

June 2026



TIERRASANTALUTHERANCHURCH

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

Confirmation Sunday - May 3, 2026



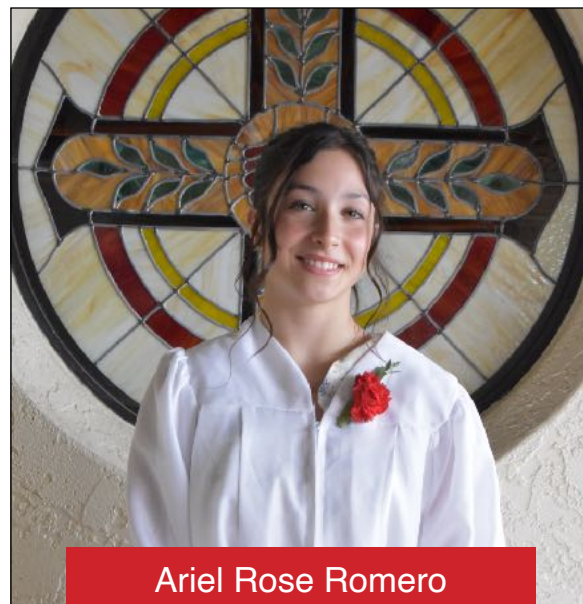
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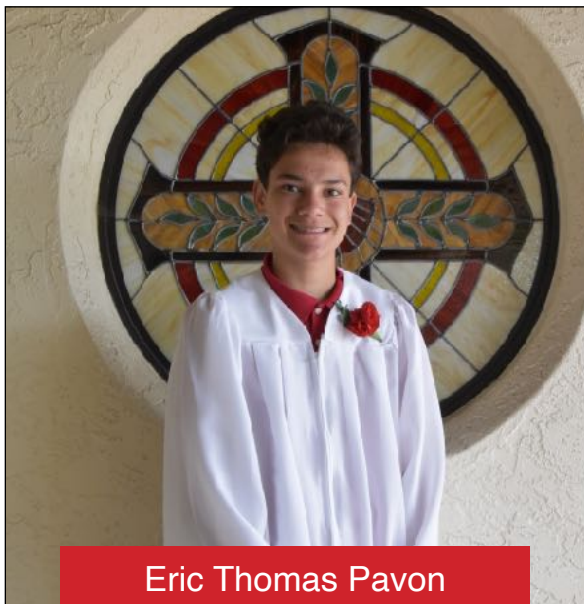
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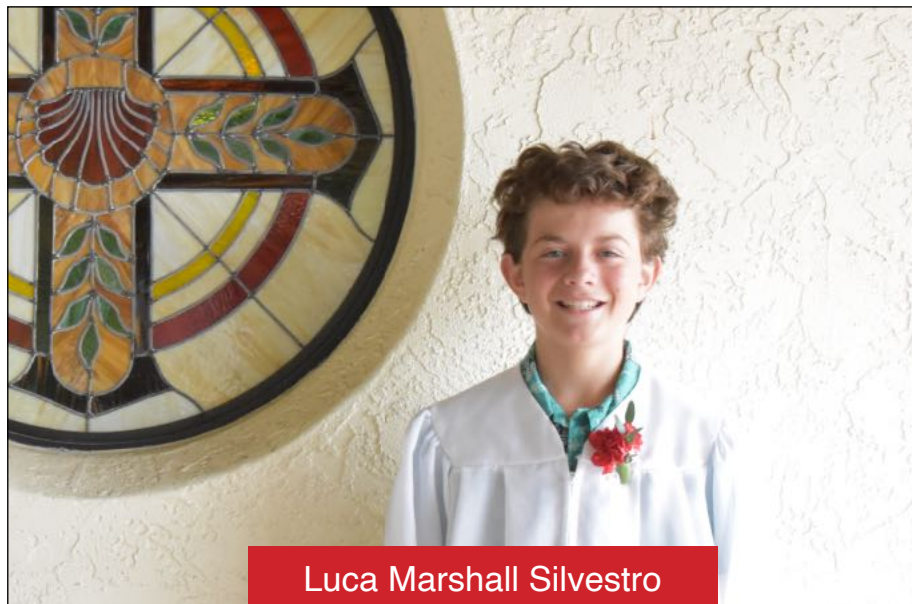
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Ariel Rose Romero



