

TLC Trumpet



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Exploring the variations on our most sacred symbol over Lent proved to be intimidating and inspiring, gruesome and glorious. It would take several lifetimes to reach the kind of understanding I now covet.

The cross. I have looked at it my whole life—carved on altars, baptismal fonts, pew rails; depicted in stained glass windows; suspended over altars (when I was little, our pastor, his back to the congregation for prayers and Communion, could see us choir kids messing off in the balcony in the smoothness of the big golden cross like those that sat on many altars when altars were up against the back wall); hanging from delicate chains and earlobes; stamped on Bibles and hymnals; touching the sky on church steeples (Russell Rowe wrote his initials in the cement when he put the cross on the steeple of my childhood church, then called Grand Lake Lutheran Church). But, my goodness, as I pre-

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pared to talk about the Celtic Cross on the first week, I felt like I had only ever put the tip of my toe in the foamy edge of a huge cross ocean. It was, like, all of a sudden, I had to know the entire history of Christianity and pre-Judean Pagan religions besides. Gulp.

The cross. It has been the object of faith and fighting, love and war, charms and jewelry, martyrs and murders, crusades and crossroads, unification and division, conversion and persecution. And so many versions! Diane Land created beautiful cross banners that provided perfect representations. Here's an abbreviated review of our Thursday cross talks.

The Celtic Cross comes from Ireland. It's a Latin cross with a circle set at the intersection of the stipe (the vertical post) and patibulum (horizontal bar). Huge Celtic crosses are conspicuous—ask the Beckers who travelled there last month. The grand



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Next Trumpet Deadline!

The next TLC Trumpet deadline will be Monday, April 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

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April hours for our administrative assistant

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



Happy Birthday this month to:

Sharon Kaye (Fruehling)	
Boschen	4/1
Margrit Buchmann	4/3
Katarene McPherson	4/14
Greg Bartlett	4/15
Lorraine Larson	4/20

TLC Highlights

Jesus Phreak Update:

As you know, Thanksgiving Lutheran Church will be hosting R. Dale Smith, MA, MFA, Coordinator of Undergraduate Advising and Instructor of English; Virginia Commonwealth University and his one man show, **Jesus Phreak**.

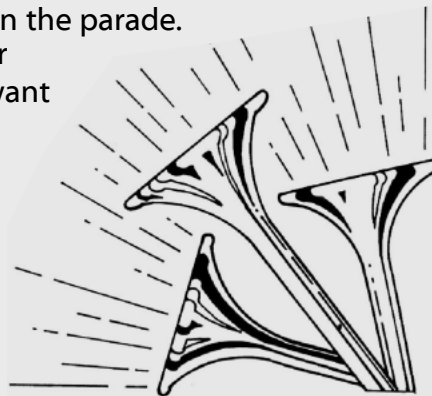
Additionally, on April 15th Dale will be interviewed on the '**OutBeat**' radio program.

Outbeat Radio airs every Sunday at 8pm, on KRCB-FM. You can listen in a variety of ways - on the radio 90.9 and 91.1 FM, Online www.outbeatradio.org, and on Comcast Digital Cable 202 and 961.

Outreach at Sonoma County Pride 2012

Gay Pride is June 3rd and TLC will have a booth and participate in the parade. Get your favorite pair of walking shoes / boots / heels / rollerskates or anything else you can think of and come join the fun! Whether you want to come and march with us, or gather along the parade route and cheer the marchers on, come on out early to the Russian River, pick up coffee and a danish or grab some breakfast, then get ready for fun!

For more information on this outreach event, call Jan Loewen, at 707-528-8483 for more information



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tradition claims that St. Patrick converted the pagans to Christianity by joining their sun symbol to Christianity's symbol.



The Cross Cantonee is composed of one large and four small Greek crosses. *Canton* means a division. It is found on many old European coins and the style is similar to the 14th century flag of the Republic of Georgia. It is one of many heraldic crosses; the five crosses represent the five wounds of Christ.

The Cross Crosslet

consists of four Latin crosses, and it is another version of heraldic crosses, those used in military banners, in the crusades, on shields and emblems, etc. Four stands for the four Gospels and the four directions to which believers are commissioned to bring the Gospel.



The Jerusalem Cross.

This version consists of four Tau intersected by four Greek crosses. The first version of this cross appeared in an 11th century tapestry, depicting the 1066 Norman invasion of England.



