



# Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2026

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# CHURCH COUNCIL



We continue sharing the bios of your new Council in the coming weeks. Thank you for your attendance at the Annual Meeting June 7. We will be installing the new Council in worship this Sunday, June 28. Read the next bio [here](#).

The following members have been elected by the congregation to positions of leadership. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice that these sisters and brothers will lead us in the common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

**Council:** Tom Reilly; Sue Clauss; Marshall Bowen; Debbie Marsden; Michael Maldolora; Diana Howison; Liz Rickertsen; Aaron Kraft; Morgan Loy; Greg Sieme; Anna Wilson

**ELF:** Bonnie Ericson; Diana Howison; Amy Kraft; Terri Lau; Kimberly Laux; Kurt Marsden.



## A Message From Presiding Bishop Curry

*America at 250: Holding gratitude and humility*

Dear church,

As we look toward the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, many of us will celebrate with fireworks, parades and barbecues. Independence Day often brings us together with family and friends. Yet there is more that connects us than our communal celebrations. We are also connected through a common vision.

Signed in 1776, the Declaration of Independence proclaims a vision of equality for all people. While there were other nations pushing for equality at the time, the declaration was and is a monumental document in the way it names the aspiration so boldly. As we observe and celebrate the 250th anniversary of that signing, we also affirm the vision of freedom and equality it casts. We can be grateful.

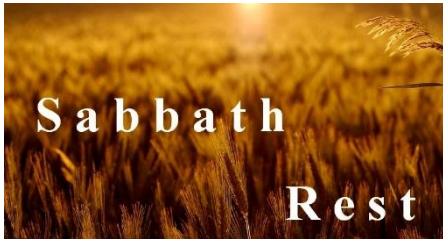
And with contrition and humility, we acknowledge all the ways we have failed to embody that vision. As members of this church, we are called to “pray, participate in, and advocate for civic life in the United States that reflects God’s activity and call, which seek both the well-being of all people and a creation marked by justice and peace” (ELCA social statement **Faith and Civic Life**, p. 89).

**[READ MORE](#)**

Emmanuel Lutheran Foundation (ELF) was pleased to present a check to Mark Garland during the announcements at the June 14 Sunday service at Emmanuel.



In August, Mark will begin his studies at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, and the check will support his purchase of textbooks and educational materials. Congratulations, Mark! And the very best wishes to you as you pursue God's call to become a pastor.



Please note Pastor Rick's Sabbath day will now be observed on Fridays.

He will be available in the church office Monday through Thursday each week.

**Message**  
Pastor Rick Hall  
**Minister of Music**  
Mark Longfield  
**Greeter**  
Darlene Michener  
**Communion Assistants**  
Liz Rickertsen  
Bonnie Koch  
Diana Howison  
CaroleJean Willis  
Debby Semel  
**Lector**  
George Watson  
**Ushers**  
Jeanine Wilson  
Barbara Piecka  
**Gaffer**  
Marshall Bowen  
**Sound**  
Ted Akin  
**Live Stream**  
Bob Akin

### June Birthdays

26) Ted Akin  
27) Michael Madolora  
28) Robert Waugh



Download the [Prayer Ventures here](#) for June 2026. These petitions are offered as guides to prayer each day of the month for global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA, as well as for the needs and circumstances of our neighbors, communities and world.

## SAVE THE DATE

The first in our **Aging with Grace faith-based webinar series for Seniors, Families & Caregivers** will take place on **Monday, June 29th**. This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about helping older adults navigate aging with confidence, explore supportive options and remain connected to faith, community and purpose. Please share with your congregations.

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Link to sign up ----> [REGISTER HERE](#)



**AGING WITH GRACE**  
A Faith-Based Webinar Series for Seniors, Families & Caregivers

Encouragement and education for older adults navigating health, caregiving and daily living support

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Helping older adults to navigate aging with confidence, explore supportive options, and remain connected to faith, community and purpose.

**WEBINAR #1 - JUNE 29th, 4pm on Zoom**  
*Understanding The Aging Journey*

Register at [socialsynod.org/synodevents/aging](https://socialsynod.org/synodevents/aging)

Email with any questions: [deacondr@socialsynod.org](mailto:deacondr@socialsynod.org)

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### **Prayer List ...**

Nesbitt Blaisdell,  
Bob Boehman  
Mike Cosenza  
Dick Krussow  
Ernine Larson  
Kimberly Laux  
Samuel Lee  
Edie Lewis  
Lillie Lim  
Leo Lujan  
Mary Ann Manore  
Patrick Moya  
Jim & Karen Ohrt  
Lumina Padron-Sanchez  
Pam Sullivan  
Denise Vanzago  
Vehling Family  
Muriel Waugh

### **We pray for those newly added to the Prayer List....**

Conni Brown  
Emerson Jones  
Rick Knippenberg  
Aaron Rockwell  
Janet Sellers

### **.Shut-ins:**

Karen Bollesen;  
Gloria Blackman;  
Jim & Marie Crawford  
Bill Hoffman;  
Bernadine Poulsen;  
Mavien Ready;  
Thorsen Family

### **..Mission Concerns:**

ELC sponsored missionaries around the world;  
California Lutheran University;  
ELCA World Relief

### **... in Military Service:**

Lord, thank You for the men and women in our armed forces. We pray Your protection over each one as they carry out their various duties in defense of our country. Wherever they are in the world, we pray You would lead and protect them from all the forces of evil.

