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## Mark Your Calendar: Congregational Meeting Sunday, November 4!

Plan to attend the Congregational Meeting following worship on Sunday, November 4, 2007.

Featured items on the agenda:

- Acknowledgement of our hardworking task force and committee folks
- Discussion and voting on a Budget for 2008
- Election of three Council members (for 2-year terms)
- Elect one Audit Committee member (for a 2-year term)
- "State of the Congregation" report from Pastor Jean
- Bringing-Including-Celebrating check-in

The Finance Team is busy putting together the many pieces of the 2008 Budget for congregational review prior to the meeting—watch your mailbox for more info later this month!

## The Holiday Season is Just Around the Corner! Mark Your Calendar Now!

This is it! We are closing in on the social event of the year. The CCC Committee is going all-out with plans for a gala Progressive Dinner this coming December. The date is **Saturday, December 1** at 5 PM. This is open to all adults, including TLC members, non-members, visitors, and guests.

The evening begins at the home of Betty Hiebel. She will feed us hors d'oeuvres and liquids to instill the proper attitude. The identity of each person's host-home will also be revealed. Then we fan out to our host-homes for a dinner that is sure to please.

Following dinner, we "progress" to Church for the nightcap. This is where you will enjoy the dessert selections . . . if you were careful to save room for more food. You can also participate in decorating the Church Christmas Tree . . . if you wish.

In the meantime, who should appear seated behind the 88 ivories but . . . Pastor Jack Lundin . . . straight from a long-running engagement in Sonoma! Jack will treat us to his repertoire of Christmas

*See "Dinner", next page...*



**Progressive Dinner**

"Dinner", continued from front page...

music. Song sheets will be available for sing-a-long . . . if you wish.

Of course, a small fee must be assessed to participants so we can pay host families for their food preparation. We won't know the exact amount until we see what the attendance will be. For that purpose we ask you to sign up in the Narthex.

Also, if you are willing to prepare and host a meal for 6-8 people (including yourself), there is a sign-up for that. The food will be provided and paid for. We will use a standard menu prepared by Pastor Jean that is so easy to follow that she even tells you when to use a hot-pad.

Congregation & Community Care (CCC) Committee



## **Pastor Greg Schaefer Accepts New Call**

You may be aware that Pastor Greg served TLC when we first moved into our current location - in fact he presided over our first service held in this facility! For the last five years, he has been serving Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary (his *alma mater*) as Director of Admissions and Director of the Campus Pastoral Team. In those years, he says, "I have been blessed with wonderful colleagues, a comprehensive tour of this church, and a profound hope for the future of the ELCA. "

He has recently announced that he will be leaving PLTS at the end of October, having accepted a call to serve as Episcopal-Lutheran Campus Pastor at Stanford University and pastor of University Church. He stated that, "After these years of helping others discern where God is calling them, I have been once again reminded of how hard discernment really is. Finally, I realize, God leads us in many ways, blesses us with many gifts, and promises to go with us on all our journeys."

His spouse, Gwen, will continue on at PLTS as a Communications consultant for now while she discerns some options for meaningful ministry on the Peninsula.

Congratulations, God's blessings and our prayers are with Greg and Gwen as they continue their journey in Christ!



## **Escrip Reminder**

Just a reminder that if you participate in our Escrip program and have registered your Safeway Club Card it is time for the annual renewal of your Club Card with Escrip. To renew your Safeway Club Card in the Escrip Program just go to the web site at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com). Our group ID number is 137963301. It is important to do this quick renewal so we continue to receive the Escrip profits.

If you are not participating in the Escrip program and would like to, just go to the web site and use TLC's group ID number and follow the prompts to register your Club Card, debit card and/or credit card. It is easy, safe and brings additional money in for the Congregation to use. If you have any questions or trouble with the web site please call Lisa Bartlett at 526-3017.