Eric Thomas Pavon



Luca Marshall Silvestro



GRACE Night As we conclude our 18th year of GRACE Night, we are grateful to all who join us to Grow Relationships Around Christ's Example. A huge note of thanks to regulars Amy Hall, Barb Ochendusko, Ginny & Derry Pence, Kathy Perez, Ken & Sue Ross, Audrey Russell, Beckie Ryan, and super shoppers Bill & Carol Stephenson. Thanks also to Doren & Howard Reese, Donna Burton, & Sandra Courtney who also contributed in a big way.

The team will take a break through the summer months, but we'll be back in action mid-September. We're already working on some new features and recipes! Do you have ideas? Want to join us? Please contact Gretchen Veihl at 858-232-5698.

Meanwhile, please continue to share faith, and grace around your table.

God Bless,
Gretchen Veihl

ELCA Pacifica Synod 2026 Regional Gathering in San Diego

The Synod's Regional Gathering for San Diego churches convened on May 16 at Clairemont Lutheran Church. Pastor Vadis, Bill Stephenson, and Mike McCann of TLC joined more than 120 members of local Lutheran churches to discuss many aspects of the gathering's theme "Called to Serve". The gathering is one of 4 meetings of the Synod as the annual Synod Assembly. The

second part of this year's Assembly will be an online "A-Zoom-bly" on June 20.

The Synod leadership proposed for discussion three priorities for 2026-27: "Welcome Immigrants", "Anti-Racism Commitment", and "Cooperative Ministry". These priorities reflect the current, pressing issues confronting many, if not all, of the Synod churches.

Two important concerns were reviewed--how can our churches better connect/reflect their communities and what can be done to prepare churches in the event the of US ICE enforcement actions on and around church campuses. The Synod provides a toolkit for churches to prepare for the various impacts of US ICE actions.

The Synod provides a valuable resource for the 130 Southern Calif member churches. For more information on the many resources and programs of the Synod go to their website: www.pacificasynod.org or call (714)692-2791.

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 or
tetianapiano@musician.org
Tierrasanta Lutheran Church
858-560-8688

Prayers & Squares

We sure hope you saw the Precision Drill Team displaying the Patriotic Quilts in the Tierrasanta parade on May 16th. What fun we had and I want to thank the dedicated marchers for their commitment and enthusiasm: Bernie, Ginny P, Ginny VB, Marcia, Nancy C, Nancy G, Cathie G, Kathy Perez, Margo and guest Victoria. The twelve quilts made for Wounded Warriors at Balboa Navy Medical Center were blessed at the Sunday services on May 17th. The Armed Services YMCA coordinator next to the Naval Chapel here in Tierrasanta delivers the quilts to the Medical Center because of the restricted access within the hospital. High school quilt distribution is next, happening on June 7th, then on to Lutheran World Relief quilts. Whew! We love staying busy and so appreciate the community women who now join us on our Saturday workdays. What a blessing !!

Did you notice the new quilted banner behind the choir? Let's all thank Jo Vroman for the new addition; it is a beautiful cross. June 6th and 20th will be our meetings this month. The Challenge of the summer/fall will be using a yard of an "ugly fabric" within any quilt design. The fabric will be given and as we know "beauty is in the eye of the beholder" so perhaps some quilters will be delighted with their given fabric. Stay tuned; the reveal will be in November!

Quilts dedicated in May: **Carolyn Behling**, sponsors: Nancy Gray, Charlotte Palmer, **Michelle Conklin**, sponsor: Nancy Gray; **Mikaela Manly**, sponsors: Rebecca and Mareike Caragan; **Jayden Corral**, sponsors: Rebecca and Mareike Caragan; **Wayne Hamrin**, sponsor: Judith Chapman; **Hondo "Coach" Herrada**, sponsors: the Durnell family and Liam Zuniga.



Military Outreach Committee

It's been a busy first part of 2026 and YOUR continued support of MOC and to our local military families has been simply amazing – THANK YOU!”

