

TLC Trumpet



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TLC in the 2015 Luther Burbank Rose Parade

This year's Rose Parade offered a great opportunity for outreach into the Santa Rosa community. It was also a reminder that the God is aware of what we are doing and offers help when we need it. The theme for the parade was stories from a book. We decided that our story was going to be Jesus' parable of the Sower and the Seeds, Matthew 13 1-23. Sue Lunsford offered to get seeds donated

so that we could hand them out on the parade route. After a couple months of planning we were all set to decorate our float the day before the parade. Several people including myself had searched the shed at our

Church looking for last year's decorations. I was in the shed twice and searched the meeting room also. I found the balloons, the helium and last year's signs, but no decorations. So we purchased more silk flowers for the float. Jan Thomas ordered three new banners for the float theme. Lynn and Hank Cornellsen came up with a great idea of using flower boxes to carry live plants on the float. I had my brother, Scott, build a frame to put the flower boxes on and attach it

to the float. Two weeks before the parade Sue was still trying to get seeds. She emailed me less than a week before the parade saying that we would have seeds to give out. Sue showed up with thousands of hand-packaged seeds with planting directions and our Church name, address and worship time. This was the miracle of the seeds.

Friday morning I went to the church to pick up some things and had to return in the afternoon as I forgot the helium and the balloons. I entered the shed and there on shelves that I had

looked at before were the decorations from 2014. A great demonstration of having scales in front of your eyes. This was the miracle of the decorations. The float was decorated by Jan Thomas, Scott Heiller, Paul, Ingrid and Gloria Feiertag,

Lynn and Hank Cornellsen, Sandy Koppen, Nicholas Brie, Sue Lunsford, Jean Flak and Jon Riewe. I went to work knowing that things were in good hands.

Saturday morning, bright and early, we met at the Veterans Memorial Building to put the last minute touches and the fresh roses Jon had brought on the float. My employer, Dr Richard

This was the biggest outreach Thanksgiving Lutheran Church has done that I have been a part of and I was proud and amazed to be a part of it.

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Next Trumpet Deadline!

The next TLC Trumpet deadline will be **Monday, June 22nd**. 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

1225 Fulton Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

email: tlcsantarosa@sbcglobal.net

Hours for our administrative assistant:

Church office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9-1.



Blessings To These TLC Folks Celebrating a Birthday in June

Fiona Becker	6/1
Jon Riewe	6/5
Deborah Baggett	6/7
Donna Hoberg	6/15
Zoe Zuest-Becker	6/16
Kirsten Bartlett	6/18
Stan Schuler	6/19
Rob Boyd	6/28
Mary Dawson	6/30

Join Paul & Ingrid Feiertag, their friends and family, in celebrating their five decades of married life.

WHEN: Saturday, July 4, 2015, from 5 to 9 p.m.

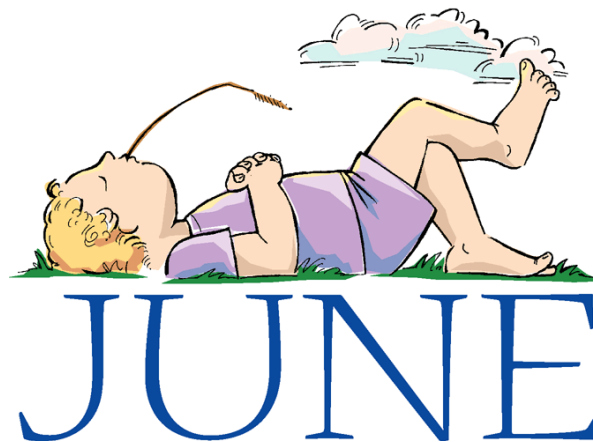
WHERE: Thanksgiving Lutheran Church, 1225 Fulton Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

HOW: Eating, dancing, and general merriment

Wear your blue suede shoes, your polka skirt, or your disco finery because there will be a variety of dancing opportunities. There will be food with a German flair, and locals are invited to bring a dish to share. In lieu of gifts, Ingrid and Paul invite you to support one of these worthy causes: the Savannah Hill Music Scholarship Fund, ReconcilingWorks, or Thanksgiving Lutheran Church. However, your presence is present enough!

