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What We Do Agree On

by Paul Feiertag

We clergy recently were sharing our feelings about the social statement "Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust" adopted by the Churchwide Assembly. One pastor who had arrived late stated his disapproval in very strong language: disregard of clear biblical teaching, the 2000 years of Christian tradition, the offense to the rest of the world's Lutherans, the Roman Catholics and Eastern Orthodox who may not want to continue the decades-long dialogues with the ELCA, and the many ELCA clergy and congregations that have been forced to consider leaving the ELCA. This pastor had to leave immediately after his turn to speak, so we had no dialogue.

What follows is my understanding of this deep division over the place of gays in church. My strongly held opinions on the subject are known by all TLC members through Trumpet articles, teaching and advocating. Some members disagree with me; some may feel as strongly as the pastor mentioned above. How do we live together and worship together without parting ways?

The gay person I love the most (and from whom I learned the most) was born into our family and soon after birth was reborn by water and Spirit in Holy Baptism. His name was added to the membership roster of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church. His membership in the Church was transferred many times as the family moved, but the child Tim did not cease being a part of the Body of Christ on earth when he began wondering what made him different from all the boys he knew. Nor was his baptism rescinded the day adult Tim embraced being gay as the answer to that ever-present question. Restrictions placed on gay people by the church caused pain and heartache.

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Thank you to everyone who allowed me to come visit!

I am looking forward to presenting your comments at the TLC Leaders' Retreat, Saturday, October 3. They will form a foundation upon which we will begin to discern possible directions and goals. I encourage you to make it a priority to attend the two-part Congregational Meeting (Nov. 8 and Feb. 7) when your leaders will present what we have discerned in this retreat and when you, as a congregation, elect the next direction and goals for your mission to be TLC in Santa Rosa.

I am also blessed by your sharing with me personal concerns in your lives that I can pray for as your pastor over the next year. I am deeply touched by the trust that so many of you have given me already.

May the Holy Spirit continue to conspicuously blow among us and through us, making us ever aware of our gift of faith and our call to put Christ first in our lives, in all that we do.

*Love,
Pastor [Signature]*

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Joint Ministry Events

Together in Ministry in Santa Rosa

It all began in June when we gathered together at Bethlehem for worship. Strengthening our witness in Santa Rosa, the three ELCA parishes (Bethlehem, Faith, and TLC) are joining together again for these upcoming events:

Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 4

This special worship event, commemorating St. Francis of Assisi, takes place again at TLC, beginning at 4 p.m. with a pet parade. Other activities include Agility Demonstration, Basic Dog Training Techniques, Hot Dog Dunk, Pet and Owner Photo Portraits, Animal Artist Colleen Caubin. This is the 3rd annual animal blessing at TLC and the first time that all three parishes are coming together.

Advent Pulpit Exchange, Nov. 29, Dec. 6, Dec. 13

The pastors of the three parishes are exchanging pulpits during the first three Sundays of Advent. The exchange will allow congregations to develop deeper relationships with the other pastors.

Progressive Dinner on Saturday, January 9

All three church campuses will be the destinations for a 3-part feast of food and fellowship. The event starts at TLC with appetizers, progresses to Bethlehem for the main course, and concludes at Faith with dessert.

Joint Ministry Evaluation and Planning on Saturday, February 6, 2010

Anyone interesting in joining in on developing and coordinating future Joint Ministry Events is invited to come to this open meeting to look back, celebrate and evaluate, and then look ahead to ways we can make this ministry a more effective means of witness and outreach. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. at Mahalo Manor.



Many thanks to Astrid Anderson who has offered to furnish Shepherd's Staff, a church record-keeping program, and to train Dorothy, Mary Thompson, Pastor Jean, Jean Harrison, and all of the Tellers. Astrid served as Treasurer and Financial Secretary at her former parish, Coastside (yes, Bishop's Associate was her pastor there), for many years and worked with this software. We will all benefit from this generous and needed gift. Bless you, Astrid. We are thankful to have you with us.



October Birthdays

Casey Becker	10/5
Ashley Loewen	10/11
Linda Dinnocenzo	10/11
Martin Sass	10/22
Erin Netherda	10/24

October Worship Highlights

The Stewardship Committee launches our annual Giving Commitment Campaign this month. The campaign kicks off on October 4; Jean Flak, Stewardship Committee Chair, will present a Gift of G.A.B. (God's Abundant Blessings). You will notice a different format for the offering envelopes this year, as we celebrate the acknowledgement that our building is now a vital part of our ministry, no longer a separate goal. You will not have to divide your offering between a General and a Building Fund. There will be lines for you to designate special offerings or offerings you want to dedicate to a specific ministry or project.