January through May ... in partnership with Tierrasanta Kiwanis and Feeding San Diego, MOC has supported 5 food distributions at both Hancock Elementary and Miller Elementary. THANK YOU to those who have volunteered to support these efforts.

Support the Enlisted Project (S.T.E.P.) – for their Baby on Board project, you provided baby supplies, clothing, toys, baby gear of all types – THANK YOU!

The biannual Children's Clothing Drive – you helped load our donation bins with gently used children's clothing so that MOC could pass it on to local military families with growing kids - THANK YOU! 90 families with 236 children benefited from the Spring CCF this year. One point of interest is that we did our first survey after the CCF and were reaffirmed about the benefits it provides to the families, the quality of the clothing, and the helpfulness and friendliness of our volunteers.



Spring Military Appreciation Food Drive – AWESOME response and results – your generous donations allowed us to serve a record number of families in May. Those donations and a group of dedicated bag packers and food package distributors greeted, thanked, and served 145 local military families on May 23rd – exceeding our goal and breaking over ten years of MOC food drive records – THANK YOU!

Our next meeting is June 10 at 3 pm at TLC (or by Zoom.) ALL are welcome to attend. After the meeting we move into our summer break with the next ministry event being a CCF in September. If you would like to know more about MOC, or have

questions or suggestions, please contact Beckie Ryan (619) 204-4596, Wayne Duke (858) 740-1068, or Marcia Abbott (619-206-5790.)

The TLC Giving Garden

If you are interested in learning more about the TLC Giving Garden, you stop by anytime or reach out to Carol Newcomb at csnewcomb66@gmail.com

You can also read their monthly newsletter on our weekly email blast or online at: [CLICK HERE](#).

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 June we will be collecting blunt nose scissors.

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.

Adult Sunday School on Wednesday nights!

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. Each class session stands on its own so whether you attend on occasion or every week, you will find it to be a time worthwhile.

In the month of May, these are the topics we will discuss in May:

1. Visions of a Peaceful Heart
2. Jealousy
3. Expectations
4. You Don't Have to Know Who You Are
5. Hope Restored

Contact Bill Stephenson if you'd like to join via zoom.

Questions? Contact Bill Stephenson at stephenson2789@gmail.com or 619-388-9125. Zoom is available upon request but you must be a member of Zoom to gain access. Just go to its website to join.

Pacifica Synod Assembly 2026, June 20 on ZOOM.

We need a female voting member to participate with Pastor Vadis. Thank you to Bill Stephenson who volunteered to be our male voting member. Please consider attending and let Pastor Vadis know.

San Diego Blood Bank

A great big THANK YOU to all that were able to donate blood to the San Diego Blood Bank on Sunday, April 26th! Raymond Wilson, our contact at the San Diego Blood Bank, reported that the blood drive collected 16 units of blood saving up to 48 lives!!! There was also one first-time donor. Thanks again to everyone!! You're awesome!!! Our next blood drive is scheduled for Sunday, October 5, 2026.

Special Music Wish List

- For the Grand Piano: Earthworks PM40 Piano Mic System \$2,999.00
- For Soloist / lead vocalist: Shure KSM11 Vocal Condenser microphone \$791.00
- For Instrumental Soloist: (Violin, Flute, Acoustic Guitar, etc.) Shure SM81-LC Cardioid Condenser Instrument Microphone \$395.00

Please mark your donations *MICROPHONES*

Sacrament of Baptism

Cayleb Lennon Silva, child of Chuck and Cynthia Silva, received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at TLC on May 24, 2026.



Happy

GRADUATION

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Kellen Johnson graduated from Canyon Hills High School. He will be attending Cal State San Marcos in the Fall, majoring in Business/Management Information Systems (MIS) and minoring in Economics.

Nathan Thunder is graduating from Altus Schools Charter School of San Diego and he plans to attend the Electricial Training Institute of San Diego.

Jack Bagg is graduating from Patrick Henry High School and plans to attend Grossmont Community College in the fall.

Rebecca Durnell graduated from Canyon Hills High School and plans to attend UC Riverside in fall.

Anya Vroman graduates from San Pasqual High School on June 10th. She plans to attend Palomar Community College in the fall.

