

TLC Trumpet



Keeping you informed and sharing our experience, strength & hope in the love of Christ

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Pastor's Page

I have always loved October. It's:

- National Stamp Collecting Month (ask George how to celebrate)
- LGBT History Month
- Pregnancy Loss and Infant Loss Awareness Month
- Clergy Appreciation Month (it's observed all year at TLC!)
- National Arts & Humanities Month
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- National Cyber Security Awareness Month
- Fair Trade Month
- Dwarfism Awareness Month
- Auto Battery Safety Month
- National Squirrel Awareness Month (be aware, be very aware)

- National Pork Month
- National Popcorn Month

We have things to celebrate this month at TLC as well. The band will play. Griff Becker will debut as our pianist. We have our Stewardship Pledge Drive for 2014. We end with Reformation Sunday.

The leaves turn bright colors. The temperature cools down. There's lots of sports, Halloween.

But, really, National Squirrel Awareness Month?

Anyway, may you enjoy this month. Be kind to yourself and those around you. Take time to be with Spirit, to pray and worship, to be spiritually renewed. Pray hard over your pledge, please. We love our small size; however, that means we all have to give more to make it.



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Next Trumpet Deadline!

The next TLC Trumpet deadline will be Thursday, **October 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.

Pastor Jean Lebbert: 707-327-6292

Church office: 707-544-0241

Worship:

Sunday morning at 9:30 with Holy Communion

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October hours for our administrative assistant

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



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday This Month To:

Casey Becker	10/5
Cindy Heiller	10/23
Erin Netherda	10/24

You and your pets are invited to our

- 🐾 Music
- 🐾 Fellowship
- 🐾 Blessings



A tradition celebrating St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint to all animals

For all the unconditional love, devotion, and joy they bring you, have your pet blessed.

If you've lost a pet this year, bring a photo for our time of remembering.

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TLC Group News

Adult Forum

Christian Education Sunday is October 27. Plan to stay for a presentation by Yvonne Madson of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans on the services they provide. Thrivent is active in giving back to churches and has been very supportive of our congregation.



A New Name for the Monthly Potlucks

Our monthly potlucks are moving into a more hip and with it time. The name has been changed to Let Us Break Bread Together Night. Supper will be provided and donations accepted to defray costs. Everyone is most welcome. Why not come and join us for food, fellowship, fun, prayer and communion. The new event debuts Thursday October 17th at 6:30 pm for a pizza night. We look forward to you joining us



OCTOBER

Quilters Are Back!

The Quilting Group is reconvening at the church at 1pm on Tuesday October 8. Anyone who is interested in quilting are welcome to join us.

Heavenly Hell Raisers

Heavenly Hell Raisers for October are going to Sturgeon's Mill in Sebastopol. The mill is an original steam-powered lumber mill, well over 100 years old. Still up and running with lots of history, photos and demonstrations, plus a docent to give us lots of info.

This will be a learning experience for anyone wanting to attend. Sign up only so we know how many are going and we can carpool.

Will meet at the Church at 1:00 Saturday October 12th.



Halloween

Everyone is invited to celebrate Halloween on McDonald Avenue at the Harrison's. It is always an adventure on this street as homes are decorated for the event. Costumes are worn by all ages. Sometimes a street band appears and other such fun things. We never know what to expect. Jim and Jean will have a light supper for those who don't want to just eat candy that night. The fun starts about 5 pm for the tiny kids and lasts until about 9. You can come any time. If you don't wish to trick or treat you can help hand out candy to the steady stream of trick or treaters.



Annual Thanksgiving Eve Social.

Join your TLC family and friends on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 27, after the Thanksgiving Service, for our pie social. Those who are able, please bring a pie to share. This will be an evening of Thanksgiving, enjoying our friends, and enjoying delicious pie. Note: This year we will not have a pie contest. All are welcome to this annual event.

Joint Ministry Events in 2013

Third Annual Blue Christmas

(but first time as a joint ministry event)

Christmas is a difficult time for those who are in mourning or making a difficult transition. Our Blue Christmas worship offers a solemn sacred space, stillness for your heart and soul in the midst of frantic holiday preparations, permission to stop and receive Spirit's consolation. Pastor Tim Carnahan from Faith will be the preacher this year. The worship event will be held on Thursday, December 19, at 7 p.m.