In the afternoon on October 4, we hold our 3rd Annual Blessing of the Animals, which we do conjointly with the other two ELCA parishes in Santa Rosa: Bethlehem and Faith.

On October 18, we welcome as our guest preacher Wesley Telyea, who is a fourth-year student at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley. Pastor Paul Feiertag will serve as presiding minister that day, as Pastor Jean will be on vacation.

Bishop's Associate Rev. Nancy Fenuick Nelson is guest preacher for our Reformation Celebration on October 24. Before accepting the call to serve with Bishop Holmerud, Rev. Nelson was the pastor at Coastside Lutheran Church in Half Moon Bay.

Going Without

By Robin Strickler

US citizen in Kigali, Rwanda

As an American teacher starting a secondary school in Rwanda's Eastern Province, I am both nonplussed by the hunger our students have for education and repeatedly dismayed by what it means to go without it.

My husband almost went without. Born in a Tanzanian refugee camp, he was one of three primary students selected from his school to go on to secondary education. Like most of his classmates, he ran 14 kilometers to and from school. Today he is a church leader with two master's degrees who works in community development in Rwanda. He gives back to the community with a passion that is shared by many other former refugees. We often wonder together: how many others were left behind?

"Jimmy" and John Peter are hungry for it: they come and politely beg to be allowed to take our precious library books home. Jimmy carries a dog-eared dictionary with yellowed pages everywhere he goes and John Peter has filled notebook pages with carefully lettered vocabulary words he has learned.

Mutoni and Jean-Baptiste went without in the war years, and now in their twenties, their awkwardly formed handwriting tells of primary school lessons lost when their eye-hand coordination could have been trained to write with ease. Mutoni ducks her head with embarrassment when she can't answer a question but she is too ashamed to ask the questions that would help her learn.

I'm also moved by the stream of mothers who are hungry for their children's education: their faces careworn, their *kitenge* and headscarves faded but clean, they speak softly and persistently to implore us to help their daughters and sons. Lacking education themselves, they know it is what their children need to battle the poverty that wears people down, year by year.

The Rwandan government is keenly aware that girls should not go without education. With the continent's highest population density, family planning, development and

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Meanwhile many in the church worked hard to change the church and bring about full inclusion for all LGBT members including those who fall in love, pair off, and become couples. Now full inclusion is a fact in the congregations that choose to make it so. Other congregations may discriminate as they feel led to do so. It is an option not unlike the option congregations have to discriminate against female clergy.

So, I always begin with baptism which makes us members of Christ's body on earth. Baptism is above the arguments. Baptism brings Church membership. (As I see it, failure to grant gay members full inclusion has the effect of

rescinding infant baptism.) We gather together at the Table of the Lord receiving in bread and wine the body and blood of Jesus. Where the body and blood of Jesus are, there also we receive forgiveness of our sin, the promise of life--as Jesus was raised, so are we raised to new life--yes, eternal life, and salvation.

Nothing can separate us from Jesus Christ. A difference in interpretation over Bible passages cannot separate us from Jesus Christ--especially if they are passages that do not shed light on what Jesus has done to make us part of his body the Church or nourish us to be Christ to each other and to the world. We are united in Jesus and his Church's sacraments.

PRAYER VENTURES

October 2009

1 International Day of Older People

Offer thanksgiving to God for the gifts of Pastor Ron Vignec, recently retired, who has dedicated himself to bringing God's love, compassion, and justice to the Salishan community of Tacoma, Wash., for the past 24 years.

2 Remember in prayer Joe and the Rev. Deborah Troester and family, serving in Garoua Boulai, Central African Republic. Joe serves as water resource manager for ELCA companion church body, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Central African Republic.

3 Give thanks for and pray for the journey of young adults and others as they gather this month to formalize young adult ministry opportunities in the ELCA Southeastern Synod. God be with them as they dream, network, worship, strategize, pray, serve and celebrate together in mission and ministry.

4 18th Sunday After Pentecost

God, we lift up the people of Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan, that they may find peace and security.

5 World Teachers' Day

Pray for Bette McCrandall, who provides leadership to the education ministries of the Lutheran Church in Liberia, witnessing to God's love and faithfulness through years of turmoil.

