

# TLC

# Trumpet



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## Pastor's Page

Blessings to all of you this month. Let's make May a roll-up-our-sleeves month.

In worship, we focus on the book of the Acts of the Apostles—post-ascension and early formation of the Christian church. Those who were close to Jesus are challenged to push themselves out of their comfort zones and change their beliefs AND share their faith experiences with strangers. They also had to defend their behavior to harsh objectors. The one who couldn't do these things, Judas Iscariot, chose death instead of the scary choice of living. There's no "happily ever after" after Jesus' resurrection and ascension.

Now that the flurry of Lent and Easter is over, I challenge all of you to examine how we at TLC, for Christ's sake, are pushing ourselves out of our comfort zones, changing our beliefs, AND sharing our faith experiences with strangers. I especially challenge those of you who are not

participating in any of TLC's ministries other than Sunday morning worship. Rev. Hytjan, at our first midweek Lenten gathering, was emphatic about our needing to take these kinds of steps, to become a stronger presence in Santa Rosa, to be a place that our neighbors would come to for spiritual nourishment, and to make changes so that we can meet our expenses.

His harshest image was, "What can you do to stop the bleeding?" Wow.

Rev. Hytjan's exhortation kicked up the passion that many of you hold for this congregation—and for that, I am grateful and hopeful.

Passion is a powerful motivation. Bless you for the passion you have for TLC.

I know I have said this several times already, however, it is still appropriate to throw out there: This is YOUR faith community, yours. I just work here.

I know that you have demands from all over, but, frankly, now is the time for you to make TLC a priority. Please support your leaders and participate in the ministries of your committees. Pay attention. Take deep breaths, and jump in where you can.

Thanks.

*Love,*  
*Pastor Jan*

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## 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.

Pastor Jean Lebbert: 707-327-6292

Church office: 707-544-0241

### Worship:

Sunday morning at 9:30 with Holy Communion

Thanksgiving Lutheran Church

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email: tlcsantarosa@sbcglobal.net

### May hours for our administrative assistant

Church office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Friday 9-1. Dorothy will be out of the office from May 6-9th



**A very merry 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

And a very merry unbirthday to all the rest of you this month!!

## Rose Parade Float

**H**ang on Santa Rosa, here comes the TLC Rose Parade float. With a theme of Everyone is a Hero we will take to the streets on Saturday, May 17th at 10 am for the annual Rose Parade. We will have a float pulled by an antique tractor and people walking alongside with signs and balloons welcoming all to our wonderful church. There is still time to sign up with Jean Harrison to ride on the float or walk. If you can't do either, come line the parade route and cheer us on.

The parade will start at Sonoma Avenue and E street and proceed north on E. It turns left onto 4th Street and west on 4th, then south onto Mendocino Avenue. It disbands at 1st Street. The judging stand is at the corner of 4th and D streets.

Our float will stage at the west side of Santa Rosa Veterans Building (1351 Maple Ave.) Everyone either on the float or marching must be there **NO LATER** Than 10:45 am. The float itself will be there by 9:45am. There will be free parking at the First Street Parking Garage (behind the Roxy). Street closures will start at 8 am.



## TLC Group News



### Help Create the Rose Parade Welcoming Signs

Sign makers are needed on Saturday May 3rd to help create the welcoming signs our walkers will carry. Meet at the church at 2:30 pm. Supplies will be provided.



### Annual Luau

The Annual Luau usually held in August at the Harrison's is moving to a date in September.

### Adult Forum

Conversation should be lively at the May adult forum on the 18th. The subject is the Gospel according to Mary Magdalene. The leader is Jean Harrison. Everyone is welcome after Fellowship time. Please join us.

### Let Us Break Bread Together Nite Moves to Saturday

Our monthly communion, supper, prayers and conversation moves to Saturday May 10th at 5:30 pm. All are welcome and supper is provided. Come see what tantalizing food awaits.



