

July 2026



TIERRASANTALUTHERANCHURCH

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



VBS 2026

God is love.





We celebrated Father's Day
with "Donuts For Dad"
Special thanks to
Linda Moeller for making it a
little extra special!

Tentative Schedule for Social Ministry Through the End of 2026:

- T.A.C.O. Meal Service at 1st Lutheran on Monday (November 16)
- San Diego Blood Bank Bloodmobile, Sunday (October 4)
- Lutheran World Relief (LWR) School Supply Drive (ongoing)
- Back-to-School Drive (school supplies) during VBS in June (June 22-26)
- ELCA Day of Service Sunday, September 13
- ELCA Good Gifts, Reverse Advent Calendar (food drive) and Lutheran Border Concerns
- Ministry (LBCM) Rice and Beans, and Sock Drives in December

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](#).

TIERRASANTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

KIDS SPLASH DAY

Bring
your Suit,
Towel,
Sunscreen
and
Friends!

July 19, 2026
11:am

Water fun
BBQ Lunch
Bubbles!



More info:
Claire Johnson, 805-427-5849

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TIERRASANTA
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Kid's Choir

PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY
AGE CHILDREN



"Make a joyful noise to the Lord,
all the earth; break forth into joyous
song and sing praises!"

— PSALM 98:4



**FREE
WEEKLY**
— ♥ —
**EVERY
WEDNESDAY
4:30 PM**

— ♥ —
 **LEARNING
BASIS VOICE
TECHNIQUE**

— ♥ —
**AND NOTE
READING**



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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.

For July and August we'll collect Crayons (the 16 or 24 count boxes) and Spiral notebooks (70 page, wide or narrow ruled).

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 is taking a break for summer.

Questions? Contact Bill Stephenson at stephenson2789@gmail.com or 619-388-9125.

Pacifica Synod Assembly

2026 The ELCA Pacifica Synod concluded this year's two-part Annual Assembly on June 20. Tierrasanta Lutheran Church, a member church of the Synod, was actively represented at the Assembly by Pastor Vadis and Bill Stephenson. The yearly Synod budget was approved along with two resolutions. The one significant resolution was "Baseline Salary Increase Recommendation for Rostered Ministers 2027". This resolution reads, "Resolved, that based on the recommendation of the Pacifica Synod Council, the baseline Salary for Rostered Ministers...is increased by 2.6%* for year 2027, to bring the baseline salary (including salary and housing allowance) to \$85,177".

*Based on Consumer Price Increase. The Synod Council encourages congregations to use the Compensation Worksheets available online at www.pacificasynod.org. The abovementioned website is the Synod website where more detailed information about the Synod can be accessed. The Synod is a great resource for TLC.

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

- Paiste Giant Beat Cymbal 24" \$650.00
- Paiste Signature Cymbal Fast Crash 14-inch. \$360.00

Please mark your donations: DRUM KIT

Facilities Corner June 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 McCann has worked with the 7th Day Adventist for the past two on a plan to replace the asphalt paving of the entrance area with reenforced concrete due to the rapid degradation brought about by the combined traffic of both churches and the weight of trash trucks through the entry area. The plan includes splitting the cost (\$50,472) to install reenforced concrete in the joint/dual use entry area (approximately 2500 sqft) and doing an extended the reenforced concrete area approximately 15 feet (660 sqft) beyond the joint use area at a cost of \$11,280 for TLC. This was presented at the 14 June Congregational meeting and was approved as presented. The plan is to do the work in August of this year,

Work has begun on the modifications of the Youth Building to meet educational building requirements for use by the PreSchool, as approved at the 17 May Special Congregation Meeting.

The Chain Gang Workday was held on Saturday, 20 June 20th with a great turnout of 13 volunteers, which included our first female member (Ann McCann).

Chain Gang accomplished the following on the June 20th Workday:

1. Trimmed Oleanders behind the sanctuary
2. Trimmed trees & bushes on the east slope of the parking lot
3. Weeded the area outside the Preschool west fence
4. Moved blocks removed due to the Youth Building work to an area near lower storage container and pavers removed behind the shed in the back of the Youth Building.
5. Cleaned up front planter in front of the old library



(Facilities Report Continued)

Other Accomplishments Include:

- (1) Install new flagpole solar lighting
- (2) Continued work on trimming/clearing out east slope area..
- (3) Assisted in removal of alter & podium from predella for VBS setup

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.

We still need new volunteers for the Chain Gang. While we've had 4 new Chain Gang members over the past few months, we still need more "younger" volunteers to join the team.

