

TLC Trumpet



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Pastor's Page

Dear TLC,

Have you joined in on our Capital Fundraising Campaign yet?

It has been really easy for me to ask some people I know to make a donation. It's harder for others. Humbling, I guess.

A wonderful blessing in it for me is when I describe some of the things that TLC is doing in and for the community: offering garden space front and back, year-round contributions to F.I.S.H., being conspicuous about our RIC passion and about welcoming visitors, our great worship times together filled such a variety of music, offering our building for support groups and Roca.

There is so much unheralded caring that is also a wonderful thing to be aware of. Visits.

Phone calls. Prayers. Sharing of suppers. Cards. E-mails. TLC made flesh.

In most proverbial groups, 10% of the people do 90% of the business. I don't find that so at TLC. Here, it's more like 50-60% participating in ministries, in the life of the congregation outside worship.

And then there's all the good stuff all of you do every day for others in your circles of life. Whew!

Jesus taught us about bringing light to the world. He taught us that it makes no sense hiding our light. That would be like grabbing a flashlight when the power goes out but NOT TURNING IT ON!!!

Our goal is to end our Fundraising Campaign at the end of this month. Won't you muster the nerve to ask others to make a donation so that we can let our light shine? If you've asked some, are there more you can approach? How about a gentle nudge? If you haven't asked anybody yet, why not?

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*Love,
Pastor Jean*

Next Trumpet Deadline!

The next TLC Trumpet deadline will be **Monday, March 23rd**. 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

Thanksgiving Lutheran Church

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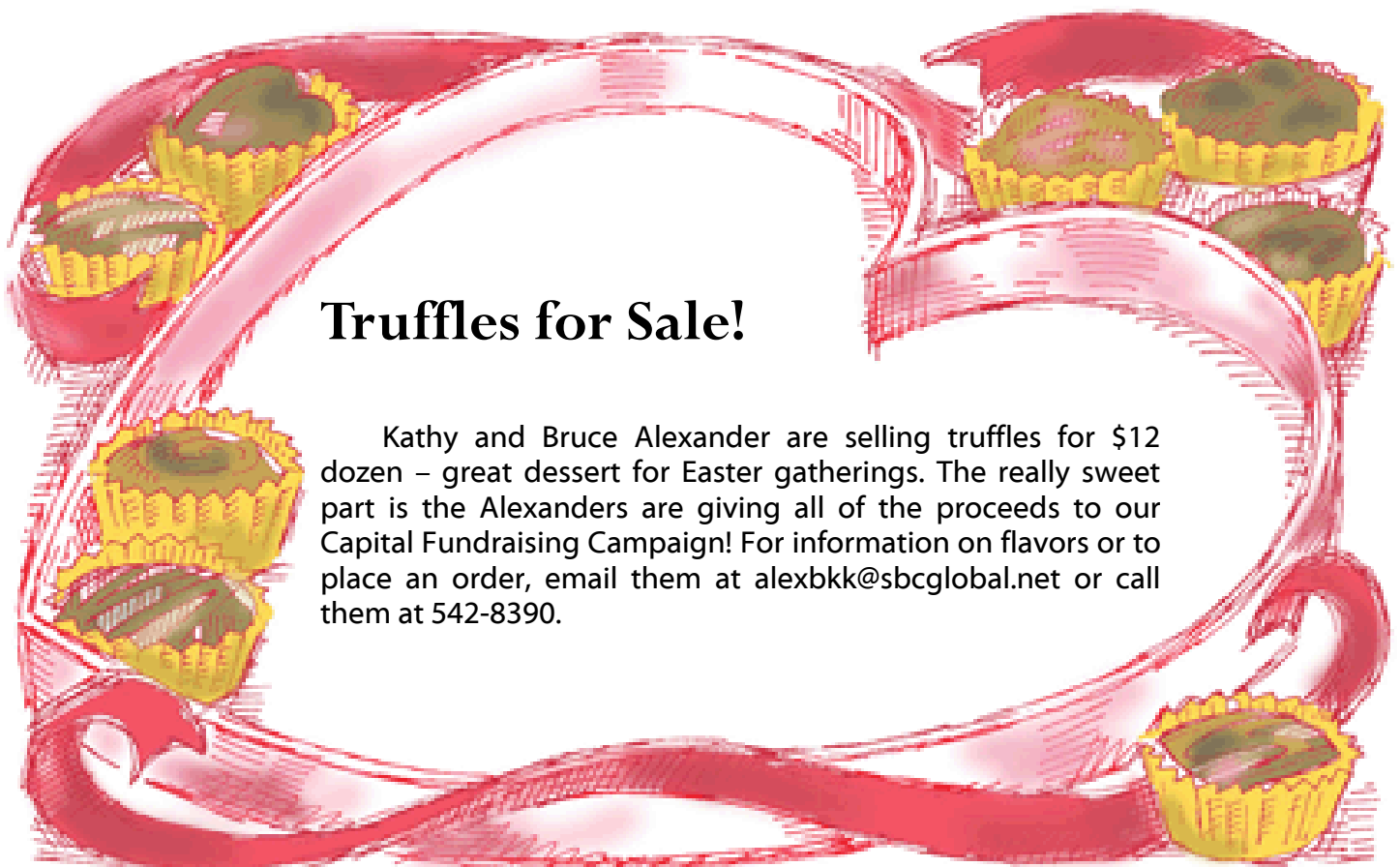
Hours for our administrative assistant:

