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Trumpet



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Pastor's Page

There is a function on my laptop that makes me feel so very powerful and in control. To perform it, I hold down the "Control" button, then press the "z" key. "Control z" -- ahhhhhhhhhh!

What this function does is delete what I have just done and take me back to the previous step. For example, if I've highlighted a paragraph and meant to copy it, but accidentally deleted it, I do "Control z" and my vanished paragraph reappears. I repeat, ahhhhhhhhhh! There are loads of keys with which I can inadvertently make a devastating error, but "Control z" rights the world again.

It's a teeny experience of death and resurrection, confession and absolution, mourning into dancing.

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The thing is, I have to remember I have this power right as soon as I've mis-typed something.

Actually, we all have a lot of power, and isn't it wonderful that we have this for living life? In the face of enemy or enmity, want or woe, blunder or blockage, peril or problem (can you tell I love alliteration?) we can look for Christ or for blessing. Some folks do this by believing "there's a reason for this to be happening." Some are able to pause and take a life-restoring breath while they flip through their mental rolodex for an effective reaction. Some know the Divine so trustingly they can take a leap of faith. Some have experienced so many things in their life that they can almost do "Control z" in their sleep.

By living in the will of Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, we are called to help others find their power. There are many ways, some easy, others challenging. Here are some ways:

- Listen without simultaneously thinking about what you're going to say.
- Notice that there's something different in someone's disposition and acknowledge it.
- Say affirming things to people.

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Next Trumpet Deadline!

The next TLC Trumpet deadline will be **Friday, November 21**. 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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Hours for our administrative assistant:

Church office hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9-1.



Happy Birthday this month to:

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| Martin Luther | 11/10 |
| Marilyn Schuler | 11/14 |
| Dorothy Fast | 11/18 |
| Brandy Hedrick | 11/21 |



Women's Retreat

The 20th TLC Women's Retreat is Friday evening, January 9th through lunch on Sunday, January 11th, 2015! Please plan to take this time out for yourself, as this is an opportunity to get to know your sisters in Christ a little more, and will be a weekend filled with laughter, learning, sharing (as you are comfortable doing so), and beautiful scenery. Plus - you don't have to cook all weekend! We will be at Bishop's Ranch in Healdsburg and the cost is \$225 per person for the full weekend. That's 2 nights and 5 meals in the gorgeous Sonoma County wine country! You can't beat the price! Feel free to pay incrementally as you are able - just put it in the offering plate on Sundays and make sure you mark the memo on your check 'Women's Retreat'. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Lehman at 887-9348.

Worship at TLC in November

As autumn arrives (and with it, hopefully, rains), trees cast off their withered leaves, we fire up heaters and furnaces and pull out a warmer wardrobe, and

pull out our hair because oh God Christmas is coming and we're not nearly ready

And Spirit, the breath and pulse of Life, still calls us, through the gloom and panic and busy-ness and anticipation, to catch our breath in the gathering and practice of worship. To sing. To soak in some scripture. To pray. To feed our souls, and to nurture the souls of others with our presence and care. Be aware that you come to worship not only to be comforted and dis comforted; you come to be there for others, to notice others' dispositions, to see if you can supply a need. Worship is as much sacrifice as it is sacrament, give and take, be and see Christ.

Work worship into your life. The more you give, the more you receive!

Nov 2 All Saints' Day

Scriptures: 2 Kings 5:1-14; Matthew 8:2-3

Sermon title: Water Wonder

Music Leader: Classic Band

Highlights: Remembrance of Saints and Baptism; special music by Rob and Sharon

Nov 9 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: Micah 5:2-4; 6:6-8; Matthew 9:13

Sermon title: What to Get God for Christmas

Music Leader: Leilani

Nov 16 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20; 37:1-17; 2d:1-4; Matthew 5:14

Sermon title: Tools of Peace

Music Leader: New Band

Highlights: Part One of our 2014-2015 Congregational Meeting

Nov 23 Christ the King Sunday

Scriptures: Jeremiah 1:4-10; 7:1-11; Matthew 21:12-13

Sermon title: Not a Good Sunday to Sell Things in the Narthex

Music Leader: Leilani

Nov 27 Thanksgiving Eve

Pie and Gratitude

We gather together around the table and share with each other our gratitude for things that have come into our lives over the past year. And, of course, we eat pie--it's a TLC tradition!

