

TLC

Trumpet



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Pastor's Page

A Little Love Note

I have heard it said that preachers preach primarily to themselves. Will I be able to practice what I preach? Will I be able to put TLC aside for three months and open my heart to the opportunities that Spirit is giving me in taking a sabbatical, in writing and publishing a book, in world travel?

Oh, yes. Yes indeed. Because of you. I know that you own TLC. It is your welcome that touches visitors' hearts. It is your passion that enlivens



Sundays' Word and Sacrament, runs Council and Committees, deepens relationship in groups and gatherings, carries Christ's heart out into the community.

If I can't stay away, it's not because I'm afraid you can do without me, it's because I can't do without you! The best angst EVER!

Bless you. Thank you. Carry on. Thrive. Know that it IS true that God's face radiates with joy because of you.

Au revoir. See you in September.

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*Love,
Pastor Jean*

Next Trumpet Deadline!

The next TLC Trumpet deadline will be FRiday, **July 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

Church office: 707-544-0241

Worship:

Sunday morning at 9:30 with Holy Communion

Thanksgiving Lutheran Church

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May hours for our administrative assistant

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



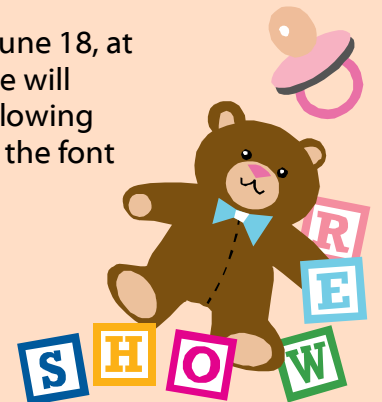
Birthday Blessings to these TLC members

Spencer Netherda	7/15
Verda Burr	7/17
Lisa Bartlett	7/21
Bobbi Adams	7/21
Diane Land	7/24



Welcome TLC's Newest Member

Annabelle Gloria Bagley was born on Wednesday, June 18, at 8:38 a.m., to mommies Cindy and Leslie Bagley. We will hold a baby shower for the family on Sunday, July 6, following worship, and we look forward to bringing Annabelle to the font for her baptism.



TLC Group News



In Remembrance

We celebrate the resurrection of Grace Israelson, who died on Sunday, June 8.

We will miss her beaming presence, her strong faith and love for her Savior and her faith community, and we commit her to the realm of eternity, to don her robe of righteousness and join the saints at the River of Life. Goodbye, sweet Grace.

Spirit of Love, thanks for the memories.

And Thank You

Mary Dawson would like to thank everyone of you special people (you know who you are) who helped make her Mom's (Grace Israelson's) memorial come together. From those setting up tables, making coffee and lemonade, setting out the food to cleaning up the tables and dishes, well heck, just everything you did is very much appreciated. Again Thank You!!

Baby Shower!

All are welcome! After church on July 6 celebrate with new moms, Cindy and Lesley Bagley on the birth on their daughter, Annabelle Gloria Bagley. Join in the fun! Cindy and Lesley are registered at Target, target.com, and buybaby.com. A light lunch will be served.

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.

Mortgage Payment Campaign

Beginning in June, you will find an envelope stamped "Mortgage Payment" in your bulletin on the first Sunday of every month. If you can afford to give a little something extra it is greatly appreciated. Gifts received in this manner will be set aside to help pay the mortgage when there is a deficit month. This is not money towards paying down the principal. This is in addition to your regular pledge or giving.

Pastor Sabbatical

Pastor Leaves tomorrow for her two-month sabbatical followed by her 3-week vacation. If you have a need for pastoral care while she is gone, Rev. Tim Carnahan from Faith is covering for her. You may reach his cellphone at 707-490-5340

Worship at TLC in July

Pastor's Sabbatical begins. Over the next eight Sundays, we will be hearing from the chapters of the book *Reclaiming the "C" Word: Daring to be Church Again* by Kelly Fryer. Pastor will preside for all services except the 2nd Sunday of July and August when Paul Feiertag will preside. The speakers will select appropriate scriptures for their Chapter presentation.



Jul 6 3rd Sunday after Pentecost:

Rev. Nicholas Brie presiding;
Mary Thompson preaching
Scriptures: Isaiah 2:1-5; 2 Corinthians 5:11-21
Chapter One: Daring to Dream It
Music Leader: Leilani Wicklund
After worship: Baby Shower for Annabelle Gloria Bagley

Jul 13 4th Sunday after Pentecost :

Rev. Nicholas Brie presiding;
Sandy Koppen preaching
Scriptures: 1 Peter 2:4-10; Ephesians 2:11-22
Chapter Two: Daring to Define It
Music Leader: New Band

Jul 20 5th Sunday after Pentecost:

Rev. Nicholas Brie presiding;
George Land preaching
Gift of GAB (God's Abundant Blessings) Astrid Anderson
Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 12:27; Acts 1:8
Chapter three: Daring to Do It
Music Leader: Classic Band

