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# TLC Trumpet

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## TRY IT! IT'S GOOD FOR YOU!

**W**hen Ani, my beloved, was diagnosed with diabetes, thus began my first adventure as a primary caregiver.

I have done secondary caregiving. As a pastor, I have baptized the dying, anointed the dying, been there at the moment of death; one time the emergency room staff kept the patient's vital signs going on machines until I could get there to lead prayers. Two years ago, I was given the privilege of helping anoint the body of my dear friend Karma right after she had died. Her spouse and I anointed her body with perfume from Hawaii, one of her favorite places on earth, and we slipped her precious body into spanky new flannel pajamas. We sobbed and laughed as we did that amazing act of caring and giving and loving.

It's a whole different thing to be the primary caregiver, like the difference between riding in the passenger seat and driving the car.

With Ani, I began the daily (that is, day after day after day after day) task of giving insulin injections twice a day.

The second time I brought Ani in so that the vet could show me how to give Ani the shots, the vet said that eventually Ani would be ready, eager, and accepting of the shots because she would know that it was good for her, that the insulin makes her feel better.

I wondered if the vet had ever had any experience with a stubborn terrier mix like Ani and if Ani's stubborn would ever willingly give way to a "good for you" poke with a needle. Oh, but she fought. She jerked away, she cried piercing howls, she nipped. Ask Mary Dawson. I was at the point of giving up, but Mary came over twice a day for months, at injection time.

Mary could get the insulin in before Ani even knew what had happened!

The vet was right. Now, most times, Ani stays in the kitchen, keeping watch over the stove alarm during the 20 minute interval between food and "injection time." When the little beep starts going off, so does Ani (now that diabetes has taken her sight, I call her Yellin' Helen). She squirms in her sit-and-stay and truly is ready, eager, and accepting because the shots are good for her!

All this to lead up to this month's Sunday worship. In the second readings each week, we will hear from the letter of James, which comes off like pious "good for you" exhortation. Martin Luther (I was told, but I don't know when or why) once insisted that James shouldn't be included in the New Testament. But it is, so let's keep at it and see if we can feel the good effects.

*Love,  
Pastor Jan*

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## Trumpet Transition

One thing about Jesus: whenEVER he saw something that needed to be done, he would do it. Even if it crossed boundaries, stretched the Law, astounded audiences. Every time, though, it brought a little bit more wholeness into the world.

Five years ago, in the life of Thanksgiving Lutheran Church, Karen Lehman saw the need for a monthly newsletter and decided to blow her own horn! *The Trumpet* has brought a little more wholeness to our communication beginning with its first issue published in March 2004 – 64 issues ago. It is our reliable source for announcements of activities in the life of the congregation, educational articles, news from the wider expression of the ELCA, and, thanks to our website, *The Trumpet* reaches an ever-expanding audience. It's evangelistic communication!

This month's issue marks a significant milestone in *The Trumpet's* history. Karen is handing the instrument over to our capable and creative Administrative Assistant Dorothy Fast.

Thank you, Karen, for seeing a need and so perfectly filling it. Blessings, Dorothy, for accepting the mantle. Blessed are the feet (and brains and fingers and p.c.s and sources) of the messengers who bring us the good news of abundant life in Christ.

## District A Fall

### Assembly in Petaluma

For the first time across the Sierra Pacific Synod, Conferences that comprise Districts are coming together for their Fall Assemblies. Our Conference (called Gateway Conference), will join the three other Conferences that make up District A on Saturday, October 10, at Elim Lutheran Church in Petaluma. The event begins at 9:30 a.m. and will go to 4:00 p.m. Highlights include special speakers, the Bishop's address, and nominations for various synodical positions.

Anyone interested in broadening their experience in our wider church expressions, meeting other Lutherans, and supporting the Sierra Pacific Synod is encouraged to attend. More details will be published in future communications.



## September Birthdays

Jan Thomas	9/2
Ranee Sass	9/7
Paul Feiertag	9/8
Julie Schoepp	9/24
Kathy Alexander	9/28
Mary Thompson	9/29

## September Worship Highlights

This month we return to traditional liturgies – one is familiar, one is new to us.

