



## 'E'-Mail Emmanuel Lutheran Church

### Epiphany IV

February 1, 2026

***Serving the Community since September 1945***

*"Welcoming all people, Emmanuel Lutheran Church and schools  
love, teach, and serve through Christ."*

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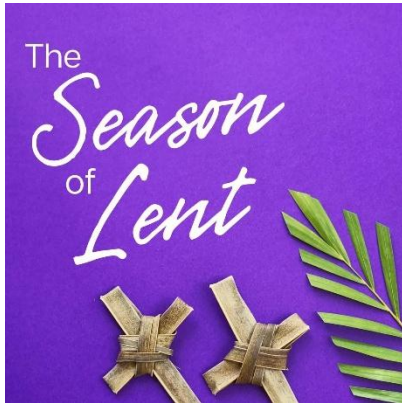
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# February 2026



## Ash Wednesday

Join us for Ash Wednesday  
Worship in the Sanctuary  
February 18, 7:00 PM

## Midweek Lenten Soup Suppers

Join us in the reception room Wednesdays during Lent: February 25, March 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 6:30 PM for midweek Lenten Soup Suppers (soup, bread, coffee, etc.) with Lenten worship following at 7:00 PM.



In this message, Bishop Brenda Bos reflects on the legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the transformative power of Christian love. She challenges the idea that love is passive, instead naming it as courageous, grounded in God's promises, and capable of changing the world.

Rooted in faith and trust in God, Bishop Bos invites us to seek paths of peace, hope, and love together. In a divided world, she reminds us that Christian love calls us to come together, find common ground, and participate in God's vision for creation.

Learn more about the life and ministry of the Southwest California Synod at [socalsynod.org](https://socalsynod.org).



## SoCal Synod News



**Join the 2026 Region 2 of the ELCA Lenten Challenge!**  
The Lenten Challenge Theme — “Lord, When Did We See You?”

The theme of this year's challenge derives from Matthew 25:37-40. The passage emphasizes that caring for the poor, sick, and marginalized is an act of service to Christ, and that a person's treatment of others is a reflection of their relationship with God. The spiritual practices for the six weeks of Lent will focus on stretching our learning, care and advocacy muscles on behalf of underserved communities. The six weeks will be broken up according to the gospel text, as below, with participants focusing on what we know and think about these siblings in Christ, as well as how we act in support and on behalf of these communities:

Why Lent? Lent is a season of 40 days to reflect, remember our dependence on God and one another, and look forward to the ways God calls us to be. Adding one or more of these spiritual practices to your observation of Lent might help you feel more connected. A light-hearted challenge like this could help our synods be the Church together, and to see God's vision and invitation for us to be a church for the world as we share the good news of Jesus Christ.

Use the QR Code or go to: <https://lentenchallenge.org/> to learn more and sign up!

## CABARET RETURNS



show!

Emmanuel's Friends of Music would like to invite all performers to join us for this year's Cabaret night, one night only, February 22, at 4pm in the Parish Hall.

This is your chance to juggle, tell jokes, do magic or sing with a live band! (Or sing to a track if you don't trust our live band!) Please contact [Mark Longfield](#) if you are interested in being part of this always fun

**CONCERT**  
*Lost And Found*  
**Michael Bridges & George Baum**

**FEBRUARY 7 @ 7PM**

**Salem Lutheran Church**  
**1211 N. Brand Blvd., Glendale**  
[WWW.SALEMLUTHERANGLENDALE.ORG](http://WWW.SALEMLUTHERANGLENDALE.ORG)

A FREE WILL OFFERING  
WILL BE RECEIVED AT THE CONCERT  
FOR THE FMSC MOBILE PACK EVENT  
@ SLC MARCH 18-22

**FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN**  
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From 1986 to 2016, George Baum and Michael Bridges toured internationally as the folk duo Lost and Found, known for faith-filled, story-driven music that invited participation and connection.

Their work included hundreds of concerts, national youth events, award-winning songwriting, and the original production *Luther: The Rock Opera*.

**Concert at Salem Lutheran Church, Glendale**  
**Saturday, February 7, 2026**  
**7:00 p.m.**

This is a one-time gathering of lifelong friends, open to the public. All are welcome.





## Join the Adult Bible Study to continue learning about the 12 Disciples of Jesus

Join our Adult Sunday morning Bible Study/Sunday School, as we gather every Sunday **at 9:00 a.m. sharp** and conclude at 9:45 to get ready for worship. We meet in the Conference Room on the first floor of the Administration building. Our upcoming topics include:

**Sunday, February 1 & 8** – Matthew the tax collector and why Jesus called him, the most despised occupation and thus persons among Jews, to be a Disciple

**Sunday, February 15** – Thomas, was he really a doubter or just given a bum rap?

**Sunday, February 22** – James the Less, but wait there is more to him than that!

**Sunday, March 1** – Simon the Zealot, really one of Jesus' disciples?

**Sunday, March 8** – Judas (not Iscariot) the Apostle with Three Names

**Sunday, March 15** – Judas Iscariot

Our lively group always has room for more, as we learn about those closest to Jesus. Some pass by our room during class and ask "how can you be laughing?" I reply with "because it is fun to learn more about Jesus and who he chose as disciples!" See you on Sunday morning.

