made this possible: Lynn and Hank Cornelssen, Cindy Heiller, Becka, Rob Boyd, Pastor Jean, Sadie, Gloria, Paul and Ingrid Feiertag, Jon Riewe, Jordan Eberly, Karen Lehman, Sandy Koppen, Jan Loewen, Barbara Kling, Jim Harrison, Lisa Bartlett, Jan Thomas and Mary Weber. Special thanks to Richard Hoskins who drove his antique tractor to pull the trailer lent to us by Bob Muelrath. Together we did a fantastic job! Thank you all!

~Jean Harrison



Adult Forum

There will not be an Adult Forum In June. That day will be used for one of the Member Focus Groups to meet.

Mortgage Payment Campaign

Beginning in June, you will find an envelope stamped "Mortgage Payment" in your bulletin on the first Sunday of every month. If you can afford to give a little something extra it is greatly appreciated. Gifts received in this manner will be set aside to help pay the mortgage when there is a deficit month. This is not money towards paying down the principal. This is in addition to your regular pledge or giving.



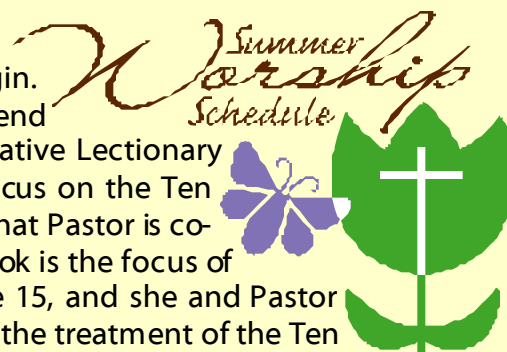
To Everyone at TLC,

Thank you for your prayers and for all of the cards, get well cards and birthday cards. I miss you and am praying for you.

Lola Burmahl

Worship at TLC in June

June is a time for graduations and summer plans to begin. June brings an omega and alpha flow to worship as well. We end Easter and begin the season of Pentecost. Following the Narrative Lectionary that comes out of Luther Seminary, the last three Sundays focus on the Ten Commandments, which happens to be the focus of the book that Pastor is co-authoring with her sister, Janet Venerella, and finishing the book is the focus of Pastor's sabbatical this summer. Janet will be with us on June 15, and she and Pastor will share the idea of their book. We will also be going through the treatment of the Ten Commandments in Luther's Small Catechism -- sort of a Confirmation Refresher Course! You don't have to worry if you can't find your Confirmation copy of the Small Catechism. We have obtained free copies from the Synod Resource Center!



June 1 7th Sunday of Easter Guest Preacher Shannon Speaker

Scriptures: Philippians 2:1-13; Luke 6:43-45

Sermon Title: Having the Mind of Christ

Music Leader: Karaoke

June 8 Pentecost Sunday

Scriptures: Acts 2:1-21; Philippians 4:4-7, John 14:16-17

Sermon Title: Filled with Holy Spirit

Music Leader: Classic Band

June 15 Holy Trinity Sunday

Scriptures: Exodus 19:1-6,; 20:1-11; Matthew 22:34-40

Sermon title: Your Relationship with God

Music Leader: Karaoke Sunday

June 22 1st Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: Exodus 20:12, 13, 14, 16; Matthew 22:34-40

Sermon title: Your Relationship with People

Music Leader: Leilani Wicklund

Jun 29 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: Exodus 20:15, 17

Sermon Title: Your Relationship with Possessions

Music Leader: New Band

Pastor's Sabbatical begins. Over the next eight Sundays, we will be hearing from the chapters of the book *Reclaiming the "C" Word: Daring to be Church Again* by Kelly Fryer. Pastor will preside for all services except the 2nd Sunday of July and August when Paul Feiertag will preside. The speakers will select appropriate scriptures for their Chapter presentation.