Christmas Day Worship and Holy Communion

This year, this worship event will take place at TLC, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Pastor Jean will be the preacher. Come and worship the newborn king.

Spend Money and Help TLC

Please think of us before you shop online - it's free to you and valuable for us. Sign in to your eScrip account or shop anonymously. We earn contributions automatically.

It's as easy as 1 - 2 - 3 :

1. **Enroll** with www.escrip.com
2. **Click** on the Online Mall logo at www.escrip.com
3. **Shop** at your favorite brand name stores and automatically donate to TLC.

Make your holiday shopping count for TLC.

Also, don't forget every time you use Good Search as your search engine online you earn money for TLC. Every little bit helps!



Worship Highlights for October



TLC Band! Griff Becker Debuts as Pianist! Guest Preacher! Reformation!

Oct 6 People complain; God provides manna

Manna

Scriptures: Exodus 16:1-18; John 6:51

Sermon title: Grain for the Groan

Music: TLC Band: Mark Koppen, Jim Lehman, Jan Loewen, Sandy Koppen, Karen Lehman

Special: Gift of G.A.B. (God's Abundant Blessings) for 2014 Pledge Drive

Oct 13 God calls Samuel. Told to warn of sin in Israel.

Samuel

Scriptures: 1 Samuel 3:1-21; John 20:21-23

Sermon title: Tough Call

Music: Griff Becker

Special: Official 2014 Pledge Sunday

Oct. 20 God does not look on outward appearances but on the heart

David

Scriptures: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 51:10-14; John 7:24

Sermon title: A View of the Heart

Music: Jan Loewen, Sandy Koppen, Karen Lehman, Jordan Eberly

Special: Guest Preacher, Debbie McAllister

Oct. 27 Solomon's Temple: a place of sacrifice and divine presence – Reformation

Solomon

Scriptures: 1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13; John 2:19-21

Sermon title: Built on the Rock

Liturgical color: Red. Be sure to wear red today!

Music: Griff Becker

Special: φentsational \$unday! Adult Forum by Thrivent: Services for Seniors



Finance News

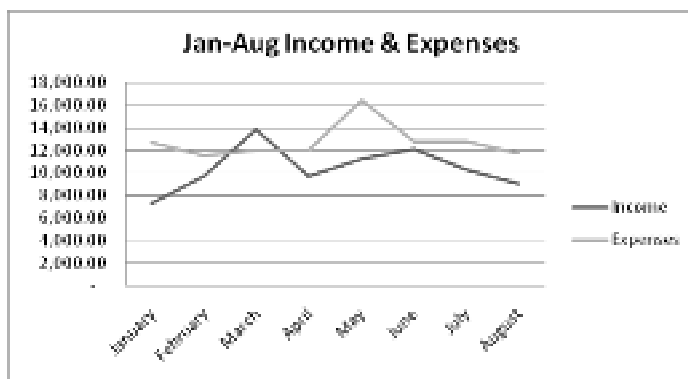
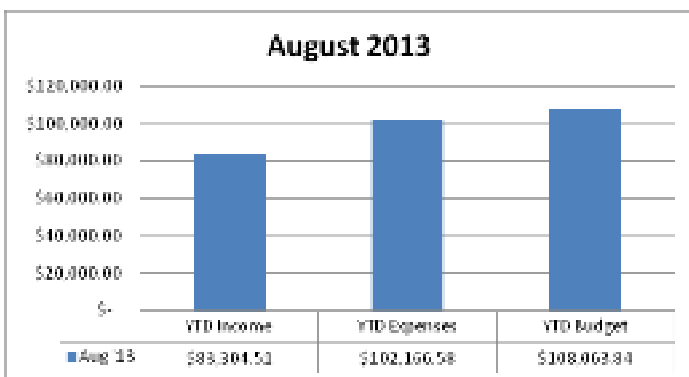
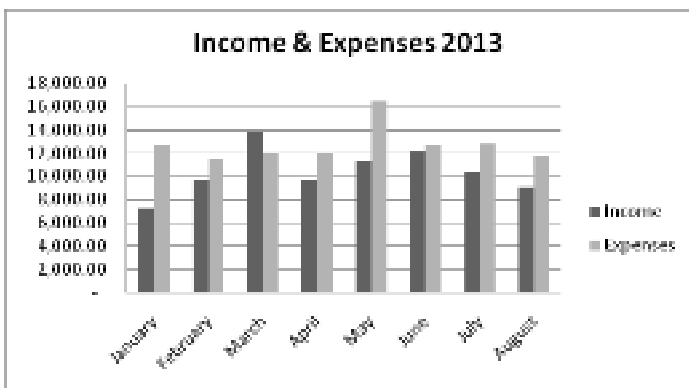
August was another deficit month for us. Expenses were \$2,691.47 more than income. This brings the year to date deficit to \$18,832.70 which averages \$2,354.09 per month or \$588.52 per week. We will soon be out of savings to cover this situation. Please pray for this situation.

