

Walk with us

CROP Hunger Walk – Sign Up Now

Join us for the 2011 Austin CROP Hunger Walk! Our TLLC team, along with other Austin congregations, will raise funds to help combat hunger in our community and around the world. You can walk either Saturday, March 5, starting at 9:30 AM or Sunday, March 6, starting at 1:45 PM. The Austin CROP Hunger Walk will be held in the Walter E. Long Park near the Travis County Expo Center. Walk routes vary from one to three miles.

Last year Austin walkers raised over \$100,000 and our TLLC team contributed over \$1300. Local beneficiaries, such as Capital Area Food Bank, receive 25% of the funds, with the remainder supporting Church World Service (CWS), an international relief, development and refugee assistance agency.

Sign up to walk or sponsor a walker in the TLLC narthex after worship services in February. For more information, contact Janis Coltin (258-8155) or Bob Kohls (345-9496).

Golf Benefit

The 2nd Annual Triumphant Love Endowment Golf Benefit May 15th at the Avery Ranch Golf Course.

Preparations for the event are beginning now to assure that all players enjoy the day of fellowship while helping others. You can support this cause by donating items to be included in the gift bags to be given to participating golfers: coupons for free services like car washes, dry cleaning, massages; small gifts such as golf balls, golf towels, sun screen, hand sanitizer, insect repellent.

God and Country at TLLC

TLLC member Ellie Erchinger brings God & Country to TLLC program for 32 years

On February 6 TLLC presented God and Country awards to the following individuals:

Spencer Bruce – God and Church
Christopher Barrera – God and Me
Chance DeVos – God and Me

In addition, a special recognition was awarded to Ellie Erchinger for her 32 years of service to TLLC with this special program. During Ellie's tenure, 130 children earned and received awards at TLLC. She was recently nominated for the Building Faith in Youth Award and received a medallion at the February 6 presentation. The youth and families that were involved with this program over the past 32 years wish to thank her for her dedication and enthusiasm.

Communion Class

COMMUNION INSTRUCTION for children and their parents will be held on Saturday, April 16 from 10-11:30 a.m. This class is for first-graders and older children who have not yet attended a class on Holy Communion, whether or not they are currently communing. Class participants will be honored on Holy Thursday, 7:00 p.m. worship. Contact Pastor Norb: Pastornorb@tllc.org to register.

Handbells

TLLC has enjoyed the music of handbells for 22 years, thanks to the original generous donation of Ellie Erchinger. Now these same bells need some TLC (tender loving care). They periodically need to be tuned, repaired, adjusted and polished to preserve their usefulness and value. It has been 10 years since our bells were refurbished.

TLLC Handbell ministry needs to raise approximately \$1500 for this service. We hope to send our bells for work this summer. If you appreciate the beautiful music of the handbells and would like to contribute to the cost of this service, please make your check to TLLC and write "handbells" on the memo line.

APRIL 10 is HANDBELL SUNDAY featuring lots of music by both of our handbell choirs.

Spring Break

Children's Sunday School will not meet the week of Spring Break: March 13 or March 20. There will not be dinner, classes, or rehearsals on Wednesday, March 16. There will be worship at 7:00.

If you own a business or if you know someone who owns a business the Golf Benefit offers you a great way to not only support a good cause, but also to publicize your business by donating items personalized with your business logo. Even small things like pens and paper note pads will be appreciated. To donate items, call Deborah Rosenquist at 512-266-2403.

Proceeds benefit the TLLC Endowment. TLLC is a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by federal law.

Olive Wood for Lent

A limited number of Olive wood carvings with a Lenten theme crafted in the Holy Land will be available after the Lenten services. All proceeds are sent to the Evangelical Lutheran School in Beit Sahour near Bethlehem. The Olive wood effort is a project of the Social Service ministry. Visit the Olive wood display table at the office entrance.

Dr. Norb Firnhaber, Pastor
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Karen Weise, Director of Child Development Center

Bulletin Board

TRIUMPHANT LOVE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

The TLLC Quilters continue to make beautiful quilts to send to Lutheran World Relief for distribution to people in need around the world. The quilters meet at Arlene Campbell's house on Saturday mornings from 7:30-11:00 and anyone is welcome to join them. No special quilting skill is required. Questions? Contact Arlene Campbell or Janet Kres at jmkres@sbcglobal.net.

Thanks to YOU, our generous donors, HCCM was able to assist thousands of people in need in 2010. This great accomplishment, in the face of mounting economic challenges and the increased need for services, was due to the faithful support of our community. More at <http://tllc.org/tllc-stories>
—Hill Country Community Ministries

The Food Pantry is experiencing a shortage of plastic grocery bags. Please bring donations to the giving market.. HCCM does not need any more plastic water bottles. Thanks for all of the contributions in the past.

The TLLC Child Development Center is conducting registration for the next school year. Paperwork is available on the door to the school. Questions: Karen at 346-1323 or Karen@tllc.org.

Internationally acclaimed classical guitarist IAKOVOS KOLANIAN to play in the TLLC sanctuary, Saturday, March 12 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets: <http://eventsinaustin.com/index.html>
Sponsored by the Armenian community of Austin and the Austin chapter of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association.

The TLLC Readers will meet Sunday, March 27 at 12:30 in the library to discuss *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. If you plan to attend, contact Bobbie Groat at b.groat@sbcglobal.net or 342-2389 to make lunch selections. All are welcome!

The Prayer Shawl Group will meet the 2nd and 4th Thursdays in March (March 10 and 24) in the Parlor.

Thanks to everyone who supported Taste of India—about 80 individuals attended and, and we raised over \$1,600.