Liz

### **Message**

Pastor Rick Hall

### **Minister of Music**

Mark Longfield

### **Organist**

Andy Gladbach

### **Greeter**

Darlene Michener

### **Communion**

### **Assistant**

Debby Semel

Diana Howison

Bonnie Koch

CaroleJean Willis

Darlene Michener

### **Lector**

George Watson

### **Usher**

Terri Lau

Tom Reilly

Morgan Loy

### **Gaffer**

Marshall Bowen

### **Sound**

Bob Akin

### **Live Stream**

Jessie Tobey

### **Birthdays**

1) Hannah Rickertsem

4) Christopher Jones

5) Justin Radley



for the needs and circumstances of our neighbors, communities and world.

Download the [Prayer Ventures here](#) for January 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



***Prayer List ...***

Nesbitt Blaisdell,  
Bob Boehman  
Mike Cosenza  
Ruthanne Henderson  
The Hodge Family  
Rick Holt  
Dick Krussow  
Kimberly Laux  
Samuel Lee  
Lillie Lim  
Leo Lujan  
Jim & Karen Ohrt  
Lumina Padron-Sanchez  
Donna Stenberg  
& family  
Pam Sullivan  
Denise Vanzago  
Muriel Waugh

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

Kimberly Laux  
Edie Lewis  
Mary Ann Manore  
Vehling Family

***.Shut-ins:***

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

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

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

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

Bryce Anderson;  
Joshua Camarena  
Aaron Carpenter;  
Marc Gonsalves;  
Curtis Haines;  
Daniel Lukavsky;  
David Lukavsky;  
Tyler Stefansen  
Austin Swanson;  
Jeremy Stephens;  
Keaton Wriedt

***Prayer of the Day:*** Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.



2026 WESTERN STATES  
YOUTH GATHERING

# A FAITH ODYSSEY



JUNE 28- JULY 1, 2026

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## FOOD ASKS OF THE SEASON



north

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interfaith

food

pantry

We need helping hands to pack more bags! We are asking people for an hour or two of their time to pack bags at Temple Beth Hillel. Check out some of the ways you can volunteer below. Then visit our website, [NHIFP.org](http://NHIFP.org), go to the tab "Sign Up Genius" to help out!

**Transportation Team** transports the loaded grocery bags from the packing site at Temple Beth Hillel to the food distribution site at First Christian Church. Sign up to help out here: [North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry: Transport bags from Temple to new pantry and/or unload truck \(signupgenius.com\)](http://NorthHollywoodInterfaithFoodPantry.org)

**Packing Team** fills the bags and sorts them in the basement of Temple Beth Hillel. Sign up to help out here: [North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry: Pack Bags at the Temple OR at Distribution - CHECK LOCATION ADDRESS! \(signupgenius.com\)](http://NorthHollywoodInterfaithFoodPantry.org)

**Sack Lunches Team** makes sack lunches at home and delivers them to the First Christian Church. Sign up to help out here: [North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry: Provide sack lunches - make at home and deliver \(signupgenius.com\)](http://NorthHollywoodInterfaithFoodPantry.org)

Please place your groceries in the food collection box in the narthex and they will be delivered to Temple Beth Hillel.

**Got extra grocery bags?** If you've got gently used paper or plastic bags taking up space in your pantry, we'd love to give them a second life! Drop off whatever you can spare at our distribution site—we'll put them to good use.

Other ways you can help us is by shopping from our [Amazon Wish List](#)



We always need cat and dog food (wet or dry).

Please donate cans of hearty soups and chili.



Drop off food donations at:

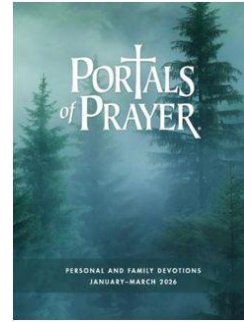
Our Distribution Site  
- **Mondays and Fridays**  
**between 7:30AM-11:00**  
(11634 Moorpark St. -1/2 block east of Colfax)

Temple Beth Hillel (enter off  
Laurelgrove) **Mondays-Fridays, 4:00-5:00PM** please donate cans of hearty soups and chili.



## 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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Southwest  
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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

Please feel free to call the business office:  
(818) 763-5434.

SoCalSynod

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

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**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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