øen\$ational Sundays Brings in the Change

In July our collection of loose change resulted in \$150.15 for the general fund. In August \$150.05 was collected. Way to go. May thanks to Keith Becker for counting and rolling up the coins for deposit and to Astrid Anderson for lugging the rolls off to the bank. Those coins can get heavy but Astrid won't mind an even heavier load in October. Remember to bring your loose change the last Sunday of each month for the jar.

Hearing Loop System

Council approved installing a hearing loop system when enough money has been donated to cover the cost of \$975. In two Sundays \$446 was donated! Only \$529 remains to be raised.



Gifts to Others In Need

TLCers continue to open their wallets to others in need. As of September 22nd \$20 has gone to FISH, \$90 to the ELCA Disaster Relief Fund, \$75 to ELCA World Hunger, \$545 to the Rwanda School Project, \$570 to 2nd Mile groups and \$907 to the ELCA Campaign to Eradicate Malaria. We are indeed caring and giving people.

Gift of G.A.B

By Keith Becker

There is an old Chinese adage, which states, "May you live in interesting times." Please realize, the Chinese did not intend this saying as a blessing. It was actually a challenge.

This is our challenge. We do, indeed, live in interesting times, as a congregation and as a community. There is nothing about our present financial state that should come as a surprise to anyone. We operate on an austerity budget, we save our pennies, and we have faith that, when push comes to shove, the Lord will provide.

We are, once again, coming up to Pledge Sunday, when we ask each church member to prayerfully consider what they can contribute, in order to support the operation and mission of Thanksgiving Lutheran Church.

Let me repeat that. We ask each church member to prayerfully consider what they can contribute, in order to support the operation and mission of Thanksgiving Lutheran Church. What was missing from that statement?

The Stewardship Committee has itself prayerfully considered how to approach this year's mission. Every year we distribute pledge envelopes, every year we fervently ask you to consider increasing the amount you contribute. We're compelled to do the same this year, but we have a different approach, a different mission – one which takes its inspiration from the past summer's theme.

Let's call this year's pledge drive "RECURRING ACTS OF GRACE."

OK, let me back up again. What was missing from my statement just a moment ago? What was missing was any specific mention of *money*. Your offerings are most certainly important, but stewardship is much more. For starters, stewardship includes the ways that you participate to make TLC successful.

Here's just a snapshot of some ways you each contribute: attending church, being a

greeter, usher, reader, offering teller, playing an instrument, operating the sound board, baking bread, providing treats for after service, being part of Adult Forum, serving on Council, serving on committees, participating in special events like the Thanksgiving service and pie feast, weeding the property...

Without these recurring acts of grace, we would be unable to open our doors every Sunday morning, we'd be unable to host other groups, we'd be unable to serve our community as a Christian congregation.

Let's call this year's pledge drive "RECURRING ACTS OF GRACE."

There are other things you can do, and maybe *already* do. Besides your charitable giving, we would like you to consider ways you can

expand our mission throughout the community – help others, visit a shut-in, give money to charity, feed the hungry, listen to someone's troubles, fight for equality and justice... in addition, there is one simple action you can take to increase our presence in Santa Rosa. INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH. Ultimately, that may be one of the most important things you can do. This is Thanksgiving Lutheran Church; all are welcome in this place.

That is what we mean by RECURRING ACTS OF GRACE. Your offerings are important, and we certainly need your financial contributions to meet our obligations. However, on your pledge card this year, you'll also find some additional questions: what can *you* do to promote the grace of Jesus Christ within this church, and in the community of Santa Rosa?

We do indeed live in interesting times, and this is our challenge: what can each of us do in the upcoming year, to continue spreading recurring acts of grace as far as we can reach? We are God's children; everything we have comes from him, and everything we do can likewise be for the purpose of glorifying him. Thanks be to God.

