

TLC Trumpet



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One of our focal points this Lent will be the symbol of the cross.

Diane Land is creating beautiful hangings of different ways the cross has evolved from being an instrument of torture to Christianity's primary symbol of salvation and eternal life, from a tree of death to the tree of life. We will look briefly at a cross on Sundays in our gatherings; on Thursdays, in our midweek gatherings, we will look at how each cross came into being. We will hear some of scripture's powerful words on this faith symbol, and we will sing some beautiful and beloved cross hymns.

I don't really know much about all the different crosses that are used in religious art and architecture, so I am looking forward to good study in preparation for finding words of witness. I hope you'll all cross off your calendars those activities you can so that you can take this inspiring journey with me.

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It's amazing to see this beloved symbol as Easter merchandise. Last year, I bought a chocolate cross! It was enclosed in plastic and framed by a flowery cardstock. Kind of like Jack Skellington takes over Easter instead of Christmas! The chocolate cross is a little

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repulsive, but maybe also it is a great reminder of Jesus, God and Human, infinite and finite. It was confession and confection – a Hallmark way to make Christ edible!

Actually, it wasn't as awful as the blue and white plush gorilla wearing bunny ears that I spotted in Safeway last year. Even I couldn't find Christ in that one!

May you find Christ in delightful, shocking, inspiring, wonderful ways – like, um, maybe in the face of your neighbor!

Have a Blessed Lent!

*Love,
Pastor Jean*

Next Trumpet Deadline!

The next TLC Trumpet deadline will be Thursday, March 22. 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:

Sunday morning at 9:30 with Holy Communion

Thanksgiving Lutheran Church

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February hours for our administrative assistant

Church office hours are Monday and Thursday from 8:30-11:30, Tuesday 2-5, and Friday 11-2.



This Month's Birthdays

Happy Birthday this month to:

Jordan Eberly	3/8
Laura Koppen	3/15
Pam Mahan	3/16
Janet Venerella	3/18
Natalie Koppen	3/19
Kim Santiago-Flanagan	3/20
Ray Zuest	3/22
Roger Larson	3/30
Kathy Flanagan	3/31

TLC Highlights

Get Ready to Get Phreaky!

TLC is launching what is possibly our largest outreach effort ever by bringing to Santa Rosa Dale Smith and his one-man play "**Jesus Phreak; The story of an unlikely disciple.**" Two shows are scheduled for Saturday May 5th, 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM. The Outreach Committee is heading up this event, but we need the help of the entire congregation to successfully pull it off. Why was *Jesus Phreak* chosen as an outreach project? Because the play presents a theological concept that is a good match for TLC's Reconciling in Christ status, and will help us promote TLC as a community that welcomes everyone.

There are many tasks that need to be done to prepare for this event, and we hope that all who are able will say "yes!" when asked to help. Your help in inviting friends and neighbors is especially important.

Tickets are on sale now!

Roll Out The Barrow!

The "wheelbarrow" that is!

Let's see how much soup we can gather through this year.

The soup "barrow" will be present during this season of lent. TLC did such a great job last year. Let's try for **even better** this year.

F.I.S.H.=Friend in Service Here emergency food pantry, corner of North and Benton Streets, Santa Rosa.



TLC Group News



Christian Education Doings

March 25th is Christian Education Sunday. Sandy Koppen leads the Adult Forum through another exciting and fun Bible story not usually covered in church. The young people can join Jordan Eberly for another fun project and lesson.

A Lenten devotional booklet, poster and magnet are available for each young person. Be sure to pick one up on Sunday.

On April 1st, Palm Sunday, the youth aided by Jordan Eberly and Jean Harrison will dye Easter eggs for the Easter Sunday egg hunt. This will be right after church.

More BS* You Won't Hear in Church!

(*Bible Stories, of course!)

Join Sandy Koppen on **Sunday, March 25** after worship for the third 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: How to choose the perfect army!?

March 25 (Session 3): "An Army Who Laps Water Like a Dog" (Judges 7:2-9)

Baseball, Comed Beef & Cabbage!

Heavenly Hellraisers 50 years and older will go back this month to the 1950s when New York ruled the baseball world. Each year at least one (often two) New York teams (Yankees, Giants or Brooklyn Dodgers) were in the World Series.

We will see the oddities of the three ballparks (Yankee Stadium, Polo Grounds, Ebbets Field), each one a little more weird than the other. Hear the stories of some of the New York players... each one a little more weird than the other. And speaking of weird, our presenter – back from his popular lecture last year – is George Land.

Join us at 4 p.m. March 17, at Mary Dawson's home, 3767 Texas Drive, where Mary & Jean Harrison will whip up a St. Patrick's Day traditional feast. RSVP to Mary (mjdreamer@comcast.net) or Sharon Boschen (sboschen@sbcglobal.net or 843-7739) by March 12 to assure your reservation.