On September 6 and 20, we will be using a liturgy from the new Evangelical Lutheran Hymnal. On September 13 and 27, the TLC Band will lead the liturgy from the Hymnal Supplement, which we have used before.

In lieu of the children's sermon, we will continue with this summer's popular "Stump the Pastor." Anyone is invited to take the mystery basket home and fill it with an item that might just render Pastor Jean speechless to find a trace of grace.

If you can.

Other highlights of this month's worship include:

**HOLY BAPTISM!** On September 13, we will joyfully bring Aden Sass to the waters of Holy Baptism. Aden is the new grandson of Colleen and Martin Sass.

**NEW STAINED GLASS WINDOW!** On September 20, we will dedicate our new stained glass window in the front of the sanctuary. Designer (and TLC member) Kyle Alexander and artist Tom Rissacher will be present for the dedication. Invite your friends to this special day.

**RWANDA SCHOOL PROJECT PRESENTATION!** On September 27, Karl Smith (member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Santa Rosa and former Synod Council member) will be with us for a special presentation of this mission project that has been a major beat of his heart. His presentation will inform us of this project, and we may discover a way we can become a part.

# News From the Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly

## Every Vote Counted. Every Conversation Made A Difference

by Paul Feiertag

**T**he Sunday after our Sierra Pacific Synod Assembly in May I was walking around TLC with a sign hanging from my neck "Ask me about 74.3%". That was the percentage by which our synod assembly passed its resolution urging the Church-wide Assembly to adopt the Social Statement on Human Sexuality, "Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust,"—a document 8 years in the making—and the four resolutions to put it into practice.

The resolution to adopt

the same Social Statement on Human Sexuality at the Church-wide Assembly in Minneapolis required 2/3 of the votes for approval. (The implementing resolutions required a simple majority to adopt.) Wednesday, August 19, a Bible study laid a Gospel foundation for the discussion. Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson was explaining the ground rules for the debate when he changed the subject abruptly and identified the faint noise we heard through the thick, windowless, concrete walls of the Convention Center

as a **tornado siren!** Bishop Hanson informed us that local authorities ordered us to stay right where we were because the Convention Center was the safest place for shelter. However we could not even leave to go to the bathroom. Debate continued pro and con on the groundbreaking document. Later we found out that a "small" tornado (Isn't that the ultimate oxymoron?) had touched down just across the street breaking Central Lutheran Church's steeple so that

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## A Word from Sierra Pacific Synod

From Bishop Mark Holmerud

Reprinted from the synod internet newsletter

**D**ear Friends in Christ, Perhaps by now you have heard that the E.L.C.A., meeting in Assembly in Minneapolis, has voted to allow people in publicly accountable, lifelong, monogamous, same-gender relationships to serve as rostered clergy in this church. You may be aware that this is a change for which I have advocated and worked, both as a parish pastor and as bishop.

In the moments that followed yesterday's vote, I began to feel the weight of the implications of living into this new reality for all of us in the Sierra Pacific Synod. For some it will mean challenge, for others, it will be a celebration. Many others probably don't yet know what to think about these votes.

Just at that moment, Bishop Hanson spoke to us with words that echoed deeply in my heart. His first sentence, below, summed up perfectly what I was feeling in that moment; when I realized I would need time with this

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## A Letter from ELCA Bishop Mark Hanson

**D**ear Sisters and Brothers in Christ: Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

— Colossians 3:14-15

I write to you from the 2009 ELCA Church-wide Assembly in Minneapolis with official information about the actions of this assembly related to human sexuality. I am grateful for the manner in which this church has engaged in this conversation. The way this assembly has discussed these questions is a continuation of the way this church has deliberated: with deep and heartfelt respect for each other, engaging with Scripture, listening to the faith stories and experiences of one another, and through worship and prayer seeking the discernment of the Spirit.