6 Pray for the work funded by ELCA World Hunger and carried out through Lutheran World Relief to build sustainable, resilient, productive, and just communities in rural areas of developing countries.

7 Thank God for Richard Sarker, regional representative for development and health in ELCA Global Mission's Asia Pacific Region, working in South Asian countries including India, Indonesia, Nepal and Bangladesh.

8 Ask that the light of Christ shine brightly through the congregation of Christ United Church in DeWitt, Mich., and Pastor Terry Williamson. May those in physical, emotional, or spiritual need within the congregation and the larger community be touched by God's love, peace and healing.

9 Pray for Pastor Arden and Janna Haug, ELCA regional representatives for Europe, who relate to companion churches and international congrega-

tions in Western, Central and Eastern Europe, including territories of the former Soviet Union.

10 Pray for Sarah in South Africa and other members of a bread-baking cooperative supported by ELCA World Hunger and the Lutheran World Federation, that the ELCA's partnership may be the yeast that helps sustain this small business.

11 19th Sunday After Pentecost

Lord God, in the midst of economic, political and social challenges, we pray that you will give strength and wisdom to the people of Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal.

12 We pray for those pastors and ministers who begin their new calls and responsibilities on college and university campuses as they walk among the students, faculty and staff who are also new to this academic world, struggling with identity and searching for community.

13 Please pray for Pastor Edwin Fernando Arumanayagam and Nava Jeevan (New Life) Lutheran Church, a congregation under development in Kendall Park, N.J., reaching out to recent immigrants from India and South Asia.

14 International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction

Pray for Community Lutheran Partners, Inc., and its executive director, Sherri Schafer, as this Lutheran social ministry organization in the West Virginia-Western Maryland Synod supports people in communities that lack access to safe water because of local mining practices.

15 Please pray for the Board of the Youth Ministry Network -- a ministry of renewal, education and connection for nearly 700 youth ministry workers in ELCA congregations, and a primary partner of ELCA Youth Ministry -- as it gathers for vision and mission shaping October 16-18.

16 World Food Day

World Food Day is a worldwide event designed to increase awareness, understanding and year-around action to alleviate hunger. Pray for the grassroots hunger leaders of the ELCA as they work to end hunger in the United States and around the world.

17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

Pray for Pastor Andrew and Barbara Hinderlie, regional representatives for East Africa, who work with churches in Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, and Uganda. Barbara serves as administrator of the ELCA mission in Madagascar, including the Famine Relief Project in Southeast Madagascar. Ask God's mercy on those who are hungry and God's blessings on this project.

18 20th Sunday After Pentecost

God of the nations, we give you thanks for the Christian communities in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Give them strength to be witnesses to your love and peace. We lift up to you the companion relationships among the South Andhra Lutheran Church of India and the ELCA Northeastern Minnesota Synod, and the Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Northwestern Minnesota Synod.

19 Ask for God's blessing on The Rev. Newman Chiu, developer of Glory Lutheran Church, Torrance, Calif., as he witnesses to Jesus Christ and offers discipleship training to new Christians.

20 Thank God for the Lutheran Church in Guam and the dynamic ministry of Pastor Jeff and Mary Johnson. Jeff serves the Lutheran Church of Guam and Mary teaches at the Pacific Islands Bible College.

21 Thank God for John and Mary Moore and the many other ELCA Mission Builders who help congregations construct their first facilities or additions. May they continue to find fulfillment in offering their hands and hearts for God's work.

22 Thank God for the work of Dr. Steve and Bethany Friberg as Steve continues to reactivate medical dispensaries in North Maasailand in Tanzania, and Bethany works with Maasai women to create and market beadwork internationally. Praise God for transforming lives and human worth through love.

23 Ask God's guidance and direction for Pastor Glenn Zimbelman and the lay leaders of Joy Lutheran Church, North Ridgeville, Ohio, as they develop this new congregation in a growing area.

24 United Nations Day

Pray for Dirk and Sarah Stadtlander, serving with the Lutheran Church of Senegal in Linguere, in an evangelism ministry among Pulaar-speaking Christians in this 99 percent Muslim country.

25 21st Sunday After Pentecost

We praise you, God of the islands, for the warm

welcome and hospitality experienced by visitors to the Indian Ocean island nations of Comoros, Mauritius, Seychelles, Maldives and Madagascar, and the Lutheran Church outreach on Comoros and Reunion Islands.

