

TLC Trumpet



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Pastor's Page

“Come As You Are – *Really!*” The TLC folks excited about our outreach to the LGBTQ community by getting a big TLC turnout to the Sonoma County Gay Pride Parade on June 2 have held some enthusiastic discussions about adding that italic emphatic “*Really!*” to our motto.

Visitors do remark about how welcomed they feel when they join us in worship on Sundays. That makes me proud of you.

And, of course, it pushes my pastor buttons to improve what we have and are so that our welcome draws a wider spectrum of the wonderfully diverse population we have in this neck of the woods (woods being the world).

I stopped pushing y'all last year because so many of you were on hurting, healing, or transi-

tioning journeys. But we're a little better and a little stronger now. Time to take a hard look at where we are heading. Do we know? If we don't, then we need to do some discerning. If we know, we need to figure out why we are declining and discern if we need to alter our course a little or a lot.

We will not be rekindled by the gust of the Spirit's breath if we don't do risky proclamation and if we don't reach out to strangers with our love.

Before you gulp, know that the majority of faith communities – and not just Lutheran and not just Christian – are doing the same thing: staring blankly into the future like it's some dark enemy of the past we know and love.

I am not talking about letting go of the reason Spirit has called and gathered us to be TLC – which is to proclaim the Gospel of God's Love by word, worship, and service. It is the fire that is lit under us so that we have to keep reforming. We hold the very thing that the world most desperately needs.

The Gospel will shrivel if it is not shared. We will not be rekindled by the gust of the Spirit's

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Next Trumpet Deadline!

The next TLC Trumpet deadline will be Friday, May 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.

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Worship:

Sunday morning at 9:30 with Holy Communion

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May hours for our administrative assistant

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



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
Bruce Alexander	5/31



REMINDER

Sunday June 2nd,
worship starts
**ONE HOUR
EARLY, at 8:30 a.m.**

This gives TLC folks time to travel to the Sonoma County Gay Pride Parade in Guerneville. Our aim is to have a big turnout of our members at this event.

TLC Group News

An Anniversary

Plans are shaping up for the July 14th celebration of Thanksgiving Lutheran Church—25 years since our inception and 10 years in our wonderful building.

Special music during the service, special guests, a meal you don't need to bring anything to except an appetite, and entertainment are all in the works. Do be here to share this special day with the congregation! Put the date on your calendar now! If you would like to help, please contact Jean Harrison at ecosave@sonic.net or 545.6042.



Monthly Communion and Supper

Our monthly potluck suppers, communion and prayers are set for May 16th and June 20th. All are most welcome, even if unable to bring a dish. Being good Lutherans we always have more than enough! If a ride is needed contact Jean Harrison at ecosave@sonic.net or 545.6042.

HHR News

First Friday at the SRJC Planetarium: This no-host event is scheduled the first Friday of every month at the SRJC Planetarium, Lark Hall room 2001, next to the Bech parking lot. Show content will emphasize the stars, constellations, planets, and other interesting facts in or about the sky that night. We will meet at 6:45 for the 7pm show. It's a very popular event, so be sure you are early. Free parking pass is available in the planetarium.

Vacation Bible School

Our young people are encouraged to put on their cowboy hats and join the fun at Bethlehem Lutheran Church for "Way Out West" Vacation Bible School. It starts with a picnic supper on Sunday June 23 and continues throughout the week in the evenings until the 27th. TLC pays the registration of any of our youth who attend. Jean Harrison has registration forms.

The Acts of the Women in Acts

Join the Adult Forum on May 26th after church for the 2nd in a series of five Bible studies on the women in the Books of Acts. Women have always played an important role in history. Come here about these women. Sandy Koppen is leading the series and all are welcome.

Jean's Jots

The Becker family spent some time in Puerto Rico, ask them how it was....Karen Lehman is off to Hawaii thanks to PartyLite....Pastor Jean, Mary Weber and Jean Flak at Synod in Fresno and staying at friends of the Flak's....Keith Becker and Mark Koppen took Griffin to a Giants game....thanks to Rob Boyd for the Baptismal bowl....Lorraine Larson is making a new alb for Pastor Jean....Astrid Anderson is adopting one of Cindy Heiller's pups....Sharon Boschen and family have been off to Hawaii as well....Ingrid Feiertag and the Black Roses are off to Minneapolis and Paul is off to visit an Amy buddy....Pastor Jean and sister Janet are off to Yosemite sometime in May....congratulations to Kim Lehman, she got an AA in Humanities from SRJC and this fall she will receive an AA in Behavioral Sciences and a Certificate in Client Services....don't forget to sign up for the Gay Pride Parade in Guerneville on June 2 - there are lots of things to do to help

Worship Highlights in the Month of May

May 5: Sixth Sunday of Easter – Sermon title: “Healing Waters”

Psalm 67; Acts 16:9-15; Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 5:1-6