Note: My term as DOFE ends on June 31st and it has been an honor serve as DOFE for the last 3 years. I am pleased to announce that Wayne Duke will be the new DOFE. I plan to stay active & participate as a Chain Gang member.



Prayers & Squares

Summer has arrived and the quilters continue to work! Prayers and Squares met only one Saturday in June, but we were still productive. There is always work to do. Mostly the sewing, layering and binding of the large Lutheran World Relief quilts, but we also work on keeping the closet stash of Prayer Quilts available. We so love what we do....the many hands make the work light.

Twelve ladies are still involved in the "shoebox shuffle." Quite the fun commitment to make a different block each month for one of the other participants.

IMPORTANT NOTE: We will NOT meet on July 4th. Our next meeting will be July 18th and then August 1st.

June quilts were dedicated for: **Melissa Fuller**, sponsors: Ann & Ed Holler; **Wendy Jones**, sponsors: Ann Holler and Christine Herschelman; **Jonathan Chapman**, sponsor: Judith Chapman; **Evan Castaneda**, sponsors: Christine and Charlie Durnell.



Hello TLC Family!

What a “July” for us this year!

In our beloved USA, we get to celebrate 250 years working together to preserve our freedom! At TLC there will be music at our worship services on Sunday, July 5, commemorating this, while also reading God’s word, as always, with Scripture recommended for the Pentecost Season. Both Singing and Handbell Choirs are ‘taking a break’ from their ‘summer break’ to come together on July 5, and do their musical parts in worship and celebrating.

You’ve noticed that we’ve begun our “SSS” — — Summer Season Solos already! I’m so grateful to those people willing to come in and rehearse & offer some special music at the 8:30 am services. Thanks a heap!!!

It’s great for me to have a couple of Sundays left in the skilled piano hands of Tetiana Ordone and Lin Viavada, while I, BFrater, take a little goof off time, and also travel to NY for our granddaughters high school graduation!

Safe staycations or vacations to all of you, as well as peace and joy in your worship at TLC. It’s probably a cliché to say “Praise to our God “ who NEVER takes a vacation from US — since long before our USA became a nation!! Have a lovely Fathers Day soon! (it’s June 18 as I write)

With gratitude for our connection to Christ to our country, and to each other at TLC,

Betsy Frater

Sharing A Special Letter

TLC member Matt Reese is now in basic training with the Air Force in Lackland, Texas. Carol Stephenson is sharing a bit of his letter to her:

...My basic training friends are super nice and everyone gets along great and we have prayer every night before bed. It’s nice having strong Christians around, we support one another during this time. There is a Lutheran Church here at BMW and I’ve been going every Sunday. I just wish I could have my dog. Please say “hi” to everyone at church and let them know I am thinking of them and appreciate the prayers and support. - Matt Reese

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.

Linus Layering *will NOT meet in July!*

Our August meeting will be the second Tuesday, August 11th.

The change to the second Tuesday is only for August.

In September our meeting will again be the first Tuesday of the month, September 1.

Prayer Group Bring your own cup of coffee. Join us for half an hour in the TLC centrum **July 11th** 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, Helmut Moeller, Diane Raines, Mary Peters, Marge Foelber and Richard VanderSchaaf. Lord, please guide and protect our military personnel serving in harm's way, especially 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 is taking a break for the summer and we'll be back in September.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1st Jocelyn Bays
2nd Stephan Cripps
Lanikai-Leah C. Granadsoin
7th Skip Heishman
8th Maxel Brown
9th Vicky Hansen
Christopher Lutze
10th Alyona Colson
Betsy Frater
Della Schweitzer
11th Steven Phillpott
12th Ray Gerding
Aria Heishman
15th Jason Green
Kathy Kelly
17th Robin Holt
Joni Incrocci
19th Alan Lutze
Katherine Riley
21st Diane Raines
23rd Hal Parham

25th Linda Bixler
28th Marianne d'Arnaud
30th Christopher Hall

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

1st Steve & Mary Streightiff
2nd Clint & Diane Messerschmidt
David & Diane Miller
14th Jess & Jodi Willhite
17th Stan & Elizabeth Duffield
21st Lisa & Dan Johnson
27th Al & Anne Balmaceda
29th Scott & Libby Garrett
Paul & Linda Bixler
31st Linda & Helmut Moeller

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.

TLC's Annual

RUMMAGE SALE



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Summer is upon us! Start cleaning out those closets and garage!
Items accepted September 6th.

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