Austin Lambeth is graduating from St Agustin's High School and will be studying pre-law at the University of Alabama in the fall.

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Jillian Duffield will be graduating from Northeastern University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Tomás Schweitzer graduated on Saturday May 2, 2026 from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University with a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering (BSAE)

Sydney Streightiff is graduating with a PhD in Applied Intercultural Arts Research and a Minor in Health Behavior Health promotion from the University of Arizona in Tucson

Congratulations!



Facilities Corner— May 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.

There is a water leak below the Preschool playground near the solar panels. We had a leak detection company assistance to locate the source of the leak – leaking control valves in the main irrigation manifold. This was a significant and costly repair but completed by a contractor.

We recently had the main Backflow Valve tested for recertification. While doing so, problems were identified and addressed by the contractor, resulting in a successful certification.

The Chain Gang Workday was held on Saturday, May 16th. Due to the Tierrasanta Parade & the Kiwanis Club event, we had only 5 volunteers, but we accomplished a lot as indicated below:

Chain Gang accomplished the following on the May 16th Workday:

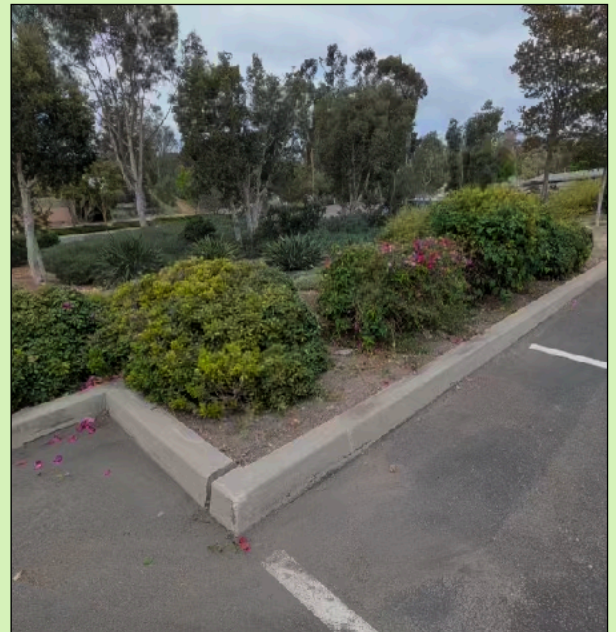
1. Trimmed bushes in planter in front of church offices
2. Trimmed bushes on front slope below parking lot
3. Trimmed dead head Birds of Paradise in front area
4. Removed scrubs on slope behind PS yard

Other Accomplishments Include:

1. Trimmed acacias adjacent to the parking lot
2. Installed Quilting Ministry storage unit behind Youth Building
3. Trimmed bougainvillea along sidewalk by parking lot
4. Power washed all magnolia to remove most of black coating/scale
5. Installed new flagpole solar light
6. Repaired the BBQ cover
7. Reinforced the rail on the right side of the stairs leading down to the gardens below the Youth 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.

Volunteers for the Chain Gang workday continues to be a problem: While we've had 4 new Chain Gang volunteers, we still need "younger" volunteers to join the team.



Hello TLC Family!

Hi to all!

Congratulations to all of you who are and have been witnessing the graduations of loved ones in May and June! There seems to be “Pomp and Circumstance” all over. I know that the TLC congregation loves to celebrate these events, also!

To my mind (admittedly a dangerous thing), May 31st seems like ‘half’ of a Church Year “Graduation” in a way. It is the day we celebrate The Holy Trinity, which makes it a “ High Feast Sunday”, and the LAST ONE for a good while. (In the late Fall we have “Christ the King Sunday” as our final “High Feast Sunday” for this Church year Calendar 2025-26.)

June will begin our GREEN season, where readings in worship will sort of say: “You know the Story of Jesus and His Love”. Now, by power of His Comforting Spirit, spend the rest of the year growing in grace -- OR -- more of GRACE nights of YOUR OWN (Growing Relationships Around Christ’s Example). Even though those Talented Grace Night Master Chefs are taking their break now for the summer, let’s keep our family and TLC relationships growing in Christ!