Nov 30 First Sunday in Advent

Scriptures: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:2-4; 3:17-19; Matthew 26:36-38

Sermon title: A Prophet's Grief

Music Leader: Karaoke

Highlights: Recorder Music by Janet and Pastor Jean, Special Guest to lead Forum



Finance Update

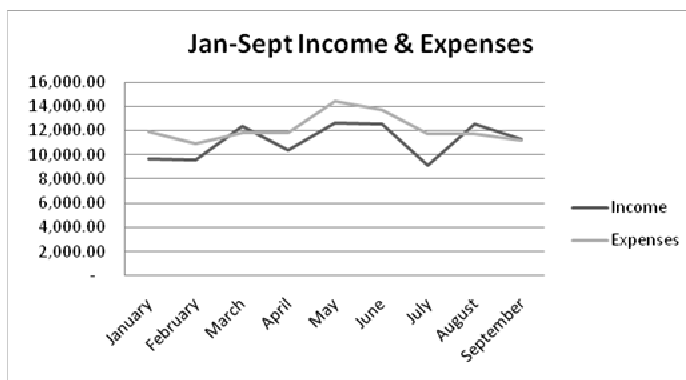
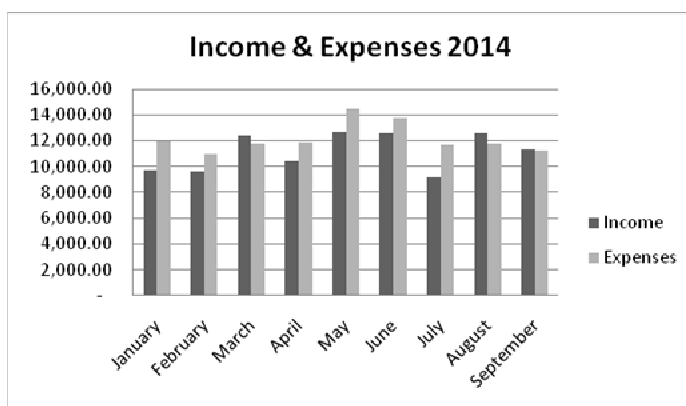
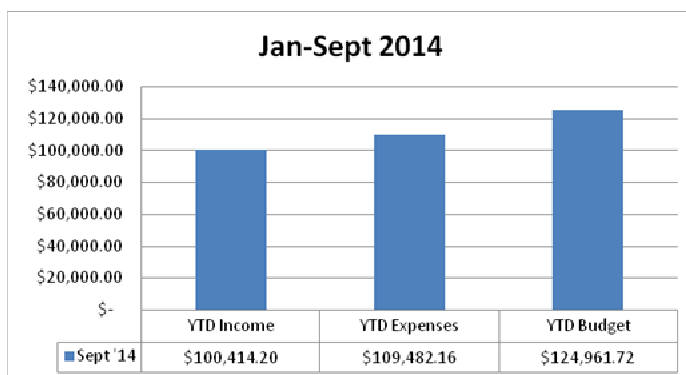
For the third month this year we did not have a deficit in September. In March we had a surplus of \$618.69, in August a surplus of \$800.38 and then in September a surplus of \$93.89. However our total deficit for the year is \$9,117.96 which on average is \$1,13.11/month and \$253.28/week. Our total expenses through the end of September have been \$109,467.16 while income has only been \$100,349/20. For the month of September expenses were \$11,231.70 while income was \$11,325.59. October will have a deficit also.

Our overall average attendance on Sunday has increased by a bit more than one person a month. Currently our average monthly attendance through the end of September is 41.7 people. We have had many guests which is a true blessing from God.

Since asking for additional gifts to help pay the mortgage in deficit months an additional \$1,569 has been received by the end of October. These extra gifts are much appreciated. Thank you to those who have given.

Mortgage Update

Our agreement with Mission Investment Fund, the holder of our mortgage, called for a conference call and review of our finances and mission in October. That took place in early October with Pastor Jean, Council member Keith Becker, Treasurer Jean Harrison and two representative from MIF. At that time we agreed to an increase in the monthly mortgage payment from the \$3,500 we had been paying since March to \$3,600 a month through next March. Our payment should actually be \$4,500 so this is generous on their part and is enabling us to keep the doors open and our mission going. They are requesting a couple of items regarding our mission and giving be done. You will here more of the details soon. Council, GTO and Pastor Jean are a brim with ideas and afire with the Spirit. Good things lie ahead for TLC.



Gifts to Others

TLCers continue to be generous in their individual gifts to others. Through the end of October the following amounts have been given to the following causes: ELCA Malaria Eradication Fund: \$60 (has everyone now given their \$10 each to this worthy cause?) ELCA Disaster Relief Fund: \$25 ELCA Hunger Relief Fund: \$5 FISH: \$749 Reconciling Works: \$20 Second Mile Gifts: \$625 (these funds go to various groups through Sierra Pacific Synod) Rwanda School Project: \$884

Our Congregational Meeting on November 16

Please plan to stay after worship for the first part of our 2015 Congregational Meeting.

