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Pastor's Page



It's May!

- "May I sit with you?"
- "May I treat you?"
- "May I help?"
- "May I come?"
- "May I come in?"
- "May I carry that for you?"
- "May I talk to you?"
- "May I try?"
- "May I give you a hug?"

Blessings on all the ways you celebrate this month!

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*Love,
Pastor Jan*

Next Trumpet Deadline!

The next TLC Trumpet deadline will be Friday, May 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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May hours for our administrative assistant

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



A Glad and Happy Birthday This Month To:

Scott Schoepp	5/1
Nathan Schoepp	5/1
Keith Becker	5/4
Jan Loewen	5/12
Tim Schoepp	5/22
Kyle Alexander	5/23
Betty Hiebel	5/25 (78 th)
Bruce Alexander	5/31

TLC Highlights for May

2011 Synod Assembly

The 24th annual assembly of the Sierra Pacific Synod gathers on Friday, May 13 at the Regency Hotel in Burlingame. The theme for this year's assembly is "Lord, when did we. . ." taken from the 25th chapter of the Gospel According to Matthew, where Jesus calls on those who would follow him to serve the least, the last, and the lost.

Special guests include:

Bishop Medardo Gomez of the Lutheran Church of El Salvador, a companion synod

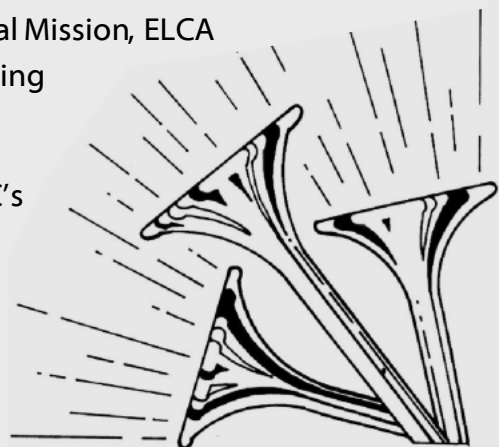
Dr. Carol Jacobson of Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley, CA

Dr. Mark Allen Powel of Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, OH

Dr. Ruben Duran, Division for Congregational and Synodical Mission, ELCA

Mary Thompson will be attending the Assembly as TLC's voting member. Also attending from TLC are Pastor Jean and **Rev. Paul Feiertag**, attending as Retired Clergy.

The Assembly concludes on Sunday, May 15, which takes TLC's ordained ministers away from TLC's altar. To compensate, and reflecting TLC's splendid resourcefulness, **Gloria Feiertag** will be in the pulpit as a participant in our Outreach and Evangelism Committee's "My Faith Works" ministry, and **Sharon Boschen**, will lead a Service of the Word liturgy. (Service of the Word is regular liturgy but without Holy Communion).



Gift of G.A.B.

A Tale of Christian Education...

By Jordan Eberly

They told me I must talk a bit
About our Christ Ed stuff
A gift of GAB they said it was
Hey, this can't be all that tough!

Let's see now...how should I start out
I guess with Bible study...
It's held here Tuesdays around lunch time
And you're invited to bring a buddy!

Next we have the youth events
there 1st communion and VBS.
This year we're planning a joint affair
With Bethlehem we'll share our best!

Confirmation classes already began
Pastors Jean and Tim will lead.
Our boys, Nathan and Griffin, well...
They'll do great and they'll succeed!

Upon our Christ Ed Sundays
Which happen monthly on each 4th week,
The youth engage in activities
that are both common and unique.

They make crosses and decorations
for holidays and special times
Or decorate fans, eggs or rocks
Or act our skits full of rhymes.

While the youth are kept so busy
The adults are learning too!
Adult forums are full engaging
And they're full of fun! It's true!

The subjects range from marriage
To holiday films we see.
We've discussed Health ministries,
& trips to Holy Lands,
We even open our Bibles with glee!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Those who've led these Forums
Include Paul and Pastor Jean,
Sandy, Sharon, Jordan and Jim
All sorts of speakers we've seen!

As if this wasn't near enough
Our committee also includes
Summer Thursday Salad potlucks
Typical of Lutherans...more food!

We're passing out our survey
About subjects we can share
We'd like to hear from each of you
This is because we truly care!

As you can see, we're busy
But we have some room to grow
We invite you to attend with us
Our meetings and be "in the know!"