26 Ask God to bless the members of our armed forces as they perform the tasks of their calling, to protect them from all harm and danger, and to comfort those in areas of conflict and those at home, especially in their hours of loneliness, anxiety and worry.

27 Pray for the 350 community-based projects supported in 2009 through ELCA World Hunger domestic grants, that they may continue to provide renewed hope for people like Jay Iguchi in Northern Illinois when their jobs are lost and lives are turned upside down because of a struggling U.S. economy.

28 Simon and Jude, Apostles

Remember in prayer Peter and Michele Johnson, regional representatives for the Middle East, who work with churches in Egypt, Syria, Israel/Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Afghanistan. Peter fosters relationship with churches that are emerging from long years of persecution and living in the midst of oppressive environments.

29 Pray for participants in the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Leadership Training Event who are meeting in Texas as they work to improve their administrative skills as leaders of Lutheran camps and retreat centers.

30 Give thanks for Carol and the Rev. James Sack, serving with the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church. Pray for James as he teaches pastoral care and counseling at the Japan Lutheran Theological College and Seminary, Tokyo, and for Carol as she reaches out with a ministry of music thanatology within the church and the greater Tokyo community.

31 Reformation Day

Pray for the youth of the ELCA as they participate in "Change the World: 2009 Lutheran Youth Challenge" to raise money for and learn about ELCA World Hunger and what they can do to help eradicate hunger and poverty in the world.

Prayer petitions for Sundays follow the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle and can be incorporated into the prayers at weekly worship. Weekday entries are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social, and outreach ministries of the church. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.

Going Without

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literacy are important tools for improving society and girls play a key role in changing those patterns. Yet girls are the most likely to stay home when family members are sick, when water needs to be carried, or when they menstruate if they don't have access to modern supplies.

Rwandans around me are hungry for things to read. Magazines that are a month old still sell for a high price because they are hard to get. Newspapers sell fast but are hard to find because printing presses are old and often break down. An NGO is trying to start Rwanda's first public library but funds are scarce. A small company is starting for the first time to print booklets with children's stories because most children see no books until they go to school. In a country that lacks a reading culture, even top students are challenged when they qualify for scholarships at major universities; their classmates are used to reading far more and have more practice at analyzing what they read.

Teachers are hungry, too. On a teacher survey, they hoped for well-ventilated rooms, classes with "only" 40 students, enough textbooks and teaching aids — a globe perhaps, or protractors or a single microscope. I find classrooms are often dark and gloomy when they are made from local bricks and have small windows. When the rain beats down on the tin roofs, the teacher must stop talking because it is impossible to hear over the din.

But going without has affected teachers' expectations and pedagogical methods. Many teachers treasure the notes they took in their teacher training classes or the notes of their former teachers because they may be the

only materials they get to teach with. Lacking textbooks for their students, rote learning and copying from the board are primary methods for sharing information. When I suggested to one teacher that he make photocopies for each student of the two pages he needed for his history lesson, he was surprised.

"Is that okay?" he asked tentatively. He wasn't used to thinking of that much paper being available for teaching.

Schools go without. In most schools here, there are no science tables, no picture books or field trips, no bright colored posters or bulletin boards, and no texts with photos. Schools with more than 50 books in their library would consider themselves lucky. Most schools lack electricity for videos or movies or computers. Usually, there is only the teacher's handwriting on the board for students to painstakingly copy.

One day a group of five young men in their late teens and early twenties called me over to their group where they were sharing a children's book that shows the stages of life of various animals.

"Is this true?" one said, pointing with astonishment to the picture of the pupa that becomes a butterfly. "Does that really happen?"

In Rwanda, it is happening. Fifteen years after the genocide and still struggling with all the pain that such a tragedy entails, Rwandans are pushing hard to change their country and their future. They know that education is one of the keys to development and one of the ways that they can alter the extremist ideology that led to the abyss of human experience. Like a butterfly, we are fragile here, hoping for possibility.



On Sunday, September 27th, we were blessed to have Karl Smith from Bethlehem Lutheran, share his experiences of his trip to Rwanda to visit the newly formed school which is being sponsored by the Sierra Pacific Synod of the ELCA. It is an inspiring story and many of us are moved to help get this school built. The Stewardship and Outreach Committees are teaming up to offer opportunities to get involved

by helping to raise funds. We are planning a fund-raising event for early next year. In addition, we are designating the first Sunday of each month for a special "extra mile" offering to benefit the Rwanda School Project. This will be a completely voluntary opportunity for those who wish to participate. Watch for details coming soon, and keep the school, its Rwandan students and synod organizers in your prayers.