Agenda items include:

- A video message from Bishop Elizabeth Eaton to the Sierra Pacific Synod
- Consideration of 2015 TLC Budget
- Election of new Council members
- Expressions of gratitude to 2014 Council and outgoing Council members
- Special member acknowledgements
- Proposal for 2015 Capital Campaign Fundraiser to reduce our mortgage principal



YOUR OPINION IS IMPORTANT

TLC members are expected to attend congregational meetings and visitors who care about what TLC is doing for Christ in this place are welcome too.



Pie and Gratitude

is the focus of our annual Thanksgiving Eve gathering, to be held on Wednesday, November 26, beginning at 7 p.m. Bring a favorite pie. Join us around the table as we share things over the past year for which we are grateful.

Congregational Meeting and the Budget

You might have noticed the absence of Jean and Jim Harrison these past few months. They are still in Louisiana striving to keep their campground running. Jean as Treasurer is doing her job long distance. She will not be at the congregational meeting when the budget will be approved. She has worked closely with the Council and Committee Chairs to prepare the budget. If you have any questions, concerns or need something explained about the budget do contact her. You can call her cell phone at 707.280.5771 or e mail her at ecosave@sonic.net. Please don't hesitate to do so.



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- Pay genuine compliments. Give genuine thanks.
- Truly and gratefully receive compliments and gratitude from others.
- Ask for someone's name and say that you are glad to know them, and mean it.
- Get in touch with someone who was absent to find out why.
- Genuinely miss someone and let them know but without making them feel guilty.
- Make an effort to get to know someone better so you'll discover their strengths and gifts.
- Ask for forgiveness when you've hurt someone. Make your relationship with them a priority.
- Put love first in all you say and do. We love because we are loved.
- Encourage the downhearted. Help them get to "I can."

Control love. Ahhhhhhhhhh.

*Love,
Pastor Jan*



First GTO Event – Are You Ready? Start Your Engines!

You've been hearing so much about GTO (Growth Through Outreach) and now a GTO event is on the horizon!

Our first event will be an outreach to gardeners. Our Community Owner – Karen Lehman – has discovered a powerful video called "Symphony of the Soil". (www.symphonyofthesoil.com) It is a visually and emotionally stirring film about our best resource – the earth and its soil. We will be inviting our friends and family members and everyone in Karen's vast gardening community to see this film.

The film maker, Deborah Koons Garcia, will be present to answer questions and provide additional information.

If you are interested in gardening or our precious resources, please mark your calendar for November 6th at 7pm.

We will have sign ups at church in the coming weeks. Please call Jan Loewen (707-293-4883) the GPS, if you have any questions.



TLC November Calendar

Thanksgiving Lutheran, Offsite Meetings, Special Events, Support Groups, Contacts' birthdays and events, Nov 2014 (Pacific Time)
 Holidays in United States

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 26 Cent-sational 9:30am - Sunday 11am - Council | 27 1pm - Bible Study @ 6pm - NA Meeting @ 8pm - NA Meeting @ | 28 1pm - Bible Study @ 6pm - NA Meeting @ 8pm - NA Meeting @ | 29 | 30 | 31 Halloween | 1 10am - Saturday AA 11:30am - CCC |
| 2 Daylight Saving Special Mortgage 9:30am - Sunday | 3 5:30pm - Mutual | 4 1pm - Bible Study @ 6pm - NA Meeting @ 8pm - NA Meeting @ | 5 7pm - GTO Garden | 6 | 7 | 8 10am - Saturday AA |
| 9 9:30am - Sunday | 10 Veterans Day 1pm - Bible Study @ 6pm - NA Meeting @ 8pm - NA Meeting @ | 11 6:30pm - Property | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 10am - Saturday AA |
| 16 Rwanda Sunday 9:30am - Sunday | 17 1pm - Bible Study @ 6pm - NA Meeting @ 8pm - NA Meeting @ | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 10am - Saturday AA |
| 23 Cent-sational 9:30am - Sunday 11am - Council | 24 1pm - Bible Study @ 6pm - NA Meeting @ 8pm - NA Meeting @ | 25 7pm - Thanksgiving | 26 | 27 Thanksgiving Day | 28 | 29 10am - Saturday AA |
| 30 9:30am - Sunday 11am - Adult Forum | 1 5:30pm - Mutual | 2 1pm - Bible Study @ 6pm - NA Meeting @ 8pm - NA Meeting @ | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 10am - Saturday AA 11:30am - CCC |