

TLC Trumpet



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Pastor's Page

A few years ago, Janet and I visited our niece, Erika, and her family down in Southern California. As a gift for our great niece, we brought Disney stickers!

Now, you have to understand that Janet and I both are frugal with our stickers. I still have some from, like, 30 years ago! I have to tell you that because you can maybe get close to empathizing with our reactions when Hazel came into the room with stickers all over her face and clothes, when she proceeded to stick some on us, and when there were even Disney princesses stuck on the toilet seat (well, it is sometimes called a throne).

After that primary jolt that frugal folks get when encountering extravagance, we laughed—and we still do—and remarked, “Oh, you’re supposed to *USE* the stickers!”

Am I being frugal in my righteousness? I mean, when I consider the addresses and adjectives I use regularly for Divine—Most High, Supreme, Almighty, Gracious, Omnipotent, etc.—I wonder why I don’t pray more boldly, worship more open-heartedly, accept more confidently that I am loved and worthy.

Well, actually, I have started using prayer tactics from the Bible (e.g. Abraham’s debate with God defending any of the righteous in Sodom and Gomorrah, see Genesis 18) when praying for rain. Boldly praying things like, “Holy and Almighty God, you created such beauty and splendor in places like Yosemite, Lake Tahoe, Crater Lake, Sonoma Valley, Napa Valley. Tend to your creation. Send us much needed rains.”

In grace, amazing power, wisdom, love, and goodness is accessible to us every day. Through prayer, we can bring light into darkness, peace into violence, hope into despair. We can even pray for money to come that will significantly reduce TLC’s mortgage principal!

Through Christ, we know the Greatest Power. Let’s *USE* it!

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Love,
Pastor Jan

Next Trumpet Deadline!

The next TLC Trumpet deadline will be **Monday, September 28th**. 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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Hours for our administrative assistant:

Church office hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9:30-1:30.



Blessings and Happy Birthday to:

Jan Thomas	9/2
Astrid Anderson	9/4
Paul Feiertag	9/8
Julie Schoepp	9/24
Kathy Alexander	9/28
Mary Thompson	9/29

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 4, at 4:00 p.m.

Once again, pets and their human caregivers are welcomed to gather on TLC's patio for our annual Blessing of the Animals, and, once again, Faith and Bethlehem will be joining us.

As of this writing, the details haven't been smoothed out yet. We are pleased, though, to be able to let you know that Dr. Cindy Heiller will be on hand and will perform free wellness exams for dogs!

Watch the weekly Announcements, Pastoral Greetings, TLC's Facebook page, and our website for more information.





September Events and Group News

TLC Book Group

The TLC Book Group will be meeting on Monday, September 14th at 7:00PM. We will meet at Jean Flak's house and we are reading *The Quaker Café* by Brenda Beven Remmes. Please join us!

For more information, please contact Lisa Bartlett, GLBartlett@sbcglobal.net



From Paul Feiertag

Ingrid and I had the most heart-warming gathering of friends and relatives at our 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration. Thank you, everyone who came. Thank you everyone who helped in any way before, during, and after. Thank you for the money gifts that went to pay down TLC's mortgage. Thank you for the stack of cards that made us smile and laugh. Thank you for making this celebration more fun than the wedding. And that is not an exaggeration!

We love you all,
Paul Feiertag

Forum, Sept. 20, featuring ELCA Webcast "Confronting Racism"

On Sunday, September 20, there will be a forum following worship at which we will view "Confronting Racism – ELCA Webcast of August 6, 2015" The 41-minute webcast features a dialogue between Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and William B. Horne II, a member of the ELCA Council and includes questions from ELCA members across the country. All are invited to attend this forum. Let's talk about this topic.

Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast will be held the last Saturday of September, the 26th, from 9AM to 10:30AM at the Village Café in the Raley's Shopping Center, Corner of Fulton and Guerneville Road. Call, speak to, or email Nicholas Brie to let him know you are attending. 707-687-5241, n.brie@comcast.net



Blessings to our newest college student, Natalie Koppen

Natalie is studying entertainment arts at Chapman University in Southern California. How about sharing a story or two of your experiences in school, college, university, etc.?

