

November 2025



TIERRASANTALUTHERANCHURCH

**"SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE, SERVING GOD'S CHILDREN,
TRANSFORMING LIVES, MAKING DISCIPLES"**

TRUNK OR TREAT 2025





Pizza
Prayers &
Pumpkins
October 2025



Prayers & Squares

Prayers and Squares was so happy to assist in the completion of the Lutheran World Relief Quilts. Weren't they a sight to behold in the sanctuary on October 19th? It was another great year of sewing, layering, tying and zig-zagging! As always, we sincerely thank Ginny Pence for the many hours she worked, providing the pre-cut kits and then boxing the quilts for the ingathering! We pray the quilts get to those folks in need around the world.

Now we can get back to Prayers and Squares quilting.....but wait, we now have a Challenge from Nancy Carter and Doren Reese to make Linus Project quilts, especially for teenagers. We will reveal and turn those in on the first Saturday in November (11/1.) The theme was to be "nature inspired," so we look forward to seeing how that translated into quilts for children. Keep an eye on the back table in the sanctuary as the quilts for Linus Project get completed.

We are already planning our Christmas luncheon at our favorite Country Waffles restaurant on Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, opposite the Kaiser Medical Center. Stay tuned for the date and more details.

Hope to see you on November 1st and 15th in the Fellowship Hall from 9-12. Join us for our work parties and socialization.

For information on dedicating a quilt, please contact our Church administrator Elizabeth at 858-560-8688. Elizabeth will direct you to a member of P&S ministry to help you go through the process of dedicating a prayer quilt.

Quilts dedicated in October were for: Jasmine McPherson, sponsors: Robin Holt and Adriana Gilmore; Kayle Palmer, sponsor: Charlotte Palmer.



KID'S CHOIR FUN WEDNESDAYS AT 4:30PM!

We meet in the centrum at 4:30pm. All kids are welcome! The choir is for kids ages 4-10 years old! Performance every first Sunday of the month

Rehearsals Wednesday at 4:30 in the sanctuary. Please contact Pastor Bohdan with questions.



Family Wednesday Worship Join us each Wednesday afternoon at 5:10pm for a kids message and special music for the entire family. We're headed over to GRACE NIGHT afterwards. See Pastor Bohdan if you want to get involved.

TLC Food Pantry Thanks to all who has been stocking the pantry! There is a big turn-around on items; a definite indication that it is well used. Currently the pantry is bare, so please consider donating nonperishable food items. Simply open the doors and add non-perishable food items. Thank you.

TLC CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

has been set for November 16th following the **9am unity service**. One service that day!
All voting members are encouraged to attend.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING LUNCH VOLUNTEERS

We're looking for a few volunteers to over see the "food portion" of the TLC congregational meeting on November 16th. The food will be in the kitchen (thank you Derry Pence for picking it up!) We also need a few people to put the food out on the tables.

Please contact Elizabeth in the church office if you can help! 858-560-8688.
eduffield@tierrasantalutheran.org

Conversations, is on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 6:45pm. Join us for a GRACE night meal from 5:30 to 5:55pm and then have our meeting following. Bill Stephenson will continue to be the teacher/facilitator and has developed a curriculum, titled, **24 AND Me: A DIVINE DNA SEARCH FOR RELATIVES FROM THE BIBLE**. The purpose and intent of the curriculum is to discover how we might be related to various characters that pen the pages of the Bible. Is it possible that some of their DNA may be running through our veins? Can we examine the behavior of various biblical characters and perhaps see how we may be related to them? Such as: Methuselah, Sarah and Hagar, Moses, David, Jezebel, and Solomon, to name a few. Everyone is welcome to attend. Each class stands on its own, so you can decide each week whether or not to attend. It will also be Zoomed if requested in advance. But please contact Bill if you have further questions or clarification. He can be reached at stephenson2789@gmail.com or by phone: 619-388-9125.

TIJUANA HOME BUILD – VOLUNTEERS & SUPPORT NEEDED!