In my response to the voting members on Friday, August 21, I made this request: we need one another. We need time. We need the voices

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decision to understand its implications for our life together as synod. I need time to pray, to talk with you, to hear what you think this decision means for you and your ministry. That time will come. For now, I invite you to consider the elegant and faithful words Bishop Hanson shared with us:

"I want more time to think about words from one you have called to serve as pastor of this church. I have been standing here thinking about my 23 years as a parish pastor and how differently I would go into a context if I was gathering with a family or a group of people that had just experienced loss, or perhaps were wondering if they still belonged, or in fact felt deeply that ones to whom they belong had been severed from them. That would be a very different pastoral conversation. And I would probably turn to words such as Romans 8:

**"Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who was at the right hand of God, who intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus."**

But then I thought, "What if I were going into a family or a group, a community that had always wondered if they belonged and suddenly had now received a clear affirmation that they belonged?" All of the wondering about the dividing walls, the feelings of separation seem to have dropped away. That would be a very different conversation. I would probably read to them out of Ephesians [chapter 2]:

**"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God."**

But then I thought, what if those two groups were together, but also in their midst were those who had not experienced loss or the feeling of the dividing wall of separation coming down, but were wondering and worried if all that had occurred might sever the unity that is ours in Christ and might wonder if their actions might have contributed to reconciliation or separation? If all those people were together in a room, I would read from Colossians [chapter 3]:

**"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."**

That passage gives invitation and expectation that those deeply disappointed today will have in this church the expectation and the freedom to continue to admonish and to teach. And so, too, those that have experienced reconciliation today, you are called to humility. You are called to clothe yourselves with love. But we're all called to let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, remembering again and again that we are called in the one body. I will invite you tomorrow afternoon into important, thoughtful, prayerful conversations about what all of this means for our life together. But what is absolutely important for me is that that's a conversation we have together.

I ended my oral report with these words: "We meet one another finally, not in our agreements or our disagreements, but at the foot of the cross - where God is faithful, where Christ is present with us, and where, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we are one in Christ."

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## Every Vote Counted, continued from page 3

its cross was hanging upside-down, uprooted all the trees behind and beside the church, and tossed chairs and tables from the outdoor “pub” up on the roof of the Convention Center. Meanwhile a voter finally called the question and prayer preceded the voting by electronic machines. Bishop Hanson declared voting ended and looked at his private screen. He stepped back and was silent for perhaps 30 seconds. He announced that it was a close vote and he had allowed time for voters to announce malfunctions with their machines. Then he asked that the results be displayed on the huge screens. 1014 voters: 676 voted yes; 338 voted no—exactly 2/3! 66.66666% in favor; 33.333333% opposed!

Every single vote counted. Every voter who pushed the number one button made the difference. Every conversation we who had paid our own way in order to tell our stories to voters had made a difference. Close, yes, but an overwhelming majority.

What does this mean? Emily Eastwood, Executive Director, Lutherans Concerned/North America, said, “This is a day of progress and compromise. By a 2/3 majority the church has

supported families of all kinds and has acknowledged without judgment the wide variety of views within the ELCA regarding lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) inclusion. The document recognizes the ministries of congregations which conduct blessings of same gender relationships and same gender marriages where such marriages are legal. The social statement is tolerant of our differences both in scriptural interpretation and practice. The social statement supports our unity without requiring uniformity. There is still much work to do, but the door to full inclusion of LGBT members and their families is now most definitely open.

“The social statement now forms the basis for policy and advocacy on issues related to families and sexuality both for ministry and advocacy in church and society. . . .”

“The Social Statement now serves as a teaching document that describes the world and society that the ELCA lives and works in to provide ministry and spread the Gospel. The Social Statement provides the basis and guidance for the formulation of policy and the creation of programs. “

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## A Word from Sierra Pacific Synod, continued

Let us pray. O God, gracious and holy, mysterious and merciful, we meet this day at the foot of the cross and there we kneel in gratitude and awe that you have loved us so much that you would give the life of your Son so that we might have life in his name. Send your spirit this night, the spirit of the Risen Christ that has been breathed into us. May it calm us. May your Spirit unite us. May it continue to gather us. In Jesus' name. Amen.”

