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Trumpet



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Wolves

An old Cherokee told his grandson, “My son there is a battle between 2 wolves inside of us. One is Bad: Anger, Jealousy, Greed, Resentment, Inferiority, Lies and Ego. The other is Good: Joy, Peace, Love, Hope, Humility, Kindness, Empathy and Truth. The boy thought about it and asked, “Grandfather, which wolf wins?” The old man quietly replied, “The one you feed.”

Did you realize what the grandfather’s answer would be? The first time I read the story I didn’t. But I love the story because its truth resonates so powerfully with me. I need to constantly be aware of what I’m feeding myself. Sometimes I’m caught unawares and I end up feeding myself some anger or resentment or inferiority.

Some folks watch the news just before they go to bed. So, in essence they are feeding themselves a bowl full of negativity to sleep on.

And then they turn on the news as soon as they get up in the morning. They’re making the odds stack up against them to keep a positive attitude and outlook for the day.

I love St. Paul’s admonition in Philippians 4:8: “Whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.” Life abounds in God’s rich blessings, but do we see them? Are we too busy feeding our minds and hearts and souls with anger, jealousy, resentment etc.? Do you see Christ as an abundant blessing? Do you see Thanksgiving Lutheran as an abundant blessing?

Are we blind to all the wonderful things that are part of our lives every day? Are we even looking for them? I used to have a bumper sticker that read, “Expect a Miracle.” I believe if you are expecting one, you will experience one.

The same goes for lack and abundance. If you feed your mind with thoughts of lack, you will experience lack. If you feed your mind with thoughts of abundance, you will experience abundance. No matter what our challenges in life, our lives are full of God’s abundance (I’m not just talking about money). If I have everything I need (not desire) is that not abundance? You

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Next Trumpet Deadline!

The next TLC Trumpet deadline will be **Wednesday, October 22**. 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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August hours for our administrative assistant

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



Blessings for a Happy Birthday This Month to:

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

A Thank You to Members and Friends of TLC From Pastor Brie

I've enjoyed sharing my thoughts in the short messages I sent out as "Pastoral Greetings" via email and the few articles for *The Trumpet*. I treasure my time of having led and presided at worship, and I'm grateful to everyone for their kindnesses and assistance and support, and of course, so grateful to Pastor Jean for giving me the opportunity. I got to know many of you much quicker by having had this opportunity. A special 'thank you' to our Church Secretary, Dorothy, who graciously put up with my suggestions and requests with regard to the bulletin. I'm going to fade back into the sea of blue and just be a joyful worshiper. May God continue to bless you all richly as we all work together to spread the love of Christ through TLC.



Thanks So Much!

Worship Events in the Month of October

FALL SCHEDULE



Oct 5 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Preaching/Presiding: Jean Lebbert; Assisting: Rob Boyd

Scriptures: Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17; Matthew 5:17

Sermon title: Laws to Live By

Music Leader: Classic Band

Later Our annual Blessing of the Animals will take place out on our patio.

You are invited to bring your beloved pet to receive a blessing of gratitude for the love, comfort, and joy they bring you. As we have done for several years now, we celebrate this event with Bethlehem and Faith. Activities begin at 4 p.m. out on our patio.

Oct 12 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Preaching/Presiding: Jean Lebbert; Assisting: Jordan Eberly

Scriptures: Joshua 24:1-15; Matthew 4:8-10

Sermon title: A Servant's Oath

Music Leader: Leilani Wicklund

Oct 19 19th Sunday after Pentecost -- Global Church Sunday

Preaching: Karl Smith ; Presiding: Jean Lebbert; Assisting: Mary Thompson

Scriptures: 2 Samuel 12:1-9; Psalm 51:1-9; Matthew 21:33-41

Sermon title: Stories that Sting

Music Leader: New Band

Karl Smith is a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Santa Rosa and is a key figure in our Synod helping to build and support a school in Rwanda. TLC has been participating for several years now with monthly contributions.