The Potent Cross, consisting of four Tau (looks like a capital "T") crosses, is another form of [heraldic cross](#). It is also known as a crutch cross; "Potent" is an old word for a crutch, and is used in heraldic terminology to describe a T. In German, it is known as a

Krückenkreuz or a *Kruckenkreuz*. The Potent cross is used by many, mostly Roman Catholic, Scouting and Guiding organizations in their logos and insignia.

The Passion Cross is

a Latin cross with sharp ends that represent the three nails and the long spear. It's a Lenten cross, a reminder of the suffering our Savior endured for our sins. The "t" shape as a symbol predates Christianity and Judaism; possibly pre-historic examples have been found in China and Africa.



It's hard to summarize all that we learned and shared during Lent. I am grateful to all who participated, all who took reading parts, all who brought special crosses to share, all who cooked and cleaned, to Paul for sharing the stories of beloved cross hymns, and to Nora for tickling the ivories with her beautiful gift of music.

During Holy Week, we will continue our adoration of the cross.

Bottom line: when you look at the cross, see Christ's unconditional love for you.

Love,
Pastor Jean

TLC Group News



Vacation Bible School

Once again our youth are invited to join the youth of Bethlehem Lutheran for evening Vacation Bible School. This will be in June. More details to follow. TLC pays for our youth.

Celebrate Earth Day at the Solar Living Institute!

We will be car pooling from Thanksgiving Lutheran Church to the Solar Living Institute on Saturday, April 21, 2012 at 10am. Bring a bag lunch to eat at the lake. Meet at 11am in the parking lot at the Solar Living Institute, 13771 S. Hwy 101, Hopland, CA 95449 phone is (707) 472-2450. Tour is free in honor of earth day, but donations will be gladly accepted. Several of us went last year and had a great time.

Call Cindy Heiller and leave message if you have any questions 528-2725. Sign up sheet will be on bulletin board in April.

More BS* You Won't Hear in Church!

(**Bible Stories*, of course!)

Join Sandy Koppen on **Sunday, April 22** 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 holy do you have to be? A story of Passover hospitality....

April 22 (Session 4): "The Festival That Lasted for Two Weeks!" (2 Chronicles 30:13-23)

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!

The two meeting times are: 1 P.M. and 5:30 P.M. and the group meets at TLC.

Monthly Potlucks

We return to our schedule of Thursday evening potlucks and communion on April 19th. The theme for the evening is Boston Clam Bake. Supper is at 6:30 pm. The food is always wonderful, the conversation lively and the prayers and communion moving and special. There is something especially awesome about sharing a meal and then communion around the same table. Do consider joining us.

Christian Education

Christian Education Sunday for adults and youth is April 22nd. Sandy Koppen's wonderful Bible Study series continues and Jordan has activities for our young people.

Forum at BLC Offers Advice for Uninsured and Underinsured

Bethlehem's Health Ministry Committee will host a forum on **Sunday, April 29th**, and they have invited TLC to join them.

The speaker is Ms. Laurie Lynn Hogan who is the Donor Relations and Communications Manager at the Santa Rosa Community Health Centers. Laurie's presentation will focus on resources and options for health care in Santa Rosa for uninsured and underinsured patients. The presentation will begin around 12:15 p.m. and will last about 40-45 minutes.

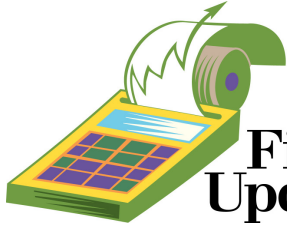
The forum follows the 10:30 a.m. worship service, so TLC folks who are interested will have time after our 9:30 service to head over to Bethlehem. A light lunch follows the forum.



Jottings From Jean Flak....