RSVP to dan_feiertag@yahoo.com or Dan Feiertag, 733 S Grove Ave, Oak Park IL 60304

Congratulations for the July 3 anniversary can be sent to Paul & Ingrid Feiertag, 516 Colonial Park Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95403-1148.



TLC Book Group

The book group meets next on Tuesday June 16th at 7:00PM at the home of Lisa Bartlett. We are reading *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown. Everyone is welcome.

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



Hot Dog!

CCC is hosting a Hot Dog Potluck brunch after service on Sunday, June 7th. Committee will provide the hot dogs, buns and beverages. Participants may bring any type of dish that goes well with hot dogs!! Let's start the summer with a fun brunch!



Special Women's Finance Event

On Thursday, June 25, at 5:30 p.m., Pastor Jean invites all women to join her out on TLC's patio to meet with a guest speaker, Michelle Martin an investment consultant, who will talk about "Financial Wellness for Women." Having savvy about money and finances is good stewardship. Women of all ages are encouraged to come.

Craft Fair 25 and 26 July 2015 at TLC!!

TLC is having their own spot for anyone who would like to donate items they have made, or are saleable, (not garage sale stuff) Have a hobby, building things, making things, sewing projects, knitting, hand crafted items all kinds are wanted and needed for our very own Hodgepodge table. We will donate all proceeds from our sales to TLC 's mortgage. See Mary Dawson about signing up. You have to wait until June 28th though, as she is not around for a month. In the meantime, start your projects now.



Celebration of Life

The Memorial Service for Jim Harrison will be August 1st at 3 pm. It will be a true celebration of his life, just as he wanted it to be. After the service, please plan on staying for a barbeque and Dixieland Jazz music by musicians who are good friends. Jim loved TLC and he wanted to be remembered for his zest for life and pleasure in people.

TLC Takes Another Step Toward Renewal in June and July Worship Gatherings

This month and next we take another step in our renewal process to become a more effective, conspicuous presence in our community and to turn our ministry around from survival maintenance to thriving mission. It has been a good and challenging process thus far.

First, the leadership met for assessment with Bishop Holmerud and the Interim Director of Evangelical Missions, Rev. Jim Hytjan. Hytjan was our featured speaker the first midweek Lenten gathering in 2013, to exhort us to renewal efforts. In response, thanks to Sharon Boschen, we began an effort to organize focus groups and held one, for the newest members of TLC.

Second, thanks to good work of Jan Loewen and Sandy Koppen, we shaped the focus group effort into our GTO (Growth Through Outreach). We have held three successful GTO events: for gardeners, the premiere showing of a documentary on composting; for pet owners, a lecture on preventative care for pets; for the LGBTQ community and advocates, the showing of "Lewd and Lascivious." Thanks to Karen Lehman, Cindy

Heiller, and Nicholas Brie and Paul Feiertag for taking the lead on these three events. The fourth event is in the works; it's the Community Craft Fair at the end of July.

Our third step is a proposal to temporarily restructure TLC's leadership. Council and Committee Chairs have worked with Pastor Jean over the last year on a plan that replaces Council and Committees with a Leadership Panel. One part of the plan will be presented each Sunday in worship.

The congregation will vote on whether or not to adopt and implement the plan at the November Congregational Meeting.

Coincidentally, Renewing Congregations is one 2015 emphases of the "Always Being Made New: the Campaign for the ELCA". So, besides continuing our own renewal process, we will hear stories of other congregations who have turned their ministries around, and we hope that our fourth step will be to conduct a fundraiser to help meet the ELCA's goal of raising \$4 million for this essential ministry.

What's With Sign-Up Sunday?

