

# February 2026



**TERRASANTALUTHERANCHURCH**  
“SHARING CHRIST’S LOVE, SERVING GOD’S CHILDREN,  
TRANSFORMING LIVES, MAKING DISCIPLES”

Tierrasanta Lutheran Church	
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Subject: Dog Policy	Approval Signature: <i>Donna L Burton</i>
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**Purpose:**

TLC, being a congregation that values the relationship that many of our parishioners have with their pets, especially dogs, wants to allow for the positive interaction of our family pets and our church family. For the safety of our parishioners, of all ages, TLC is establishing a policy for allowing dogs on our campus.

**Policy:**

Dogs must be on a maximum 6-foot leash and under the control of their owners at all times when on the TLC church campus.

The owners of the dogs are responsible for the behaviors of their pets as well as the safety of all parishioners.

Dogs are welcome in most common areas of the campus but the owner must use good judgement when bringing their dog to the TLC campus.

The owners must be cognizant of the feelings of other church members and remember that not all members of our church feel comfortable around dogs.

Dogs are not allowed in the church kitchen or other food preparation areas of the church campus at any time.

Dogs are not allowed at events where the primary purpose of the event is indoor Food Service (e.g. GRACE night).

Under no circumstances should any animal be allowed in food preparation areas or at indoor Food Service events with the exception of Service Animals.

Dog owners and other parishioners are responsible for the policing of this policy by having responsible and positive conversations with each other when a violation of this policy occurs.

If necessary, the church council will be made aware of any continued violations of this policy by a church member and their dog.

The council has the right to request that person who violates this policy not bring their dog to the church campus in the future.

In the case a dog is found to show aggressive behavior toward a parishioner or other visitor to our church, (e.g., biting, attacking), the Church Council can exercise the right to permanently bar the dog from visits to the church campus.



## Update from Christine Keiper in Tanzania

The Tanzanian government is requiring that all secondary schools' course offerings include business classes starting Jan 2026. We will be funding an additional teacher from this point on. We think this makes a lot of sense for Tanzania.

This morning, I received a text message from Elizabeth, one of the very first class of students. She wanted to continue school, had refused an arranged marriage and her father had kicked her out of the boma in the middle of the night (in the bush of Tanzania). She and her mother walked through the night to a road, then she hitched a ride to the home of an uncle. Eventually, Rose and Wilson took her in as a student in the first preparatory class. Today she lives and works as a cook and seamstress in Dar Es Salaam, is married to a man she met at church, and has a child. Here is her text: (she calls me mom and also madam)

"Hello mom, I miss you so much. I can't wait to see you again. Good evening, madam. Say hi to your family and Ruth and tell them I love them and remember what you did in my life. I really appreciate it and hold [treasure] it. May God bless you and ask God protection upon you all."

Ruth was a visiting supporter and board member. She represents you and all supporters. Elizabeth got her start in sewing from the humble program that Bernie spearheaded. The thanks and love goes to all. Would you mind sharing with the church? We remember the generous donation collected when Mark and Jeanne visited Tierrasanta Lutheran and appreciated it so much.

We leave for Tanzania in about a week. Here we go!

God bless you,  
Christine

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## It's our Turn Again To Serve the Late Afternoon Meal at 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran for T.A.C.O.!!!

This is always a rewarding time to help the disadvantaged. If you can, please join us on Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:rheafogg@att.net), if you prefer.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic help in this special outreach!!

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## Social Media Planning Meeting

Sunday, February 1st directly following the 10am service and Godly Play in the library. Please see Rhea Fogg.



## Prayers & Squares

Prayers and Squares had a great start to 2026. We are back in the swing of our many projects. The closet is fairly full of Prayer Quilts, so we welcome you to sponsor one for a loved one in need of our prayer support. The blue trifold brochure in the narthex rack explains the steps or you can always ask any of the sewers.

