

March 2026



TERRASANTALUTHERANCHURCH

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

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Our Turn Again To Serve the Late Afternoon Meal at 1st Lutheran for T.A.C.O.!!!

T.A.C.O. Thank you!!!

A wonderful and dedicated group of TLC volunteers carpooled down to 1st Lutheran on a rainy Monday to help package individual TOGO (to go) boxes and bags full of salad, soup, bread and donuts to hand out to those in need on February 16, 2026.

Many, many thanks to Cathie and Ray Gerding, Kathy Kelly, Barbara Ochendusko, Derry Pence, Marcia Abbott, and Donna Parham for supporting the Third Avenue Charitable Organization's (T.A.C.O.) mission.

It's always a rewarding experience and is so appreciated!



Prayers & Squares

What's new with Prayers and Squares Quilting ministry??? We are hard at work on both Linus and Patriotic Quilts. Mark your calendars for the famous Patriots' Day Parade ----**May 16th**. We always need a few more marchers to fill out our ranks, so keep that in mind if you are interested in joining us. (It is only a half mile route.)

The excitement of the month is the beginning of the SHOEBOX SHUFFLE. Twelve quilters will exchange their "box" with their choice of fabrics in it over the next twelve months. Each quilter will make 1 block per month and return the box for the next sewer (clear as mud, right?)

Our work days will be March 7th and 21st. Please join us for fun, fellowship and of course, some work on layering and tying quilts.

Quilts dedicated in February were for: Courtney Grove, sponsor: Brandi Vadis.



SPRING CLEANING DATE

MARCH 21ST. Please mark your calendars and consider coming to help get our church home sparkling for Easter (which is April 5th!). Please see Ed Holler if you have questions.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS

Last year the Social Ministry Committee collected items to make school kits to be distributed by Lutheran World Relief (LWR). It was so much fun and successful that we decided to make school kits again this year to be assembled on the ELCA Day of Service in September. As always, LWR has very specific directions for each kit. With 80 years of experience, they know what ships well and what is universally useful. They also try to maintain consistency so each child receives the same items and no one child is left out. Please try to abide by the directives set out by LWR when purchasing your donations.

During the month of March we will be collecting pens and pencils. Guidelines are as follows:

Pencils – unsharpened, No. 2 pencils with an eraser

Pens – ball point pens in black or blue ink (NO gel ink)

In future months we will be asking for other items like pencil sharpeners, scissors, rulers, crayons, spiral notebooks, and erasers. But until then, just pencils and pens. Since storage can be an issue, we ask that you wait for each month's designated item. Thank you!

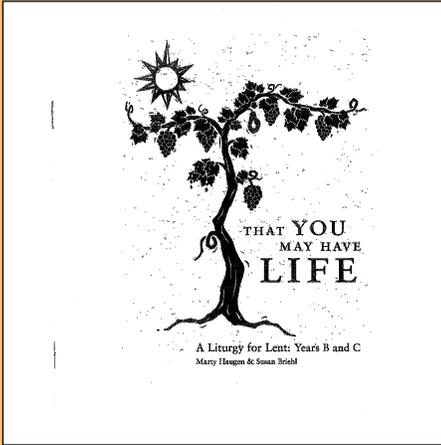
Kid's Choir Fun - Wednesdays at 4:30pm

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.

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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“Conversations” Wednesdays from 6:00 to 6:45 pm. Each class stands on its own, so you can decide each week whether or not to attend. March 4th we're discussing “Days When Praying Seems A Waste of Time” - Bill Stephenson - Scripture: Lord's Prayer; March 11 “Days When Hope Depends On You” Bill & Carol Stephenson, Psalm 23. It will also be Zoomed if requested in advance. Questions? Contact Bill Stephenson at stephenson2789@gmail.com or 619-388-9125. The class is currently reading through and discussing Dr. Stephenson's new book, **Teachable Moments**. While Dr. Stephenson is supplying the class with portions of the book each week, his book can be purchased on Amazon or from his website: www.williamstephensonbooks.com. Zoom is available upon request but you must be a member of Zoom to gain access. Just go to its website to join.



Weekly Lenten Services Wednesdays at 7pm Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25

SUPPORTING TLC'S CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAM

"Building Children's relationship with Jesus" is one of our church's deeply held values. Our members are committed to ensure that children are provided a healthy and safe environment during our many youth events.

TLC members should be familiar with our Child Protection Policy and our on-going efforts to implement and comply with the policy. Our compliance with the policy affords a significant degree of protection for our youth and vulnerable persons. The policy can be accessed from our website..... ?

We have youth events each year made possible by dedicated members who follow the policy. These members who participate are fully cleared/approved to work with youth. Our youth programs and events will continue and grow if we have an adequate number of cleared/approved members.

For future youth events this year, more members are always needed who are trained and cleared to work with youth. TLC maintains a process for training for security clearance. Anyone interested in working with youth, should contact (??).



SUNDAY SERVICE

SUNDAY
MARCH 29

**Bring A Friend
To Church**

Sharing Christ's Love, Serving God's Children,
Transforming Lives, Making Disciples

Facilities Corner Report for February 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.