For a trial few months, the 3rd Sunday of the month is designated "Sign Up Sunday." Sign up sheets will be made available in the narthex for people to sign up to serve as:

- Greeter
- Reader
- Assisting Minister
- Refreshment Host

There are two motives behind trying a new system. The first is to give everyone (members AND visitors) a chance to take on a task that helps our worship times come together. The second is to streamline the process for Paul Feiertag, who has been filling out the Stewards calendars for several years now; the way we've always done it demands several hours of his time every month.

George Land will continue scheduling ushers – and he does a great job at recruiting new ushers.

Paul will continue scheduling Tellers, as that task calls for some training.

New creation always starts with chaos, so please be patient as we work out the kinks.

Thank you goes to Mary Dawson who is making the sign up sheets.

Worship at TLC in June 2015

June 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: Psalm 130; Genesis 3:8-15; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

Sermon Title: The Devil and Me

TLC's Renewal Plan for Leadership: Present overall idea of the proposal

Music Leader: Leilani

Special: Hot Dog Brunch follows worship

June 14 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: Psalm 92:1-4; Ezekiel 17:22-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10;

Mark 4:26-34

Sermon Title: Cedar Trees, Big Old Shrubs and Walking By Faith

TLC's Renewal Plan for Leadership: Duties of Congregational President

Music Leader: New Band (sans Karen and Jim)

Special: Forum on "Praying for Your Enemies" follows worship

June 21 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; Job 38:1-11; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13;

Mark 4:35-41

Sermon Title: Open Wide Your Hearts. Nicholas Brie preaches and presides.

TLC's Renewal Plan for Leadership: Duties of Congregational Vice President

Music Leader: Classic Band

Special: Sign Up Sunday

June 28 5th Sunday after Pentecost

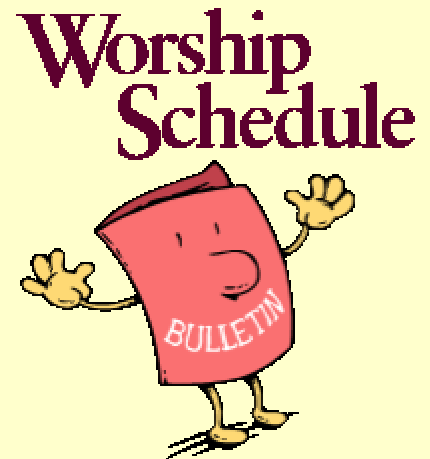
Scriptures: Psalm 30; Lamentations 3:22-33; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

Sermon Title: A Fair Balance

TLC's Renewal Plan for Leadership: Duties of Congregational Secretary

Music Leader: New Band

Special: Cent\$ational \$unday



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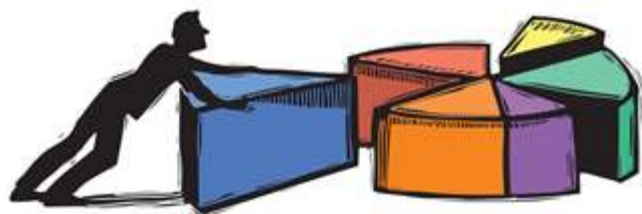
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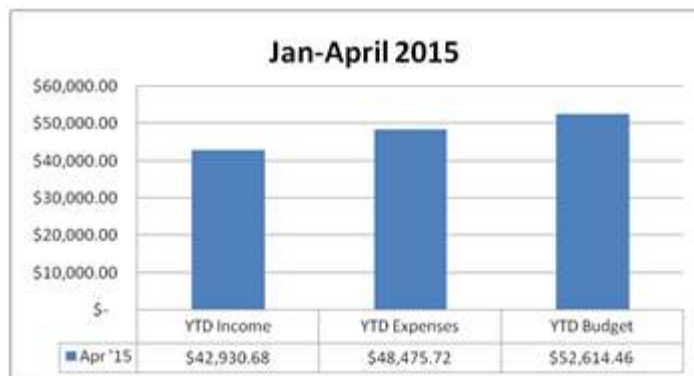
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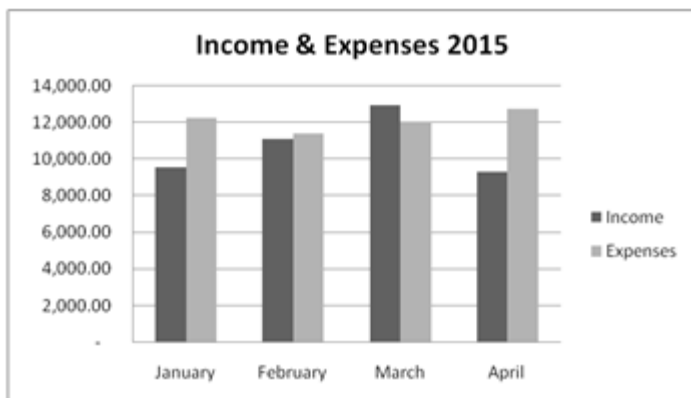
Financial Update