Oct 26 Reformation Sunday

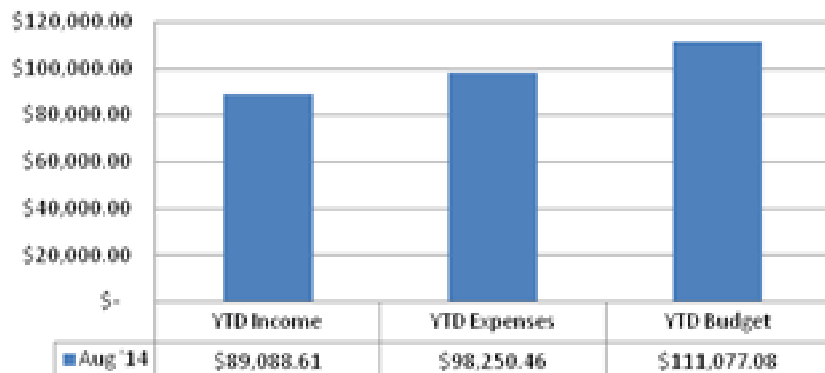
Preaching/Presiding: Jean Lebbert; Assisting: Ingrid Feiertag

Scriptures: 1 Kings 3:4-28; Matthew 6:9-10

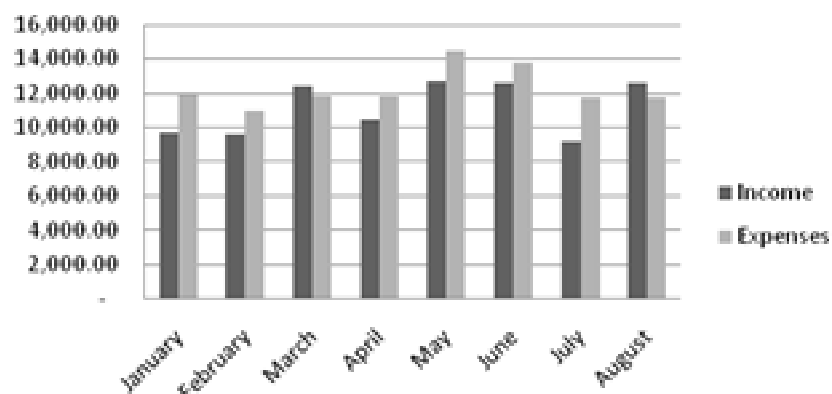
Sermon title: Risky Wisdom

Music Leader: New Band

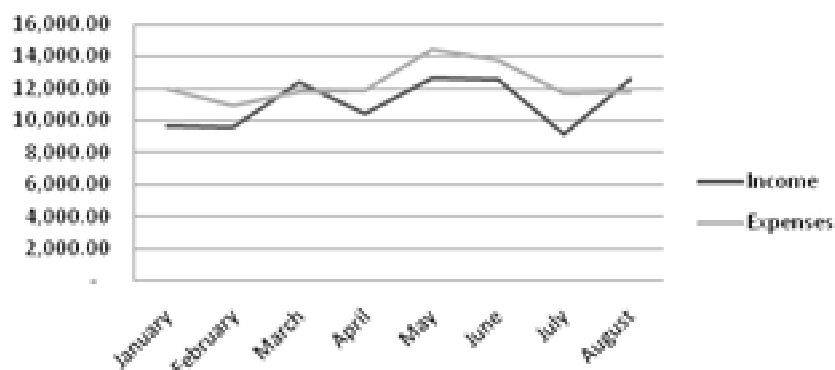
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Income & Expenses 2014



Jan-Aug Income & Expenses



Finance Update

For the first time in quite a few months we didn't have a deficit. In August our expenses were \$11,769.03 while the income was \$12,569.14. The Rummage Sale sales had much to do with this. Thank you everyone who participated. Our year to date deficit is \$9,211.85 or \$1,151.48 per month and \$287.87 per week. This is far better than we had budgeted for in November. Our average service attendance is up slightly over 2013. That's a positive sign. Keep TLC in your thoughts and prayers.