Anyone remember those old Burma Shave signs? (This is a brand of shaving cream, for all you youngsters) You know, a clever rhyme told over 4-5 consecutive billboard signs along the highways, like the old Route 66. You may have your favorite that you remember – how about:

A chin/ where barbed wire/ bristles stand/ is bound to be/ a no ma'ams land/ Burma-Shave –  
OR  
Don't take a curve/ at 60 per/ we hate to lose/ a customer/ Burma-Shave –

So, what does this have to do with Thanksgiving Lutheran? Well, you may have noticed that quite a few folks use our beautiful parking lot to turn around in, and some of us think this is a good opportunity to deliver a short welcome message for these folks to come back and visit us sometime. Something like:

Just turning around? / Come back again/ at TLC/ You've got a friend

Or something of the sort. So the communications task force would like to have your ideas! Submit your "poem" for some "Burma-Shave" type signs that will be put at the end of our parking lot driveway to read as you pull up to the stoplight. Rules: No more than 4-5 signs per idea, and 3-4 words per sign, so people can read them quickly (the signs will not be that big!). Submit your ideas to Mark Koppen, and the best ideas will be used as we get this project up and running. Let me know if you have questions, and thanks!

## **F.I.S.H.\***

**\*Friends In Service Here**

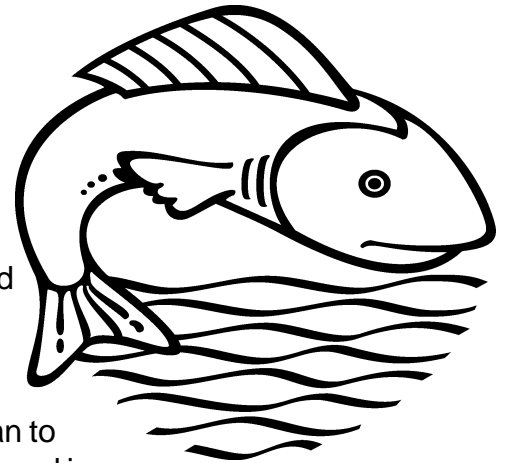
Thank you to Dave and Kathy Flanagan, and Mary and niece Alicia, who joined us this month at the food bank. This was the last time for all of us to work together and as usual it was fun and rewarding. The facility is open every day except Sunday for anyone who would like to spend some time at F.I.S.H. There is an information brochure posted on the kiosk in the narthex.

Please remember the BLUE BARREL by the doors. We plan to deliver the food to F.I.S.H. on the first Monday of each month. The need is very great with cost of housing so high in our county. We had a total of 16 new family applicants in our last 2 outings.

We welcome any fresh produce you might have too much of. Last month we had a whole tree's worth of pears from Nora Wilson to give away. And this month we had a bunch of apples and tomatoes including even some from our own "beginner" TLC garden. You can't believe how grateful the people are who come to the F.I.S.H. window and how difficult is for many of them to make that call.

We will keep you posted of any information coming forward from the F.I.S.H. board of directors. In the meantime it would be really great if we could fill that barrel every month.

*Stan and Marilyn Schuler*



## Women Take Note!

I certainly felt blessed by the wonderful discussion that took place at the first session of the one-meeting-a-month *Lutheran Woman Today* Bible study, “Blessed to Follow: The Beatitudes as a Compass for Discipleship,” and am already looking forward to our next session! It’s not too late to join in—the study group will meet at church at 7:00 pm on the third Monday of each month; here’s the schedule for the next few months:



- ❖ **October 15:** Session 2 – “Poor in Spirit, Rich in Blessing”
- ❖ **November 19:** Session 3 – “Blessing in the Country of Mourning”
- ❖ **December 17:** Session 4 – “Following the Tempered Strength”
- ❖ **January 21:** Session 5 – “Follow Your Heart—and Find the Heart of God”

If you need info about how to subscribe to *Lutheran Woman Today* magazine or would just like more information about the study group, contact me, Sandy Koppen, at 545-4229 or [koppens4@comcast.net](mailto:koppens4@comcast.net). Come, be called by Jesus’ blessings!

## All Nifty Fifty + Take Note!

The next outing for those 50 or better will be at the Santa Rosa Junior College Planetarium.

When: October 28 @ 1:00pm  
Where: Santa Rosa JC Planetarium  
Cost: \$5 for the youngsters, \$3 for over 60  
Parking: Bech Parking lot -

Show starts at 1:30pm, get there early enough to get free parking pass from planetarium when purchasing admission and take to your car. You have to be seated before show starts - no late admission.

