

# TLC

# Trumpet



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## Pastor's Page

The 40 days of Lent recalls the story of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, which is told in Matthew 4:1-11, Mark 1:12-13, and Luke 4:1-13. In it, Jesus fasted for 40 days, making himself totally open and vulnerable to spirits, thoughts, visions. There are other sacred myths about heroes undergoing a process of weakening the flesh in order to quicken the spirit, and there are modern and ancient practices, like placing returning astronauts in quarantine or isolating menstruating women in a tent, that take folks out of their worlds for a time of testing and/or cleansing.

I certainly do not exhort you to leave your world for the 40 days of Lent. Instead, I invite you to put a Lenten discipline *into* your world! The



purpose? Truly, that's up to you. It wouldn't be a bad thing to do it primarily so that you are reminded daily of your Savior. It's too easy to go day after day without giving even a thought to the grace you have been given in Christ. It would be good to do it as a personal discipline, to practice taking control of your will. It would be bold to do it as a witness to your faith, as a conversation

promoter that would permit you to tell others about your gift of faith, even about TLC.

The Sundays during Lent are not part of the 40 day count, because for Christians, Sundays are always mini-Easter celebrations. If you are new at maintaining a spiritual discipline, they give you a mini-period of grace!

We don't do spiritual practices to make ourselves perfect. The Savior makes us perfect every day in the eyes and heart of the Divine! That's nice to know.

Have a wonderful Lent

*Love,*  
*Pastor Jean*

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## Next Trumpet Deadline!

The next TLC Trumpet deadline will be Monday, **March 24**. 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

Church office: 707-544-0241

### Worship:

Sunday morning at 9:30 with Holy Communion

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### March hours for our administrative assistant

Church office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Friday 10-2.



### Blessings to the following TLC folks as they celebrate birthdays this month

Jordan Eberly	3/8
Laura Koppen	3/15
Pam Mahan	3/16
Janet Venerella	3/18
Natalie Koppen	3/19
Ray Zuest	3/22
Ashley Stonebreaker	3/24

## “Sock It To Me” TLC Lent 2014

### Midweek Gatherings for Community Awareness and Compassion

Throughout Lent, you have the opportunity, as a special offering, to bring new socks—men's, women's, and children's. At the end of the season, we will go as a group to downtown Santa Rosa and distribute them to homeless and needy neighbors.

At our midweek gatherings, we are inviting representatives from various groups to broaden our awareness of how they serve in the community. There will be no soup suppers. The gatherings will begin at 7 p.m. with a brief vespers prayer followed by the speaker's presentation and time for questions and answers.

- March 13 - Rev. Jim Hytjan, the interim Director of Evangelical Mission Starts for the Sierra Pacific Synod, is our guest speaker. He will be addressing the Focus Group Ministry that he has been helping us start up in order to become a stronger presence in the community.
- March 20 - Carol Roberts from Lutheran Social Services, will be on hand to tell us about the services that our Second Mile offerings help fund.
- March 27 - TBA
- April 3 - Cheryl Parkinson from the Living Room will update us on this good local service and may have suggestions for ways we could help.
- April 10 - Speaker on Rwanda School Project

## TLC Group News



### Adult Forums Moving

Beginning in March our Christian Education Adult Forums will be on the 3rd, not the 4th Sunday of each month. On the 16th, Cindy Heiller will lead us in a discussion of a DVD on Jesus and His times. Adult Forum meets after Fellowship hour for about an hour. Everyone is most welcome.

### The Rose Parade

Yes, TLC will have an entry in the Rose Parade on May 17th and everyone is invited. We chose a theme of Everyone is a Hero to go with the overall theme of Heroes and Helpers. All are invited to the planning meeting after church on March 2nd as we explore decorating our float.

### HHRers to Celebrate St. Patrick's Day

Join this lively group for a corn beef and cabbage dinner on March 15th at 5 pm. Mary Dawson's house is the place to be that day. We will share the cost of the fixings. All adults are most welcome.



### Gifts to Others

During the month of January the following gifts were given to those in need: \$50 to Second Mile, \$45 to the Rwanda School Project, \$25 to Disaster relief in the Philippines and \$10 to the ELCA

### Quilters are Meeting

On March 18, 1pm, at TLC. See Gloria Feiertag for more information.