We're just weeks away from the Tijuana Home Build on November 22–23, and we're still looking for volunteers and financial support to make it happen! To donate, visit the church website and note "Tijuana Home Build", or give during offering with the same note on the envelope. If you're interested in joining the team or learning more, contact Matthew Hall at matthew.c.hall02@gmail.com. 858 263 9860. No experience needed—just a willing heart and a valid passport.

A great big THANK YOU to all that were able to donate blood to the San Diego Blood Bank on Sunday, October 12th! Raymond Wilson, our contact at the San Diego Blood Bank, the blood drive collected 23 units of blood saving up to 69 lives!!! There were also four first-time donors. We had a significant number of new donors thanks to Candy Yolles, a Tierrasanta resident and long-time blood donor, who encouraged her friends to donate blood at our drive in celebration of her October birthday. What a great idea! Thanks again to everyone!! You're awesome!!! Our next blood drive will be on Sunday, April 30, 2026.

TACO (Third Avenue Charitable Organization) It's our turn again to serve the late afternoon meal at 1st Lutheran for T.A.C.O.!!! This is always a rewarding time to help the disadvantaged. If you can, **please join us on Monday, November 10th!** We're meeting here at church at 2:45 pm to carpool down to First Lutheran to help in this valuable food ministry from 3:15 to 5:15 pm. We need ten volunteers! There will be a sign-up sheet on a clipboard in the narthex or you can email me, Rhea Fogg, at rheafogg@att.net, if you prefer. Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic help in the special outreach!!

Live Nativity Event - December 6th!

Our next planning meeting is Nov. 9th at 11:15am. We are planning another fantastic live nativity event here at TLC and there are many ways you can get involved. Please contact Bernie Tomsovic. There is also a rolling board in the church narthex that has many items we can use - and you can donate towards them. Take a Christmas ornament from the board that indicates things we need. You can also mark your offering "live nativity" and your donations will go towards funding this event. Thank you.



Prayer Group Bring your own cup of coffee. Join us for half an hour in the TLC centrum **November 8th at 9 a.m.!** Hope to see you then! Saturday each month, please leave any prayer requests in the notebook on the high table in the foyer.

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Prayers of the Faithful Prayers of God's strength for those TLC members in assisted living facilities: Reid Bixler, Barbara Berg, Anita Vadis, Brandi Vadis, Marianne d'Arnaud, Ellen Mize, Frank Fogg, Suzanne Till, Carol Bergdahl, Mike George, Diane Raines, Kathy Kelly and Anastasia Balmaceda.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study is held at the Denny's Restaurant at 9898 Mira Mesa Blvd at 8am. We use the Serendipity Bible, and copies are provided. We will be reading the Gospel. Pastor will buy breakfast for anyone attending the first time. All are welcome!

Linus Layering
Join us at 9am on the first Tuesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall as we work to create beautiful Linus children's quilts for those in need. **See you December 2.**

Crossways Bible Study Please join Pastor Vadis on Wednesday at 7pm or Thursday at 10am as we read and study the Bible cover to cover. You can also watch on Zoom:
Bible Study
if the hyperlink doesn't work here is the zoom information:
meeting ID: 858 9929 9447
password: biblestudy

Social Ministry Updates

The following activities for Social Ministry are on schedule for this year:

T.A.C.O. Meal Service at 1st Lutheran on Mondays (November 10)

ELCA Good Gifts, Reverse Advent Calendar (food drive)

Lutheran Border Concerns Ministry (LBCM)
Rice and Beans, and Sock Drives in December

Advent and Christmas Decorating!

It's almost time for our annual decorating in the centrum as we prepare for Advent and Christmas. We'll be putting up the trees and unpacking the Christmons, hanging the wreaths and adding the lights everywhere. You are invited to join us on Saturday, November 29th at 11am for decorating, good fellowship and some refreshments as well. Please see Ann McCann with questions. The first Sunday in Advent this year is on November 30th.

Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social

We're planning another *delicious* pie gathering right after the 7pm Wednesday Thanksgiving Eve worship service. We're looking for a few volunteers to help cut the pies and make coffee. Please contact Elizabeth in the church office if you are available to help!



Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service. Join us on Wednesday, November 26th at 7pm for worship and stay afterwards for pie!

The church office will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 26th & 27th for the Thanksgiving weekend.