Afterwards, it’s on to Marie Callender’s for PIE (George & Paul - they’ll have chocolate) and socializing.

Any questions? See your hosts,  
Dave & Kathy Flanagan



## The TLC Community Garden Project Needs YOU!

We plan to be at the church on two Saturdays in October, the 13th and the 20th from 9 til noon, to move some mulch. We need to define the lines of the garden with a thick layer of newsprint and mulch. If you can join us it would be great – the work will go much faster with your help! What we need: moderately strong backs, rakes, pitch forks, and any pick up trucks you can beg or borrow - but not steal!

TLCCGP\*

\*TLC Community Garden Project



# **The TLC Community Garden Project: Providing Access to Low-cost Fresh Produce\* and Building Community**

The TLC Community Garden Project has been underway for over a year now. When we first met, we really had no idea how to go about it, we just felt called to begin. Within a couple of weeks, Phina Borgeson, an Episcopalian Deacon, was at worship for the first time and made mention of community garden issues during the prayers of the people. This was not only noticed by those of us involved in the TLC Community Garden Project, but just about gave us whiplash locating the source of the petition!

Since then, Phina has been an invaluable source of knowledge, contacts, and continual networking with others in the community who have interest or expertise (or both) in gardening. In the spring, Phina planted an area and has been cultivating it ever since – perhaps you’ve enjoyed some of the fruits (and vegetables) of her good labor. The sunflowers were pretty spectacular! Stan and Marilyn Schuler have visited (and revisited) community gardens all over Sonoma County, and been persistent in their enthusiasm for this project. Debra Harris has contributed her expertise in the area of cultivating community partnerships and applying for grant monies. Diane Land, Paul Feiertag, Pastor Jean, Lorraine Larson, and others have also been involved.

Some of the issues we’ve been dealing with are funding (how to do it with as little cost to TLC as possible), water (access, usage and options for irrigation – we met with a representative from the Santa Rosa Water Conservation Department), gophers (baskets, traps, natural predators), grant applications (we didn’t get the funding on our first try – we’ll keep at it), pesticide and herbicide usage, inviting the community, inviting prayer and physical support from the members of the congregation and council, questions from council as to how the garden fits into TLC’s mission and ministry (and attending a council meeting to answer those questions), size of the garden and plots, how much to charge for a plot (water cost), leadership structure for the project, construction (raised beds, benches, tables, arbor, shed, handicapped access), general policy for gardening activity, insurance, having a plot dedicated for TLC, organizing fundraising and educational events centered on gardening, and more!

At our most recent meeting we spent some time answering some more questions from council, and began getting down on paper some of the policies of the garden that we have discussed over the last 16 months. We agreed it’s time to begin inviting in earnest those interested in being involved – whether to garden, offer expertise or labor, or have some other interest in the TLC Garden Project. Who are we inviting? You! And residents from Sequoia Gardens (our immediate neighbors to the south) and other mobile home parks in the area, the low-income housing just north of us on Fulton, and up around the corner on Guerneville Road (these are sometimes difficult communities to access – it would be great if we knew people who spoke some of the Asian and Hispanic languages!). We’ll also be posting flyers around Santa Rosa on community bulletin boards.

The next meeting is about getting those who are interested in being a part of the project together and helping to decide on further policies for the garden, and listening to what people are looking and hoping for in their gardening experience.

**If you have an interest in the TLCCGP please come to the next meeting, being held at TLC on Thursday, October 11 at 7:00!**

\*and/or herbs and flowers



# Are We Communicating Yet?

**Communication leads to community, that is, to understanding, intimacy and mutual valuing.**

—*Rollo May*

**We each take responsibility to share and seek out information regarding the life and work of our church. The channels for communication and decision making are continually updated and publicized.**