TLC Group News

TLC Men's Group A Hit!

The turnout for the second Men's Group bar-b-que was much better than the first. Food and drink were enjoyed and problems of the world solved. Men, don't be left out! Next gathering is October 15th at 6 pm on the Church patio. Bring something to grill, a side dish to share and your choice of beverage. Plans are to meet the third Thursday of each month, rain or shine. If you need a ride call Jim Harrison at 545-6042.



Heavenly Hell Raisers

Upcoming Activities

October 29

Visit to new Jewish Temple

November 19

Planetarium at SRJC

Dec 31

New Years Eve party at TLC 6 PM

Pasta Dinner for TLC Women's Group

Mark your calendar, invite your friends, and get your tickets!

The TLC Women's Group is having a Pasta Dinner and Fellowship Night on Saturday, October 24 at 6:00.

Pasta with a variety of sauces (pesto, marinara and Alfredo), meatballs, hot garlic bread, salad, and dessert only \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids 11 and under.

Bring a favorite game and stick around after dinner for more fun and fellowship!

For tickets, see Jean Flak or Karen Lehman on Sundays after worship.

Landscaping Update

Work has not ceased on the Landscaping project. A plan is in place and costs are being firmed up for consideration by the Task Force and congregation. Our next step after agreeing on the design and plants will then be to raise the necessary money to implement the plan. It can be done in stages which is probably what will occur. Stay tuned for more information in the coming months.

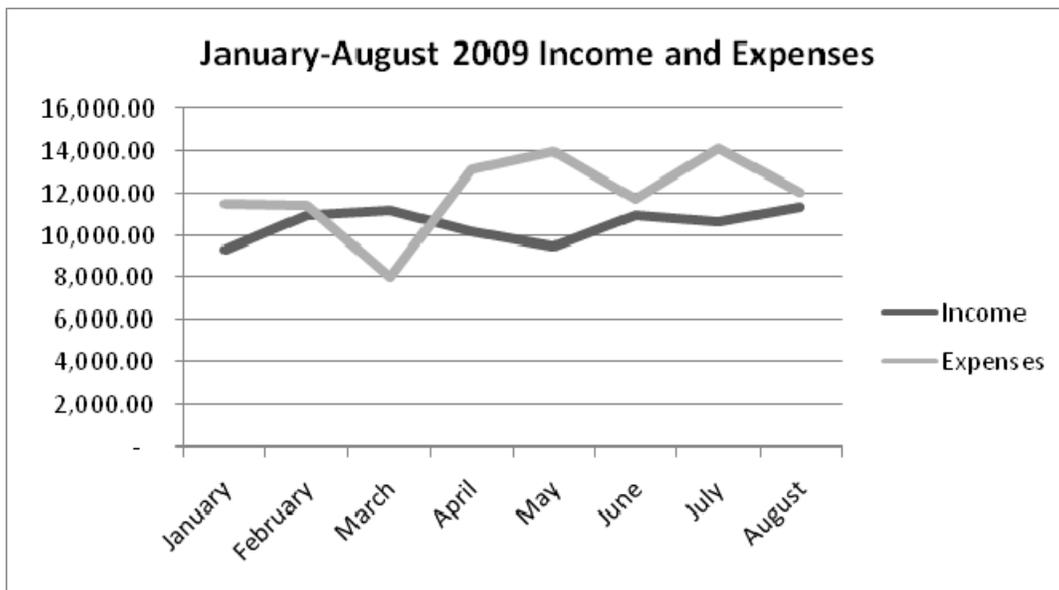
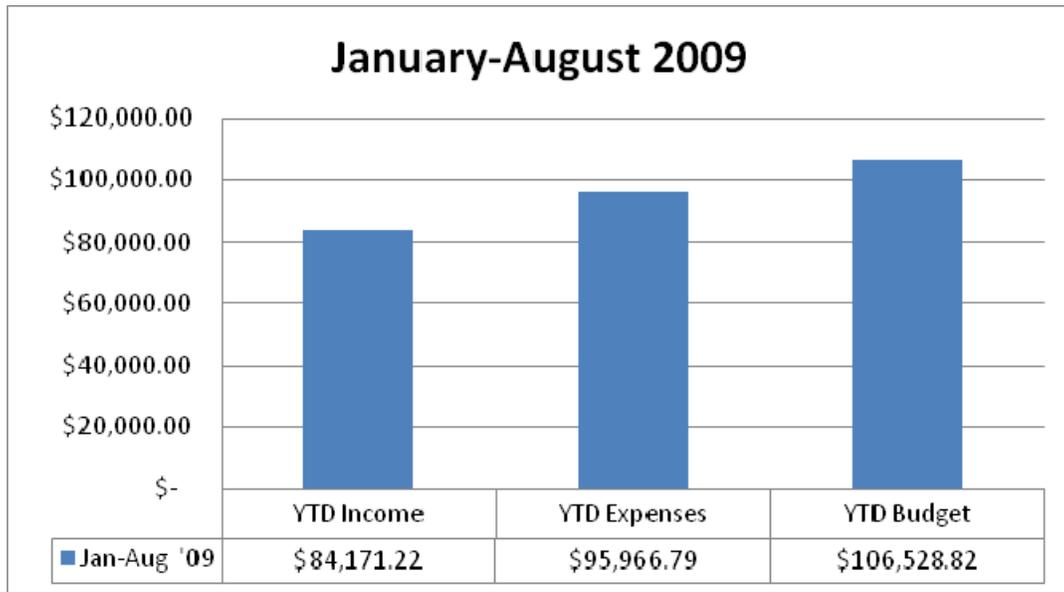
District A Conferences

