

TLC Trumpet



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

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Here are some messages brought to you by this month:

“ HOSANNA! ”

“CRUCIFY!”

“Woman, here is your son. Here is your mother.”

“IT IS FINISHED!”

“These things happened so that the scriptures
might be fulfilled.”

“Woman, why are you crying?”

“I HAVE SEEN THE LORD!”

“Stop doubting and believe.”

“Feed my sheep.”

“Follow me.”

Have a blessed April.

*Love,
Pastor Jan*

Next Trumpet Deadline!

The next TLC Trumpet deadline will be Friday, **April 25**. 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

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Worship:

Sunday morning at 9:30 with Holy Communion

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April hours for our administrative assistant

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



Blessings to TLC's April Birthday Celebrants

Sharon Kaye (Fruehling)	
Boschen	4/1
Margrit Buchmann	4/3
Greg Bartlett	4/15
Lorraine Larson	4/20
Lola Bumahl	4/27

Thrivent Giveth and Thrivent Taketh Away

On February 6, Thrivent **Financial implemented a "neutrality" policy that removed ReconcilingWorks and our partner in ministry Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries from its benevolence programs.** This decision was made by a small management team, not by the membership or board of Thrivent.

The reason given for the change was our programming focus on sexual orientation which we were told, has **"the potential to distract"** their members from Thrivent's mission to promote financial health and inspire generosity.

Thrivent says it has defunded previously approved organizations on all sides of several issues including abortion, guns and sexual orientation. The list of approved and defunded organizations has not been made public.

For several years ReconcilingWorks had benefited from Thrivent chapter funds and employee matching gifts—receiving up to \$2,500 a year. In the fall of 2013, after years of applications and denials, we were approved for Thrivent's innovative Choice Dollars program. In the first four months, we received over \$2,700 in benevolence from Thrivent which had been designated to us by Thrivent members.

The February 6th announcement changing the policy to exclude ReconcilingWorks came without warning or discussion. Only members who had designated our organization (Thrivent has us under the name Lutherans Concerned) were notified. Awareness of the change is still very limited.

For more information about this policy and ways you can respond, visit www.reconcilingworks.org/news/news/644-thrivent-neutrality-policy

TLC Group News



Our Generosity to Those Less Fortunate Continues

Not only does the congregation give generously to our churches operating budget, they give generously to help others. Through March 25 the following gifts have come in for others. Rwanda School Project \$231, 2nd Mile Offerings \$175, ELCA Malaria Eradication \$30, ELCA Disaster Relief \$25 and ELCA World Hunger \$5. The Easter offering goes this year to our local food bank FISH. And those socks are piling up for the homeless and women and children in need as well as non-perishable food in the blue barrel in the Narthex. We are good and giving people!!

Labels and Box tops for Education

Please continue to cut them from your cans and cereal boxes, etc. There is a small container on the ledge of the pass-through to the kitchen where you can deposit them.

For those who are new to the congregation, we send these to Mosaic at Bethphage Village, which is a home in Axtell, NE, for people with developmental disabilities. It is an affiliate ministry organization of the ELCA.

HHR Visits Quarryhill

Join the HHR folks April 12 for a golf cart guided tour of the Quarryhill Botanical Gardens located on Highway 12. Cost of tour is \$15 per person. Hopefully, many of the plants will be in bloom. Sign up on kiosk. For more information about the gardens go to quarryhillbg.org



Adult Forum and Break Bread Together Nite

There will be no Adult Forum or Let Us Break Bread Together Nite in April but both will return in May.

Book Club Continues

At our January planning meeting, the following books/authors were chosen for Feb through August for the TLC book group. We are tentatively meeting at Jordan Eberly's home.

April - *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver

May - *Two Old Women* by Velma Wallis

June - *Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern

July - *Take Good Care of the Garden and the Dogs* by Heather Lende

August - *I heard the Owl Call my Name* by Margaret Craven

If you would like to join us for a spirited chat about any or all of these books, please contact Jordan Eberly at 569-6012 for directions to her home off Railroad Square in Santa Rosa. We would love to see you there!

Sunday Worship in April

Apr. 6 **5th Sunday in Lent (Purple)**
Scriptures: Psalm 146; John 19:1-16a
Jesus is sentenced to be crucified



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Apr. 13 **Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday**
Scriptures: Psalm 24; John 12:12-17; John 19: 16b-22
Jesus is hailed as king first in a parade and then in his passion

Apr. 20 **Resurrection/Easter (White/Gold)**
Scriptures: Psalm 118:21-29; John 20:1-18
The Empty Tomb and the Good News
The offering for the day goes to F.I.S.H.

