

# TLC

# Trumpet



*Welcoming. Inclusive. Joyful. Serving the Community. Thanksgiving Lutheran Church*

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**O**ur synodical bishop, the Right Reverend Mark Holmerud, is commissioning us to share what Jesus means to each of us. The best way to communicate to others is by reflecting Christ in what we say and do, to discipline ourselves to put light and love into the world. Jesus gave compassion and respect to all he met. Here are some ways we can share how Jesus shapes our lives:

Say "I love you" to as many as and as often as you can.

Encourage someone who is sick to take care of themselves, to get rest, let their body heal.

Give in. Really, does your opinion matter all that much?

Give a little more.

Occasionally, go off by yourself to a garden to pray.

Make every effort to listen. If something comes into your heart, share it, but don't fix – listen. Empower the other by letting them find their power.

Instead of taking up a new pleasure, take up a new way to bring light and love into the world.

Appreciate the peace in your life.

Whenever you hear a siren, pray for the Spirit to be with those involved in the emergency.

Make occasions to spend time with others from church and talk about faith.

When you feel a negative feeling coming on, squelch it. Look for the positive.

Intentionally make others feel good about themselves.

At the end of every day, say a prayer of thanks for at least three things.

Dwell in the mystery.

Every time you pay a bill, give thanks that all you have to do is pay a little money and that you don't have to create the service, convenience, necessity, protection, etc. that you are paying for. When you pay your taxes, give thanks that you don't have to run the entire country.

Pray for your leaders.

Make time for laughter, for joy, for rejoicing.

Read the Bible (duh) so that its stories and wisdom are part of your vocabulary.

Slow down so that you can notice others.

Remember that grief over the loss of a loved one takes several years. Think of those who are a year or two into their grief and send them sympathy and "thinking of you" cards, and in them share a memory of their beloved. Goes for pet losses too.

Invite somebody to come with you to worship and then take them out to lunch afterward. Not to "convert" them, but just to share what TLC means to you.

Okay. Great bottom line, so I'll stop now! Have a great month. See you at church!

## Next Trumpet Deadline!

The next TLC Trumpet deadline will be **Monday, May 25th**. 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

1225 Fulton Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

email: tlcsantarosa@sbcglobal.net

## Hours for our administrative assistant:

Church office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9-1.



## 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	5/30

## Thank You

All of your cards and e mails have meant the world to me at this difficult time in my life. Thank you so much for remembering Jim and me in your prayers, thoughts and missives. Jim so loved TLC and each and every one of you. We often spoke of you all. We so wished we could have been with you these past months. I'm so thankful for the last two nights we had together in our home here. Jim is in a better place now and waiting for us all. I imagine he, Flak, Jack and many other angels are looking down on us at us and are pleased. At this moment I'm not sure when I can return to Santa Rosa for the Memorial Service. I will keep Pastor Jean informed and I hope to see you all upon my brief return to Santa Rosa. Unfortunately I will need to return to Louisiana but I hope not for too much longer. I love each and everyone of you and I'm so thankful for your friendship and support.

*Pax, Jean Harrison*



## May Events and Group News

### Congratulations to Graduate Laura Koppen

Laura Koppen will graduate on Friday, May 22, from Midwestern University-Chicago College of Pharmacy in Downers Grove, Illinois. She'll receive a PharmD degree (which means Doctor of Pharmacy.) She finished with a 4.0 GPA, and was first in her class of 200 students! She was also recently awarded the CCP Chemical Principals of Drug Action award (which came with a monetary reward.) Beginning June 29, Laura will begin her one-year residency training at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She hopes to be a hospital-based Clinical Pharmacist and eventually to do some teaching.

Many blessings to our newest graduate. We are proud of you, Laura!

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From Jan and Sandy: A big THANK YOU to everyone who responded to the worship music survey conducted in April! We received a lot of good feedback, and even a few song requests – we will see what we can do to integrate and implement some of your suggestions in the coming months. As we reviewed the responses we discovered that there are many ways to describe hymn/song styles – traditional, standard, classic, classical, modern, praise are just a sampling of the terms people used in their evaluations – and we realized that we are not completely clear on what people mean when they use these terms. For example, what one person might consider “standard” might be considered “modern” by someone else! In the months to come, watch for additional song surveys aimed at helping us get a better handle on these types of questions....