Please note the text and video of Bishop Hanson's remarks, as well as all information about the actions of the Churchwide Assembly are available at the ELCA website: [www.elca.org/assembly](http://www.elca.org/assembly) . Pastors Nelson, Blomberg and I will be praying and talking with you as we continue to walk and work together to fulfill the mission God has given us - to be a people who have been marked with the cross of Christ, called to do God's work with our hands.

God's Peace,  
Bp. Mark

## Stained Glass Window Celebration

Sunday, September 20, we will celebrate the installation and dedication of our stained glass window. Don't miss this colorful milestone. Invite family and friends to celebrate too!

## Stained Glass Window Statement

*By Kyle Alexander*

The blue stream going through the center of each piece of glass represents the baptismal waters. The red half circle represents the blood of Christ, and the three crosses are symbols of the crucifixion and the sacrifice that Jesus made to remove our sins. The purple signifies royalty, and the green is the new and fresh way of life that Christ has given us. The orange and yellow are simply just colors to show the seasons, and the colors form abstracted shapes in the form of Easter lilies.

*Kyle, an art student at Santa Rosa Junior College, designed the window.*

## A Letter from ELCA Bishop Mark Hanson, continued from page 3

of those who lament and those who rejoice over these actions, for together we have been called to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and engage in God's mission for the life of the world.

The assembly adopted 676-338 — precisely two-thirds of those voting — “Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust,” the ELCA's 10th social statement, with minor editorial amendments. It also adopted a series of implementing resolutions with amendments. This theological and teaching document builds on the key Lutheran principles of justification by grace and Christian freedom to serve the neighbor. It emphasizes that central to our vocation, in relation to human sexuality, is the building and protection of trust in relationships. It therefore affirms that we are called to be trustworthy in our human sexuality and to build social institutions and practices where trust and trustworthy relationships can thrive. The social statement addresses marriage, same-gender relationships, families, protecting children, friendships, commitment, social responsibility and moral discernment. Regarding same-gender committed relationships, the social statement says that this church is not in agreement and recognizes the different perspectives which are present among us.

Our assembly also adopted resolutions proposed by the Church Council based on those contained in a “Report and Recommendation on Ministry Policies.” The actions direct that changes be made to churchwide policy documents to make it possible for those in committed same-gender relationships to serve as rostered leaders in the ELCA. There were amendments to two of the proposals. The assembly adopted the resolutions in the following order, beginning with a strong statement about how we will live together in the face of our disagreements:

**Resolution 3:** “RESOLVED, that in the implementation of any resolutions on ministry policies, the ELCA commit itself to bear one another's burdens, love the neighbor, and respect the bound consciences of all.” (Adopted 771-230 as amended)

**Resolution 1:** “RESOLVED, that the ELCA commit itself to finding ways to allow congregations that choose to do so to recognize, support and hold publicly accountable life-long, monoga-

mous, same-gender relationships.” (Adopted 619-402)

**Resolution 2:** “RESOLVED, that the ELCA commit itself to finding a way for people in such publicly accountable, lifelong, monogamous, same-gender relationships to serve as rostered leaders of this church.” (Adopted 559-451)

**Resolution 4:** This resolution called upon members to respect the bound consciences of those with whom they disagree; declared intent to allow structured flexibility in decision-making about candidacy and the call process; eliminated the prohibition of rostered service by members in publicly accountable, lifelong, monogamous same-gender relationships; recognized and committed to respect the conviction of members who believe that the ELCA should not call or roster people in committed same-gender relationships; called for development of accountability guidelines; directed that amendments to ministry policy documents be drafted and approved; and stated that this church continue to trust congregations, bishops, synods and others responsible for determining who should be called into public ministry. (Adopted 667-307 as amended)

I invite you into important, thoughtful, prayerful conversation about what all of this means for our life in mission together. What is absolutely important for me is that we have this conversation together.