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

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

Please Support Those
who Support Us



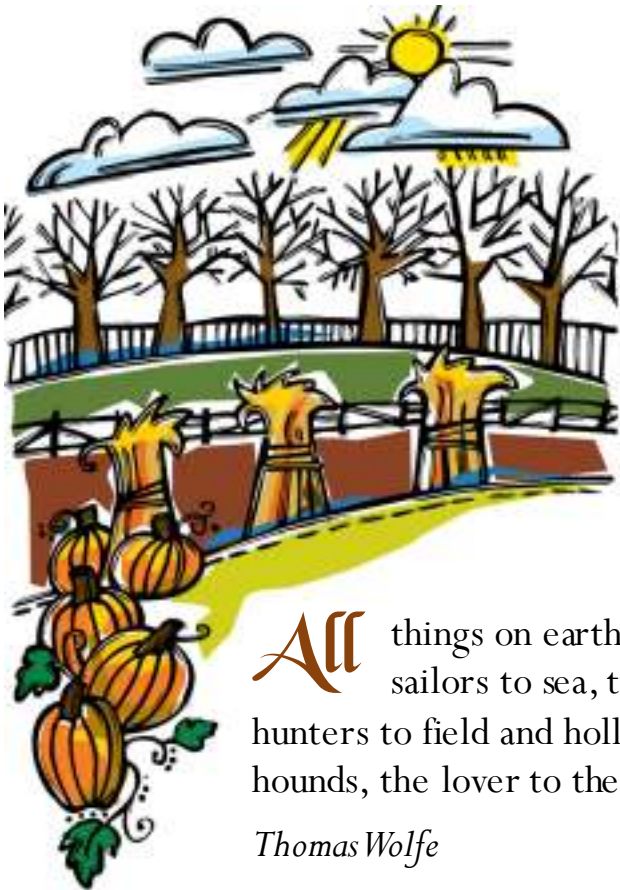
At the Mission Investment Fund, we use the money you invest to fund building and renovation loans for ELCA congregations and related ministries. Give us a call at 877.886.3522.

TLC October Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29</p> <p>9:30 AM Sunday Moming Worship</p> <p>3:00 PM Gateway Conference Assembly</p> <p>7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1:00 PM Bible Study</p> <p>6:00 PM Narcotics Anon small group</p> <p>8:00 PM Narcotics Anon</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00 AM Alcoholics Anon</p> <p>11:00 AM CCC Meeting</p>
<p>6</p>  <p>BLESSING of the Animals</p> <p>9:30 AM Sunday Moming Worship</p> <p>3:00 PM Blessing of the Animals</p> <p>7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>1:00 PM Bible Study</p> <p>1:00 PM Quilting Group</p> <p>6:00 PM Narcotics Anon small group</p> <p>8:00 PM</p>	<p>9</p>  <p>Property Board</p> <p>6:30 PM Property Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:00 AM Alcoholics Anon</p>
<p>13</p> <p>9:30 AM Sunday Moming Worship</p> <p>3:00 PM Roca de Salvacion</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>1:00 PM Bible Study</p> <p>6:00 PM Narcotics Anon small group</p> <p>8:00 PM Narcotics Anon</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion</p>	<p>17</p>  <p>6:30 AM Let Us Break Bread Together</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion</p>	<p>19</p>  <p>HHR Field Trip to Sturgeon's Mill</p> <p>10:00 AM Alcoholics Anon</p>
<p>20</p> <p>9:30 AM Sunday Moming Worship</p> <p>3:00 PM Roca de Salvacion</p> <p>4:30 PM Finance Meeting</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>1:00 PM Bible Study</p> <p>6:00 PM Narcotics Anon small group</p> <p>8:00 PM Narcotics Anon</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:00 AM Alcoholics Anon</p>
<p>27</p>  <p>Reformation Sunday</p> <p>9:30 AM Sunday Moming Worship</p> <p>11:00 AM Christian Education</p> <p>3:00 PM Roca de Salvacion</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>1:00 PM Bible Study</p> <p>6:00 PM Narcotics Anon small group</p> <p>8:00 PM Narcotics Anon</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion</p>	<p>31 HALLOWEEN</p> 	<p>1</p> <p>7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00 AM Alcoholics Anon</p>



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All things on earth point home in old October;
sailors to sea, travelers to walls and fences,
hunters to field and hollow and the long voice of the
hounds, the lover to the love he has forsaken.

Thomas Wolfe