Saturday, October 10: 10:00 AM-3:30 PM

The ELCA churches from the four conferences in the North and East Bay will gather at Elim (at the corner of Stanley and Baker St. in Petaluma) on Saturday, October 10 from 10-3:30. Synod Bishop Mark Holmerud will talk about recent events and plans in the ELCA and in our own Sierra Pacific Synod.

Financial Update

August's deficit was better than previous months, only \$680.81. That says much for our congregation as the summer months often lag in giving. The deficit for January through the end of August is \$11,682.75. So far in September our expenses continue to be ahead of our regular giving. Please keep this situation in your prayers and hearts. The good news is that Mission Investment has given us a short reprieve on the increase in our mortgage payments. We will continue to pay \$4,400 through the end of the year. We are still in negotiations with them and do not know at this time what the payments will be for 2010. This does give us a bit more breathing room though and is much appreciated. God is definitely looking out for TLC!!



TLC Special Fund Balances as of 9/24/09

Stained Glass Window	\$3,240.88
Memorial Gardens	\$414.80
Sanctuary Chairs	\$4,080.51
Landscaping	\$103.49

Gift of G.A.B. (God's Abundant Blessings)

By Keith Becker

"Simplify, simplify." Henry David Thoreau was succinct, both in words and intent. This year, the Stewardship Committee has taken those words to heart. In preparation for our 2010 pledge drive, we have simplified both the TLC offering envelope and our approach to benevolence.

Our offering envelopes have not had a "makeover" in over 12 years. In 1998, Thanksgiving Lutheran Church was still on Airway Drive, taking the initial but important steps to make our biggest dream a reality – to build a church on the site at Fulton Road and College Avenue.

Enter the Mission Investment Fund. The "banking branch" of the ELCA, MIF wanted our little church to show that we were dedicated and able to operate on two distinct levels – to both honor our daily commitments, and to begin planting the financial seeds that would be needed to create our own sanctuary.

As a result, our pledge drives, our envelopes, and our bookkeeping have for years identified two separate goals: our "general fund" and our "building fund." The building fund expanded, with the generous contributions of our church members, allowing us to construct and settle into our beautiful new church.

However, as a concept, the separated building fund has become rather obsolete. We can no longer rely on just those pledges to meet our mortgage; our general fund now serves the same purpose, "covering the difference." Therefore... we simplify.

In 2010, we will ask you to make only ONE pledge – a pledge to the support of Thanksgiving Lutheran Church, to our continued operation and to our mission. Rather than \$1.00 to the general fund AND \$1.00 to the building fund, we would ask that you simply pledge \$2.25 to the TLC general fund (that's stewardship math, by the way).

Lest you think we forgot: Our church has frequently been blessed with the harvest from "special offerings," most recently and notably the beautiful new stained glass windows. Special offerings and instructions will still be able to be easily designated on the new, streamlined envelopes.