Highlights: Book of Concord, Session 4; Worship Committee

May 12: Seventh Sunday of Easter – Sermon title: “Lo, I Am With You”

Psalm 97; Acts 16:16-34; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26

Highlights: TLC Band; Mother’s Day

May 19: Day of Pentecost

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Acts 2:1-21; Romans 8:14-17; John 14:8-17 [25-27]

Highlights: Rev. Elizabeth McCord guest pastor

May 26: Holy Trinity – Sermon title: “Facets of the Divine”

Psalm 8; Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15

Highlights: Adult Forum; Council

... And, beginning in June, TAKE NOTE, this Sunday worship starts ONE HOUR EARLY, at 8:30 a.m., to allow TLC folks time to travel to the Sonoma County Gay Pride Parade in Guerneville. Our aim is to have a big turnout of our members at this event.

June 2: Second Sunday After Pentecost – Sermon title: “The Wide Arms of Grace”

Psalm 96; 1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43; Galatians 1:1-12; Luke 7:1-10

Highlights: Sonoma County Gay Pride Parade; worship here at 8:30 a.m.



Pastor’s Page

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breath if we don’t do risky proclamation and if we don’t reach out to strangers with our love.

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone (okay, and metal)
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they’ve known
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God’s face
Let us bring an end to fear and danger: All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place – *Really*
Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: All are welcome, all are welcome
All are welcome in this place – *Really*

*Love,
Pastor Jan*

Pride Plans Include Fun For All....

The Sonoma County Gay Pride Parade and Festival will once again reign in Guerneville on Sunday, June 2nd, with all of the pomp, circumstance and frivolity for which it is famous. The Outreach & Evangelism team, along with a special task force (Jan Loewen, Jordan Eberly, Paul Feiertag) are busily planning TLC's support of and participation in the celebration of our LGBTQ brothers and sisters. And, there will be plenty of ways to participate. Here are just a few:

- Come to worship early on June 2nd, 8:30 AM, after which we will car-pool out to Guerneville.
- Claim a seat in the TLC section of bleachers lining the parade route. Stand, yell, clap & otherwise show your support when the TLC "float" rolls by.
- Or maybe you'd like to be in the parade? Ride on our decorated flat-bed-truck-float, or walk along beside it, ride a decorated bike or _____(fill in the blank.)

- Take a turn in the TLC booth, greeting passers-by, blowing up balloons and distributing info about our welcoming community.
- Help with float decorating!
- And, attend the Inter Faith Worship Service on June 9th (more info to come.)



Outreach to the LGBTQ community is not TLC's only mission, but as the **only** official RIC Lutheran congregation in Sonoma County, it is an important one. We are hoping to demonstrate that this is a mission the larger congregation supports, and not just the few people who usually represent us at the festival. So, think about how YOU would like to participate and plan to join us in Guerneville on June 2nd.

Jan Thomas, for the Outreach & Evangelism Committee

Highlights of April Council Meeting

TLC's Council met on Sunday, April 28, following an inspirational adult forum led by Sandy Koppen. The meeting began with the reading of our Relational Covenant and a conspicuous absence of chocolate.

In her report, Pastor shared a vision she had sketched out on the back of an envelope. The aim of her vision is threefold: to define and tighten the focus of TLC's mission to the community; to prepare the congregation for healthy closure to her ministry when she retires (in at least 5 years); to equip a Call Committee with some definition for the next pastor of TLC.

There was discussion to expand the July 14th celebration to acknowledge not only the 10th anniversary of our campus but also 25th anniversary of the formation of the congregation.

Concerns were brought to the Council from the Property Committee regarding installing a hearing loop system. More investigation needs to be done before any final decision can be made.





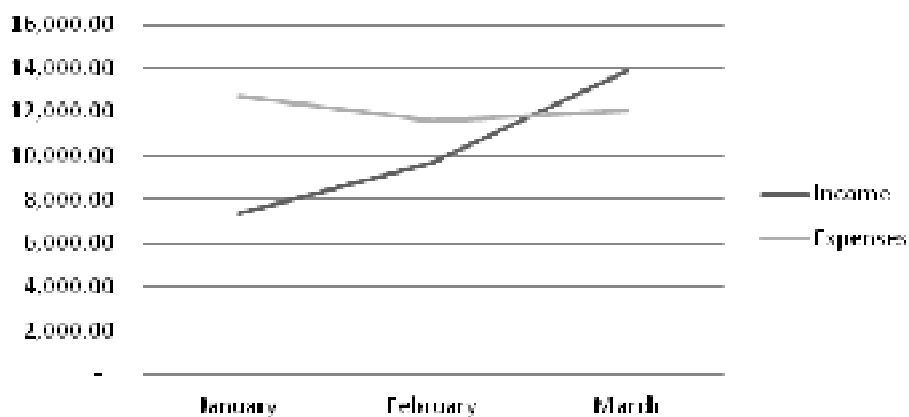
Finance Update

March was a better month, with income exceeding expenses by \$1,801.99. That brings the year to date deficit through the end of March to \$5,491.41 which on average is \$2,745.71 per month or \$305.08 per week. Such a deficit cannot be sustained for long. April appears headed for a deficit also. Please keep this situation in your thoughts and prayers.