Finance update

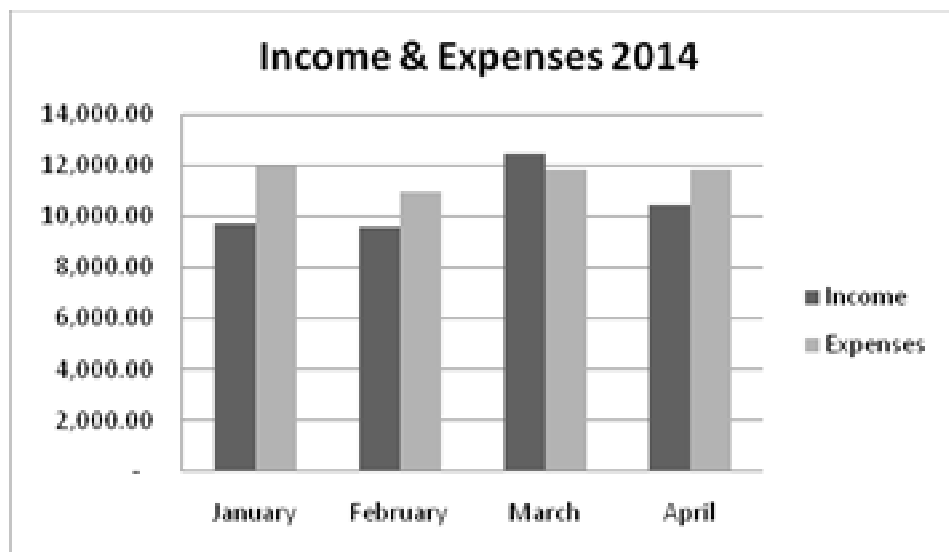
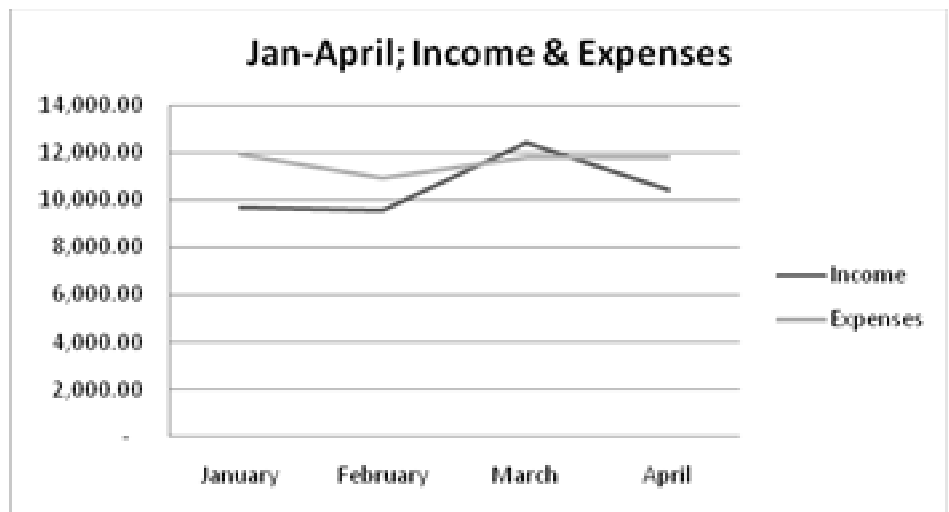
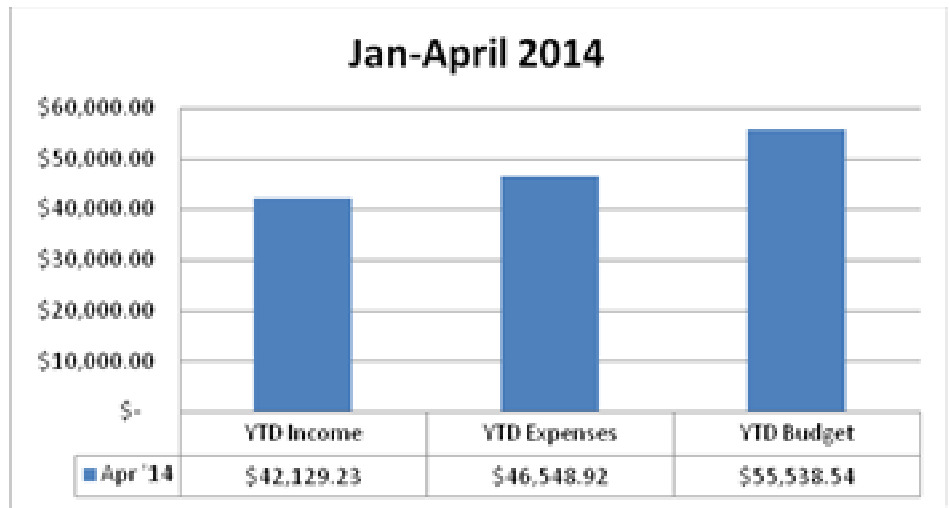
For the first quarter of the year, TLC has a deficit of \$4,419.69. Expenses were \$46,533.92 but income was only \$42,114.23. The April deficit was \$1,424.22. Mission Investment Fund has extended the mortgage reduction from \$4,509 to \$3,500 through the end of September. They are definitely working with us to help solve the financial situation. Committees are doing a good job in keeping down expenses which is much appreciated.

Our Gifts to Others

Through the end of May the following amounts have been given by TLCers to others in need.

2nd mile-\$295,
 Rwanda School Project-\$397,
 FISH (the Easter offering) \$749,
 ELCA Malaria Eradication-\$60,
 ELCA Disaster Relief-\$25 and
 ELCA World Hunger-\$5.