Chapman University
Attn. Natalie Koppen
Mailbox Number 9162
One University Dr.
Orange, CA 92866

Sundays in September

September brings the awe of autumn—brilliant colors, change in weather, back to school. At TLC, we continue in the Gospel According to Mark and will hear from the letter James. We are blessed with musicians. This month, we'll have a different music leader every Sunday! We start with a guest pianist, Maryellen Birkland, who has inspired us before. The next week, our Classic Band and the beloved Chicago liturgy will move our tongues to praise. Then, our New Band will lead us in song. Finally, our own pianist, Leilani, plays in her beautiful ways; this week also, we have a guest preacher, Karen Johnson, who recently completed serving in Fort Bragg as Interim Pastor.



Sept. 6 15th Sunday After Pentecost

Scriptures: Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23; James 2:1-10, 11-14; Mark 7:24-37

Sermon Title: Creator Made Us All

Music Leader: Maryellen Birkland, guest musician

Songs: All Things Bright and Beautiful; We Come to the Hungry Feast; Blest Are They; Let Us Break Bread Together

Special: Outreach and Evangelism

Sept. 13 16th Sunday After Pentecost

Scriptures: Proverbs 1:20-33; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

Sermon Title: When It's a Blessing and a Curse

Music Leader: Classic Band

Songs: Gather Us In; On Eagle's Wings, Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Sept. 20 17th Sunday After Pentecost

Scriptures: Proverbs 31:10-31; James 3:13-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

Sermon Title: The Good Life

Music Leader: New Band

Songs: Spirit Touching Spirit; Shine, Jesus, Shine; Take My Life, That I May Be; Lord Whose Love in Humble Service

Special: Sign up Sunday; Forum on Racism

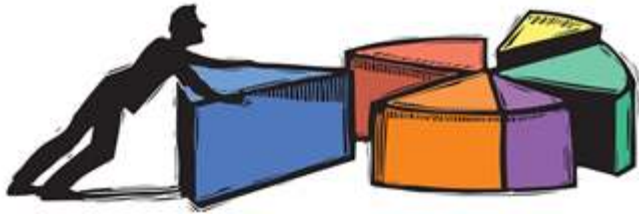
Sept. 27 18th Sunday After Pentecost Guest Karen Johnson will Preach and Preside

Scriptures: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-26; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

Music Leader: Leilani

Songs: Praise the Lord O Heavens; What a Friend We Have in Jesus; Healer of Our Every Ill; Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Special: Cent\$ational \$unday; Council

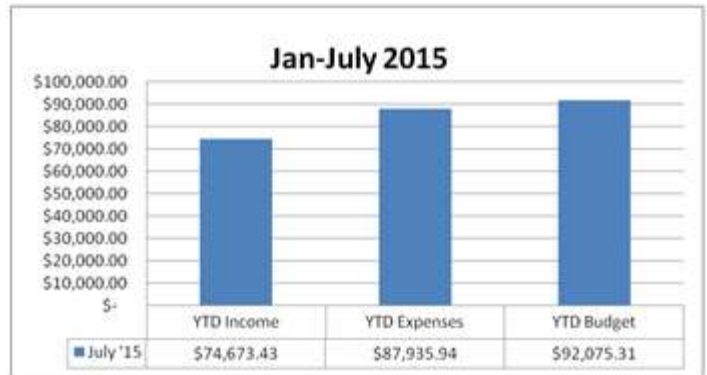


Finance News

July was another deficit month. Expenses were \$11,868.04 while income was only \$8,930.40. July's deficit was \$2,937.64 and the year to date deficit is \$13,262.51 which is an average of \$1,894.64 a month or \$473.66 a week, Pledges are somewhat behind. If they were current the year to date deficit would only be \$5,077.35. Thank you to all who are giving as much as they can.