We meet one another finally — not in our agreements or our disagreements — but at the foot of the cross, where God is faithful, where Christ is present with us, and where, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we are one in Christ.

In Christ,

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson

ELCA Presiding Bishop

# TLC Group News

## The TLC Community Gardeners

*invite you to the*

### TLC Community Garden Harvest Picnic

Saturday, September 26 at 5:00

Enjoy the Bounty of the Garden,  
Sustainably raised local meat on the BBQ, and

### **CELEBRATE**

the incredible, amazing GROWTH of the garden:  
(fully occupied and more than doubled in size  
this year),

The New Irrigation pipes  
(over 300 feet of new pipeline with 14 new  
valves, plus the existing 4 converted to keyless)

And greet Zion Wisdom, born to  
gardeners Gaia & Jerome in August

*Please Come and Be Our Guest!*



## TLC Men's Group

TLC now has a men's group! Meeting are the  
third Thursday in the month, and fellowship is  
the only goal. Please see Jim Harrison for more  
information.



## Heavenly Hell Raisers

### *Upcoming Activities*

#### **Sept 24**

Visit to new Jewish Temple

#### **October 22**

Bunco at TLC 6PM

#### **November 19**

Planetarium at SRJC

#### **Dec 31**

## Wear Your New TLC T-Shirt with Pride!

The TLC Women's Retreat is set for January  
29-31 at Bishop's Ranch in Healdsburg, and as  
part of our effort to make the retreat a little more  
affordable, we will be selling the newest edition  
of the TLC T-Shirt! If you are seeing this article on  
the TLC website, you are seeing it in full color. If  
you are enjoying the print version, take a look at  
the kiosk in the narthex at church, or log on and  
check it out online!

**\$15 each, pre order only, through September 15.**

**We need at least 50 shirts to place the order.**

Men's shirt description:

Pre-shrunk 100% cotton 6.1 ounce heavy-  
weight t-shirt. Double-needle stitched neckline,  
sleeve and bottom hem. Shoulder-to-shoulder  
taping. Seamless collar. White, ice gray, light  
pink, light blue, and black; sizes S through 5XL.

Ladies' shirt description:

100% cotton 6.1 ounce ladies t-shirt. Per-  
fectly styled ladies sizes - narrower neck rib, tai-  
lored sleeves and a completely redesigned cut  
make this the right choice for her. white, light  
pink, light blue, and black; sizes XS - 2XL.