The Golden Circle is a TLC designated fund which allows Pastor to provide financial support for specific needs, which may be local, within our congregation, in our community or further afield, to include Ukraine. The Golden Circle is not supported by our budget or General Fund but relies on designated contributions.

Wish List for 10am We are looking for special offerings for the acoustic guitar we purchased for our GO Band musicians. The guitar cost \$3,340.70 and we've raised \$1,395.00 to date. Please consider giving. Please mark your donation "guitar". Thank you for your consideration.



Preschool
Tierrasanta Lutheran Church

We just had an exciting couple of days at preschool. We had our Halloween costume parade and parties, and the Fire Department stopped by and showed us all their safety gear and the fire engine. This is exciting business for a child. Preschool is in full holiday mode; there is so much coming in the next 6 weeks. We are prepping for our 2nd

Annual Friendsgiving feast where we invite the families to join us for a full Thanksgiving meal.

The preschool children will sing at 4:15 on December 6th, just before the Live Nativity begins. Please mark your calendars and plan on arriving to the Live Nativity a little early to support the TLC Preschool children.

On Saturday, December 13th at 9am, we're hosting our Breakfast with Santa fundraiser. All are welcome, please invite your friends and family. Every child receives a gift from Santa, as well as a photo with Santa, we will have a craft area, hot chocolate station, and serve pancakes, bacon, fresh fruit, and donut holes. Keep your eye out for the official invitation!

-Melissa Vargas



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4th Ruth Loucks
5th Gloria Green
James Morketter
6th Jess Willhite
7th Jerry Rian
8th Pam Kantrud
Olivia Thunder
10th Steve Streightiff
11th Denise Herich
13th Carol St. Cook
14th Karen Blevins
15th Norm Ryan
Ben Wohlfeil
16th JoAnn Saenz
Mary Streightiff

19th Jo Vroman
22nd Ron Lopez
24th Randy Frater
27th Jess Wallace

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

5th Neal & Cheryl Soderberg
6th Chuck & Liz Merryman
12th Marc & Angela Martin
29th Jim & Marcia Abbott

If you have a birthday or wedding anniversary that isn't on our monthly list, please let Elizabeth in the church office know. We certainly want to send you best wishes for your special day.

MOC November 2025

We're busy. Our calendars are crowded, and our lives are overcommitted, especially this time of year. Holiday plans, travel plans, meal plans and of course gift giving seem to take center stage. It's also a time, if we can slow down for a New York minute, to reflect and give thanks for the abundance gifted to us. MOC is thankful for the support you have given us this year and in the last decade. We are thankful to have been a channel through which you have passed on your appreciation for our military families. Your generosity this fall meant that over 280 children from military families received new or gently used clothing at the Children's Clothing Fair. We are thankful for all those who donated clothing, who volunteered and who offered prayers for a successful outreach.

Are you looking for more ways to "pay it forward"? Can you help a military family celebrate Thanksgiving? The donation period for MOC's annual Thanksgiving Military Appreciation Food Drive ends Monday, November 3rd. This drive provides the makings for a traditional Thanksgiving Day dinner for each family, and we usually have well over 100 families requesting a dinner package. We are confident that with your help TLC can provide dinners for these military families on the morning of Saturday, November 22nd. If you haven't yet donated, please consider doing so (and get your donations in by this Sunday or Monday morning!). Dinner packages cost \$45 each, but any amount will help. Our thanks for your continued support of our military families

As Veterans Day approaches, we pause to Remember and Honor those who have served and who now rest in one of the 156 National Cemeteries around the world. By doing so we teach the next generation about what it is to serve and sacrifice for our country to protect the freedom and rights we hold dear.

If you wish to continue to show your gratitude for our fallen heroes, we encourage members to support Wreaths Across America by sponsoring a wreath(s) to place on the graves of service members at Miramar National Cemetery. You can also participate in laying the wreaths on Saturday, December 13th. If you are able donate a wreath, please follow the link below:

www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/CA0452.



If you donate two wreaths, Miramar National Cemetery receives a third wreath free. If you prefer to donate to another military cemetery, please visit www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org and search for the military cemetery of your choice. This is an international effort to place a wreath on every grave of an American hero.

