

A close-up photograph of an elderly woman with long, light-colored hair and glasses. She is wearing a green and white floral patterned top with a white lace collar. She is holding a round, yellow communion wafer with a floral design in her right hand, presenting it towards the camera. The background is slightly blurred, showing an indoor setting with a window and a table with other items.

**April  
2026**

**TIERRASANTALUTHERANCHURCH**

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

# EASTER

## *Sunday Services*

Come and join us as we celebrate the resurrection and the joy of new life in Christ.

SUNDAY

05

2026

**6:30am Sunrise Service**

**8:30am Traditional Service, special  
choir and instrumentals**

**9a-10:30a Easter Brunch**

**10am GO Service, Contemporary  
music**

**11:15am Easter Egg Hunt**

**Bring your own basket to fill.**

**Get your picture with the Bunny!**



**March 22, 2026 three of our TLC children received one of the Christian milestones, their Bibles.**



Briella Rose Heishman

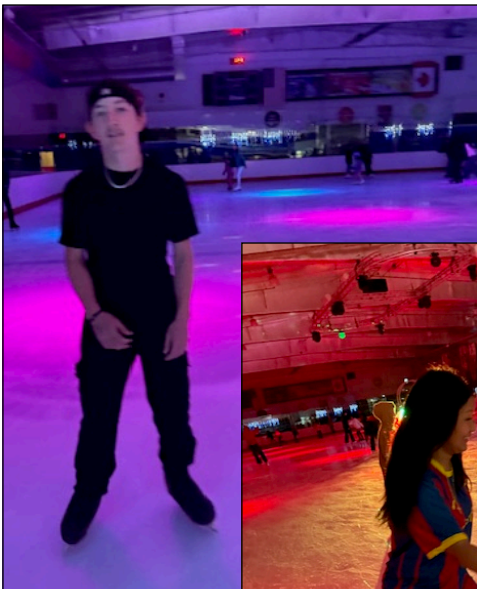


Olivia Snow Romero



Jocelyn Skyler Bays

**Ian Brown & some of the high school kids went ice skating in March.**



Max Brown, Zach Colby and Lanikai-Leah Granadosin. Please reach out to Ian Brown if you have a youth that would like to participate! Email: [ib7125710@gmail.com](mailto:ib7125710@gmail.com)

## THANK YOU From the GRACE Night Team!

Our Lenten Soup Suppers are over, but we'd like to give a special shout out to our "guest chefs" this Lenten Season. We enjoyed special homemade soups from Donna Burton, Alonya Colson, the Dudley's, Elizabeth Duffield, Lin Viavada, & Claudia Murphy. Thanks also to our Confirmands and families for a wonderful Ash Wednesday meal. Your contributions were enjoyed by all!

Blessings,  
The GRACE Night Team



## Prayers & Squares

All is swell with Prayers and Squares Quilting Ministry. We are hard at work on our many projects. Foremost is completing the Patriotic Day Parade quilts for May 16th. To date we have 8 quilts in the pipeline for displaying by our accomplished drill team.

Our group did arrive early on the church cleaning day to scrub, rinse and return ALL the church's inventory of tables. The Youth Building tables needed quite a bit of special attention: enough said.

A special quilt with blocks made by Godly Play children as well as our Preschoolers was layered and completed for the Godly Play room. No doubt, the children will love finding their blocks in the beautiful quilt. We hope the pictures do it justice.

Prayer quilts dedicated in March were for: **Victoria McMurray**, sponsors: the *Bixlers* and *Branhams*.





## March 22, 2026 was “TLC Preschool Showcase” Sunday

The children had their artwork on display and everyone was invited to walk through their classroom and playground to get a good feel of their activities and learning. The children performed a few special songs for the congregation. Preschool Advisory Board Members Pastor Bohdan Vadis, Melissa Vargas, Christine Durnell, Joni Incrocci, Ron Lopez, Donna Parham, Carol Stephenson, Mariah Hamm, Rebecca Schwartz were recognized along with the teachers Priscila Gonzalez, Susan Hinmon and director Melissa Vargas. After the service there was a hot dog luncheon, a jumpie and crafts.



## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS

Last year the Social Ministry Committee collected items to make personal care kits to be distributed by Lutheran World Relief (LWR). This year we will be gathering supplies to make school kits 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 abide by the directives set out by LWR when purchasing your donations.



During the month of **April** we will be collecting rulers. Guidelines are as follows:  
**30-centimeter (12") ruler, wood, plastic, or metal**  
**The ruler can have inches but it MUST have centimeters.**

**“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. April 8th were discussing “changing our covenants” and April 15th we’ll address “regrets”. It will also be Zoomed if requested in advance. Questions? Contact Bill Stephenson at [stephenson2789@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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.

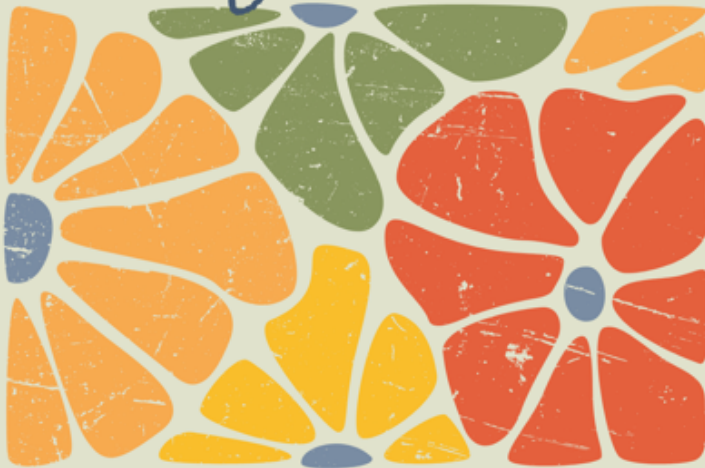
## TLC Food Pantry

Thanks to everyone who has been stocking the pantry! **There is a big turn-around on items**; a definite indication that it is **well used**. Keep up the great work stocking the pantry with nonperishable food items. Simply open the doors and add non-perishable food items. Thank you so much for your generosity. It's making a difference in people's lives.

TLC Giving Garden

Join us!

## Spring Potluck



5:00pm - bring a dish to share

Saturday, April 11th

seed/seedling/produce swap

families welcome

Contact Cheryl Jackson with questions: 619-847-6183

## Military Outreach Committee

It's spring. That's what is said on the calendar, but the weather lately has us swapping our winter clothes for swimsuits and making summer plans with family and friends. Thinking about summer also reminds us that children who have been in school all day will now be home, which means that monthly food bills can easily double. Summer months, a time which recalls carefree days filled with fun, can be extremely stressful in families with limited resources. A September 2025 survey of families with children attending Miller Elementary in Murphy Canyon underscores the anxiety felt in these families. Food insecurity was the number one concern of families responding to the survey.



How can we help ease this financial strain on our military neighbors, at least for a few days? The Military Outreach Committee (MOC) has been active in the monthly distribution of food provided through Feeding San Diego, but we also offer our own food drive twice a year. MOC's Military Appreciation Spring Food Drive will be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and include a bag of staples (peanut butter and jelly, pasta and pasta sauce, pancake mix, syrup, etc.) and a \$25 Commissary gift card to purchase food of their own choice. Please consider sponsoring a food bag (or more!) with a donation of \$45 per package. MOC appreciates donations of ANY amount. Every dollar is put to good use. Donations can be online (TLC website, Giving Tab, Give Now Button, Fund: Benevolence, Sub-Fund: Military Outreach) or by cash or check made out to TLC, noting "MOC" on the memo line of your check and on the flap of the offering envelope. Food Drive donations will be accepted through May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Can we help feed 120 military families? MOC is confident that with your help, we can. If you would like to join us in the packing of the food bags, the fun starts at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, in the Fellowship Hall. We also encourage you to join us on May 23<sup>rd</sup> for the drive-through package distribution. The distribution will be held in the TLC parking lot. Volunteers are asked to arrive by 8:30 a.m. to do the set up. Help us show our military neighbors that we appreciate the sacrifices they are making for each of us. If you have questions, please contact Marcia (619) 206-5790 or Wayne (858) 740-1068.