Music makers at 8:30am will change things up over the summer months with solos, duets and instrumental groupings. THANKS AHEAD OF TIME for all who will be helping! There will be few, if any choir or Handbell anthems. Liturgy and hymns will still continue in 8:30am traditions.

Our nation will have its big 250th year celebration in July, and we’ll enjoy some hymns and Special Music that reflect that.

Hope you have a fine ‘Growth Spurt’ during June, July and August, and that you enjoy growing relationships with TLC in worship, and continued TLC activities scheduled elsewhere in this newsletter!

Appreciating all of you,

Betsy Frater

PS - 858-444-0930; bwfr8r@gmail.com are 2 contacts if you’d like to join up with singers or ringers, or exercise your right to show me some music you’d like to do for a solo sometime.

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.

**The Congregational Meeting is June 14th
Directly following the 9am Unity Service.
All Voting Members are encouraged to attend.**

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 July 7th.**

Prayer Group Bring your own cup of coffee. Join us for half an hour in the TLC centrum **June 13th** each month at 9am, 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, Anastasia Balmaceda, Mary Peters, and Howard Gray and family at the death of his sister DeLana Stokes. Lord, please guide and protect our military personnel serving in harm's way, especially Brandon Fesko, Matt Reese and Jake Hovde.*

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

Wednesdays at 7:30pm and Thursdays at 10am. **First two weeks in June we're** reading about **Heresies Of The Church!**

Pastor Vadis promises no one will be burned on the stake!

Class will also be available on Zoom. meeting ID: 858 9929 9447; password: biblestudy



June Birthdays

3rd Linda Baldwin
Chris Herich
6th Richard Spencer
10th Nancy Carter
12th Christine Durnell
13th Maggie Willhite
14th Jackson Norum
17th Nicki Biggs
Cassie Lopez
Donna Parham
18th Andy Taylor
22nd Sharon Duke
Spencer Willhite
23rd Judith Chapman
25th Richard Ness
26th Beckie Ryan
29th Roni Cripps
Shelley Hyatt
30th Dave Schweitzer

June Anniversaries

5th Hal & Donna Parham
6th Bart & Sheri Lyon
7th Larissa & Mark Thunder
8th Steve & Becky Phillpott
Suzie & Pete Riley
9th Allen & Teresa Stowinsky
19th Jim & Brenda Gay
Ron & Darla Lopez
21st Donald & Wanda Mounier
Jim & Bernie Tomsovic
24th Ed & Ann Holler
Kathy & Robert Stewart
26th Chris & Nancy Carter
Ian & Cassandra Brown

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.



Dear Doc – WWII Letters Home Sunday, June 14, 2026 – 2:00 PM

An afternoon of remembrance. A reading of SDSU military members' letters home during WWII. These deeply personal letters, rich with hope, humor and resilience, will be brought to life on stage by Write Out Loud and co-produced with Scripps Ranch Theatre.

This special presentation, developed in partnership with San Diego State University, was written by Jonnie Wilson as a tribute to the authors of the 5,000 WWII letters housed in SDSU Library's Special Collections and University Archives. Inspired by Lisa Shapiro's acclaimed No Forgotten Fronts: From Classrooms to Combat, the program honors the legacy

of Dr. Lauren C. Post, a World War I veteran and SDSU geography professor, who received the letters from several thousand former San Diego students who had gone off to war and then published them in a monthly Aztec News Letter that connected the students to each other and to the campus.

One performance of this show, on Flag Day. Tickets are \$25/person, and ordering information can be found at <https://scrippsranchtheatre.org/showtickets/>.

Scripps Ranch Theatre, 9783 Avenue of Nations, San Diego, 92131



June 22-26, 9am-12:30pm

Signups are available on our website: www.tierrasantalutheran.org

We still need Crew Leaders and Helpers!

Please reach out to Claire Johnson at cjhasspoken@gmail.com or

by text at (805) 427-5849.

DONUTS WITH DAD!



FATHER'S DAY JUNE 21ST

We are asking all fathers to
wear their Hawaiian shirts
to worship that morning.

We will have special
donuts between services to
celebrate.



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

Godly Play is at 10:10am on Sundays.

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