Finally, we offer you another way to "pay it forward", in time for Christmas! MOC will again team up with STEP (Support the Enlisted Project) to support its annual Christmas "Sharing the Joy" Toy Drive and Adopt a Family projects. Each year STEP has over 200 local military families registering for "adoption", and while many are adopted, some are not. For those families, the toy drive ensures that the children of non-adopted families "share the joy" of receiving toys. We encourage congregation members to purchase a toy(s) to make sure no child is left without a gift at Christmas. Toys are needed for both young and older children. Toys should not be wrapped, just remove the price tag and put them in one of the boxes in the foyer by Sunday, December 14th.

Additionally, MOC will be adopting at least one family again this year, ensuring that each member of the family receives gifts from a provided wish list. If anyone is interested in learning more about adopting a family, you can go to the STEP website for more information or contact Wayne Duke or Linda Moeller.

If you are still here, reading at the end of this article and would like to find out more about MOC and our mission, please join us at our next meeting, Wednesday, November 12th at 3:00 p.m. Meetings are held in the Fellowship Hall and through ZOOM.

Murphy Canyon Plane Crash Response

This past spring, members and friends of TLC raised \$9100 to help military families in Murphy Canyon impacted by the plane that crashed into their neighborhood. Most of the monies raised, \$7100, were used to purchase VISA debit cards which were given to Hancock Elementary administrators. Please take a minute to see how your generosity helped those families.

Hancock Elementary

May 2025 Financial Support

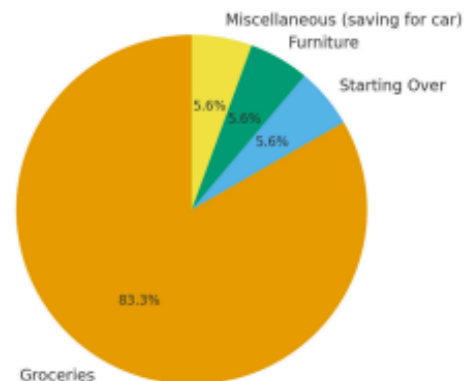


MOC GIFT CARDS (15)

\$7,100 TOTAL



Distribution of Financial Support Usage

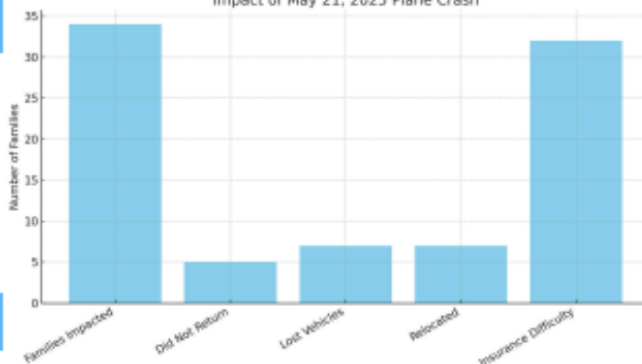


PIE CHART - DISTRIBUTION OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT USAGE

This shows how families used the gift cards/financial aid:

- The majority (15 families) used support for groceries.
- 1 family mentioned having to start over.
- 1 family mentioned the need to purchase furniture.
- 1 family mentioned having to save for a car (miscellaneous).

Impact of May 21, 2025 Plane Crash



BROADER IMPACT

- 34 families were affected.
- 5 families did not return to Hancock (due to PCS or promotion to middle school).
- 7 families lost vehicles and were relocated.
- Thirty-two families had difficulty waiting for insurance policies, as they had to wait for financial support.
- 2 families refused assistance (their portion was redistributed).
- Four families did not return my call; voicemail and contact information were left.

HANCOCK FAMILIES

Families consistently expressed gratitude for the support. Many emphasized that groceries were their most immediate and pressing need. A few families without renters' insurance were in especially dire straits, as they lost possessions without compensation. Seven families experienced permanent relocations after losing vehicles, making recovery more difficult.

Although 2 families declined assistance, all available support was distributed across the community, ensuring no resources went unused.

Families reported using gift cards for groceries, clothes, furniture, and gas, aligning with essential needs.

Due to the nature of our practice and for the protection of our families' privacy, we cannot share specific information.