Lastly, benevolence has been, and always will be, important to our church mission, even in these challenging times. The Stewardship Committee has proposed, and the Church Council has approved, a "reconfiguration" of our philanthropy in 2010. From each month's offering receipts, the mortgage will be paid first. Of the remainder, 10% will then be committed to benevolent giving; the net remaining 90% will (prayerfully) meet our remaining financial obligations.

2010 will be a year of change. Every transformation comes with challenges, so the Stewardship Committee challenges you to help Thanksgiving Lutheran Church, as we continue to grow in our mission. It's simple, really. "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)



TLC Annual Women's Retreat

Our next TLC Women's retreat is set for January 29 - January 31 at Bishop's Ranch in Healdsburg. We are in different accommodations this time around, and will have room for up to **39** if we need it. We'll be in Harrison House, which holds 18, and there is a piano in the program room, which is pretty cool. Note that our meeting space is also in Harrison House, and I'm told it's larger than Webb Lodge. We also have cottages 3-5 in St. Stephen's Youth Village.

To get more details about the space, and where it's located at the Ranch, visit <http://bishopsranch.org/ranchmap2.html>

If your calendar is clear for the dates above and you would like to attend, please bring your check to me at church! **Please be sure your check comes to me first**, so I can record it on my retreat notes, before it goes into the bank! Make it to TLC, with "women's retreat" in the notation. The minimum deposit is \$40, but you can deposit more if you like, and make payments on the total as you're able.

Prices are going up everywhere, and the Ranch is no exception, but it's still a good deal when you compare it to other retreats offered – especially this close to home!

The prices below are the full price, *before* any fundraisers are complete. Total amount will be due December 1, 2009. This year, there are 5 different packages for you to choose from:

Harrison House:	Youth Village:	Saturday only:
2 nights, 5 meals \$196.00	2 nights, 5 meals \$178.00	Lunch & Dinner \$63.00
1 night, 4 meals –\$151.00	1 night, 4 meals \$140.00	

In order to offset the cost for everyone, we are selling the newest edition of the TLC T-Shirt in men's and women's sizes (information about that elsewhere in this edition of the Trumpet), and are talking about a pasta feed in early October.

Stay tuned for information about the retreat program and leader, coming soon!

Karen Lehman

TLC Women's Retreat Coordinator



New TLC Directories

The newest edition of the TLC Directory is now available! Jan Loewen took great pictures – it's nice to see your smiling faces, and the very welcoming shot of our entryway! Note that the RIC Statement is included before the listings of members and friends, and the Relational Covenants come as the pages move into the Who's Who portion of the directory, which details all the groups and individuals who work together within those covenants.

The directory is set up so that as we grow and change, new pages can be inserted to replace those that become out of date, without having to re-do the entire directory. You might also notice the large typeface and plenty of room for your notations on the pages.

In order to offset the cost of the printing and binding (thank you to Dorothy for managing the production of the directories), everyone who is able is asked to donate \$3 to \$5 for their household's directory. There will be a receptacle for those donations in the Narthex for the next few Sundays.

Karen Lehman

Scripture Readings for October 2009

October 4—18th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 2:18-24 or Job 1:1, 2:1-10

Psalm 8

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16

October 11—19th Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 or Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Psalm 90:12-17 or Psalm 22-1-15

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31

October 18—20th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 53:4-12 or Job 38:1-7 [34-41]

Psalm 91:9-16 or Psalm 104:1-9. 25. 37

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

October 25—Reformation Sunday

Jeremiah 31:7-9 or Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Psalm 126 or Psalm 34:1-8 [19-24]

Hebrews 7:23-38

Mark 10:46-52

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Special dates

World Communion Sunday,
October 4, 2009

Columbus Day Observance,
October 12, 2009

Reformation Sunday,
October 25, 2009

Reformation Day,
October 31, 2009

Next Trumpet Deadline!

The next TLC Trumpet deadline will be Thursday, October 22. Editor requests articles be no longer than 500 words. Please email submissions to:

TLCeditor@thanksgivinglutheran.org

If you do not have email, place submissions (along with your name in case any clarification is needed) in Dorothy's inbox.



Wheat

Wheat is used to represent the bread (the body of Christ) in Holy Communion. "I am the bread of life" (John 6:48).

In the parable of the wheat and the weeds (Matthew 13:24-30), Jesus uses wheat to represent believers, while weeds, or tares, represent unbelievers.

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