Jul 27 6th Sunday after Pentecost:

Rev. Nicholas Brie presiding;
Jordan Eberly preaching
Scriptures:
Chapter Four: Daring to Get Focused
Music Leader: New Band
After worship: Council

Financial News

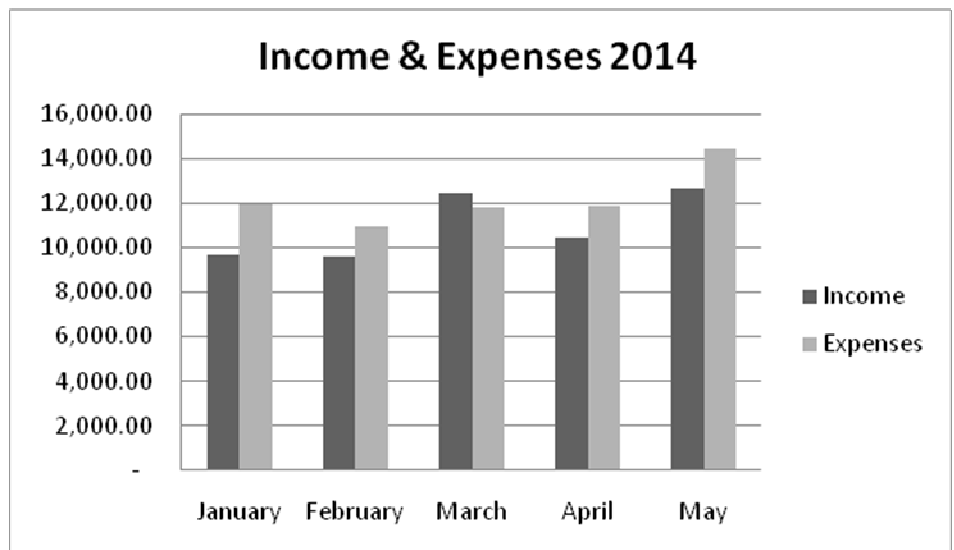
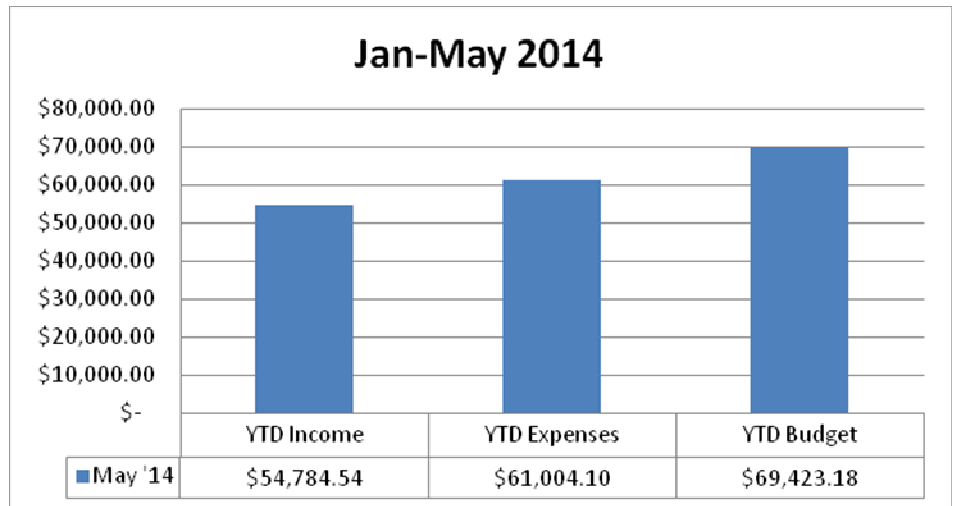
Once again there was a deficit for the month of May. Expenses were \$1,799.87 more than income. The year to date deficit is \$6,269.56 which averages \$1,567.39/month or \$391.85/week. MIF has extended our modified loan payment of \$3,500 instead of \$4,509 through the end of September. We have started collecting extra donations for a "Mortgage Payment" Fund that will be used to help pay the mortgage in months when there is a deficit. As of June 21st there is \$665 in this fund. Thank you for giving that extra amount.