April was not a good month financially. Expenses were \$12,763.95 while income was only \$9,309.96. That is a \$3,453.99 deficit. The mortgage payment is \$3,600. Remember Mission Investment Fund granted us another six month reduction to this amount. We should be paying \$4,500. Expenses for the first four months were \$48,475.72 while income was only \$42,930.68. This is a \$5,545.04 deficit. On average that is \$1,386.26 per month or \$346.57 per week. Expenses are coming in below budget, we are doing a good job of controlling them. Pledged gifts are behind. If all pledges were current the deficit would only be \$781.89. We are nearly out of savings to cover these deficits. Please keep this situation in your prayers.



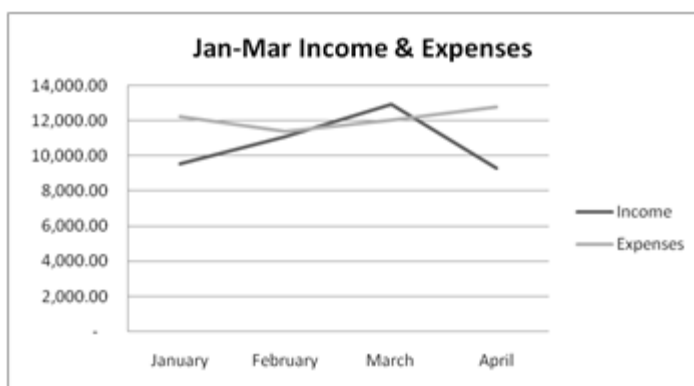
Capital Fund Campaign

A bit more money has been given to the Capital Fund Campaign. As of May 17th it stands at \$9,527.50. Gifts are still being gratefully accepted for this purpose. Paying down the principal is an important goal from Mission Investment Fund and will greatly enhance our overall financial situation. It would be fantastic to have more money for good works and less for the mortgage.



Gifts to others in Need

Donations continue to arrive for others in need. As of May 17th the following funds have come in: Rwanda School Project-\$427, 2nd Mile - \$255, Reconciling Works - \$75, ELCA Malaria Drive - \$425, ELCA Disaster Relief for Nepal Earthquake- \$150 and our local food bank FISH - \$425, Give yourselves pats on the back for being so generous to those in need.



TLC Luther Burbank Rose Parade

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Hoskins moved the float from the Harrison's house to the meeting site with his 1948 John Deere Tractor which he used to pull the float on the parade route. The float was beautiful and Jon Riewe carried a prop with the Parable on his wheelchair that was large enough for people to read. Another nice touch. At the last minute some people could not attend the parade, but walkers were Paul, Ingrid, Sue, Sandy, Jon, and Nicholas with his walker. Gloria, Jean Flak, Lynn, Hank and myself rode the float during the parade.