—*TLC Relational Covenant #8*

**The problem with communication ... is the *illusion* that it has been accomplished.**

—*George Bernard Shaw*

Following Sandy Koppen's excellent article about communications in last month's *Trumpet*, a small task force (Mark Koppen, Karen Lehman, Jan Thomas & Pastor Jean Lebbert) began identifying all ways in which we communicate inwardly and outwardly at TLC, and what we can do to improve. (Our goal is aligned with the first and second quotes above; reality is often closer to the third!) We were pleased to realize that there is a lot of "communicating" going on at TLC, some more effective than others. Here are the things we've identified to work on:

- √ Web site: Continue encouraging everyone at TLC to send information (events, committee news, worship items, devotionals, prayer requests, etc. and photos to be posted on our web site.
- √ We encourage all team meeting agendas to include items for the web site.  
    Soon, a form will be available to use for this purpose.
- √ There is a digital camera available in the church office which anyone can use to take photos for the web site. A "cheat sheet" is being created to help those of us who are digitally impaired. (Wait, does that mean we are missing fingers?)
- √ These items will be made available to teams by Council liaisons, and will be available in the church office for everyone.
- √ All items can be sent via email to [tluther@thanksgivinglutheran.org](mailto:tluther@thanksgivinglutheran.org), addressed to Web Master.
- √ Other web site enhancements targeted for implementation are a page for Pastor Jean with her bio and a Pastor's blog & podcast of Sunday sermons. A calendar will also be added that can be accessed and updated with new information.
- √ Our monument sign out front is a great community communicator, and it is unfinished. We are taking that project on and will get it accomplished soon.
- √ Banners will be updated with "Reverend Jean Lebbert, Pastor" so that everyone knows we now have a Pastor.
- √ "Burma Shave" type signs are being created to invite to TLC all the people who use our parking lot as a turn-around. (For those unfortunates who don't know what a Burma Shave sign is, ask someone over 50!)

Those are our immediate projects, and we will keep you updated as we go. If you are interested in working with us on these or future projects, please talk to one of the task force people listed above.

*Jan Thomas*

# Bringing + Including + Celebrating = Evangelism (Part Two!)

Last month I proposed that each of us start thinking about how we might personally “define evangelism” by using the terms **bringing**, **including**, and **celebrating** as a basic common starting point. Using these three “action verbs,” what ideas do YOU have about how we can share the good news of God’s love and grace with the world? How might we “fill in the blanks:”

- o **Bringing** \_\_\_\_\_ (What or who? How?)
- o **Including** \_\_\_\_\_ (What or who? How?)
- o **Celebrating** \_\_\_\_\_ (What? How?)

We (Pastor and Council) really do want to “collect your thoughts” as the congregation plans “next steps” for reaching out and growing our congregation—spiritually and numerically! To make it easy to share your thoughts and ideas, we will continue to ask for your responses on the small slips of paper being handed out at worship—you may simply return the slips in the offering plate, put them in the Koppen mailbox, or hand them to me (Sandy Koppen) directly. The plan is to share the variety of responses at our November 4 congregational meeting. **To further inspire us to action, the Defining Evangelism Task Force will also present video/discussion Adult Forums on October 14 and October 21**—I really hope that you will plan to attend these forums!

*Sandy Koppen, Council President*



**A guy rushed into a service station** one day and asked the manager if he’d a pay phone. The manager nodded, “Sure, over there.” The guy inserted a couple of coins, dialed and waited for an answer. Finally someone came on the line. “Uh, sir,” he said in a deep voice, “could you use an honest, hard-working young man?” The station manager couldn’t help overhearing the question. After a moment or two the guy said, “Oh, you already have an honest, hard-working young man? Well, okay. Thanks all the same.” A broad smile stretched across his face. He hung up the phone and started back to his car, obviously elated. “Hey, just a minute,” the station manager said. “I couldn’t help but hear your conversation. Why are you so happy?” The guy smiled. “Well, you see, I am that honest, hard-working young man. I was just checking up on myself!”

**If you’re serious** about walking with God, examine yourself regularly. Are you praying, reading God’s Word and renewing your mind daily? How about your attitudes? Are they slipping? Your attitudes send a signal before you’ve said a word. They’re like traffic lights. Sometimes they flash red, which means ‘stop, don’t get in my way, I’m too busy to love, help, or care.’ Sometimes they flash yellow, which means “I’m touchy and out-of-sorts, I could go either way. “Sometimes they flash green, which means, “Let’s go, I’m with you, you can count on me.” The Bible says, “Let us examine our ways...and...return to the Lord.” What needs to be examined regularly? “Our ways!”