Gifts to Others

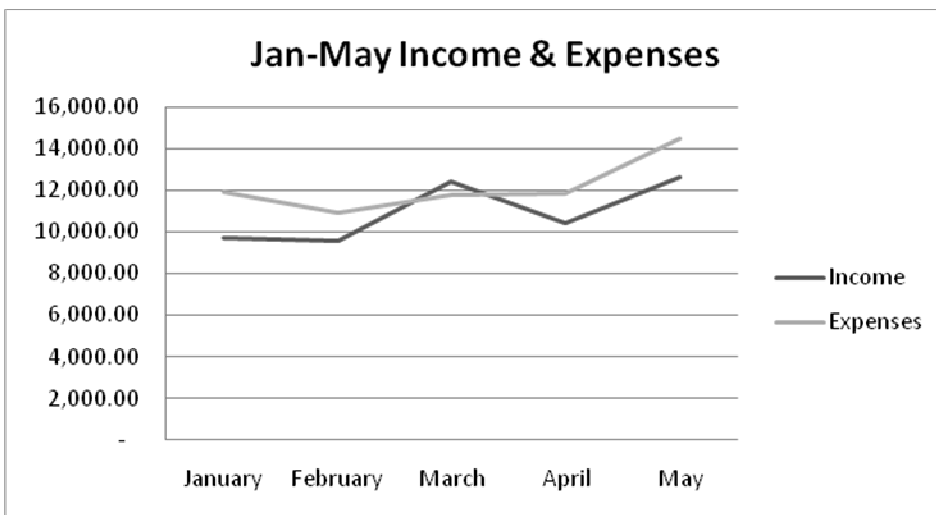
Through June 21st total gifts to others in need are as follows

- ELCA Malaria fund-\$60
- ELCA Disaster fund-\$25
- ELCA World Hunger fund-\$5
- FISH- \$749
- 2nd Mile-\$315
- Rwanda School Project-\$419

We are truly giving people as Christ commanded us to be.



TLC treasurer Jean Harrison is in Louisiana for the summer. 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.



Individual Thrivent Reps Raise \$7000 for LGBTQ Lutherans

Two Thrivent representatives organized an event last Saturday night to benefit Lutheran organizations working for justice for LGBTQ people.

Supporters gathered for an evening of jazz benefiting Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries and ReconcilingWorks.

The representatives, Gregory Jahnke and Judith Dancer, are opposed to recent Thrivent Financial changes that make the groups Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries and ReconcilingWorks ineligible for Thrivent funding.

Here's what Greg Jahnke had to say about the event,

"The wonderful Karen Hirst and Tom Shaw entertained our guests at Martuni's in San Francisco for a 'fun-draiser' for Reconciling Works and Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries. Judith Dancer and I are openly queer Thrivent reps standing in opposition to Thrivent's new benevolent giving program restrictions. Our guests gave \$7,000 for these great organizations! Thanks to everyone who donated. You are making a difference."

We think Greg and Judith are fabulous! We stand with them in their role as Thrivent representatives who have done much for the LGBTQ community and our organization. We have been remembering in prayer Greg, Judith, and other LGBTQ-identified Thrivent employees who have been hurt by the recent Thrivent decisions.

Greg Jahnke and Brian Richards

Thanks to these wonderful supporters, ELM will receive even more than we did through Thrivent Choice Dollars in 2013. These funds will help our efforts to ensure that LGBTQ people called to rostered ministry in the Lutheran church are affirmed and supported in their calls.

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RESOURCE CENTER

Your partner in ministry!

HOW TO FIND THE CENTER

The Sierra Pacific Synod maintains a Resource Center -- a free lending library -- for the benefit of pastors and members of the congregations of this synod. You may visit the Center in person at 2311 E. Shaw Avenue in Fresno (located in the Lutheran Campus Ministry building), or via an online catalog at www.resourcecenterspselca.org.

WHAT'S THERE FOR ME?

The Resource Center contains hundreds of books, dvd's, cd's Bibles of various translations, Bible story books, study materials for all age groups, music books, dramas, games, joke books, get-acquainted exercises, Martin Luther, Bible study kits with video leader, devotional books, children's sermons materials, Luther's Catechism, information on Lutheran teachings regarding baptism, Holy communion, first communion training for children, guides for Christian education leaders and small group leaders, picture story books and dvd's like Veggie tales, materials on stewardship education, evangelism, worship, the church and technology, health ministry, etc. our latest addition is an online Bible Tutor (great for personal study).

WHAT DOES IT COST? It's free; shipping too!



VISIT TODAY!

SPS Resource Center
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rspselca@pacbell.net
559 345-2725

P.S. Our newest resource is the **Online Bible Tutor**, an excellent study program which can be used with one's own computer. Bible Tutor was developed at Luther Seminary, and the Resource Center has purchased a license for its use for one year. We have the privilege of making it available to all of you and your congregations.

Contact us at rspselca@pacbell.net for the password and instructions.

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	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.

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 June Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship 5:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	30	1 6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous small group 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	2 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	3	 7:00 PM Roca de Salvacion	5 10:00 AM AA Meeting
6 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM Baby Shower	7 5:30 PM Mutual Ministry	8 6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous small group 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	9 6:30 PM Property Meeting	10	11	12 Bingo at the Russian River Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence 10:00 AM AA Meeting
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27 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM Council Meeting	28	29 6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous small group 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	30	31	1	2 10:00 AM AA Meeting