### TLC Book Group

The book group meets next on Tuesday June 16th at 7:00PM at the home of Lisa Bartlett. We are reading *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, please contact Lisa Bartlett,  
GLBartlett@sbcglobal.net

### SIERRA PACIFIC SYNOD

## Please Bring Healthy Cookies for Synod Assembly!

Friday, May 29 –  
Sunday, May 31,  
2015

Hyatt Regency Hotel  
1209 L Street  
Sacramento, CA

Help us create inviting space for our Voting Members, Visitors & Special Guests.

Join us in providing:

- Healthy Cookies!

for our Hospitality Area – and... plan to deliver healthy cookie donation in non-returnable containers



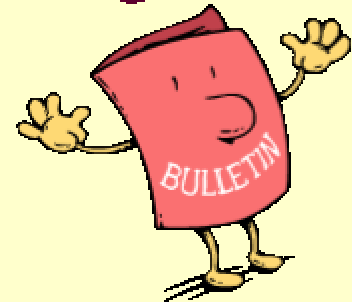
Questions  
Phone: 650-590-0980  
E-mail:  
Assembly@spselca.org

Thanks for your help!  
Your SPS ELCA Synod Assembly  
Planning Team

## Worship at TLC in May 2015

The 50 days of Easter ends in the middle of this month, and we conclude it with two church festivals: Pentecost and Holy Trinity Sunday. Paul's letter to the church in Rome is the scripture focus throughout this month.

## Worship Schedule



### May 3 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Scriptures: Matthew 9:10-13; Romans 1:1-17

Sermon Title: Through Faith For Faith

Music Leader: New Band

### May 10 Sixth Sunday of Easter – Mother's Day

Scriptures: Romans 5:1-11; Matthew 11:28-30

Sermon Title: Access to Grace

Music Leader: Classic Band

### May 17 Seventh Sunday of Easter – Presider: Nicholas Brie; Preacher: Phina Borgeson

Scriptures: Romans 6:1-14; Matthew 6:24

Sermon Title: Living It Up with Jesus

Music Leader: New Band

### May 24 Pentecost

Scriptures: Acts 2:1-4, Romans 8:18-38; Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon Title: Led by the Spirit of God

Music Leader: Leilani Wicklund

### May 31 Holy Trinity – Preaching and Presiding: Nicholas Brie

Scriptures: Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29, Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

Sermon Title: TBA

Music Leader: New Band

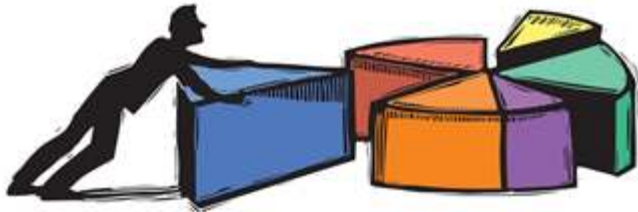


LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE  
NEPAL AREA EARTHQUAKE

Donations are badly needed to support Lutheran Disaster Response in Nepal. Every gift designated to the "Nepal Area Earthquake" through Lutheran Disaster Response will be used entirely – 100% – to help those impacted by the earthquake. Dona-

tions may be made online through [www.ELCA.org/disaster](http://www.ELCA.org/disaster) or by check to Lutheran Disaster Response. Checks can be given through the congregation or send directly to:

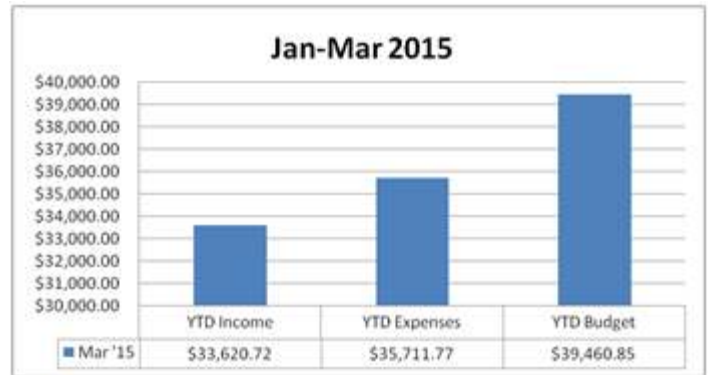
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ELCA Gifts Processing Center  
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## Finance Update