*From the K-Love Radio Devotional, submitted by Judy Sawyer*

# Scripture Readings and Themes for October

- October 7                      Waiting in God's Time**  
Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4              Pre-exilic cry to YHWH  
2 Timothy 1:1-14                      Guard the treasure entrusted to you  
Luke 17:5-10                          Duties of Disciples
- October 14                     Going to the Waters Kicking and Screaming**  
2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c                Naaman's miraculous healing  
2 Timothy 2:8-15                      Imprisoned, Paul still encourages  
Luke 17: 11-19                        One out of ten gives thanks
- October 21                     Persistence in the Face of Injustice**  
Genesis 32:22-31                      Angel: 1              Jacob: 0  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5                    Convince, Rebuke, Encourage  
Luke 18-1-8                              Parable of Persistent Widow
- October 28                     Reformation**  
Jeremiah 31: 31-34                    I will write my law on your hearts  
Romans 3:19-28                        The heart of the Gospel for Luther  
John 8: 31-36                            You will be free indeed

(Psalm responses, respectively, are: 37:1-9; 111; 121; 46)



A sincere thank you to everyone who contributed during Thanksgiving Lutheran's recent effort to raise funds to help the Baldwin family pay the balance of cemetery fees necessary so that Wayne's marker can be engraved. Including supplemental funds to be provided by Thrivent, we raised just over \$2000 for the Baldwin family. Donna and David want everyone to know that they are so grateful for everyone's prayers and contributions. Please continue to keep them in your prayers!

## Bakers Wanted!

If you are a baker and would like to share your talents, Thanksgiving Lutheran Church is looking for those who would like to bake and bring the bread for communion. Interested? Please contact the Alter Guild.  
*Mary Dawson*  
*One of many Alter Guild Members*





## Getting to Know...

### Bill and Luci

Bill Reed was born in Oklahoma and accompanied his parents to California in the 1930's. (Take note, John Steinbeck.) Growing up in Eureka, he joined the Navy in 1952. There, he received valuable training for his future and was a Construction Driver Petty Officer in the Seabees.

He married Sandra in 1955 (sister of Donna Phillips), but spared her the trip to Adak, Alaska where he was stationed for a year. After the Navy, Bill was a Mail Handler in the post office for a year. He was also a Carrier, paving the way for Mary Dawson.

By 1960, his truck driving future was established with Merchant's Express where he drove for ten years. Then 14 more years of driving for System 99. He closed his driving career with ten years at Sugar City Building Materials in Pinole. Frequent jobs included hauling gravel from Pleasanton where his flying rocks terrorized future TLC members\* on Interstates 580 and 680.

Bill retired in 1994 to his rural acreage on the outskirts of Sebastopol. He and Sandy bought the ranch in 1969 and Bill is still there. This was their horse farm where Bill raised and trained cutting horses. Through the years, he attended many horse shows and has trophies to prove it. But after retirement he dropped out of the horse show circuit and now busies himself with various construction projects around the ranch.

Rocky was born in 1956 and Victor in 1958. Rocky was a frequent usher at TLC until his and Sandy's untimely passing in 2005. Rocky was fond of Pastor Flak, and we can credit Flak with attracting Bill to TLC as well.

Luci had been a friend of Bill and Sandy for some 25 years and boarded her horse there. She grew up near Baltimore, MD and graduated from Sparrows Point High School. Married in 1949, by 1959 she was busy raising four children. Moving to California, she was a bookkeeper for Petrini Markets. She retired in 1993 after a stint as Office Manager for United Food Workers in Santa Rosa.

She likes to crochet and knit. Lately, she has become a regular at TLC Quilt meetings. The Quilt ladies love her because (along with Diane Land) she is a "floor person." That is a lady who is able to work on the floor with a quilt and still manage to get back up.

Both Bill and Luci have a past history of RVing. They have owned many rigs and are hoping to get out and do some traveling in the future. At the present time, they are one of the nice-looking couples at TLC who enjoy life in their 70's.