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



Birthday Blessings to:

Lynn Cornelssen	3/8
Jordan Eberly	3/8
Laura Koppen	3/15
Pam Mahan	3/16
Janet Venerella	3/18
Natalie Koppen	3/19
Ray Zuest	3/22



Truffles for Sale!

Kathy and Bruce Alexander are selling truffles for \$12 dozen – great dessert for Easter gatherings. The really sweet part is the Alexanders are giving all of the proceeds to our Capital Fundraising Campaign! For information on flavors or to place an order, email them at alexbkk@sbcglobal.net or call them at 542-8390.

Film Festival Winner and Favorite To Be Shown at TLC on April 11th

We will be showing a one hour documentary of an historic event in LGBT civil rights history; *Lewd and Lascivious: 1965: Drag Queens, Ministers, and the SFPD* (formerly titled *The Last Dance Raid*).

This little known civil rights event pre-dates the now very famous Stonewall event in New York City in 1969. The dance, a Mardi Gras Costume Ball held New Year's Day night, was a fund raiser held in a rented venue. For the first time, Christian ministers (including Lutheran) involved in the civil rights movement, are part of the organizing committee. Men in clerical collars are mingling with the (up to that point, underground) LGBT community to show that a new day is dawning in the struggle for social justice and human equality. The documentary is a film that shows what police harassment and public abuse were like at that time. Don't miss this historic film to be shown at TLC on April 11th. An eye-witness to the event, Lutheran Pastor, Chuck Lewis, and long-time friend and advocate for LGBT rights, Jo Chadwick, will be present to answer questions.

Labels and Box tops for Education

I recently wrote to Mosaic asking them if they can still use the labels and box tops for education. Following is their reply to me.

The school now has 24 students in the school, 3 teachers, and support staff. Our Mosaic special education school at Bethphage Village benefits greatly from the support we receive through these labels and box ops. This past year they have been able to get some new scooters, basketballs, and art supplies. They were also able to obtain a bubble tube. This is a sensory item that creates a color change of bubbles which are calming and relaxing for students with autism.

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.

So continue to save these, bring them to TLC and place them in the receptacle by the kitchen pass through. Thank you.

Gloria Feiertag

Finance Committee

2015 did not start off too well financially for TLC. Income was only \$9,566 while expenses were \$12,251.81. Obviously this means a deficit of \$2,685.81, not the best start to a new year. February looks somewhat better. A balanced budget was passed but one based on a Faith Based income line item of \$17,883.39 or \$1,490.28 a month. Nothing came in this month for that line. That item would be income above and beyond what is needed for a particular month's expenses.

Get Those Letters Out The Capital Campaign is up and running but we need everyone's help to make it a gigantic success that will allow us to move forward with our ministry. We can do it!!!!

Gifts to Others

We continue to be generous to others less fortunate than us. In January \$30 came in for 2nd mile gifts and in Feb through the 15th \$50 was given. Likewise the Rwanda School Project received \$45 in January and \$72 through Feb. 15th.

The Easter Offering goes to FISH our local food bank that does so much good for the hungry here in Santa Rosa.

Worship at TLC in March

Mar 1 Second Sunday in Lent/TLC's RIC Sunday

Nicholas Brie presides and preaches on this Sunday as TLC celebrates RIC Sunday. Pastor Jean is away this Sunday as Conference Dean. The scriptures are Psalm 16:5-8 and Matthew 20:1-16. Music leader is Leilani Wickland.