TLC Capital Campaign News

The campaign to help pay down the mortgage principal balance continues. As of August 24th \$14,932.50 has been raised. Contributions continue to come in. Thank you everyone. This figure does not reflect the profit from the Craft Fair. Those figures are not quite finalized yet.

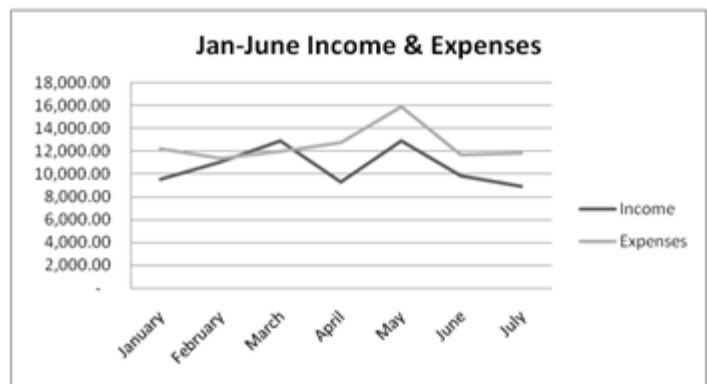


Gifts to Others

As is our way we continue to give each month to others more in need than us. As of August 24th the following gifts have been given by individual members to the following groups:

- Rwanda School Project-\$678
- Reconciling Works-\$150
- FISH-\$425
- ELCA Malaria Eradication Fund-\$505
- ELCA Disaster Relief for Nepal-\$150
- Sierra Pacific Synod Second Mile projects-\$395

Thank you for being so generous!



Budget Time Is Here

It's hard to believe another year has nearly passed-at least as far as our budget planning is concerned. It's time to start submitting information for the 2016 TLC budget. Each committee needs to submit their requests as soon as possible so that the Finance Committee can prepare the preliminary budget for Council and the pledge drive. Individuals with specific input on projects should also get the information to Treasurer Jean Harrison. E mail ecosave@sonic.net or get information to Lisa Bartlett.

Who's Who at TLC?

Officers

President, Marilyn Schuler
Vice President, Lisa Bartlett
Secretary, Jordan Eberly
Treasurer, Jean Harrison
Financial Secretary, Astrid Anderson

Council Members

Verda Burr
Mary Dawson
Pastor Jean Lebbert
Mary Thompson

Committee Chairs

Jordan Eberly, Congregational Community (CCC)
Jan Thomas, Evangelism and Outreach
Jean Harrison, Finance
Pastor Jean Lebbert, Mutual Ministry
Karen Lehman, Property
Keith Becker, Stewardship
In Hiatus: Youth, Christian Education, Worship,
and Music

Coordinators

Mary Dawson, Altar Guild
Ingrid and Paul Feiertag, Worship Stewards
Quilters, Gloria Feiertag
Jean Harrison, Patio Landscaping
George Land, Ushers
Jim Lehman, Website
Jim Lehman, Sound
Karen Lehman, Community Garden
Karen Lehman, Women's Retreat
Jan Loewen and Sandy Koppen, Growth Through
Outreach (GTO)
Jan Loewen and Sandy Koppen, Worship Music
Mary Weber, TLC Facebook Page

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 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.

TLC September Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:30 Worship 11:30 Council Meeting 7p Roca de Salvacion	31	1 1p Bible Study 6p NA Meeting 8p NA Meeting	2 5p Roca de Salvacion	3	4 5p Roca de Salvacion	5 10 AA Meeting 11:30 CCC
6 9:30 Worship 7p Roca de Salvacion	7 Labor Day 6:30p Property	8 1p Bible Study 6p NA Meeting 8p NA Meeting	9 5p Roca de Salvacion	10	11 5p Roca de Salvacion	12 10 AA Meeting
13 9:30 Worship 7p Roca de Salvacion	14 7p Book Club	15 1p Bible Study 6p NA Meeting 8p NA Meeting	16 5p Roca de Salvacion	17 6:30 Band Practice	18 5p Roca de Salvacion	19 10 AA Meeting
20 9:30 Worship Forum following worship 7p Roca de Salvacion	21	22 1p Bible Study 6p NA Meeting 8p NA Meeting	23 5p Roca de Salvacion	24	25 5p Roca de Salvacion	26 9 Men's Breakfast 10 AA Meeting
27 9:30 Worship 11:30 Council 7p Roca de Salvacion	28 Trumpet Deadline	29 1p Bible Study 6p NA Meeting 8p NA Meeting	30 5p Roca de Salvacion	1	2 5p Roca de Salvacion	3 10 AA Meeting 11:30 CCC