### Our New Accompanist

Leilani graduated UC Davis with a degree in Music. She has a full-time career in business and is married with children but enjoys keeping her soul-moving musicality sharp by being an accompanist whenever opportunities come along.

### Book Club Continues

At our January planning meeting, the following books/authors were chosen for February through August for the TLC book group.

**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 the meeting place.

## Worship at TLC in May

### May 4 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter (White)

Scriptures: Acts 9:1-19; Matthew 6:24

Sermon title: Two Masters vs. Two Worlds

Music Leader: Karaoke Sunday

### May 11 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (White)

Scriptures: Acts 16:16-34; Luke 6:18-19, 22-23

Sermon title: Ministering to Unclean Spirits

Music Leader: Leilani Wicklund

### May 18 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (White)

Scriptures: Acts 17:16-31; John 1:16-18

Sermon title: Putting Prayer in a Bottle

Music Leader: New Band

### May 25 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (White)

Scriptures: Philippians 1:1-18a; Luke 9:46-48

Sermon title: Partnership in the Gospel

Music Leader: Classic Band



## 2014 Synod Assembly, Part 1

The annual assembly of rostered leaders and congregational voting members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA), Sierra Pacific Synod, convenes on Friday, May 30, in Burlingame. Barbara Kling is TLC's voting member. Pastor Jean (aka Dean Jean) will get to be one of the communion assistants for the opening worship.

The highlight of this year's gathering is the election of our next Synod Bishop. Our current Bishop, Rev. Mark Holmerud, is running for a second term and looks to be the promising candidate from names that Conferences have submitted for the slate.