### Did you know the Synod owns a resource center— for your use?

For over twenty years, the Sierra Pacific Synod has owned and operated a **resource center**, providing a variety of materials for use by the pastors and the people of our churches. The **Resource Center** materials can be easily reviewed by searching its online catalog, [www.resourcecenterspselca.org](http://www.resourcecenterspselca.org). Resources in this free, lending library cover a wide range of categories and topics. You may email [rspelca@pacbell.net](mailto:rspelca@pacbell.net), or use the phone (559-345-2725,) to ask questions or learn more. We welcome your personal or group use.

### Break Bread Together Nite

Because of the Lenten schedule there will be no Let Us Break Bread Together Nite until after Easter.

## Sunday Worship During March

- Mar 2 Transfiguration "Light of the World"**  
Scriptures: Psalm 27:1-4; John 9:1-41  
Music: New Band
- Mar 9 First Sunday in Lent "Raising Lazarus"**  
Scriptures: Psalm 104:27-30; John 11:1-14  
Music: New Band
- Mar 16: Second Sunday in Lent "Example of Love"**  
Scriptures: Psalm 51:7-12; John 13:1-17  
Music: Classic Band  
Highlights: Gift of G.A.B., Adult Forum
- Mar 23: Third Sunday in Lent "Peter's Denial"**  
Scriptures: Psalm 17:1-7; John 18:12-27  
Music: Michelle Daugherty  
Highlights: Council, Cent\$ational \$unday
- Mar 30: Fourth Sunday in Lent "Out of This World Kingdom"**  
Scriptures: Psalm 145:10-13; John 18:28-40  
Music: Michelle Daugherty  
Highlights: Book of Concord, 8am



## Book Club Picks for 2014

At our January planning meeting, the following books/authors were chosen for Feb through August for the TLC book group. We are tentatively meeting at Jordan Eberly's home.

**March** - Women of the Silk by Gail Sukiya

**April** - Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver

**May** - Two Old Women by Velma Wallis

**June** - Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern

**July** - Take Good Care of the Garden and the Dogs by Heather Lende

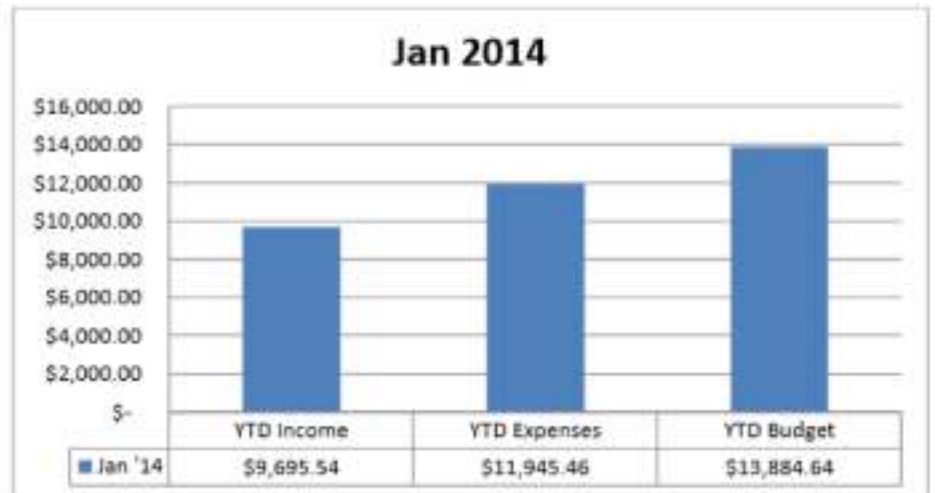
**August** - I heard the Owl Call my Name by Margaret Craven

If you would like to join us for a spirited chat about any or all of these books, please contact Jordan Eberly at 569-6012 for directions to her home at 119 Seventh Street off Railroad Square in Santa Rosa. We would love to see you there!



## Financial Update

In January we had a deficit of \$2,366.92. Income was only \$9,695.54 while expenses were \$11,945.46. Our operating budget projected a average deficit per month of \$3,971.80 or \$47,661.62 for the entire year. So we did do better in January than we had projected but this is still a significant deficit Please keep this situation in your thoughts and prayers.