As I write this, we are still anticipating our Annual Mystery Quilt sewing frenzy on Jan 23, 24. Jo Vroman will again reveal directions every few hours to sew our fabrics into a wonderful design that will surprise us when completed. Many of us choose to use patriotic colors to be ready for our marching drill team in the May parade in Tierrasanta.

Our meetings in February will be the 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>---please join us for fellowship and layering of quilts.







## GRACE Night Lenten Tradition Continues

Nothing like a nice hot bowl of soup during these “chilly” San Diego evenings! Once again the GRACE Night team will be serving up soups, salads, and breads during Lent. Our Confirmands will prepare the meal on Ash Wednesday, but we are looking for members who might want to share a favorite recipe on other Wednesday GRACE nights. If you’d like to contribute a pot or two of hearty soup or stew during Lent, please contact Gretchen Veihl at 858-232-5698 or [gveihl@att.net](mailto:gveihl@att.net). Thank you!

## 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.

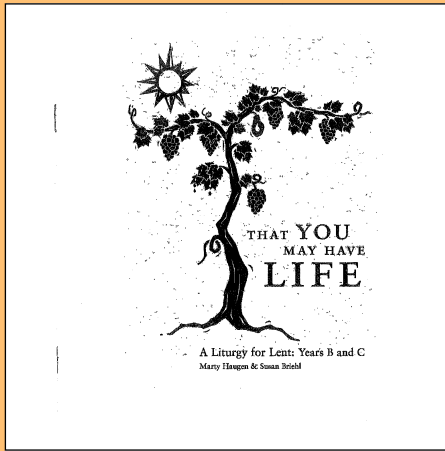
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## Ash Wednesday

We begin the season of Lent with the observance of Ash Wednesday, a season that lasts until Easter Sunday, April 5th. The Ash Wednesday Liturgy will include the Imposition of Ashes. The ashes used on Ash Wednesday are an extraordinarily rich symbol rooted in ancient customs and practices. Ashes suggest penitence, cleansing and renewal and, as they are applied to our foreheads in the sign of the cross, we hear the words “*Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.*” The ashes remind us that life is short, but God’s grace is great and eternal.

**Ash Wednesday Service  
(7:00pm) February 18th.**



## Weekly Lenten Services

### Wednesdays at 7pm

February 25, Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25

### Meet Our New Kids Choir Director!

Tetiana Ordone is a dedicated music teacher and proud military spouse originally from Ukraine. As a child, she dreamed of becoming a pianist and traveling the world—ambitions she later fulfilled.

Her musical journey began at age six, practicing on a neighbor's old, out-of-tune upright piano. Raised in a family of engineers, few could have predicted that her early fascination with music would lead her to graduate with honors from the Glier Kyiv Institute of Music and later earn a Master's Degree from the National Music Academy of Ukraine.

Tetiana started her teaching career at the renowned Kyiv Stetzenko Music School for adult students, while also teaching gifted children at the Lysenko Kyiv Specialized Music Boarding School. Her outstanding contributions to Ukraine's cultural life earned her the Kyiv Mayor's Award twice.

In 2009, Tetiana pursued her passion for travel by becoming a piano performer for major cruise lines. This "dream come true" experience allowed her to perform across the Seven Seas, sharing her love of piano with audiences worldwide. Each Sunday at sea, she participated in an interdenominational church service, accompanying captains as they led weekly spiritual gatherings.

After nearly a decade at sea, Tetiana transitioned from performing to join her husband, U.S. Navy active-duty member Robert Ordone. She resumed her piano teaching career in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and later in Albuquerque, New Mexico, primarily teaching children from military families. During this time, she was actively involved in the music ministry at Covenant United Methodist Church, serving as a church choir accompanist. A subsequent move eventually brought her family to San Diego, California.

Tetiana's teaching philosophy focuses on creating a joyful, high-quality learning environment for students of all ages and skill levels. She values diversity and strives to inspire and empower young musicians to express themselves through music, building confidence on and off the stage. For Tetiana, music is a form of prayer and praise.