We meet together monthly
It's so organized and quick.
Just drop a line or make a call
That'll simply do the trick!

The Christian Education Committee would like to thank each of you for your continued support of our small but important mission at our church. The ongoing teaching of Christ's ministry is an important part of being a member at our church. We hope you will take advantage of all the learning opportunities there are at TLC. May God bless you! Amen!

Prayer Ventures

May 2011

1 First Sunday of Easter

God of wisdom, we lift up to you the leaders and people of Sudan and Uganda. May peace accords and reconciliation efforts bring restoration to the hearts and lives of those who have suffered for so long.

2 Pray for Christians who serve in areas of the world where Christians are persecuted or exists as a minority.

3 Pray for Aaron Schutte, Global Mission Volunteer who teaches at Kibeta English Medium Primary School in Bukoba in the Northwestern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

4 Pray for our brothers and sisters in the Middle East as they continue to seek solutions for the security, peace and justice of all people there.

5 Praise God for Erin Ostroski and Isaac Smith who are serving in Uruguay this year through the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program.

6 Pray for the Florida-Bahamas, Metropolitan Washington, D.C., Minneapolis Area, Southeastern Minnesota and Southeastern Pennsylvania synods of the ELCA as they gather for assembly this week.

7 Pray for those who suffer from the fallout of nuclear disaster.

8 Second Sunday of Easter

Living God, we praise you for the witness and joy the churches of Kenya and Tanzania bring to the world. Let us join our voices in rejoicing. Christ is risen! Alleluia!

9 Pray for the work of the ELCA World Hunger program that addresses the root causes of hunger and poverty through relief, development, education and advocacy.

10 Give thanks for those who volunteer to teach at the Lutheran schools in Bratislava, Košice, Liptovsky Mikulas, and Tisovec, Slovakia. Pray for Jennifer Christen, Alicia Cooke, Jonathan Covell, Heidi Hartwig, Benjamin Leeney and Rachel Liptak who will return to the United States in summer 2011.

11 Pray for those who are recovering from natural disasters, especially the people of Haiti, Japan and Indonesia.

12 Give thanks to God for the Rev. Arden Strasser, who serves in leadership development in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zambia.

13 Pray for the Northern Great Lakes, Rocky Mountain, Metropolitan New York, Northeastern Ohio, Northwest Washington, Southeast Michigan, Southwestern Washington, Sierra Pacific, Eastern North Dakota, Northwestern Minnesota,

South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, and Southwestern Texas synods of the ELCA as they meet in assembly this week.

14 Thank God for the Rev. Joshua and Susan Magyar, who are serving in the Morogoro Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. Josh is the coordinator for Theological Education by Extension in the diocese and Susan teaches part-time at a local pre-school in Morogoro.

15 Third Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, as the churches of Malawi and Zambia struggle in a cycle of drought and flood, give them strength and wisdom to feed the hungry and announce the good news of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

16 Blessings upon the many young people participating in the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program. Pray for Joshua Busacker, Bethany Danielson, Christine Doidge, Jessica Fairfax, Michael Lengel and Heather Nelson who serve in a variety of social ministry settings in South Africa.

17 Pray for the president of the United States and the Congress that the Holy Spirit will guide them to remember those most vulnerable in our nation.

18 Pray for people in areas where individuals struggle daily with malaria and HIV and AIDS.

19 Pray for Ruth Goehle, who is beginning her service as the ELCA consultant to the medical services rehabilitation and anti-malaria initiative in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe.

20 Pray for the Pacifica, South Carolina, Northwestern Ohio, Saint Paul Area, Southeastern Iowa, Southern Ohio, Southwest California, Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast and North/West Lower Michigan synods of the ELCA as they meet in assembly this week.

21 Pray for Bishop Ambrose Moyo who serves as consultant and liaison person to ELCA Global Mission facilitating the ELCA's accompaniment of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe, emerging Lutheran Churches in Southern Africa and the Zimbabwe Council of Churches in their capacity building, peace building and institutional and leadership development programs.

22 Fourth Sunday of Easter
O God, look with mercy upon the people of Zimbabwe, as

Zimbabwe struggles with economic and political uncertainty. May the companion relationship between the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe and the ELCA Upstate New York Synod be a source of solace and encouragement.

23 Pray for an end to the exploitation of women and children that leads to human trafficking and sexual violence.

24 Pray for greater protection of human rights throughout the world and world leaders who work for justice, reconciliation and peace.