Potlucks Change for Lent

During Lent the monthly themed potlucks go on hiatus. In their place join us for weekly soup suppers at 6:30 before the 7:00 pm Lenten service each Thursday. We take turns making a big pot of vegetarian soup, a big pot of non-vegetarian soup and dessert for all to enjoy. Bread and beverages are provided. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the hall. Sign up to showcase your soup making and dessert making skills! This time of fellowship is a nice lead-in to worship. The first one is March 1st!



Lenten Potluck

Basics of Faith

Session One is on Feb. 5, 8-8:45 a.m.

Anyone seeking to join TLC or to brush up on the basics is welcome!

SESSION 1 Basic Concept of Means of Grace

We begin on the mountain with Moses and receive the promise of the Means of Grace. From there, we discuss Word and Sacrament as means of Grace.

SESSION 2 The Bible as Means of Grace

How is this collection of 66 books a means of Grace?

SESSION 3 Jesus as Means of Grace

How do his teachings and life still serve us as a source of revelation of the Divine?

SESSION 4 The Shape of Jesus' Teachings

What do the Divine Law, the prayer of Jesus, the Credal statements of the Church, and life as a Christian have in common?

SESSION 5 Baptism and Spiritual Gifts

What exactly happens in baptism?

SESSION 6 Holy Communion

What exactly happens in Holy Communion?

SESSION 7 The Reformation, Martin Luther, the ELCA, etc., etc.

What does it mean to be a Lutheran?

SESSION 8 Disciplines of Faith for Daily Living

Why pray? Why pledge? Why join a church?

SESSION 9 Thanksgiving Lutheran Church in Santa Rosa, California

How did TLC get here? Why is TLC here?

SESSION 10 The Great Commission of Christ and Me

What in the world do we do now?



Jottings From Jean Flak....

Joan Hax spent several days in Las Vegas celebrating birthdays with family...wasn't it nice to see Sandy Leithe worshipping with us....George Land is trying to find something important for Jean Flak to do....talk to Joan Hax about the good things she does for the Living Room....prayers and thanks to those working on tax returns....Griffin Becker-Zuest had a screw put in his foot, now if he doesn't grow he will be just fine....Ruth Leshner's mom died on January 20th, Ruth has been the leader at TLC's Women's Retreat....Marti Lundin joined the church where Dale Sollom-Brotherton is the pastor....Christine Willsey had a bad fall at home - she says she's glad she didn't hit her head on the fireplace....we

are too!....Bobbi Adams is thankful that Ilene Friend is well cared for, but it's hard not having her home....Astrid Anderson has been in Sedona, AZ enjoying the sights....Elva Kollodge is doing OK, but not able to make it to church, give her a call and cheer her up!....Nora Wilson is doing some classes to become more skillful, she says it's hard to teach an old dog new tricks, we're proud of her....Mary Weber is going to school as well, we're proud of her too....you might want to talk with Jan Thomas about her nutrition awareness....great to see Ilene Friend in church....thanks to Christine Willsey for all her work on the Altar Guild....don't pass up Lenten Services on Thursdays during Lent!



Finance News

2012 did not start in the best way financially for TLC. January's deficit was \$3,002.28. The only good news is that this is slightly better than the projected monthly deficit of \$3,255.24. However at this rate we will run out of our savings soon. Thank you to all who are

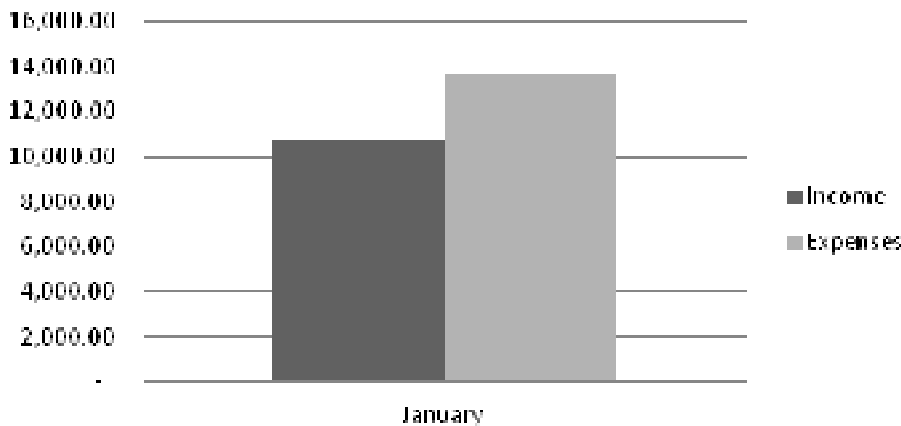
keeping their pledges current and especially to those who are giving that little extra as they can. Please keep this situation in your prayers and hearts.