## MOC February 2026

Winter months are generally quiet for members of the Military Outreach Committee (MOC), but that doesn't mean we've been on vacation! We continue our outreach to military families whose children attend Hancock or Miller Elementary Schools with the distribution of supplemental food packages through deliveries from Feeding San Diego. Currently Hancock receives deliveries twice monthly and Miller once a month. Each distribution will feed between 100 and 200 families and provides much needed assistance to our young military neighbors.

Although we are still "wintering", we are already planning the spring Military Children's Clothing Fair. The first Clothing Fair of 2026 will be on March 26<sup>th</sup>. We will start collecting new and/or gently used children's clothing on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Watch for more information next month, but it's not too early to talk to friends and family about this wonderful way to help our military families!

If you have any questions about MOC, would like to join us at any of the Hancock or Miller food distributions, or would like to attend a meeting, please contact Beckie at [beckieryan626@gmail.com](mailto:beckieryan626@gmail.com).



## Hello TLC Family!

There are certainly lots of ways that this congregation finds for doing ministry and socializing together! Congrats to all the innovating "thinkers" at TLC!

February will be the same only different in both categories!

As far as worship (at the 8:30), There are 3 Sundays with Epiphany celebrated, but Feb 15, we have Epiphany followed by an abrupt change. On that date Transfiguration is celebrated with Jesus on the mountaintop. Then Ash Wednesday follows on February 18. From that time on we have a lot of our beautiful Lenten hymns and liturgy music in place. Purple is the color you'll see, also, on the banners, and Pastor Vadis' stole. Of course many in our choirs are invited to "dig out your Purple".

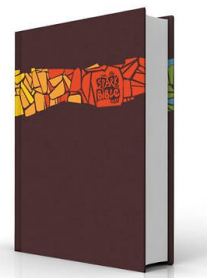
Socially at TLC there will be events featuring Red, as well as Red, White, and Blue. There will be a musical reference here and there, relating to Jesus as our best Valentine, and to our gratitude to God for our still free and great country even heartbreak happening.

Blessings and Christ's deep Peace to you all in February!

Betsy Frater (still learning all the ins and outs of the new Yamaha clavinoval!)

## Bibles For Our Fourth Graders

Do you have a fourth grader who would like to receive a Bible from TLC? Contact Elizabeth in the church office or sign up in the narthex. Bible class will be after the 10am service on February 15th and children will receive their Bibles on Sunday, February 22nd. 858-560-8688 or [eduffield@tierrasantalutheran.org](mailto:eduffield@tierrasantalutheran.org)



## 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 February 3rd.**

**Prayer Group** Bring your own cup of coffee. Join us for half an hour in the TLC centrum **February 14th 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, Brandi Vadis, James Vadis, Marianne d'Arnaud, Ellen Mize, Frank Fogg, Mike George, Diane Raines, Barbara Vann, 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!



**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

## Endowment Fund

Can you think of a project you'd like to undertake or an organization that could use some cash to help fulfill their mission? The 2026 Grant Pool allocation is \$2000 dollars. Apply for an Endowment Fund Grant. Help TLC use the fund to enhance our spiritual ministry, human needs ministry, or educational ministry.

Endowment Fund Grant Application Forms are available from the church office and are to be completed and submitted to the church office on or before March 15, 2026. These will be reviewed by the Grant Review Task Force (Executive Council), who will recommend fund allocation to the full council for initial approval, then to the congregation at the summer congregational meeting for final approval.



**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.

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**Wish List:** We have purchased from Greene Music a Yamaha Clavanova Digital Piano for the church (and a dolly). It has authentic sounding piano and organ sounds (Concert Grande, Bosendorfer, Studio Grand; for the organ: English Organ, Italian Organ). We are looking for donations to cover the \$6179.46 price. Please mark your donations "piano". Thank you.