We also ask you to place your hand of protection and peace on the families of those who have sent a loved one to serve in the Armed Forces.

**Prayer of the Day:** O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

# VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKES:

**You can rush help to neighbors.**



I write to you today with a heavy heart. Last night, two devastating earthquakes struck Venezuela within seconds of each other, leaving families reeling from loss and uncertainty. We don't yet know the full extent of lives lost. But given the massive number of buildings that have collapsed, we know the sorrow and need will be enormous. As followers of Christ, we know that when our neighbors suffer, we are called to respond with love. You can help.

## **HELP FAMILIES NOW**

Right now, our teams are already preparing a response. But this response depends on faithful and compassionate people like you. Your gift today will rush urgently needed support to families affected by the earthquakes. You will provide emergency aid — like water, medical care, shelter and essential supplies — to neighbors facing some of the darkest moments of their lives. At a time when many families may feel forgotten, generous neighbors like you remind them that they are not alone.

## **RUSH AID NOW**

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ in a hurting world. Thank you for sharing your God-given spirit of love with neighbors in desperate need. In faith and gratitude,



*Daniel Speckhard*  
**Ambassador**  
**Daniel Speckhard**  
President and CEO

P.S. Earthquakes can leave families with nowhere to turn. Your gift today will help deliver urgently needed assistance and remind survivors that they are surrounded by the prayers, compassion and love of Lutheran sisters and brothers. [Please give now.](#)



## Location & Food Distribution

\*\*\*WE HAVE MOVED! Our new location is at 11634 Moorpark Street, Studio City, CA 91604 (1/2 block east of the corner of Colfax & Moorpark). We are still doing drive through food distribution, no ID required. Stay in your car, and roll down passenger side window upon arrival. We're open Monday and Friday between 7:30 – 11:00 a.m. \*\*\*FOR THOSE NOT IN VEHICLES, WE STILL HAVE WALK-UP SERVICE AS WELL\*\*\*

## NHIFP Wish List:

- Cereal: 16 oz.
- Canned soup: 15-18.5 oz. \* NON-condensed preferred\*
- Canned vegetables 15 oz.
- Canned fruit: 15 oz.
- Canned protein such as tuna or chicken
- Canned beans: 15 oz.
- Canned tomato product/sauce: 15 oz.
- White or brown rice: 1 lb. bags
- Pasta: 1 lb. bags or boxes
- Dried beans, peas, or lentils: 1 lb. bags
- Peanut butter: 16 oz.
- Extras: breakfast bars, protein bars, cup o' soup, ramen noodles, juice boxes, mac 'n cheese, chips, nuts, and cookies in single-serving sizes
- Adult and baby diapers: All sizes needed
- Baby wipes
- Pet food - both canned and wet food for dogs and cats
- Hygiene products - toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, deodorant, sanitizer in small sizes

***Please no glass or family sized jars***





*with deepest*  
**Sympathy**

With heartfelt sympathy, we remember Mary Elizabeth Carlson, a beloved and longtime friend of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, who passed on June 6, 2026. Her kindness and faith touched many lives, and she will be deeply missed.



We hold her family and loved ones in our prayers, trusting in God's promise of peace and eternal life.

## Next Quarter Devotionals Available

Devotional booklets are available in the literature rack in the church narthex, **Portals of Prayer** and **Christ in our Home** each covering one quarter of 2026. **Spark** is available in limited number. In this magazine style devotional book **Spark**, there are activities and stories to lead everyone in the family through the season. Finally, **The Word in Season** is also available. Pick up any of these in the narthex today! These are offered for you at no charge. They are our gift to help you.



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The link takes you directly to our giving page. If you have questions about any giving options, you may benefit from watching this tutorial on safely donating online: [Online Giving](#)

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(818) 763-5434.

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Visit the synod website to check out upcoming events. Sign up to receive newsletters from the synod office.



See how Lutheran Social Services works and how you can make a donation. Your donations are essential. See a complete list of urgent local needs in this time of covid here.

### YOUR COUNCIL

**President:** Tom Reilly  
**Vice President:** Sue Clauss  
**Secretary:** Liz Rickertsen  
**Treasurer:** Robert Akin  
**Financial Secretary:** Diana Howison



### Members at Large:

Marshall Bowen  
Aaron Kraft  
Michael Madolora  
Angela Wiegand

### For the Kids

+ Download Children's pages with stories, puzzles and quizzes based on the lessons for the week. [Gospel page for 7+](#)  
[Gospel pages 3-7](#)

Gather Bible Study

for  
Women of the ELCA at  
Emmanuel Lutheran

Church Website

There are several links in these online newsletters. Please let me know if any of them don't work for you. THANK YOU for your positive comments. I always welcome your input.

Sincerely,  
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