MOC continues to support military families in need with the distribution of food provided by Feeding San Diego. The distributions are made monthly during the school year at Hancock and Miller Elementary Schools. If you are interested in helping with this outreach, please contact Beckie (619) 204-4844.

Do you want to find out more about this TLC ministry? We would love to have you join us at our monthly meetings. The next meeting is Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, starting at 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Remote participation is also available. You can also contact Beckie, Marcia or Wayne for more information

As always, we are thankful and humbled by the continued support from our TLC family. We look forward to your continued support! Please, keep all our military families in your prayers.

### Spring Military Appreciation Food Drive

Each \$40 dinner package coupon will provide 3 days of nutritious meals and snacks for a military family of four individuals. Please take a coupon(s) and return donations by 23 April



## Facilities Corner—April 2026

Our Director of Facilities/Equip (DOFE) team continues to work 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.

The church's Annual Spring Cleaning was held on Saturday, March 21, with a turnout of 20 hard working volunteers. All in all, it was a very good effort by those who participated, but we were unable to clean as much of the church as planned. For our Fall cleanup effort, we ask for more members and church user groups to help with the church cleaning.

All efforts were focused on cleaning the Church and Youth Building inside and out and some trimming and weeding in preparation for Easter Sunday

Accomplishments this past month (March):

1. Trimmed/thinned magnolia trees at parking lot planters and at front signage.
2. Trimmed/thinned oleander bushes next to front electrical boxes.
3. Trimmed cluster of bushes behind front signage.
4. Trimmed bushes at south end of parking lot.
5. Spread a good amount of wood chip mulch in front of the campus.
6. Improved warped library door to open more easily.
7. Ground down part of the concrete slab next to the back store room to improve drainage.
8. Trimmed grass-type bushes near Ed. Building.
9. A newer model AED was installed in the main church building (near entrance to the Sanctuary, and the older AED is now located in the Ed. Bldg).
10. From a roof inspection, the source of a roof leak was found. Repair will begin soon.

Randy Frater continues to do an outstanding job of maintaining the lawns, the irrigation systems, and spraying the weeds that have been springing up all around the church property. His diligent efforts in the lawns in front of the church and Youth Building looking the best they have in years.

While we've had 4 new Chain Gang volunteers, we still need "younger" volunteers to join the team. Ed gave a Mission Moment presentation at the March 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday services and invited both men and women to join. Afterwards, we had 2 new volunteers (Brian Jackson and Ann McCann) for the Chain Gang. Mark Heisman and Jake Hagman also joined the team last month.

If you are interested or have questions, contact Ed Holler at (858) 752-0515, Wayne Duke, or Mike McCann.



# Hello TLC Family!

Blessed Easter to our TLC Family !

Happy Spring (the day of this writing)

We 8:30 musicians look forward to celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus with you all on April 5.

It's great to have our trumpeter, Ever Aguilar and his flute playing wife, Toni, joining us again in joyful Easter Hymns and anthems for Easter 2026!!

This past month our singers, who are used to the typical 4- part choral anthems established here many years ago, received a 'challenge' that you may have heard about. We accepted it, knuckled down and worked on it. The result (that got lots of Facebook shares ), was that NOW the TLC 8:30 choir knows how to "rap" -- and we got to answer this 'challenge' from our delightful 2026 Confirmation class!! They were great reciting the Old Testament Books, and our group brought out our best pizzazz, rapping the New Testament Books! Our 'rap' clothing looked pretty great, too, but don't look for it for a Sunday morning.

With Easter on April 5, the Alleluia's will be back in liturgy, hymns and anthems. The color is white for the Easter season, blending beautifully with the Spring flowers on the Altar and all the added colors of our Celebration! He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia ! Joy to all of you!

Betsy Frater

PS: We are always Blessed to have our faithful Handbell Ringers joining with our singers and instrumentalists for Holy Week ! (They didn't rap with us, but they could have!)