If you have any other questions, please contact Abi Avila at aavila2@sandi.net or 619.363.4696

First Communion Sunday Was Celebrated on November 2, 2025.



Elena León Quirino



Macy Layne Abbott



As a TLC tradition, the first communion families are given a recipe by Pastor Bohdan to make the communion bread for Sunday. Pictured about is Macy Abbott making the communion bread for first communion Sunday.



Daniella Evelyn Colson

Hello TLC family!

So many in my family love the Fall Season colors. I love the colors and I also love the Fall Church Year Readings for worship, along with the Hymns and anthems that they inspire! We finish up October Sundays tomorrow, (10/26), and using “future perfect tense” verbs..... I hope that as you get this letter, you “will have” enjoyed the Oct26th Reformation Sunday Trumpeter, Ever Aguilar, playing on “A Mighty Fortress”, “The Church’s One Foundation”, and the Choir and Bell Choir Anthems.

We hope that our Pastor Vadis “will have “ enjoyed his 50th birthday on Oct. 28th. Many in the Lunch Bunch Retired Group added their stories to some passed out sheets entitled: “the year I turned 50”, sharing their perspectives on age 50 for THEMSELVES , as some of them are aged 90 and up! (If any of you want to share “my life at 50” with our Pastor, see BFrater. I still have more sheets!) We are glad you were born half a century ago, Pastor Bohdan!!! Right now you still have 2.5 days to be 49!

Back to the congregation, we also hope you and family “will have” enjoyed fun types of Halloween Trunk Treats, and all of the pumpkin & brown sugar favorites as October 2025 fades away.

NOVEMBER — Many more Fall colors:

1. if you recall special Christians, now deceased, who taught you about Jesus, and inspired you with their lives, then Sunday, November 2 will be a great time to direct your thoughts to sing about them with gratitude. It’s All Saints Sunday! *

2. Many of us musicians are directing music efforts toward our Wednesday 7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service on November 26th. We are thankful for all of you at TLC!

3. November 23rd is the Final Sunday in the 24/25 Church Year, & is also called “Christ the King “ Sunday. Big music day yet again! Color is White and Hymns are triumphant!

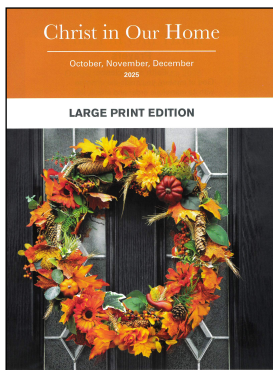
Then before we leave November , we BEGIN a NEW Church year calendar on Sunday November 30th with a change to the color BLUE for the First Sunday in Advent for year ‘25-‘26. This New Year the Sunday Gospel readings will be mostly from Matthew.

May all of you treasured TLC members and friends have a Blessed November!!

*Remember to sleep 1 hour LONGER when the time changes, November 2!!!! You don’t want to join the WIWH club (Wish I Would Have). Set clocks BACK and hope the AI stuff works!!

All Choirs from Kids Choir on up are looking to welcome more people for the upcoming Seasons. The contact info for me is: bwfr8r@gmail.com, and 858-444-0930. I’m sure that Tylor’s Kids Choir info is somewhere in this newsletter!

Peace in Christ,
Betsy Frater



CHRIST IN OUR HOME

the quarterly devotional encourages you to live out your faith daily. Each reflective reading is accompanied by a daily scripture reference and prayer for the day. The October through December edition is available now in the narthex.



Lutheran World Relief Quilts

And

School Kits



On October 19th we dedicated 85 Lutheran World Relief quilts and 225 school kits. All were delivered to Clairemont Lutheran the next day to get on a truck to to a warehouse in Baltimore before being shipped overseas.

Thank you to everyone that helped work on the quilts, donated items for the school kits and helped assemble them on the ELCA Day of Service.



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Please join us at 8:30am or 10am on Sundays for Worship
Or on Facebook Live.
Godly Play is at 10:10am on Sundays.

Thanksgiving Eve worship Wednesday, Nov. 26th at 7pm.

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(On the cover: Pirates of the Caribbean and the Taylor family!)