## The Big Class: Making Sense of the Cross with David Lose (Free)

By David Lose

Beginning Ash Wednesday, March 5th, and continuing through March 12th, free instruction on *Making Sense of the Cross* via an open, online 45-minute course and discussion hosted by author David Lose is available to all who are interested. Participants can take the class any time during the week at [www.churchnext.tv](http://www.churchnext.tv). No special software is required. "The Big Class" is a worldwide online course for all who want to go further in their walk with Christ and is free to all, brought to us by Augsburg Fortress. Special materials will be available for congregations and education classes that desire to take the class together as a part of a Lenten study.

The most profound event in human history is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Far more people are puzzled about the Cross than would claim to understand it. Author, theologian and pastor David Lose inspires us to think deeply about what Jesus' cross might mean to you and me.

Whatever we say about the cross, we are also saying about God. So what does the cross mean? What can it tell us about God? How can it help us approach, understand, and know God better? In this first course, David Lose talks about:

- The Cross and Experience
- The Cross and Forgiveness
- The Cross and Atonement

This is a pre-recorded online course that will take the average learner about 45 minutes to work through. You can pause the class at any time and return to it later. This free course is the first of three: the other two courses will be available soon for purchase if you are interested in continuing. Part II is called *The Bible and the Cross*, and Part III is called *Theories of the Cross*. None are downloadable, however there are text and Mp3 files that you may download.

Learn more at [www.churchnext.tv](http://www.churchnext.tv).

### 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 March Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Book of Concord Study <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday Morning Worship <b>3:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion	<b>3</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Mutual Ministry <b>7:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion Practice	<b>4</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Bible Study <b>6:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anon small group <b>8:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous	<b>5</b>  <b>7:00 PM</b> Ash Wednesday Service	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion	<b>1/8</b>
<b>9</b>  <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday Morning Worship <b>3:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion	<b>10</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion Practice	<b>11</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Bible Study <b>6:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anon small group <b>8:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous	<b>12</b>  <b>6:30 PM</b> Property Mtg <b>7:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion	<b>13</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Christian Education Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> "Sock It To Me" Midweek Lent Gathering	<b>14</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion	<b>15</b>  <b>9:30 AM</b> Finance Committee <b>5:00 PM</b> St Patrick's Day Dinner
<b>16</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday Morning Worship <b>11:00 AM</b> Adult Forum <b>3:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion	<b>17</b>  <b>7:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion Practice	<b>18</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Bible Study <b>1:00 PM</b> Quilters <b>6:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anon small group <b>8:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anon	<b>19</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion	<b>20</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> "Sock It To Me" Midweek Lent Gathering	<b>21</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>  <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday Morning Worship <b>11:00 AM</b> Council Meeting <b>3:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion	<b>24</b>  <b>7:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion Practice	<b>25</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Bible Study <b>6:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anon small group <b>8:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anonymous	<b>26</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion	<b>27</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> "Sock It To Me" Midweek Lent Gathering	<b>28</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday Morning Worship <b>3:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion	<b>31</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion Practice	<b>1</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Bible Study <b>6:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anon small group <b>8:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anon	<b>2</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion	<b>3</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> " Sock It To Me" Midweek Lent Gathering	<b>4</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion	<b>5</b>



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## March Trivia

*Where does the word March originate from?*

The word 'March' comes from the Roman 'Martius'. This was originally the first month of the Roman calendar and was named after Mars, the god of war.

*March used to be the first month of the year*

March was the beginning of our calendar year. We changed to the 'New Style' or 'Gregorian calendar' in 1752, and it is only since then when we the year began on 1st January.

*Another name for March*

The Anglo-Saxons called the month Hlyd monath which means Stormy month, or Hraed monath which means Rugged month.

*Traditional games played in March*

All through Lent the traditional games played are marbles and skipping. The games were stopped on the stroke of twelve noon on Good Friday, which in some places was called Marble Day or Long Rope Day.

*Superstition*

If Easter should fall on Lady Day (March 25) then some disaster will shortly follow:

*'When my Lord falls in my Lady's lap,  
England beware of some mishap.'*

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