*George Land*

*\*George and Diane lived in the area at that time...*

## Go Ahead and Boo!

Q: Why do you find ghosts hanging around liquor stores? A: That's where they get their boo's.

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A skeleton goes into a bar and says to the bartender, "Give me a beer and a mop."

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Q: What do you get when you divide the circumference of your jack-o-lantern by its diameter?

A: Pumpkin Pi!

## A BETTER WAY?

Who knows when it started, but it happens everywhere I've been. At the end of every church meeting someone says, "Let's close with the Lord's Prayer." To me the Lord's Prayer would be better prayed at the beginning of the meeting. There are many similarities between the Lord's Prayer and our Relational Covenants. Look at the following and see if you agree that you would be blessed to hear these to send you home after church meetings:

May the Lord bless you (us) and take care of you (us);  
May the Lord be kind and gracious to you (us);  
May the Lord look on you (us) with favor and give you (us) peace. Numbers 6:24-26

*I now commend you to the care of God and to the word of God's grace, which has the power to build you up and give you your inheritance among all the holy ones. Acts 20:32*

May God, the source of all strength and encouragement, enable you to have the same point of view among yourselves by following the example of Christ Jesus, so that all of you together may praise with one voice the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:5,6

*May the God of hope fill you with such peace and joy in your faith, that you may be filled with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13*

The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ and the love of God and the friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Corinthians 13:14

*May the God of peace make you perfect in holiness. May you be preserved whole and complete—spirit, soul, and body—irreproachable at the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ. The One who calls us is trustworthy: God will make sure it comes to pass. 1 Thessalonians 5:23, 24*

May the God of peace, who brought back from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep in the blood of the eternal Covenant, Jesus our Savior, furnish you with all that is good, so you may do all that is pleasing to God. To Christ be glory forever. Amen. Hebrews 13:20, 21

*May grace and peace be yours in abundance through your knowledge of our God and of Jesus our Sovereign. 2 Peter 1:2*

There is One who can prevent you from falling and make you stand pure and exultant in the presence of eternal glory. To God, the only God, who saves us through Jesus Christ our Sovereign, be glory, majesty, authority and power—who was before all time, is now and will be forever. Amen. Jude 24, 25

*We know that the Only Begotten of God has come, and has given us knowledge about the One who is true. We are in the One who is true, and we are in our Savior Jesus Christ. This is the true God; this is eternal life. 1 John 5:20*

May grace, mercy, and peace be with you in truth and love, from God our Creator and from Jesus Christ, God's Only Begotten. 2 John 3

*Paul Feiertag*

# Youth News

WOW! We had such a great time at the Outdoor Service ! It was really awesome! If you missed it, the kids lead the entire service. They created the service, picked the songs, lead the prayers, and did the sermon! I think that everyone came away blessed, including the kids!

The pastor, the kids and some parents met the next week to do a SWOT Analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats). We figured that the “Ring Leader” (me) needed a little more preparation but that the service was a true hit and that the kids did very well. It was such a hit that there is going to be an encore (at church) for Epiphany (January) and then continuation of the Outdoor Service next September!

In other news, the Middle and High Schoolers met this week and determined their curriculum for the school year. We will have a discussion about a curriculum called “Ultimate Choice: Challenge your life. Challenge your faith.” It is a DVD with a reality show on it. Each week we will watch the show and then discuss the issues that arise for the participants.

We will also continue to discuss different hard topics as they come up, and to meditate for 3-5 minutes each week. We usually end the time by sharing prayer requests and praises.

The Middle and High Schoolers also indicated that they would like to do some community service. We will probably find a soup kitchen to work at this year and we will also have a few fund raisers to benefit a charity that we’ll choose soon.