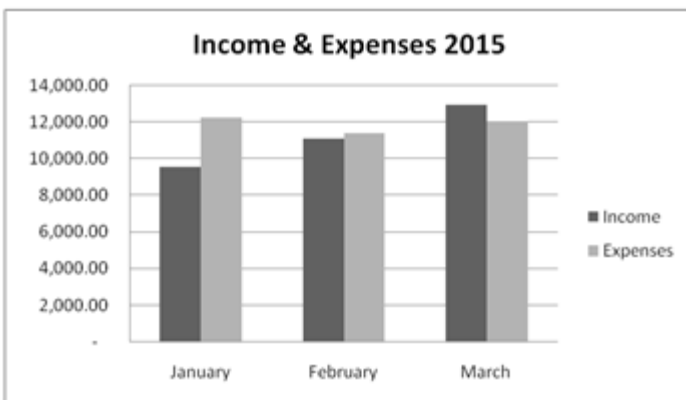
### Capital Campaign Update

Since the last Trumpet report gifts to our Capital Campaign more than doubled the total amount! As of April 25th the amount collected is \$8,915.00. Thanks to all of you who have helped make this possible. Hopefully even more will come in. This money goes directly towards paying down the principal owed on the mortgage. Paying it down will allow us to spend more on other more mission oriented ventures.



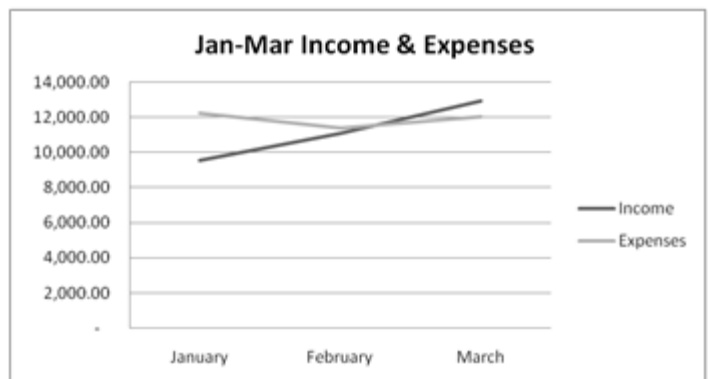
### Easter Gifts and More

The Easter offering was earmarked this year to the local food bank, FISH. This is the same group with the blue food barrel in the narthex. They do a wonderful job of feeding the hungry here in Sonoma County. The Easter offering was \$405. It is not too late to add to that amount if you wish. Just note on your check where the money should go. Other individual gifts to specific causes from January 1st through April 25th are as follows: Rwanda School project \$302.00, 2nd Mile groups \$190.00, FISH \$20.00 and Reconciling Works \$50.00. The Congregation as a whole included a \$400 gift to Reconciling Works in the operating budget for 2015. That money was sent the end of March. We are truly giving people who share our Blessings with others. Thank you.



### Financial News

March was thankfully a month with a surplus, \$883.80. Income was \$12,937.19 and expenses were only \$12,053.39. That means the deficit for the first three months of 2015 is \$2,091.05. That is an average of \$697.02 a month or \$174.25 a week. Total expenses for those three months were \$35,711.77, while income was only \$33,620.72. Monthly pledges are \$9,536.67. March is the first month when that amount was given. Thank you to everyone who pledges and stays current with their pledge. It makes a big difference.





16 April 2015

The Rev. Paul Feiertag  
Ms. Ingrid Feiertag  
516 Colonial Park Dr.  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403-1148

Dear Paul,

It is with grateful heart that both Jo and I were privileged to be with you, Ingrid and all the members of the Thanksgiving Lutheran Church team that produced an outstanding event with the showing of *Lewd and Lascivious*.

We want to thank both of you as well as Nicholas Bine, Jani Lowen, Jani Thomas, Cindy Heller, and The Rev. Jean Lebbert for the excellent preparation and support that created a highly successful event. The advertising, the welcoming of attendees, the top flight audio and visual presentation and the reception all contributed to making our time together memorable.