Mike & Wayne have been working on a tentative design apron project for the repair of the parking lot entrance. They met with Paul Tan of 7th Day Adventist Church & discussed the entrance apron project. They agreed to try to get the project completed this summer. If not this year, we will try to get it done in 2027. \$41,000 is the rough number that would be split between the two churches for \$20,500 each. Also, the extra extension is roughly another \$10k, so our total cost would be \$30,500 (\$20,500+\$10,000). There is \$12k in a designated account marked for this, so, the remaining funds \$18,500 (\$30,500-\$12,000) would have to come out of reserves. We plan to put this on the agenda for the next Congregational Meeting in June.

The Chain Gang Workday was held on February 21st. We had a great turnout of 14 volunteers including myself. Our total effort was focused on the front area adjacent to the street. We completed spreading the mulch this entire area & trimming the bushes & trees as well.

Work completed by the Chain Gang & Scouts on Feb 21st 2026

1. Completed spreading the mulch in the entire area between the road & parking lot
2. Trimmed the tree & bushes behind the signage
3. Trimmed the magnolia behind front signage
4. Trimmed the oleander in front by electrical boxes
5. Trimmed bushes on front slope below parking lot
6. Trimmed the bushes on east slope of parking lot
7. Trimmed the bushes along south edge of parking lot

Other accomplishments include: (1) Trimmed all the trees in all of the parking lot islands; (2) Spread mulch in the front near the parking lot entrance; (3) Cut down the trunk of the large tree hanging over the east side of the youth building roof; (4) Snaked the Preschool toilet; (5) Installed remaining two outdoor security lights; (6) Hi-Tech performed preventive maintenance on the Church AC systems; (7) A new AED was installed in the Church building & the old AED was then installed in the Youth Education building.

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:

We are pleased to report that we have two new “younger” members to the Chain Gang, Mark Heisman and Jake Hagman, but we still need more 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

Our annual Spring Cleaning is scheduled for March 21st & we need lots of volunteers to complete the large number of cleaning tasks including windows, walls, floors, pews, etc. in our church. Please come & help!



PRESCHOOL SHOWCASE SUNDAY

**Please join us for a chance to celebrate the children,
acknowledge the teachers and preschool board members,
highlight our classroom and playground all while
connecting families more deeply to the congregation.**

Sun., Mar. 22nd during and after the 10am service

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT...

- Adorable children singing songs**
- Meet our wonderful Preschool
Advisory Board Members**
- Art Show and Craft**
- Classroom & Playground Tour**
- BBQ Lunch and Jumper**



**WE WANT TO CELEBRATE OUR PRESCHOOL
MINISTRY AND IT'S SUPPORTERS BECAUSE
TOGETHER, WE ARE NURTURING CHILDREN
IN FAITH, LOVE AND LEARNING. THIS
MINISTRY IS SOMETHING OUR WHOLE
CHURCH CAN BE PROUD OF.
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU HERE!**

**“LET THE LITTLE
CHILDREN COME TO ME.”
MATTHEW 19:14**



Hello TLC Family!

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We are rolling right into March now (5 more days at this writing). Blessings to you this Lenten Season 2026!

All the choir personnel have “broken out “ their liturgical purple 💜 for the Sunday morning and Wednesday evening services, and of course, and we are preparing music for worship leading with lyrics and melodies reminding of the lessons of the Lenten Season. You’ll notice that Alleluia’s are laid aside for Lent and some liturgy parts are spoken instead of sung. Postludes are omitted. Probably not all that ‘sacrificial’, but doing things this way may help us think of the great blessing of Jesus coming into our world to rescue us.

This week the singers hope to finish up our “Rap” of the books of the New Testament. This is our response to the “challenge” of the 2026 confirmands, who recorded their “Rap” of the Old Testament books several weeks ago. We HAVE to answer their challenge, even though some of us are not familiar with “Rap” music (I was rather frightened when Sandra Taylor came up with the idea). We think we can do it & we wanna try for our sweet confirmands! Their video turned out great!! Hope to rap our New Testament keeping a decent beat!! Thanks to our confirmands (all sweethearts on Spaghetti night!)

In March we face the dreaded DSHM (Daylight Saving Horror Morning) on March 8th, but we’re seeing the beautiful Spring season blooming around us as we Spring Forward. The invitation is still open to come sing with us & try a Handbell during this special season. We love our Lenten anthems and Hymns! Hope you get to hear some of your favorites! The Lord be with you all!!

Betsy at bwfr8r@gmail.com or 858-444-0930)



PRESCHOOL'S DELICIOUS SEE'S CANDY FUNDRAISER forms are available in the church narthex. **Please return all orders by March 15th for delivery to the preschool by March 22.** Online ordering is also available, with direct shipping to your home or to friends and family out of state. Thank you for supporting our preschool ministry!

The link for online ordering is...