Lenten services are in full swing....the crosses made by Diane Land are great, take a look at them up close....thanks to Jan Tiedemann for wanting to start a choir, let's give her lots of support....Jim Harrison tells me he's getting better, good for him!....we are sorry to hear about the illness of Nora Wilson's mom - Nora probably needs extra hugs these days....there is lots of news about music therapy going around....Gloria Feiertag's ankle is better....Keith Becker has winter shirts and summer shirts, I like his summer shirts!....Zoe Becker-Zuest is taking some Girl Scouts on a cruise to Alaska, daughter Casey and Natalie Koppen are going....talked with Betty Hiebel, she loves being with family, her apartment and looking out the window seeing a snowdrift - she has an email address and would

like to hear from you, she prays for each of us every night when she cuddles with her blanket - her email address is ehieb81@gmail.com....Joan Hax, Sharon Boschen and Jean Flak are going to tough it out in Camel for a few days after Easter....the Becker-Zuest family is in Ireland celebrating Zoe and Keith's 20th Anniversary....George "Babe" Land entertained the HHR's with historic New York baseball....Cindy Heiler's puppies are starting to play and will soon be going to their new homes....ask Paul Feiertag about the wedding he had sans religion....our collective love and support goes to Deb Ferranato's daughter Leslie and her family on the death of Leslie's husband....prayers for Sharon Boschen, Chris Willsey, Betty Speakes and Ilene Friend.



Finance Update

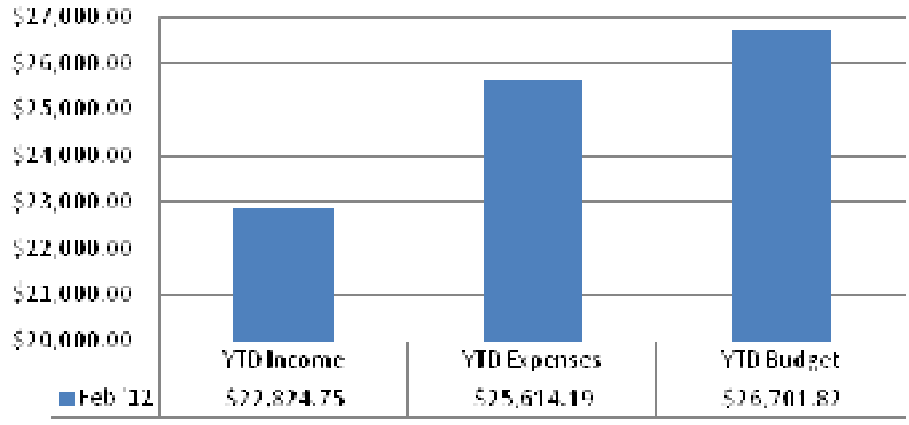
Finance News

The financial picture was a bit better in February than January. We are in the black by \$212.84 for February. That means the deficit for January and February is \$2,789.84 which is better than we had budgeted. 2012 has many months left though and we need to keep TLC's financial situation in our prayers and thoughts. The Lenten offerings are going to our general fund this year.

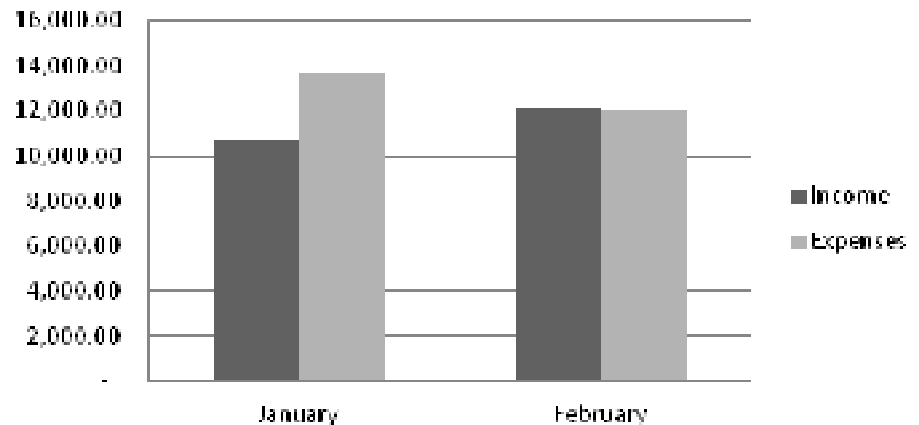
Giving to Others

For the first two months of 2012 \$138 has been donated to the Rwanda School Project and \$110 to Second Mile endeavors. Cans of soup are pouring in for the FISH food bank. The Easter offering will also go to FISH.

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2012 Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly

The Assembly theme this year is "For the Love of God: Caring for Creation" based on Revelation 22:1-3a: "Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there anymore." Lisa Bartlett is TLC Voting Member—this will be her first experience at this important, annual synod event. She'll be going with Pastor Jean; all rostered clergy under call are required to attend. The Assembly will take place May 18-20, and this is the first time the Assembly will be held in San Jose.