25 Give thanks for the work of Linda Gawthorne serving among the indigenous Kogi people of Colombia who are displaced from their land in the Santa Marta Mountains by violence. Linda provides spiritual nurturing and helps translate the Bible into Kogi.

26 Give thanks for all who graduate from educational institutions this spring. Pray that graduates and others seeking employment will find fulfilling and sustainable work.

27 Pray for Joseph and the Rev. Deborah Troester and family, serving in Baboua, Central African Republic. Joe serves as

water resource manager and Deborah serves as theological school instructor and communications representative for ELCA companion church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Central African Republic.

28 Pray for the work of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service as they offer shelter and support to displaced peoples.

29 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, we give you thanks for showering your Spirit upon the people of Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Swaziland. May they find continued strength to engage the social, economic and political challenges within which they witness.

30 Give thanks for veterans and all who gave their lives in military service. Pray for all who currently serve in the military and risk their lives in service to their country.

31 Pray for young people who are bullied. Pray that parents, teachers and church leaders respond quickly and with compassion to those who live in fear.

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



May 2011 at Thanksgiving Lutheran

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  9:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship 1:00 PM Casa de Alfarero	2 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 PM Mutual Ministry Meeting	3 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:30 PM Worship Committee	4 7:00 PM Casa de Alfarero	5	6 7:00 PM Casa de Alfarero	7 10:00 AM Alcoholics Anonymous 11:00 AM CCC
8  8:00 AM Brush up on Faith Basics 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship 1:00 PM Casa de Alfarero	9 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous	10 1:00 PM Bible Study 4:00 PM Christian Education Meeting	11 1:00 PM Quilters Meeting 7:00 PM Casa de Alfarero	12 10:00 AM Gateway Conference Clergy 6:30 PM Pot Luck - Italian	13 7:00 PM Casa de Alfarero	14 10:00 AM Alcoholics Anonymous
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22 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship 1:00 PM Casa de Alfarero	23 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous	24 1:00 PM Bible Study	25 6:30 PM Council 7:00 PM Casa de Alfarero	26 1:00 PM HHR trip to Mrs. Grossman's Sticker Factory	27 7:00 PM Casa de Alfarero	28 10:00 AM Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 PM Casa del al Farero
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TLC Group News



Christian Education News

In May Christian Education Sunday is the 22nd. The Adult Forum will be on the Rwanda School Project and the youth will paint patriotic rocks for the 4th of July service and picnic at Faith Lutheran on July 3rd.

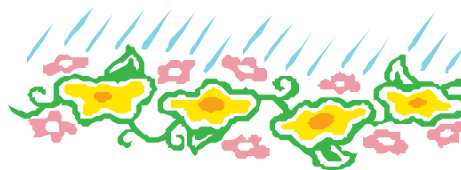
Vacation Bible School this year will be Sunday June 26th through June 30th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Bethlehem Lutheran. The theme is Amigos de Cristo. Registration forms are available from Jordan Eberly or Jean Harrison. TLC will pay for registration for our youth, which includes a free tee shirt. It is open to children from preschool through 6th grade. Older youth are welcome to serve as volunteers.

Pennies From E-Script

Take advantage of the e-script program and register your Safeway card and credit cards. Then, every time you use them in a transaction, you will earn pennies for TLC! It makes good cents!

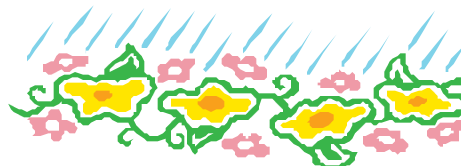
Heavenly Hell Raisers

HHR is taking a trip to Mrs. Grossman's Sticker Factory on May 26th, at 1pm.



We Are A Giving Group

Money continues to come in for benevolence projects. As of April 17th \$362 has gone to the Rwanda School Project, \$185 to Second Mile Giving, \$40 to Haiti Earthquake Relief and \$50 to ELCA World Relief this year. The Easter offering for FISH and Buck-A-Chick auction proceeds will be reported in the next Trumpet.