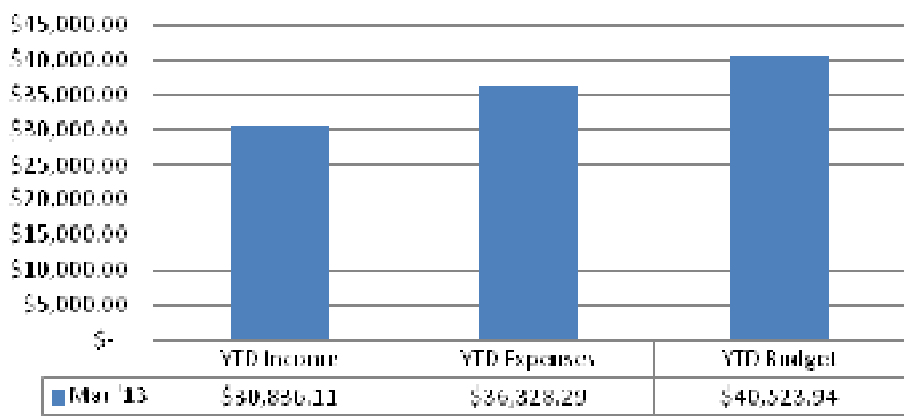
Extra Gifts

The Easter offering was \$837 and went towards the ELCA Malaria Campaign. Through the end of March other gifts were as follows: Second Mile-\$220, Rwanda School Project-\$184, ELCA World Hunger- \$10, FISH-\$20, and ELCA Disaster Relief-25. Our generosity to others is great!

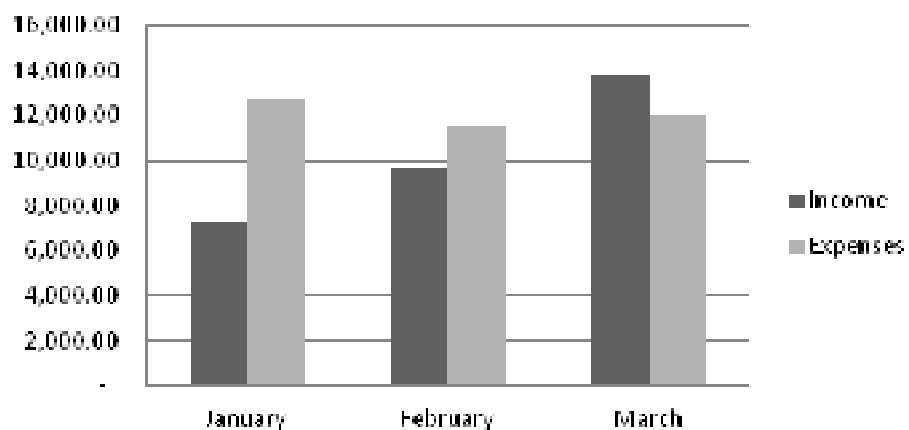
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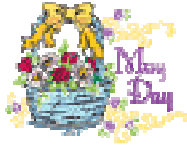




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Income & Expenses 2013



May 2013 at Thanksgiving Lutheran

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM Christian Ed class 12:00 PM Council Meeting 3:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	29	30 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Narcotics Anon small group 7:00 PM Outreach meeting 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	1  7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	2 Synod Assembly	3  Synod Assembly 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion 7:00 PM The Night Sky at SRJC Planetarium	4 Synod Assembly 10:00 AM Alcoholics Anonymous 11:30 AM CCC
5 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM Worship Committee 3:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	6 7:00 PM Mutual Ministry	7 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Narcotics Anon small group 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	8 6:30 PM Property Meeting 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	9 Christian Ed Meeting	10 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	11 10:00 AM Alcoholics Anonymous
12  9:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship—Band Sunday 3:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	13	14 1:00 PM Quilting 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Narcotics Anon small group 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	15 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	16 6:30 PM Pot Luck	17 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	18 10:00 AM Alcoholics Anonymous
19 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship—Gift of G.A.B. Elizabeth McCord presiding 3:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	20	21 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Narcotics Anon small group 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	22 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	23 10:00 AM Conference Clergy	24  7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	25 10:00 AM Alcoholics Anonymous
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TLC Executive Committee:

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

Council Liaisons to Committees:

Christian Education	Cindy Heiller
Congregation and Community Care	Barbara Kling
Finance	Lisa Bartlett
Mutual Ministry	Pastor Jean Lebbert
Outreach and Evangelism	Mary Weber
Property	Keith Becker
Stewardship	Keith Becker
Worship and Music	Jordan Eberly

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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