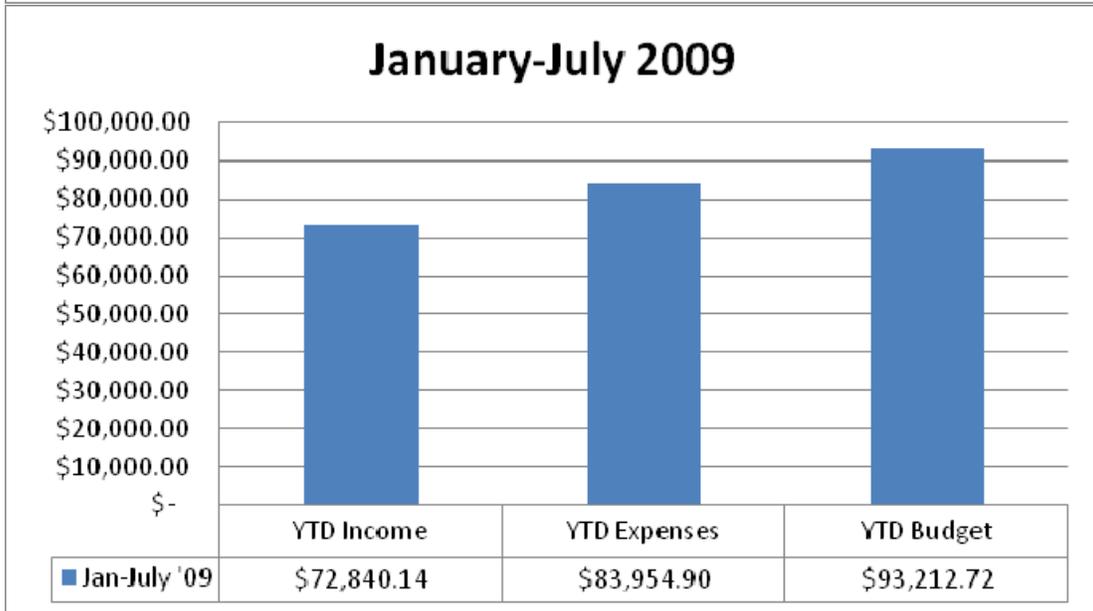
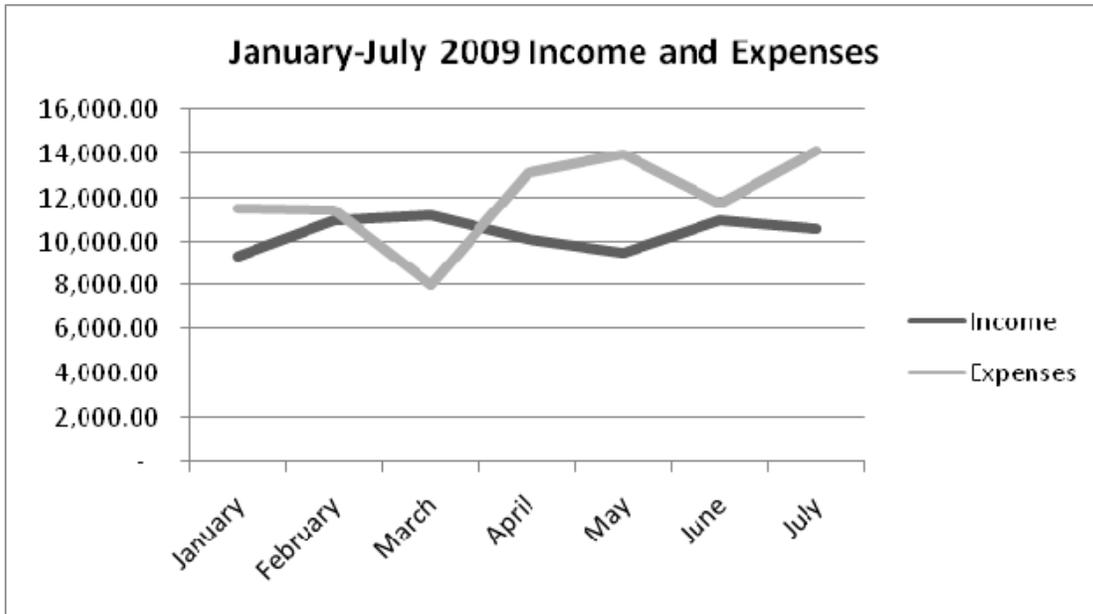
Watch your church mailbox for your order  
form, and **Thank You for supporting the TLC  
Women's Retreat!**



## The State of TLC Finances

The bills are all paid and there's still money in the bank but cash flow is becoming a problem. The operating budget deficit has grown to \$11,001.94 due to the decrease in giving. Out of this deficit \$1,400 has been transferred to our Designated Funds account for capital replacement costs. Committees are doing a great job of watching their spending but many of our expenses are set and must be made. Please remember this situation in your prayers and when making your offerings. Good things are happening at TLC and this is just a small bump in the road. We are blessed.

*Jean Harrison, Treasurer*



### Special Funds Balances as of 8/20/09

Stained Glass Window \$5,374.77

Memorial Gardens \$ 398.68

Sanctuary Chairs \$3,939.35

Landscaping \$ 103.49

\$1,000 went to paying a deposit for the artist doing the Stained Glass Window.

## Gift of G.A.B. (God's Abundant Blessings)

**M**y job today is to speak about God's Abundant Blessings – the things that God gives us that are special. I think about external things, such as the hike we did the other day where I was showing Zane and Jacey all the cool things in nature and Zane repeating (in a very loud voice), "NATURE IS SO COOL!" My favorite line from *The Color Purple* is (to paraphrase): The reason why God made the color purple is to make us happy.