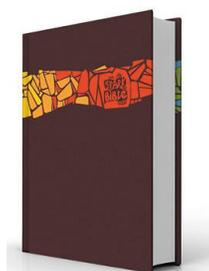
<https://www.yumraising.com/store/spring-2026-tlc-preschool-fundraiser-06f6/MelVar4739>

Thank you in advance for your support of TLC Preschool,
Melissa Vargas,
TLC Preschool Director

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 at 11:30am on March 15th. Kids will receive their Bibles on March 22nd.**

****This is a date change!!**



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 March 3rd.**

Prayer Group Bring your own cup of coffee. Join us for half an hour in the TLC centrum **March 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, James Vadis, Marianne d'Arnaud, Ellen Mize, Frank Fogg, Mike George, Barbara Vann, Anastasia Balmaceda, Armando Caragan, Mary Peters and the Caragan family at the death of Alexander Caragan.*

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!



Bible Study During Lent is lead by Pastor Vadis on Wednesdays at 7:30pm or Thursdays at 10am. We are reading THE AUGSBURG CONFSSION. 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
***There will be no class on March 4, 5 or 11 and 12. Class will resume March 18th.**

ENDOWMENT GRANT 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.

2026 Flower Chart You are invited to donate flowers on a Sunday to celebrate an important event in your life or in memory or honor of a loved one. The flower chart fills up rapidly, so sign up today. The cost of altar flowers is \$45 a week, and you will be notified by the TLC office prior to the Sunday you have chosen.

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.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Sunday, March 8th

We can turn our clocks forward.

March Birthdays

1 Jacob Hageman
2nd Melanie Writer
3rd Olivia Thunder
Aaron Russell
Charlotte Palmer
4th Paul Bixler
5th Barbara Vann
8th Troy Green
Chuck Merryman
Paul Reese
Amy Hall
9th Ed Holler
Isabelle Villa
11th Scott Garrett
17th Ian Brown
18th Anne Balmaceda
21st Jennifer Reardon
22nd Audrey Russell
25th Larry Eddy

27th Lora Clay
28th Bart Lyon
29th Moira Southworth (Brown)

March Anniversaries

1st Tony & Alyona Colson
6th Amy & Christopher Hall
22nd Don & Carol Bruns
22nd Cathi and Ray Gerding
23rd Ken & Lora Clay

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.

Military Outreach Committee

We all grew up hearing the old saying that March comes in like a lion, except when it comes in like a lamb. If you walk around any San Diego neighborhood, the signs of spring are there – no matter if it feels like we are easing into the new season or roaring into it. Spring is only a couple weeks away. Cue the budding trees. Cue the migrating whales and birds. Cue spring training! Although we can't compete with Mother Nature (or baseball), spring activities are keeping the Military Outreach Committee (MOC) busy.

First up is the Children's Clothing Fair (CCF) on Thursday, March 26th. This semi-annual ministry event helps local military families provide clothing for their growing children. We need your help! Please consider donating clean gently used clothing in infant sizes to teens. If you don't have young or school-age children or grandchildren, consider asking other relatives, friends and neighbors for donations, you may be surprised at how willing they are to help!

Donate: Gently used, clean clothing – infant sizes to teen. Donation boxes will be at TLC and the Murphy Canyon Chapel (MCC) starting on Monday, March 9.

Sort & Fold: March 23, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm at TLC Fellowship Hall.

CCF Set-up: March 25, 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm at MCC, 3200 Santo Rd.

CCF: March 26, 9:00 am – 11:00 am at MCC.



If you have any questions, please contact Beckie Ryan (619) 204-4596 or Jessie Wallace (619) 446-9146.

Next up is Baby on Board. MOC is supporting this effort by S.T.E.P. (Support the Enlisted Project) to replenish its supply of baby items. Daily baby necessities such as diapers, wipes, shampoo, blankets, teething rings, etc. are being gathered and provided to military families in need. This is the 3rd year that MOC and TLC have supported this effort. A donation box will be set-up in the church foyer from March 9 to March 29. If you have a soft spot for babies, and who doesn't, please consider helping this effort to help the youngest of our military neighbors.

Further into spring, but not too far, is the Military Appreciation Spring Food Drive. MOC's semi-annual ministry event provides local military families with a bag of grocery staples plus a Commissary gift card to purchase additional items of their choice. Food packages will be bagged on May 20th and distributed on May 23rd. Details will be coming.

Finally, MOC continues its outreach into the predominately military local elementary schools. Once a month MOC provides support for the distribution of food from Feeding San Diego. If you would like to help with the distributions at Hancock or Miller Elementary, please contact Beckie Ryan.

MOC meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 3:00 - 4:00 pm at TLC, with ZOOM available for remote participation. The next meeting is March 11th. If you are interested in finding out more about MOC, please join us for the meeting or at any of our outreaches. You can contact Beckie (619) 204-4596, Marcia (619) 206-5790 or Wayne (858) 740-1068 with any questions or comments.

We are continually grateful for all the support shown to our military neighbors from our great TLC community! Thank you.



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Save The Date
June 22-26, 2026

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Or on Facebook Live.
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(On the cover: Our confirmation kids serving Ash Wednesday soup supper)