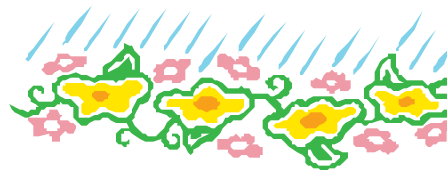


Special thanks

for our Easter Lilies from Sharon Boschen, Mary Dawson, Jordan Eberly, Jean Flak, Joan Hax, Cindy Heiller, Diane Land, and Jan Thomas

International Potlucks Resume

Join the gang on Thursday May 12 for the resumption of our monthly themed potluck suppers, prayers and communion. May 12th we will dine in Italy. On June 9th the Holy Land countries will inspire our culinary talents. Then in July we will return to the weekly salad suppers starting with a South of the Border theme. The monthly potlucks start at 6:30 pm. See you then.



TLC Book Group

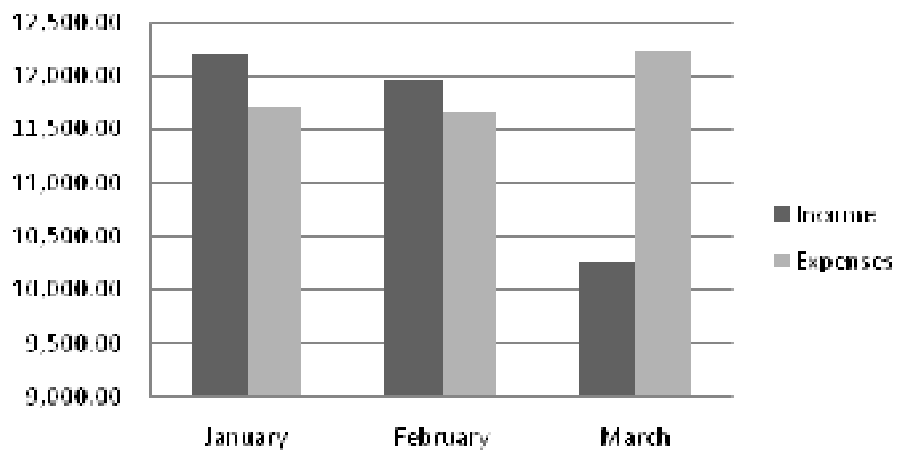
The book Group will meet on May 2 to discuss "Revenge of the Radioactive Lady", and the next book (date to be determined) is *Have a Little Faith* by Mitch Albom. Meetings continue to be at Mary Weber's home, 7 pm. For more information, contact Mary Weber (nt_tln2@yahoo.com) or Jordan Eberly

Finance Report

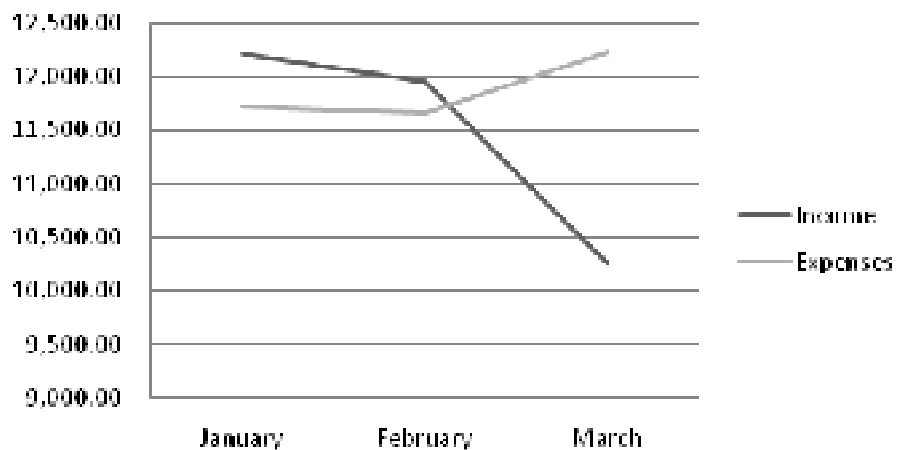
March was not as good a month financially as January and February. Expenses were \$1,965.16 more than income. For the first quarter of the year expenses ran \$1,169.95 ahead of income. This money was deducted from the Heckathorn bequest which is now all gone as is a fund set aside by Council. Our savings continue to dwindle. The average monthly projected budget deficit is \$1,661.29. Expenses were less in the first quarter therefore the actual deficit is not as high but there are a number of major expenses coming up that will change that picture. Income needs to improve. Please keep this in your prayers, thoughts and giving.