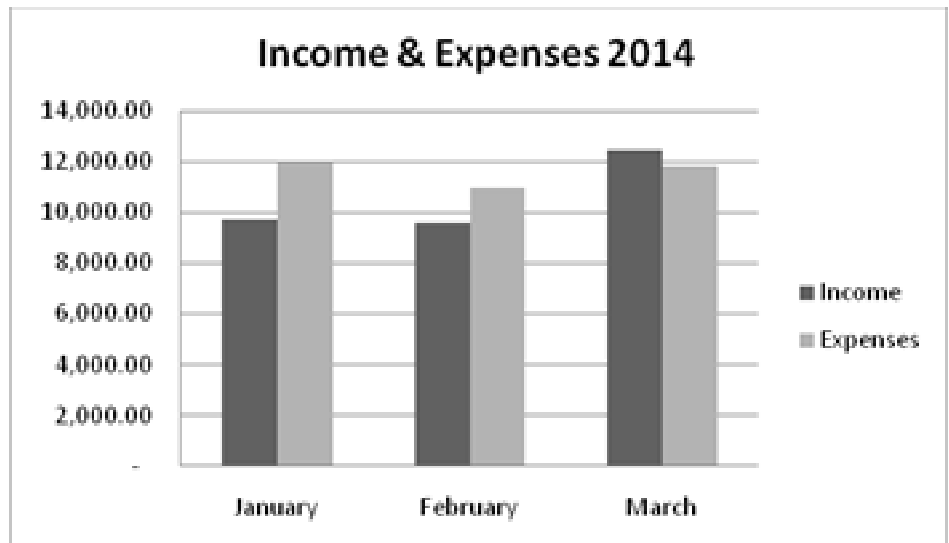
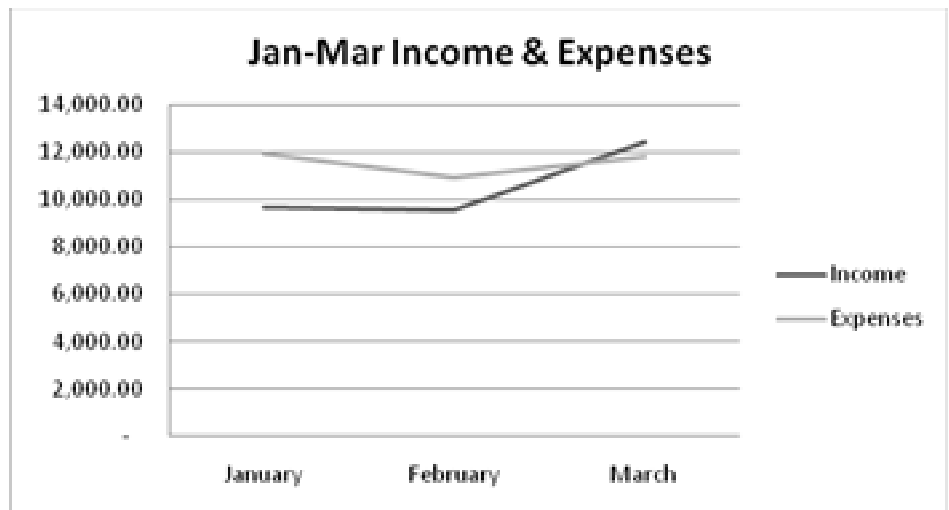
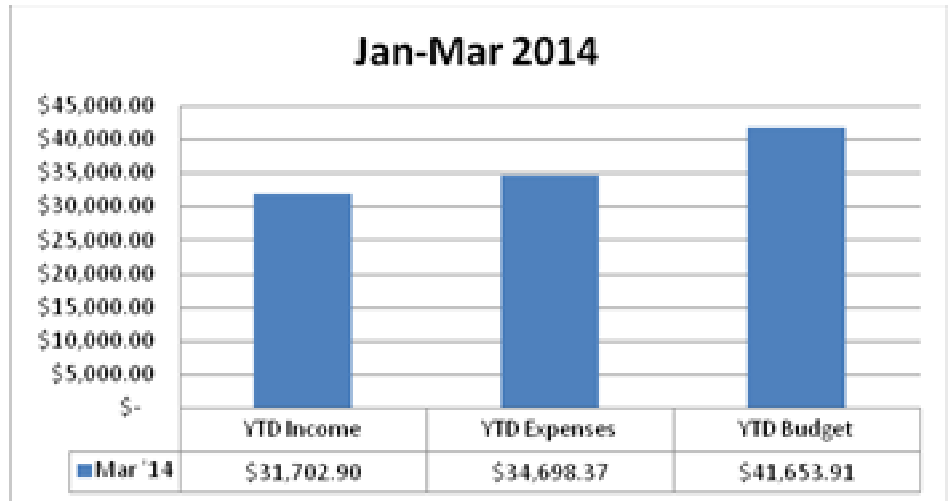
In an attempt to pass a more accurate budget, the bishop's office is holding the Assembly in two parts. The second part will occur on Saturday, October 11, and all five Districts will meet simultaneously via internet and other technological vehicles. Pastor Jean is not in charge of the technology, thank God.

# Financial Update

We had a surplus of \$618.69 in March. That is good news. Our expenses for January through the end of March were \$34,683.37 while income was \$31,687.90. This means we had a deficit of \$2,995.47 for the first quarter of the year. We are doing better than we had projected with the adopted budget. Keep this situation in your thoughts and prayers.

## Gifts to Others

We continue to think of others here at TLC. The Lenten sock drive was a grand success and much food has come in for the FISH food bank via the blue barrel in the Narthex. As of April 20 \$739 was donated for the Easter offering which will go to FISH. Other gifts to date include \$50 to the ELCA Malaria fund, \$25 to the ELCA Disaster Fund, \$5 to World Hunger, \$215 to 2nd Mile groups and \$306 to the Rwanda School Project.



From TLC's Worship Committee

## Worship Plans for the Rest of 2014!

In its April meeting, TLC's Worship Committee made decisions for the remainder of 2014, and things look exciting!

The Worship Committee voted to continue using the Narrative Lectionary instead of switching back to the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL). The consensus was that everyone likes having one scripture pericope, instead of four (an Old Testament, a Psalm, an Epistle, and a Gospel), as the preaching text.

The Narrative Lectionary comes out of Luther Seminary and is a four-year lectionary. The RCL is a three-year Lectionary which focuses on the three synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The Narrative Lectionary adds a year so to include a year that focuses on the Gospel According to John. We are currently in the John year, which concludes on June 8.