PrimeTimers meet March 17 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. The Scharlaus will talk about their trip with Water to Thrive. At their April meeting, the CDC children will perform.

Griefshare. Join us Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30 in the library. Attend each week or whenever you can.

2010 statements were e-mailed to members in January. If you did not receive your statement, please e-mail Bennie Engelke : bengelke@austin.rr.com.

Calling All Adults & Youth



Coming to Triumphant Love November 5 and 6, 2011 *under the Direction of Merrill Jones, Carol Holck, and Claudia Teinert*. A full-scale musical production (a la Zilker Theater) performed by TLLC adult members and youth, 6th grade and up. For complete information on all the ways to get involved: <http://tllc.org/files/Moses.pdf>

Listen to the music: <http://www.mosesmusical.net/song-by-song/>

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From Pastor Norb

...The holy season of Lent begins this month with the Day of Ashes – Wednesday, March 9. The Gospel voices for the Sundays of this time are key-noted in the Gospel of John. Some of Jesus' most telling and lengthy conversations occur in these readings: he visits with Nicodemus about being born again...with a woman by a Samaritan well that Jesus connects with living water...with a man born blind and Jesus being Light...and with Lazarus coming from a place of death to that of life. These stories say much about the life-giving intent of Jesus Christ. Yes, rich focus in Lenten worship.

...Speaking of conversation...our Wednesday evening worship in Lent will engage us in visiting with each of the disciples. These will be dialogues (and trialogs) with disciples like us – translating the meaning of Jesus into our 21st century lives.

....Another rich legacy of Lent at TLLC is the Lenten devotions book – authored by members of our congregation. The Spirit will enable mutual feeding of one another through these words and prayers. Available in the narthex.

...Letters were sent at mid-month from congregation chair, Richard Klingner, and from me sharing a decision I have reached: to enter the world of retirement in June. This has been a most difficult step because of my joy in ministry at Triumphant Love. As I noted in my letter to our people – a combination of positive factors at this time are involved in this kind of decision.

- the chronological reality of becoming 67 in February.
- we are graced with a gifted staff and outstanding lay leadership, and our new structure has freed me up to do more pastoral ministry. These make it easier to conclude my ten-year ministry with you.

- I covet more time with family (also five grandkids) and in interim ministries and service to the community—while I am still blessed with health.
- I plan and hope to work with as much vigor as possible in these final four months. Our splendid Church Council will guide the transition steps with the Spirit's wisdom and grace.
- I hope Geanie and I can share our final Sunday with you on June 12—the Festival of Pentecost – a special day to honor the Lord of the Church.

We enter the “high and holy” seasons of Lent and Easter in the Spirit of the Christ.

And God be with you.

Pastor Norb Firnhaber

TLLC ENRICHES THE LIVES OF OTHERS

Recently one of our members gave a prayer shawl to her friend who is pregnant and fighting Leukemia. Her friend thanks TLLC in her blog:

People's Kindness Can Be Astounding! I just want to again thank you all for your positive, caring thoughts, and prayers you send our way. I continue to get little jokes, cards, awesome care packages, and encouragement on a daily basis just by reading the comments you leave us in our guestbook. The other day a woman came through my room and offered me a donated hand-made beanie and gorgeous quilt. The fact that people are so willing to use their talents and time to brighten someone's day is just awesome. I'd also like to thank Triumphant Love Lutheran Church for including me in your prayer shawl ministry. The shawl you have gifted me with is so soft and beautiful. I think it has such a special message that goes along with it that I wanted to share.....*It is our prayer that you will use this shawl as a mantle of love: wrap it around you when you go out, when you feel down, when you pray, when you sleep, whenever you feel a need for love and support. The stitches form a pattern based on three: The pattern represents God the father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Always remember that prayers for your comfort and healing in mind, body, and spirit are woven into it through the love and prayers of the crafter who made it.* I have already wrapped myself in it, for comfort or when I am having a down moment. I feel so blessed.

Join us for WORSHIP

**Worship with us Sunday mornings 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00
Sunday School and Adult Education at 9:30
Class schedule: <http://tllc.org/ministries/sunday-school>**

March 6 **Sunday School Pancake Breakfast Mardi Gras Celebration Party** at 9:30. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for arts and crafts and sing-a-longs. Breakfast will be provided by the youth, as part of a fundraiser.

March 20 Liturgy in Blue 9:30 and 11:00
(Note the additional time.)
March 27 Pastor Heide Harris preaching



Worship on March 9, noon and 7:00 p.m.
Anointing with ashes and Holy Communion
6:00 adult choir rehearsal—all singers—choir room.
This is the only rehearsal for singing at 7:00.

**Pastor Norb's Wednesday night class will NOT MEET
March 9 or March 16.**

Midweek worship during Lent—**Now and Then Disciples**
Lenten dialogues with the Apostles by Merlin Conrad
Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Special Events

- March 2 New Member Class Begins (9:30 a.m.)
- March 5 or 6 Crop Walk
- March 6 Mardi Gras Breakfast (9:30 a.m.)
- March 9 Ash Wed. Worship (noon & 7:00 p.m.)
- March 12 – IAKOVOS KOLANIAN to play at TLLC (8:00 p.m.)
- March 16 Lent Worship (7:00 p.m.)
(NO dinner, classes, or rehearsals)
- March 20 Liturgy in Blue (9:30 and 11:00)
- March 23 Lent Worship (7:00 p.m.)
- March 27 Pastor Heidi Harris preaching
- March 30 Lent Worship (7:00 p.m.)

Visit www.tllc.org for complete calendar

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