Financial reports have gone out to all members for the first quarter. These reflect what was given, to which funds and also shows pledge information. Due to a computer error the gifts from the first week in January were not included in these reports. We regret this and will correct the situation in the next reports. All of the information is in the computer but just got overlooked in this particular report. Thank you to everyone for their faithful giving and for keeping their pledges current. This helps tremendously!! Thanks too to those who have been able to give a little extra!!! God does bless us all.

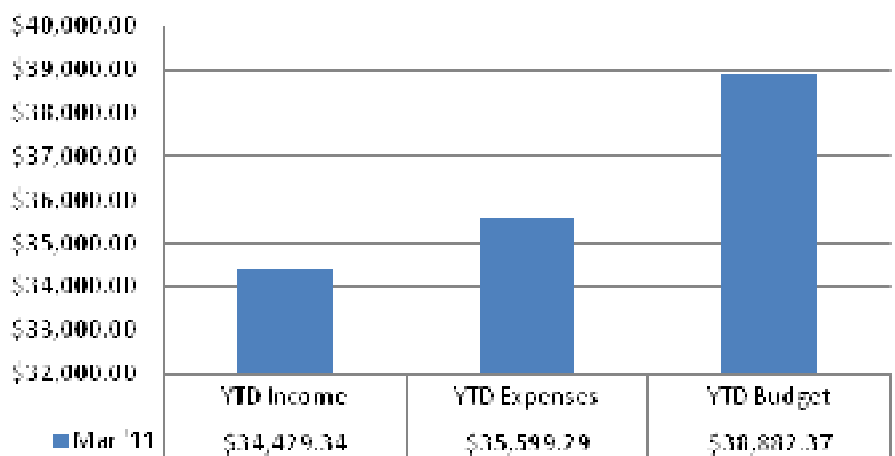
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Jan-Mar Income & Expenses



March 2011



Worship in the Month of May

The news is out! Christ is risen!

Funny thing. Once news is released, there is no control over how it will be received. What does it mean to you – the news that Christ is risen? Is it way-too old news or is it good news heard for the first time all over again or anywhere in between?



On the first two Sundays following Easter, we revisit stories of the mourning after and encountering proof that the news is true. Jesus has risen! Here he is! And we follow the new church in Acts, as the Spirit transforms languish into liturgy.

May 1 Second Sunday of Easter

Scriptures: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

May 8 Third Sunday of Easter

Scriptures: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

For the next two Sundays, we hear new voices share the Good News. Pastor Jean will be away, first to the Synod Assembly and then on her annual May Sabbath in Yosemite. So, on the 15th, Gloria Feiertag resurrects the My Faith Works ministry of our Outreach and Evangelism Committee, and on the 22nd, Phina Borgeson, our resident Episcopalian Deacon, will be in our pulpit and our beloved Paul Feiertag will preside. How good it is to share the good news together.

May 15 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Scriptures: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10

May 22 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Scriptures: Acts 2:75-60; Psalm 31:1-5; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

On the last Sunday in May, both of our usual music ministers, Nora Wilson and Mark Koppen, will be away, so Jan Loewen will lead us with rousing praise songs as we praise God for the Good News.

May 29 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Scriptures: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

Class On Faith Basics To Be Offered at TLC

Pastor Jean will begin offering this class for anyone who is interested in deepening their understanding of the basics of the Christian faith from a Lutheran perspective. This is a class for new members. It's an adult confirmation class. It's a great brush up if it's been a while – some of the basic understandings probably have changed. As important, participating in a class is a good way to deepen relationships with others.

The first 45-minute session will be on Sunday, May 8, at 8:00 a.m. The day and time of subsequent sessions will be determined by members taking the class. If this sounds like something you need, please talk to Pastor or come to the first class. Bring your calendar.

- SESSION 1 Basic Concept of Means of Grace
- SESSION 2 The Bible as Means of Grace
- SESSION 3 Jesus as Means of Grace
- SESSION 4 The Shape of Jesus' Teachings
- SESSION 5 Baptism and Spiritual Gifts
- SESSION 6 Holy Communion
- SESSION 7 The Reformation, Martin Luther, the ELCA, etc., etc.
- SESSION 8 Disciplines of Faith for Daily Living
- SESSION 9 Thanksgiving Lutheran Church in Santa Rosa, California
- SESSION 10 The Great Commission of Christ and Me



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Property	Keith Becker
Stewardship	Jean Flak
Worship and Music	Mark Koppen
Youth (in hiatus)	

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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

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Quilters Coordinator:

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