Apr. 27 **2nd Sunday of Easter (White)**
Scriptures: Psalm 145:13-21; John 20: 19-31
Jesus appears to Thomas
Highlights: Cent\$ational \$unday; Council

Rose Parade Float

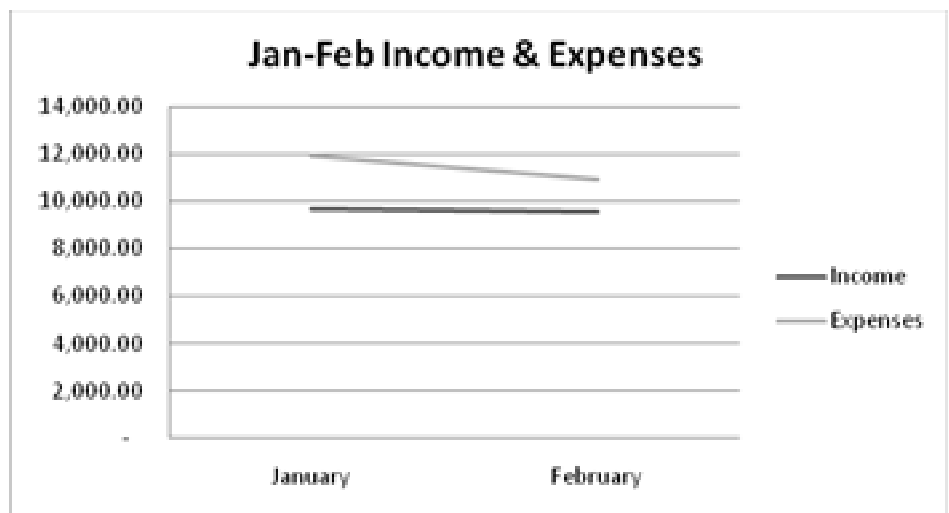
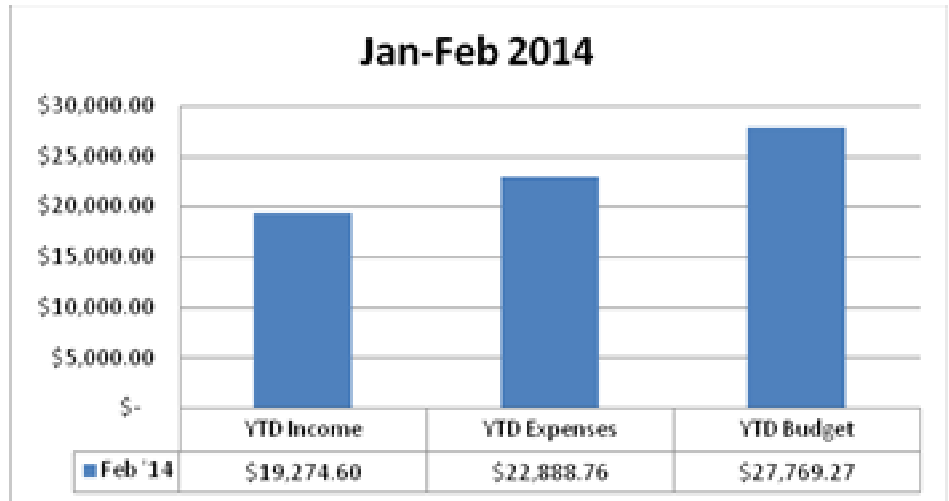
Have you always wanted to be in parade, especially the Rose Parade? Do you want to help get the word out as to what a special, welcoming church TLC is? Well your chance comes Saturday May 17. TLC will have a float this year and we need your help to make it great. We have a covered flatbed trailer to use and it will be pulled by an antique tractor. Both will be decorated with flowers, greenery, etc. There is room on the float for between 12 and 15 people. We also will have another additional 12 people marching alongside (well strolling is okay too). The Parade theme is "Heroes and Helpers". Our entry's theme is "Everyone is a Hero". Walkers will carry signs proclaiming our messages of "Come As You Are" and "All Are Welcome". There is sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex to reserve your place. Help is also needed to decorate. If you are interested let Rob Boyd or Jean Harrison know. Let's show Santa Rosa who we are and what we stand for!!!



Our Float in
the Parade!

Financial Update

Our deficit for the first two months of the year is \$3,614.16. This is less than projected by the budget adopted last November. February had a deficit of \$1,364.24 which was less than January's. Income for February was \$9,564.06 while expenses were \$10,928.30. As I write this it is still March but March does look much better. We continue to be in close contact with Mission Investment Fund over the mortgage. They are indeed helping us for which we should be very thankful. Thank you so much to all who keep up their pledges, those who don't pledge but regularly give and for those who give that little extra. Thank you too to all committees who keep those expenses down. That is a big help.



Please, “Don’t See Me!”

A few weeks ago I dropped my point-and-shoot camera. This disaster led me to FINALLY be brave and pick up the wonderful digital SLR camera that my 2nd son, Jeff, gave me for Christmas ‘several’ years ago. For a Christmas present this year, my 3rd son, David, took me for a photography tutorial at the SF Botanical Gardens. I have so much to learn.