**Children's Ministry Coordinator** We are looking for a new Children's Ministry Coordinator. We are searching for a caring and committed person to work with the children and families of TLC and our community. This person will provide primary leadership for children and families at TLC. They will work with church members and staff team, equip and inspire children as they begin a lifetime of discipleship and adventure in following Jesus into his Kingdom, equip parents, and serve as a liaison for family ministry to the congregation and larger community. Please contact Pastor Bohdan if you are interested.

**TLC's Social Media Content Team Is Still Forming.** We had our first meeting in January and already have some fun creative ideas in the works. This is a fun imaginative group where you can help craft social media posts, photos, videos, and more to share our story online. Everyone is welcome. No experience necessary! For more information or to get involved, please contact Sandra Taylor : [staylor@san.rr.com](mailto:staylor@san.rr.com)

## **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

1st Donna Roberts  
7th Bernie Tomsovic  
9th Don Bruns  
10th Timothy George  
11th Allison Veihl  
16th Elizabeth Duffield  
Ken Ross  
18th Kathy Warburton  
24th Lisa Johnson  
Christina Bays  
25 Evan Holt  
27th Bill Dudley  
28th Wanda Mounier

## **FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

3rd Stephan & Roni Cripps  
21st Neil & Barbara Vann  
25th Chris & Denise Herich

*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.*

# Facilities Corner Report for January 2026

- Our DOFE team continues to work hard on items that need to be done around the church. The priority of DOFE has been on keeping the church buildings & landscape looking good, addressing issues as they arise, and doing preventive maintenance to avoid future problems.
- Lead by the DOFE, assisted by the Wayne Duke, Mike McCann, Stan Duffield, and Randy Frater, and with the help of the Chain Gang, Scouts and volunteers. The Chain Gang Workday was held on January 17th. We had a great turnout of volunteers including the Chain Gang, 2 Scouts from Troop 2, and other volunteers. The main part of the effort was focused on spreading the mulch around in the front area next to the street. This is a big area and a lot of progress was made moving mulch using wheel barrows from large piles of mulch and then spreading it using pitch forks & rakes.

## Work completed by the Chain Gang & Scouts on Jan 17th:

1. Spread mulch in front area west of driveway & adjacent to the street
2. Trimmed trees behind bougainvillea's
3. Trimmed the trees in Memorial Garden
4. Trimmed the bougainvillea between sidewalk and mulched area
5. Trimmed the bushes & hedge near the transformer enclosure next to the Memorial Garden
6. Trimmed a tree near the rear stairs & youth building

Other accomplishments include: (1) Removed & stored lights on the trees in the parking lot islands; (2) Took down & stored the wooden Nativity stable; (3) Trimmed the bushes in front area next to the road; (4) Trimmed the acacia bushes along the west side of the parking lot; (5) Had F&S Tree Service cut & remove 4 dead trees in garden area, 1 pine tree near Youth Building & 1 tree in Pre School playground; (6) Replaced components in Pre School toilet tank & snaked the toilet; (7) Trimmed the tree next to the patio area near the benches; (8) Repaired siding around transformer by Memorial Garden; (9) Sprayed weeds in front area near drive way & church sign; (10) Took out the bush blocking view of rock cross.





**Landscaping :** Randy Frater continues to do an outstanding job of maintaining the lawns, the irrigation systems, & spraying the weeds that have been springing up all around the church property. The lawns in front of the church and Youth Building look green and beautiful.

**Volunteers for the Chain Gang workday continues to be a problem:**

The Chain Gang still desperately needs new young blood (meaning men between 18-65) to join the team (who's average age is 74). We meet on Saturday morning once a month (normally the 3rd Sat from 8:00-10:30 am) to address church landscape and maintenance tasks. If you are interested or have questions, contact Ed Holler, Wayne Duke, or Mike McCann



Valentine Dinner

February 14  
6pm

**Save  
The  
Date!**

**Tickets on sale now.  
Please see Ian Brown**

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Or on Facebook Live.  
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*(On the cover: Ladies of Prayers & Squares at the Mystery Quilt Weekend.)*