Additionally food from the blue barrel goes regularly to FISH and LOTS of socks were collected during Lent for those in need.



In anticipation of this issue of the Trumpet, I sent out an e-mail asking TLC folks what their plans are for this summer. Here are the replies I received:

Hi pastor! This summer, I will be spending July & August in France on a study abroad! SCAD has a campus in the town of Lacoste. I'll be taking a super important class towards my major—"directing the documentary", as well as two other classes. At the end of the term, two other friends and I plan to visit London for a week before flying home. I'm super excited! ~ *Fiona Becker*

Hi Pastor, Greg and I are camping on the Northern California/ Southern Oregon coast for 10 days in July. We are traveling with friends and family. We all have trailers so we will be camping in style. ~ *Lisa Bartlett*

I'm becoming a grandmother, and apparently learning to drive to San Mateo to be able to visit my new granddaughter. That's about it for me! ~ *Mary Weber*

I am moving into my just-purchased condo, creating new film studies curriculum for high schoolers, attending my 35th high school reunion in PA, and spending quality time with Sadie! ~ *Jordan Eberly*

Griff and Casey and I will be heading back East most of the month of June. Cape May County, New Jersey. Much of my family from my Dad's side is in that area, plus my very best friend lives in Jersey too. ~ *Zoe Zuest-Becker*

Most of you already know that I am taking a sabbatical in July and August and plan on completing the book that my sister, Janet Venerella, and I are writing about the Ten Commandments (come to worship on June 15 to hear about it). Then, Janet and I are going to France with our Oregonian cousins, Louise and Michael Gaston. First time I've ever been to Europe and first time I've ever taken a 3-week vacation!! ~ *Pastor Jean*

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HOW TO FIND THE CENTER

The Sierra Pacific Synod maintains a Resource Center -- a free lending library -- for the benefit of pastors and members of the congregations of this synod. You may visit the Center in person at 2311 E. Shaw Avenue in Fresno (located in the Lutheran Campus Ministry building), or via an online catalog at www.resourcecenterspselca.org.

WHAT'S THERE FOR ME?

The Resource Center contains hundreds of books, dvd's, cd's Bibles of various translations, Bible story books, study materials for all age groups, music books, dramas, games, joke books, get-acquainted exercises, Martin Luther, Bible study kits with video leader, devotional books, children's sermons materials, Luther's Catechism, information on Lutheran teachings regarding baptism, Holy communion, first communion training for children, guides for Christian education leaders and small group leaders, picture story books and dvd's like Veggie tales, materials on stewardship education, evangelism, worship, the church and technology, health ministry, etc. our latest addition is an online Bible Tutor (great for personal study).

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Contact us at rspselca@pacbell.net for the password and instructions.

TLC Executive Committee:

Jordan Eberly, President
 Barbara Kling, Vice-president
 Keith Becker, Secretary
 Jean Harrison, Treasurer
 Astrid Anderson, Financial Secretary

Council Liaisons to Committees:

Christian Education	hiatus
Congregation and Community Care	Marilyn Schuler
Finance	Lisa Bartlett
Mutual Ministry	Pastor Jean Lebbert
Outreach and Evangelism	Cindy Heiller
Property	Keith Becker
Stewardship	Keith Becker
Worship and Music	Barbara Kling

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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:	Mary Dawson
Greeters Coordinator:	Jan Thomas
Asst. Ministers Coordinator:	Ingrid Feiertag
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:	Gloria Feiertag
Women's Retreat Coordinator:	Karen Lehman

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 June Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 AM Book of Concord Study 9:30 AM Sunday Moming Worship 3:00 PM Roca de Salvacion 7:00 PM Interfaith Service	2 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion Practice	3 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Narcotics Anon small group 8:00 PM Narcotics Anon	4 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	5	6 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	7 10:00 AM AA Meeting 11:00 AM CCC Meeting
8 9:30 AM Sunday Moming Worship 5:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	9 5:30 PM Mutual Ministry 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion Practice	10 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Narcotics Anon small group 8:00 PM Narcotics Anon	11 6:30 PM Property Meeting 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	12	13 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	14 10:00 AM AA Meeting
15 9:30 AM Sunday Moming Worship 11:00 AM Christian Education 5:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	16 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion Practice	17 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Narcotics Anon small group 8:00 PM Narcotics Anon	18 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	19 7:00 PM Focus Group	20 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	21 9:00 AM Finance Committee Meeting 10:00 AM AA Meeting
22 9:30 AM Sunday Moming Worship 11:00 AM Council Meeting 5:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	23 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion Practice	24 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Narcotics Anon small group 8:00 PM Narcotics Anon	25 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	26	27 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	28 10:00 AM AA Meeting
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