HOLY WEEK 2012: Celebrate! Hear! Cherish! Proclaim!

Passion/Palm Sunday, 9:30 a.m.: Celebrate the old, old story

Stay afterward and help dye eggs for our Easter egg hunt

Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m.: Hear Jesus' new commandment

A meal of remembrance; stripping of the altar

Good Friday, 7:00 p.m.: Cherish the old, rugged cross

Bold adoration of our symbol of eternal life

Easter, 9:30 a.m.: Proclaim the astounding news: Christ is Risen!

Wonderful gathering of faith community and families.

Stay for brunch, an egg hunt, an art auction, each other



Sundays in Easter Season

- Apr. 15** **Second Sunday of Easter**
Scriptures: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31
Stewardship presents a Gift of G.A.B.; Basics in Faith meets
- Apr. 22** **Third Sunday of Easter – Earth Day**
Scriptures: Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4: 1 John 3:1-17; Luke 24:36b-48
Christian Education presents adult Bible Study
Later in the afternoon, join a meeting to help plan joint ministry events
- Apr. 29** **Fourth Sunday of Easter**
Scriptures: Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18
As of this printing, the Worship Committee has not met to determine if on this day TLC will join in and observe World Malaria Day: The ELCA has committed to raise \$15 million to join with 11 African companion churches in a global effort to prevent, treat and contain malaria by 2015. World Malaria Day is Wednesday, April 25.
- May 6** **Fifth Sunday of Easter**
Scriptures: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8
- May 13** **Sixth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day**
Scriptures: Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17
- May 20** **Seventh Sunday of Easter**
Scriptures: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19
Synod Assembly will conclude this day. Pastor Lebbert and TLC voting member Lisa Bartlett will be there for us. Our guest pastor will be John Torres; do you remember him from our RIC Sunday?

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
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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

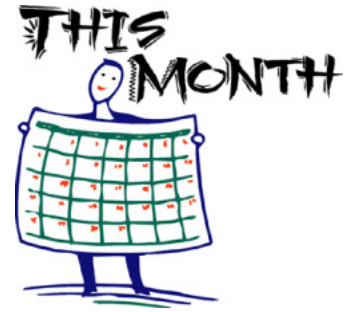
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April 2012 at Thanksgiving Lutheran

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  Holy Week 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM Basics in Faith Class 1:00 PM Casa de Alfararo	2 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 PM Outreach and Evangelism	3 1:00 PM Bible Study 5:30 PM Evening Bible Study 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	4 7:00 PM Casa de Alfararo	5  7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service	6  GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 PM Good Friday Service	7 10:00 AM Alcoholics Anonymous
8  EASTER 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM Potluck and egg hunt 1:00 PM Casa de Alfararo	9 7:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous	10 1:00 PM Bible Study 4:15 PM Christian Ed Meeting 5:30 PM Evening Bible Study 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	11 7:00 PM Casa de Alfararo 7:00 PM Property Meeting	12 1:00 PM Quilting Group	13 7:00 PM Casa de Alfararo	14 10:00 AM Alcoholics Anonymous
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Last Chance for Jesus Phreak Tickets!

TLC is sponsoring a community event that reflects our welcome to all people in one man's story of reconciling his Christian faith as a gay man. The JESUS PHREAK appears in two shows on May 5: 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets (specially priced at \$5.00) are available on our website (thanksgivinglutheran.org) or after worship on Sunday.

R. Dale Smith, author and performer, has presented this show many times, but this is a Northern California premiere. Critics and audiences have given two thumbs up for his performance. Find out for yourself on May 5 why we are so pleased to bring Dale to Santa Rosa!

But a great performer needs a great audience! That would be YOU!

Discrimination against LGBT people is still very much part of our national and religious scene. If you are LGBT, you may resonate with Dale's struggles. How did he salvage his faith in light of persecution? What does he believe? How does his sense of humor, so ably presented, play into reconciling and overcoming what his life experience first presented? If you are straight, you (like me) may not have a clue what LGBT folks must face. Come and find out from this skilled actor. What does the love of Christ have to do with any of this?

Invite your friends! This unique performance is our outreach to our Sonoma County community. Don't miss it! Our ticket price was set to make this event accessible to everyone from high school to centenarians. See you May 5th!

--Sharon Boschen for the Outreach/Evangelism Committee of TLC