The walkers handed out hundreds of bags of seeds and 200 bags of harvest candy (candy corn) on the parade route. Sue delivered the seed to people in chairs upon the lawns on the route. Parade goers stopped to get their seeds and have a word with our people. This was the biggest outreach Thanksgiving Lutheran Church has done that I have been a part of and I was proud and amazed to be a part of it. Nicholas shared with me a couple of days after the parade that he was worried about walking as he had been having muscle spasms for 2 weeks before the parade. He was able to walk a mile to the parade route and the 2 miles of the parade

without sitting down. He said he did it without any pain and any stiffness the next days after the parade. A third miracle of the parade. With God's help we can do more than we thought possible.



Our Float in the Parade!

We did not win an award this year, but I think we had a great outreach and lots of fun doing the parade. Thanks to everyone who assisted including Pastor Jean Lebbert, who came up with the Parable idea, prayed for a successful outreach and trusted us enough to fly alone in this project, Jean Harrison, who offered us her home as a staging area and her gardens for flowers, Karen Lehman for helping with our announcement at the parade, Jan Loewen, for picking up and returning the float after the parade, Lynn and Hank's friend, Bob Muelrath, who lent us the float for the second time and to Dr. Richard Hoskins for pulling the float in the parade for another year.

Cindy Heiller, DVM

F.I.S.H.

For those of you who are new here at TLC, let me introduce you to the Big Blue Barrel in the Narthex, where we collect for F.I.S.H., or Friends in Service Here. F.I.S.H. is one of the food distribution places for people in need in Sonoma County. It is open 5 days a week from 10 A.M. till 2 P.M. and Saturday mornings from 10:30 to 12:30. Anyone is welcome to come after first calling in the size of family, and only needs to show a personal I.D. and a F.I.S.H. I.D. card obtained on their first visit. The person who answers the phone will also ask if the family has any special need.

This food pantry is run entirely by volunteers and funded by donations and an occasional grant. F.I.S.H. buys almost all of its canned goods from the Redwood Empire Food Distribution facility in Santa Rosa. Safeway and Trader Joes also donate overstocks of food items.

Every one who comes is given a bag or two (depending on how large their family is) of basics such as canned fruits and vegetables, tuna fish (when available), cereal, bread, soup and pasta items. They can choose a couple of items from a collection of assorted goods; from things like toothpaste, jello or pudding, packaged dinners to sore throat lozenges and occasionally baby items (baby food is always needed). Paper bags with or without handles are also welcome.

Any questions? Ask Marilyn at church or phone 321-4056.

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

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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 June Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9:30 Worship 7p Roca de Salvacion	1 6:30p Property	2 1p Bible Study 6p NA Meeting 8p NA Meeting	3 5p Roca de Salvacion	4	5 5p Roca de Salvacion	6 10 AA Meeting 11:30 CCC
7 9:30 Worship 7p Roca de Salvacion	8	9 1p Bible Study 6p NA Meeting 8p NA Meeting	10 5p Roca de Salvacion	11	12 5p Roca de Salvacion	13 10 AA Meeting
14 9:30 Worship Adult Forum following worship 7p Roca de Salvacion	15	16 1p Bible Study 6p NA Meeting 8p NA Meeting 7p Book Club	17 5p Roca de Salvacion	18 Conference Clergy	19 5p Roca de Salvacion	20 10 AA Meeting
21 9:30 Worship 7p Roca de Salvacion	22	23 1p Bible Study 6p NA Meeting 8p NA Meeting Trumpet Deadline	24 5p Roca de Salvacion	25 5:30p –7 Financial Wellness Forum	26 5p Roca de Salvacion	27 10 AA Meeting
28 9:30 Worship 11 Council 7p Roca de Salvacion	29	30 1p Bible Study 6p NA Meeting 8p NA Meeting	1 5p Roca de Salvacion	2	3 5p Roca de Salvacion	4 10 AA Meeting 5p –9p Feiertag Anniversary