I am sure that you would also like to know that the free will offering totaled \$429.85, all of which will make possible up to 2 \$1,000.00 scholarships for LGBT students at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary this year as well as contributing toward our expenses for our hospitality hour at the Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly in May and the LGBT San Francisco Pride Parade in June.

Without a doubt, all of you and the other members of Thanksgiving Lutheran Church are a blessing to the wider community of Santa Rosa. We commend you for your vision and are deeply appreciative for your contribution of making all people welcome in the Church, the Body of Christ.

Yours very truly,

The Rev. Charles H. Lewis  
Treasurer

Ms. Jo Chadwick  
Member

## Has it been 50 years already?

Join Paul & Ingrid Feiertag, their friends and family, in celebrating their five decades of married life.

When: Saturday, July 4, 2015 from 5 to 9 p.m.

Where: Thanksgiving Lutheran Church, 1225 Fulton Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

How: Eating, dancing, and general merriment

Wear your blue suede shoes, your polka skirt, or your disco finery because there will be a variety of dancing opportunities. There will be food with a German flair, and locals are invited to bring a dish to share. In lieu of gifts, Ingrid and Paul invite you to support one of these worthy causes: The Savannah Hill Music Scholarship Fund, ReconcilingWorks, or Thanksgiving Lutheran Church. However, your presence is present enough!

RSVP to [dan\\_feiertag@yahoo.com](mailto:dan_feiertag@yahoo.com) or

Dan Feiertag, 733 S. Grove Ave, Oak Park IL 60304

Congratulations for the July 3 anniversary can be sent to Paul & Ingrid Feiertag, 516 Colonial Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95403-1148

## Who's Who at TLC?

### Officers

President, Marilyn Schuler  
Vice President, Lisa Bartlett  
Secretary, Jordan Eberly  
Treasurer, Jean Harrison  
Financial Secretary, Astrid Anderson

### Council Members

Verda Burr  
Mary Dawson  
Pastor Jean Lebbert  
Mary Thompson

### Committee Chairs

Jordan Eberly, Congregational Community (CCC)  
Jan Thomas, Evangelism and Outreach  
Jean Harrison, Finance  
Pastor Jean Lebbert, Mutual Ministry  
Karen Lehman, Property  
Keith Becker, Stewardship  
In Hiatus: Youth, Christian Education, Worship,  
and Music

### Coordinators

Mary Dawson, Altar Guild  
Ingrid and Paul Feiertag, Worship Stewards  
Quilters, Gloria Feiertag  
Jean Harrison, Patio Landscaping  
George Land, Ushers  
Jim Lehman, Website  
Jim Lehman, Sound  
Karen Lehman, Community Garden  
Karen Lehman, Women's Retreat  
Jan Loewen and Sandy Koppen, Growth Through  
Outreach (GTO)  
Jan Loewen and Sandy Koppen, Worship Music  
Mary Weber, TLC Facebook Page

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 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.**

## TLC May Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:30 Worship 7p Roca de Salvacion	27 7p Book Club	28 1p Bible Study 6p NA Meeting 8p NA Meeting	29 5p Roca de Salvacion	30	15 p Roca de Salvacion	2 10 AA Meeting 11:30 CCC
3 9:30 Worship 7p Roca de Salvacion	4 6p Mutual ministry	5 1p Bible Study 6p NA Meeting 8p NA Meeting	6 5p Roca de Salvacion	7	8 5p Roca de Salvacion	9 10 AA Meeting
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17 9:30 Worship 7p Roca de Salvacion	18	19 1p Bible Study 6p NA Meeting 8p NA Meeting	20 5p Roca de Salvacion	21	22 5p Roca de Salvacion	23 10 AA Meeting
23 9:30 Worship 11 Council 7p Roca de Salvacion	25 Memorial Day Trumpet Deadline	26 1p Bible Study 6p NA Meeting 8p NA Meeting	27 5p Roca de Salvacion	28	29 Synod Assembly 5p Roca de Salvacion	30 Synod Assembly 10 AA Meeting
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