But I digress. What I really wanted to talk about was *The Wizard of Oz*.... Okay, let me explain. One Saturday morning, the kids, Julie and I were having breakfast and they had just watched *The Wizard of Oz*. Jacey is really into identifying with characters in books and movies. We read *Harry Potter* and she says, "I think I'm Hermione Granger!"

So, Jacey couldn't figure out who she was in *The Wizard of Oz*. Zane piped right up and said he was the Scarecrow because he has no brains. With a girl like Hermione Granger around, the guy has no chance at thinking he's smart! I took this opportunity to remind him that it was the Scarecrow that came up with the plan on how to save Dorothy and that the Scarecrow was smart – he just didn't KNOW he was smart.

And then, after thinking a little bit, I told Jacey that I thought she was Toto. The reason is that Toto notices everything! He's the one who revealed the Wizard for who he was. And then I reminded them that it was only the brains of the Scarecrow, who could reason out good plans, and the wit of Toto that ultimately saved Dorothy.

It is the talents of each member of the team (including Dorothy herself) that made that journey successful. No one thought they could do what they did – the Tin Man didn't think he had a heart, but was the gentlest of them all, the Lion was scared of everything but he became brave for Dorothy. They didn't think they could do it, but when it came right down to it, they did what came naturally and collectively they blessed those they came into contact with (like the Munchkins and the people of Oz) and each other. And, most of all, they got the job done.

My question for you is, who are you, and what do you think you can't do? Just do what comes naturally. And I'm pretty sure, you'll have a great and colorful adventure – and you'll bless yourself, your church and your community, and maybe even the Wizard of Oz himself!

*Delivered on Sunday, August 16 by Jan Loewen*

## We celebrate the Resurrection of Nettie

**N**ettie Loewen Elias, Jan Loewen's mom, took the hand of her loving Savior on Tuesday, August 25, 2009, to find her final and eternal rest.

Nettie was born on February 28, 1929 in Hepburn, Saschatawan, to Frank and Martha Loewen. Lively and joyful, Nettie grew up in British Columbia, in a suburb of Vancouver. As a young girl, she earned money, as did many youth, by picking blueberries, strawberries, and raspberries. She also became an avid basketball player and enjoyed flirting with the boys.

One of them couldn't resist her charms. Nettie married Arthur Elias after he completed his studies at the University of Toronto. The couple moved to the States and settled in California around the year 1956. Besides Jan, they were also loving parents to Brad and Brian Elias.

In her final years, Nettie definitely had more life and strength of spirit than her body could contain. Hers was a testimony to the scripture that declares death has no victory.

Nettie Loewen Elias might have danced a lot with death, but she went home with Christ!



## TLC Annual Women's Retreat

Our next TLC Women's retreat is set for January 29 - January 31 at Bishop's Ranch in Healdsburg. We are in different accommodations this time around, and will have room for up to **39** if we need it. We'll be in Harrison House, which holds 18, and there is a piano in the program room, which is pretty cool. Note that our meeting space is also in Harrison House, and I'm told it's larger than Webb Lodge. We also have cottages 3-5 in St. Stephen's Youth Village.

To get more details about the space, and where it's located at the Ranch, visit <http://bishopsranch.org/ranchmap2.html>

If your calendar is clear for the dates above and you would like to attend, please bring your check to me at church! **Please be sure your check comes to me first**, so I can record it on my retreat notes, before it goes into the bank! Make it to TLC, with "women's retreat" in the notation. The minimum deposit is \$40, but you can deposit more if you like, and make payments on the total as you're able.

Prices are going up everywhere, and the Ranch is no exception, but it's still a good deal when you compare it to other retreats offered – especially this close to home!