It's always good to think about ringing a bell or singing a melody to the Lord! Think about it and maybe send me a text — 858-444-0930 if interested. If not, thanks for being wonderfully kind and supportive listeners!

**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:** 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.

## 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 April 7th.**

**Prayer Group** Bring your own cup of coffee. Join us for half an hour in the TLC centrum **April 11th** each month, please leave any prayer requests in the notebook on the high table in the foyer.

**Saturday each month, please leave any prayer requests in the notebook on the high table in the foyer.**

**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 CONFESSIOIN. 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

### April Birthdays

1st Marc Martin  
5th Suzie Riley  
9th Caroline Colson  
Neal Soderberg  
Jodi Willhite  
10th Emma Northfield  
Michael Northfield  
Ginny Pence  
12th Sheri Lyon  
17th Evelynn Thunder  
19th Tomás Schweitzer  
Sandra Scherf  
22nd David Miller  
Richard VanderSchaaf  
23rd Diane Miller  
24th Bonnie Brown  
Jim Tomsovic  
30th Duke Sobek

### April Anniversaries

6th Pete & Margaret Hovde  
10th Carol & Duke Sobek  
12th Chris & Sharon Romel  
24th Mike & Ann McCann

*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.*

**The San Diego Blood Bank** will be here on our campus on Sunday, April 26th from 8am-12p. If you could like to get involved, please contact Rhea Fogg [rheafogg@att.net](mailto:rheafogg@att.net)

## **The Secret Prayer Partner**

**Reveal** is set for Sunday, April 29th at 11:30am. These special people have been praying and sending notes and more to our confirmands all year long. It is finally time to do the REVEAL and let them know who you are! A Special luncheon will be planned.

**Confirmation Sunday is May 3, 2026. Please mark your calendars.**

## **College Graduate In Your**

**House?** Please contact Elizabeth in the church office to share the exciting news. Names will be acknowledged in June.

# KIDS'S CHOIR



## **WEDNESDAYS AT 4:30PM**

- For Kids ages 4-10 years old!
- Performances are the 1st Sunday of the month at 10am.
- Join the fun, make new friends, and learn about music.
- Everyone is welcome!

Contact: [eduffield@tierrasantalutheran.org](mailto:eduffield@tierrasantalutheran.org) or  
[tetianapiano@musician.org](mailto:tetianapiano@musician.org)  
Tierrasanta Lutheran Church  
858-560-8688

## **Thank you to those that dedicated to our Easter flower and Memorial Garden funds:**

Marcia Abbott in loving memory of her sisters; Renee Adams and Joni Neas in memory of Dwight Adams; Nancy and Chris Carter in memory of Nancy's father George Roleder; Judith Chapman in loving memory of Dennis Chapman; Sandra Courtney in memory of Bill and Gwen Drulak, and Cliff and George Coleman; Stan and Elizabeth Duffield in loving memory of Bill and Sula James and Bill and Marie Duffield; Craig Ellinghausen in memory of Harold and Evelyn Ellinghausen; The Heishman family; Duke and Carol Sobek in memory of Gladys Morrison and Frank P. Sobek; Shelley Hyatt in memory of Joan Hyatt; Claudia Murphy and Charlotte Palmer in memory of Homer Palmer and Jean Murphy; Derry & Ginny Pence in memory of Grace & Ray Olsen; Diane Raines in memory of Hank and Frank Podhradsky; Norm and Beckie Ryan in memory of Norma Ryan and Nadine and Jim Schroeder; JoAnn Saenz in memory of her father William Frenzel; Val and Dick Spencer in memory of Margaret Mongulla; Jim and Bernie Tomsovic in memory of both of their mothers; The Willhite family in memory of Grandma Peggy.

Please take your Easter lily home to enjoy after the 10am service on Easter Sunday.



**VBS**  
**Save The Date**  
**June 22-26, 2026**

*(On the cover is Audrey Russell with a Luther Rose cookie. Audrey has been sharing her amazing baking skills with us during GRACE Night suppers. We are so fortunate to have her!)*