For the remaining Sundays in June, the focus will be on the Ten Commandments as told in Exodus 20. Coincidentally, the Ten Commandments is the subject of the book that Pastor Jean and her sister, Janet Venerella, are writing

together, and the goal of Pastor's sabbatical is to finish the book and get it published. So, Pastor and Janet will share the work they are doing with TLC and we'll look again at Luther's Small Catechism.

For the months of July and August, while Pastor is on sabbatical, the Committee voted to leave the Narrative Lectionary and to use instead the book, *Reclaiming the "C" Word: Daring to be Church Again* by Kelly Fryer. Each week, a TLC member will take one chapter of the book and present its content in a homily. Worship Committee members are presently recruiting these speakers.

Beginning August 31, we return to the Narrative Lectionary. From August 31 to November 23, the preaching text will be from the Old Testament. In Advent, the preaching text switches to the Gospel of Matthew.

Serving on the Worship Committee are Mary Thompson (Chair), Ingrid and Paul Feiertag, Mary Dawson (Altar Guild), Barbara Kling (Council Liaison), and Pastor Jean.

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## Treasurer To Be Gone Over Summer

Jean Harrison, TLC treasurer, and her husband Jim will be leaving the last week of May and won't return until September. Business demands their presence at their campground in Slidell, Louisiana. Jean will continue her duties as treasurer with the help of Dorothy in the office and the Finance Committee. She can be reached by phone at 545.6042, by fax at 985.645.9206 or by email at [eco-save@sonic.net](mailto:eco-save@sonic.net) during this time. If anyone has a bill that needs to be paid, please fax or e mail it to her and she will mail a check. Items placed in her folder and box will not receive immediate attention. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

### 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

### 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

<b>Altar Guild Coordinator:</b>	Mary Dawson
<b>Greeters Coordinator:</b>	Jan Thomas
<b>Asst. Ministers Coordinator:</b>	Ingrid Feiertag
<b>Offering Teller Coordinator:</b>	Paul Feiertag
<b>Readers Coordinator:</b>	Ingrid Feiertag
<b>Ushers Coordinator:</b>	George Land

## Who's Who In Special Taskforces

<b>Community Garden Coordinator:</b>	Karen Lehman
<b>Landscaping Coordinator:</b>	Jean Harrison
<b>Quilters Coordinator:</b>	Gloria Feiertag
<b>Women's Retreat Coordinator:</b>	Karen Lehman

TLC is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation, which means we believe that God celebrates diversity in all of creation, loves us all unconditionally, and intends that all persons be valued. We welcome and accept all people regardless of their cultural or ethnic background, physical or mental abilities, socio-economic, sexual orientation, or marital status, gender, or age. God loves us exactly as we are.

Please Support Those  
who Support Us



At the Mission Investment Fund, we use the money you invest to fund building and renovation loans for ELCA congregations and related ministries. Give us a call at 877.886.3522.

## TLC May Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</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>28</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion Practice	<b>29</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Bible Study <b>6:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anon small group <b>6:30 PM</b> Book Club <b>8:00 PM</b> Narcotics Anon	<b>30</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion	<b>3</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> CCC Meeting
<b>4</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday Morning Worship <b>3:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion	<b>5</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Mutual Ministry <b>7:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion Practice	<b>6</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>7</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion	<b>8</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Christian Education Committee	<b>9</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion	<b>10</b> <b>5:30 PM</b> Let Us Break Bread Together Nite
<b>11</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>12</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion Practice	<b>13</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>14</b>  <b>6:30 PM</b> Property Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion	<b>17</b>  Santa Rosa Rose Parade
<b>18</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>19</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion Practice	<b>20</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>21</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  <b>7:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion	<b>24</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Finance Committee Meeting 
<b>25</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>26</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion Practice	<b>27</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>28</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Roca de Salvacion	<b>31</b>