There are some things we can each do to help improve our income. One is to use Good Search as our search engine every time we use the web. Another is to register your Safeway, Macy's, credit cards and others with escrip. Recycling your ink cartridges through the church also saves us money on office supplies from Office Depot. Just deposit

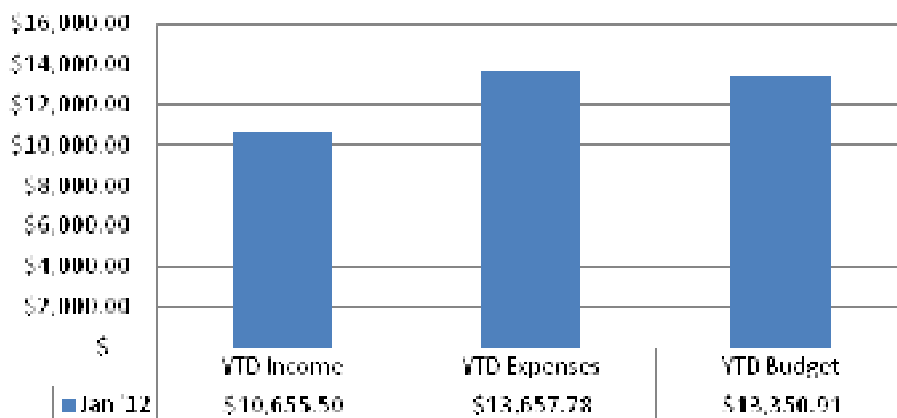
them in the box under the mailboxes in the hall. And lastly if you have investments with Thrivent please consider designating TLC for your Thriven Choice Dollars. We greatly appreciate those members who have already done so.

Along those lines Thrivent recently sent us a letter explaining that everyone who is currently donating their share of Thrivent Choice dollars to any group needs to renew their recurring direction of money. If you are one of these people and did not receive a communication from Thrivent please see Jean Harrison for a copy of the letter.

Income & Expenses 2012



January 2012



Remember Your Offerings

Our Giving Continues to Remember Others

The total Christmas offering of \$998 went to Lutheran Social Services of Northern California in January.

As of February 19th \$138 has come in for the Rwanda School Project and \$50 for Second Mile.

Worship Opportunities in March

On Sundays

Mar. 4 Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25;
Mark 8:31-38

Mar. 11 Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

Mar. 18 Fourth Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-19; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2:1-10;
John 3:14-21

Mar. 25 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12; Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33



Worship Schedule For Lent

Thursdays – Behold the Cross of Christ

All are invited on Thursdays for hot, homemade soup followed by a brief liturgy on the cross. Each week, we will learn a little about different cross designs, sing favorite cross hymns, and will meditate on cross scriptures. Make these gatherings part of your Lenten blessing.

Mar. 1 Ephesians 2:11-16 Made one in the cross -- Celtic

Mar. 8 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 The folly of the cross -- Cantonee

Mar. 15 Colossians 1:15-20 All things reconciled through the blood of the cross -- Cross Crosslet

Mar. 22 Philippians 2:1-11 Obedient even to death on the cross -- Passion

Mar. 29 Mark 8:34-37 Take up your cross and follow me – Jerusalem



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Apr. 1 Palm Sunday -- Come, hear Mark's account of Christ's passion
Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 25-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

Apr. 5 Maundy Thursday – "This night I give you a new command"
Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Cor. 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Apr. 6 Good Friday – Christ's passion in the Gospel According to John
Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42

Apr. 8 Resurrection Day – Celebration! Worship! Brunch! Egg Hunt!
Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor. 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8

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

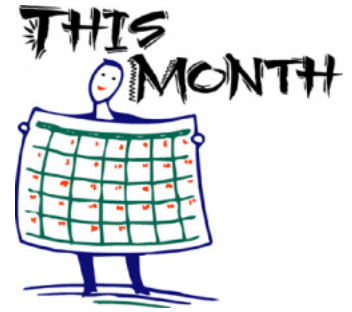
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March 2012 at Thanksgiving Lutheran

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship 1:00 PM Casa de Alfararo	27 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anon	28 1:00 PM Bible Study 5:30 PM Evening Bible Study 8:00 PM Narcotics Anon	29 7:00 PM Casa de Alfararo	1 6:30 PM Lenten Soup Suppers	2 7:00 PM Casa de Alfararo	3 10:00 AM Alcoholics Anon
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25 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM Basics in Faith Class 1:00 PM Casa de Alfararo	26 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anon 7:00 PM Mutual Ministry	27 1:00 PM Bible Study 5:30 PM Evening Bible Study 6:30 PM Council 8:00 PM Narcotics Anon	28 7:00 PM Casa de Alfararo	29 6:30 PM Lenten Soup Suppers	30 7:00 PM Casa de Alfararo	 Spring Cleaning Day 10:00 AM Alcoholics Anon

Same Day, Additional Time for Tuesday Pericope Study

On Tuesdays in 2012, you have two opportunities to join Pastor Jean for a first-glance at the pericopes for the coming Sunday. It helps her in her preparation for preaching, and it may help you discover something new in the Bible or about yourself!