Leadership Restructuring Proposal

Over the past three years, our Council has discussed the possibility of temporarily restructuring TLC's Leadership. The idea is NOT a criticism of the ways TLC members serve in leadership positions. They have always given passion, time, treasures, talent, dedication, and reliability in their responsibilities.

The structure outlined in our Bylaws is, basically, one that suits a congregation larger than we are currently. As a result, some positions are not filled, some committees are in hiatus, and most leaders are serving in several positions.

In June and July, members of the Council presented brief descriptions of the positions being proposed. On August 2, worshippers were given a fuller outline of the proposal. The Congregation will vote on the Proposal during the Congregational Meeting on November 15.

At the August 2 Council meeting, a Task Force was delegated to devise an implementation plan to be considered by Council at the August 30 meeting. The Task Force consisted of Jordan Eberly, Mary Thompson, and Pastor Jean. Here is the plan they came up with:

Implementation Plan for Restructuring to Leadership Panel

1. Pastor to write informational article for September Trumpet
2. Present Implementation Plan to Council at Aug. 30 meeting and move to approve. Part of approval would mean a commitment for all Council members to stay on for no more than 3 months in 2016 so that the Nominating Committee can fill a slate of candidates. If vote is against, the Nominating Committee will present a slate of new Council members at the January meeting. Council will set date for January meeting.
3. Call a meeting on Sept. 22 of Council and Committee Chairs to go over restructuring plan, including Implementation Plan, for input and concerns of Chairs. Meeting will be held at Mary Thompson's home, beginning at 7 p.m. Discussion will also include if Nominating Committee will find candidates for specific positions or if new Leadership Panel will decide who will serve in which position and will determine who would like to be in Oct. 11 debate presentation
4. Restructuring plan, including Implementation Plan, to be included in Oct. Trumpet
5. Oct. 11, in place of sermon, hold a "debate" on present system vs proposed system. Scriptures include Jethro's advice to Moses
6. Oct. 11, forum following worship for congregation input and concerns
7. Nov. 15, Congregation will consider and vote on Restructuring Proposal
8. If Yay vote wins, Nominating Committee will approach people to fill Leadership Panel positions. Council President will call a Special Congregational Meeting in March to vote in new Leadership Panel
9. Pastor will install Leadership Panel on Easter Sunday
10. An orientation meeting will be scheduled for sometime in April for new Leadership Panel
11. If Nay vote wins, Nominating Committee will find candidates for Council
12. Congregation will vote on Council candidates in the January Congregational Meeting
13. Pastor will install 2016 Council on the following Sunday.

Health Ministries of Sonoma County

Seniors In Transition Program

The Seniors in Transition program is a small group ministry that provides a forum where seniors can explore options for life transitions in a supportive environment over 8 weekly, 2 hour sessions.



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It's human nature to put off or even ignore life's difficult decisions. The challenges of aging may intimidate us.

The Seniors in Transition program offers a supportive environment where you can explore options for independent living and alternatives when living on your own is no longer safe or desirable.

Having a choice has always been important in life, and it is especially important during this time. Classes include speakers, small group discussions and tours of local senior communities. These classes will assist you with identifying future needs and choices to meet your needs.

If you are interested in participating sign up with your congregation's contact.

This program is scheduled to start on Wednesday, January 20th, 2016.