Prayer of the day: Generous God, you promise to open your kingdom to all people, despite their circumstances. Draw us closer to you, and help us to proclaim the goodness of your generosity. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Mar 8 Third Sunday in Lent

Gird your loins for Jesus' parable of a king who threw a wedding banquet for citizens who made light of the invitation. The Lenten season is designed to heighten our self-awareness, check our limitations, and inspire us to set better priorities in our life. It's sort of like spring cleaning for the soul. The scriptures are Psalm 45:6-7 and Matthew 22: 1-16. The New Band is our music leader, however, and will lift our spirits in song. Following worship, all are invited to stay for "Conversations in Lent" over Bishop Elizabeth Eaton's four focuses for the ELCA. The conversations will be led by Pastor Jean.

Prayer of the day: God of celebration, you invite all people to rejoice in the goodness of your love. Help us to be hospitable to all people, so that all might receive your blessing. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

March 15 Fourth Sunday in Lent

It's another wedding parable – the one about the bridesmaids and the oil lamps. Hopefully we will all leave this service with the song "Give Me Oil for My Lamp" stuck in our heads! The scriptures are Psalm 43:3-4 and Matthew 25:1-13. Music leader for this day is Leilani Wickland.

Prayer of the day: God of holy anticipation, you promise that you will return at a time unknown to us. Move in us to be ready, so that when you return we will be welcomed into your kingdom with open arms. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Mar 22 Fifth Sunday in Lent

As his passion and death draw nearer, Teacher Jesus pulls out his most poignant lesson instructing the nations how to achieve peace at the most basic level by providing basic needs for everyone: food, clothing, compassion. Scriptures are Psalm 98:7-9 and Matthew 25:31-46. The Classic Band (the one where Mark Koppen plays!) is our music leader.

Prayer of the day: God of justice, you have shown yourself in this world in the poor, the hungry, and the needy. Make us willing participants of your grace and generosity, so that when you come again, we will know you. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Mar 29 Sixth Sunday in Lent

We head into Holy Week waving palms and shouting "Hosanna!" as Jesus triumphantly enters Zion, the holy city. Worship this week becomes a roller coaster ride for the soul as Jesus is hailed as king and then nailed as king and then defies death as Infinite Savior of the World. Scriptures are Psalm 118:25-29 and Matthew 21:1-13. The New Band is our music leader, and it's Cent\$ational \$unday!.

Prayer of the day: Righteous God, you brought Jesus into Jerusalem to show people the radical grace of your love. Show us this love and give us eyes to see your goodness. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Who's Who at TLC?

Officers

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 Jean Harrison, Patio Landscaping
 George Land, Ushers
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 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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 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 March Calendar

Thanksgiving Lutheran, Holidays in United States

Mar 2015 (Pacific Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	7
<p>1</p> <p>RIC Sunday</p> <p>Special Mortgage</p> <p>9:30am - Worship @</p> <p>7pm - Roca de</p>	<p>2</p> <p>5:30pm - Mutual</p> <p>6:30pm - Property</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1pm - Bible Study @</p> <p>6pm - NA Meeting</p> <p>8pm - NA Meeting</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5pm - Roca de</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>5pm - Roca de</p>	<p>10am - AA</p> <p>11:30am - CCC</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Daylight Saving</p> <p>9:30am - Worship @</p> <p>11am - Lenten Forum</p> <p>7pm - Roca de</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1pm - Bible Study @</p> <p>6pm - NA Meeting</p> <p>8pm - NA Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5pm - Roca de</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>5pm - Roca de</p>	<p>10am - AA</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Rwanda Sunday</p> <p>9:30am - Worship @</p> <p>7pm - Roca de</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>1pm - Bible Study @</p> <p>6pm - NA Meeting</p> <p>8pm - NA Meeting</p>	<p>18</p> <p>5pm - Roca de</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>5pm - Roca de</p>	<p>10am - AA</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:30am - Worship @</p> <p>11am - Council</p> <p>7pm - Roca de</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Trumpet Deadline</p>	<p>24</p> <p>1pm - Bible Study @</p> <p>6pm - NA Meeting</p> <p>8pm - NA Meeting</p>	<p>25</p> <p>5pm - Roca de</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>5pm - Roca de</p>	<p>10am - AA</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Cent-sational</p> <p>Palm Sunday</p> <p>9:30am - Worship @</p> <p>7pm - Roca de</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>1pm - Bible Study @</p> <p>6pm - NA Meeting</p> <p>8pm - NA Meeting</p>	<p>1</p> <p>5pm - Roca de</p>	<p>2</p> <p>12:30 pm, 3:30 pm, and 7:30 pm - Maundy Thursday</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5pm - Roca de</p> <p>7pm - Good Friday</p>	<p>10am - AA</p> <p>11:30am - CCC</p>	<p>4</p>