Some of you may have heard that, in the very near future, we are going to be moving the TLC Facebook page. I will be sending out an email to kindly request that each you please find our page and support it by “LIKE”ing it. I am willing to come to each and every one of your homes to help, if you’d like. Social media is a valuable resource to EASILY take advantage of sitting in our homes, pushing a few buttons, and helping to spread news about TLC throughout our local community (and beyond.)

What do these two paragraphs have to do with each other?

In preparation for the move to a new page, it is important that we generate more photos of our congregation to let the community know all the wonderful goings-on in our church family. That said, I’m still learning about my camera. Just last week I took about 30 pictures at a family gathering – playing with different settings. About 10 came out *black!* Approximately 10 action shots of the kids came out uselessly blurry. The ones that were ‘ok’ were of objects that I could really spend time setting up the shot – not like real life. However, over the next few weeks, I am going to try, try *again* to get some ‘usable’ photos of our congregational life.



A lady I met told me that when her 4-year-old daughter would get caught trying to be sneaky she would put up her hand and tell her mom, “Don’t see me!” If you see me aiming at you or in your general direction, please keep these things in mind:

It is important that we generate more photos of our congregation to let the community know all the wonderful goings-on in our church family.

Please don’t shy away; the picture probably isn’t going to be in focus anyway!

It’s very difficult for me to pull out this bulky camera and casually invade your space to take pictures. It goes against

my introvert nature. **Please “Don’t see me.”**

If you have ANY objections to having YOUR image posted on our Facebook page, *please let me know*. I will be glad to take pictures of the congregation in general, and discreetly eliminate shots of you or crop you out.

I am excited to see what comes of all this ‘newness’ and I really appreciate your support and patience, too.

Smile sincerely and say “TLC”!

Mary K. Weber

Worship During Holy Week 2014

During Holy Week, we key into the rhythm of the Gospel According to John as we continue in the Narrative Lectionary. The first half of the Gospel covers Jesus' three years' ministry; the second half slows down and we journey with Jesus through his crucifixion and resurrection.

Apr. 13 Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Scriptures: Psalm 24; John 12:12-17; John 19: 16b-22

Jesus is hailed as king first in a parade and then in his passion

Apr. 17 Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m.

Scriptures: Psalm 26:3; John 19:23-30 Sermon title:

Jesus' last words on the cross

Apr. 18 Good Friday 7:00 p.m.

Scriptures: Psalm 31:9-18; John 19:31-42

Jesus, the new Passover Lamb

Apr. 20 Resurrection/Easter 9:30 a.m.

Scriptures: Psalm 118:21-29; John 20:1-18

The Empty Tomb and the Good News

Following worship, we enjoy our traditional Easter Potluck Brunch. Bring a showy and delicious dish to share.

CCC is providing the Easter ham and beverages

“Sock It To Me” TLC Lent

Midweek Gatherings for Community Awareness and Compassion

As we journey through Lent, you have the opportunity, as a special offering, to bring new socks--men's, women's, and children's. At the end of the season, we will go as a group to downtown Santa Rosa and distribute them to homeless and needy neighbors.

At our midweek gatherings, we are inviting representatives from various groups to broaden

our awareness of how they serve in the community. There will be no soup suppers. The gatherings will begin at 7 p.m. with a brief vespers prayer followed by the speaker's presentation and time for questions and answers.

- April 3 - Cheryl Parkinson from the Living Room will update us on this good local service and may have suggestions for ways we could help.
- April 10 - Speaker on Rwanda School Project

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

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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.

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

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 April Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 8:00 AM Book of Concord 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship 3:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	31 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion Practice	1 6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous small group 8:00 PM Narcotics Anon	2 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	3 7:00 PM "Sock It To Me" Midweek Lent Gathering	4 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	5
6 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship 3:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	7 5:30 PM Mutual Ministry 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion Practice	8 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous small group 8:00 PM Narcotics Anon	9  6:30 PM Property Mtg 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	10 7:00 PM "Sock It To Me" Midweek Lent Gathering	11 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	12  10:15 AM HHR Field Trip to Quarry Hill
13  9:30 AM Palm Sunday Worship 3:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	14 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion Practice	15 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous small group 8:00 PM Narcotics Anon	16 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	17  7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Gathering	18  GOOD FRIDAY 7:00 PM Good Friday Gathering	19  9:30 AM Finance Committee
20  9:30 AM Easter Morning Worship 3:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	21 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion Practice	22 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous small group 8:00 PM Narcotics Anon	23 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	24	25  7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	26
27  9:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM Council Meeting 3:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	28 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion Practice	29 1:00 PM Bible Study 6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous small group 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	30 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	1	2 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	3 2:00 PM HHR Monty Python's Spamalot



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