## On the Calendar:

**October 6:** Rock of Ages Festival in Calistoga. Let me know if you want to go

**December:** Gift Wrapping fund raiser for charity

	Jan - Aug 07	Year to Date	Budget
<b><u>Received</u></b>			
<b>Building Fund (Mortgage)</b>	2,481.25	18,394.00	
<b>General Fund (envelopes + loose)</b>		4,449.25	47,447.75
<b>All Other</b>	1148.47	9920.36	
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>8,078.97</b>	<b>75,762.11</b>	
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>			
<b>Mission Support</b>	475.78	5,532.39	9,500.00
<b>Staff</b>	3,613.67	34,237.92	52,200.00
<b>Mortgage</b>	2,029.82	17,558.12	33,600.00
<b>All Other</b>	2,680.38	20,255.16	35,677.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>8,799.65</b>	<b>77,583.59</b>	<b>130,977.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-720.68</b>	<b>-1,821.48</b>	

Our expenses this year have generally exceeded our income. However, since we began the year with a general fund balance of \$3053.72, our cash flow has been adequate—we are close to breaking even.

Building fund income has covered our mortgage expenses to date (remember, however, that this year’s mortgage payments are “interest only.”)

We are currently meeting our Mission Support commitment!

If you would like further details about income and/or expenses, please see the monthly Finance Report posted on the bulletin board in the hallway or speak to a member of the Finance Team (Jan Loewen, Sandy Koppen, or Mary Thompson.)

## **A Final Thought...**

### **From Pastor Jean**

I love the fall. Temperatures drop, so I don't sweat so much. Mornings, I get to snuggle in the warmth my body has given the blankets, and my Silky Terrier, Dane Disney, is a great snuggler. I've been trained, by all those years of school, to start up again in the fall. I've got next Spring's daffodil bulbs in the vegetable drawer of the refrigerator. And, oh, there is the inexhaustible joy of getting to experience once again vivid fall colors turning into twinkling Christmas lights. All the normal fall stuff; I love it.

As Nature begins to stop for the winter, we have trained ourselves to begin. As darkness encroaches, we prepare for the coming of the Light. I love it.

The pace of living in the 21<sup>st</sup> century is hectic, and it's heavy these days with worry of things like war and global warming and a shaky economy and the presidential election and on and on and on.

Things are picking up at TLC too. Committees and Task Forces, classes and social events, special worships events are all gearing up. Many are pulling their passion for things undone out of dormancy. And, yes, once again, that "One Do-able Thing at a Time" thing is starting to frustrate folks.

When things get hectic and we are anxious and passionate and ready to go, we may be tempted to sacrifice the time we need to nourish ourselves spiritually. It's vital to give prominence to our relationship with the One who gave us this glorious life to live, and it's right and salutary to put consideration for others ahead of our personal need, trusting that our passion and Provider will take care of our need.

Wisely be intentional about setting a time for one-on-one prayer and meditation—just you and the Holy Spirit. Strive to find a little time every day. Use it to take stock of how you do things. How do you, for example, contribute to something not getting done? What have you left undone in your own life, and what do you need to change about yourself so that you can get to it? How is your relationship with those you encounter frequently? What do you need to change about yourself so that those relationships can grow deeper? We can't change others; we can only change ourselves. What do you need to ask God for so that you can achieve your highest good? What do you need to change about your faith so that you can start asking for it?

This is the wisdom and blessing of sabbath.  
Let's have a glorious Autumn, TLC!  
Love,  
Pastor Jean

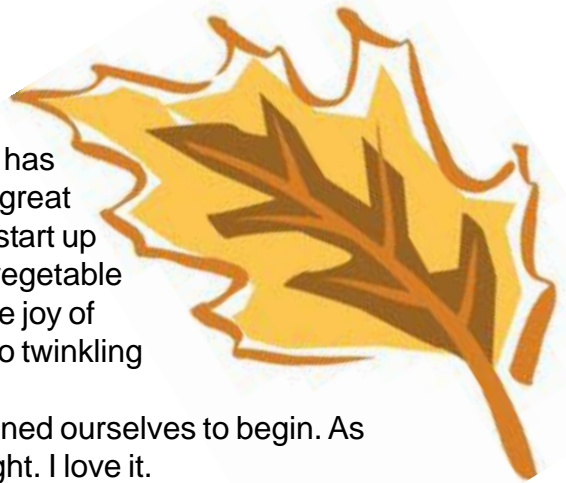
#### **Worship:**

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#### **Next Trumpet Deadline!**

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Please email submissions to:

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