The prices below are the full price, *before* any fundraisers are complete. Total amount will be due December 1, 2009. This year, there are 5 different packages for you to choose from:

Harrison House:	Youth Village:	Saturday only:
2 nights, 5 meals \$196.00	2 nights, 5 meals \$178.00	Lunch & Dinner \$63.00
1 night, 4 meals –\$151.00	1 night, 4 meals \$140.00	

In order to offset the cost for everyone, we are selling the newest edition of the TLC T-Shirt in men's and women's sizes (information about that elsewhere in this edition of the Trumpet), and are talking about a pasta feed in early October.

Stay tuned for information about the retreat program and leader, coming soon!

*Karen Lehman*

*TLC Women's Retreat Coordinator*



## New TLC Directories

The newest edition of the TLC Directory is now available! Jan Loewen took great pictures – it's nice to see your smiling faces, and the very welcoming shot of our entryway! Note that the RIC Statement is included before the listings of members and friends, and the Relational Covenants come as the pages move into the Who's Who portion of the directory, which details all the groups and individuals who work together within those covenants.

The directory is set up so that as we grow and change, new pages can be inserted to replace those that become out of date, without having to re-do the entire directory. You might also notice the large typeface and plenty of room for your notations on the pages.

In order to offset the cost of the printing and binding (thank you to Dorothy for managing the production of the directories), everyone who is able is asked to donate \$3 to \$5 for their household's directory. There will be a receptacle for those donations in the Narthex for the next few Sundays.

*Karen Lehman*

## Scripture Readings for September 2009

### Sept 6—14th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 35:4-7a.....Results for being strong against fear  
James 2:1-17 ..... Be faithful in trials and tribulations  
Mark 7:24-37 ..... The Syrophonecian woman

### Sept 13—15th Sunday after Pentecost (Grandparents' Day)

Isaiah 50:4-9a.....The Stamina of the Teacher  
Psalm 116:1-8 ..... Psalm 146  
James 3:1-12 ..... Hold Your Tongue  
Mark 8:27-38 ..... Jesus and Disciples at Caesarea Philippi

### September 20—16th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 11:18-20 ..... Prophet's Song  
Psalm 54  
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a..... The Harvest of Righteousness  
Mark 9:30-37 ..... Jesus' First Passion Prediction

### September 27—17th Sunday after Pentecost

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29..... Moses Loses it before Yahweh  
Psalm 19:7-14  
James 5:13-20.....The Prayer of the Righteous is  
Powerful and Effective  
Mark 9:38-50 ..... Salt and Self Control

## Has she come yet?

This month Pastor Jean will complete her first every-member visitation. If she has not visited you yet, please be ready when Dorothy Fast calls you to set a date. Her visit schedule, for the most part, consists of Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Friday at 11 am, 1 pm, 4 pm, and 7 pm.

The visits last approximately 1 hour and centers around three topics of conversation: How is it going for you at TLC right now? Where would you like to see the ministries of TLC go in the next 5 or so years? What are your prayer needs?

The results of the visits will be brought to the leadership of the congregation (Council and Committee chairs) in a one-day retreat on Saturday, October 3 and will be used in their work of discussing the immediate future of our ministries and determining measurable goals which will be brought before the congregation at the second part of our annual congregation meeting, which will be held following worship on Sunday, February 7, 2010.

### Next Trumpet Deadline!

The next TLC Trumpet deadline will be Thursday, September 24. Editor requests articles be no longer than 500 words, and using 12 point Arial font is a plus! Please email submissions to:

TLCeditor@thanksgivinglutheran.org

If you do not have email, place submissions (along with your name in case any clarification is needed) in Dorothy's inbox.

### TLC Council:

Deb Ferronato, Congregation President  
Sharon Boschen, VP  
Jan Thomas, Secretary  
Jean Harrison  
Jean Flak  
Joan Hax

## September 27th is Rwanda Sunday at TLC

Karl Smith from Bethlehem Lutheran will be here during worship to share the experiences of a dozen Bethlehem travelers who went to Rwanda Africa to support their sister congregation there and help dedicate a new Lutheran school. It's an inspiring story you won't want to miss!

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### Worship:

Sunday morning at 9:30 with Holy Communion

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