Our Gifts to Others

As of 9/21 the following amounts have been given to others in need in personal gifts outside our operating budget:

- ELCA Malaria Eradication \$60
- ELCA Disaster Relief \$25
- ELCA Hunger \$5
- FISH \$749 (This was our Easter offering)
- Reconciling Works \$20
- Second Mile Giving \$545
- Rwanda School Project \$569

In addition the congregation gave \$500 to Reconciling Works from our Operating Budget. This is the only group we have done this for this year

TLC treasurer Jean Harrison is in Louisiana this month. If you need to reach her call 707-545-6042 her home phone which will be on call forward. You may fax any receipts and requests for a check to her at 985-645-9206 or email to ecosave@sonic.net. She will mail checks as needed from Louisiana. Please do not put them in her box or office folder as she will not be here to check those spots. Thank you.

Gateway Conference News

After a hiatus of three months, while “Dean Jean”(did you know that Pastor Jean is currently serving as Conference Dean?) was on sabbatical and vacation, the clergy of Gateway Conference will resume monthly meetings. At their first meeting, on September 25, they will open a discussion about the practices of Holy Communion, which are being considered churchwide as a revision of the ELCA social statement on the Means of Grace will be created. The Conference Clergy meetings, for the most part, are held on the third Thursday of the month.

Another new practice will be introduced on Oct. 11, as all of the Conferences in the Sierra Pacific Synod will gather by Districts, be united via media technology, and consider and vote on the 2015-16 synod budget. This change is being proposed so that a more accurate balanced budget can be put before the house. In the past, the budget consideration was part of the annual synod assembly, which is held in May. At that time of the year, a significant number of congregations historically have not yet filed their intent forms, which are used as part of the income determination. Pastors and voting members will

participate in the vote on the budget, but anyone interested in participating in the discussion and deliberation is invited to do so. TLC is part of the Gateway Conference, which is part of District A. Five Districts comprise the Sierra Pacific Synod. The District A gathering will be held at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, 1600 Union Ave., Fairfield, beginning at 10 a.m.

The annual Professional Leaders’ Conference this year will be held in Squaw Valley. The keynote speaker, Alan Roxburgh, will be speaking on “Joining God in Our Neighborhoods -- the Practice of Evangelizing People in a New Time.” This is a timely topic for TLC, as we seek ways we can be a more effective and caring presence in the community. Preceding the Conference is the June Conference Deans’ meeting, held at the Conference venue. Pastor Jean will be attending both events.



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Pastor's Page

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have to focus on abundance, feed your mind and heart with ideas and thoughts of abundance and you will experience abundance. You cannot experience abundance if you focus on and feed your mind with thoughts of lack. It just won't happen.

Buckminster Fuller said, **"You never change things by fighting the existing reality. (if you focus on lack it becomes your reality. [nb]) To change things, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete."** (if you focus on abundance it becomes your reality. [nb]) That is, you can't see something you don't believe in. We usually say, "I'll believe it when I see it." But the true statement is, "I'll see it when I believe it."

Be aware of which wolf you are feeding—your attitude, outlook and experience will tell you which one.

Pastor Nicholas Brie

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 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	Karen Lehman
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





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 October Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM Council Meeting	29	30 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Narcotics Anon small group 8:00 PM Narcotics Anon	1	2	3	4 10:00 AM AA Meeting
5  9:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship 4:00 PM Blessing of the Animals	6 5:30 PM Mutual Ministry	7 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Narcotics Anon small group 8:00 PM Narcotics Anon	8  6:30 PM Property Meeting	9	10	11 District Meeting 10:00 AM AA Meeting
12 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship	13	14 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Narcotics Anon small group 8:00 PM Narcotics Anon	15	16	17	18 10:00 AM AA Meeting
19  Global Church Sunday Pledge Sunday 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM Outreach Meeting	20	21 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Narcotics Anon small group 8:00 PM Narcotics Anon	22	23	24	 10:00 AM AA Meeting 5:00 PM Oktoberfest
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