



FEBRUARY 2026

# CROSSEAMS

Lutheran Church of the Cross



## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Beloved of God,

“Stay focused.” Years ago when I was learning how to drive, my parents implored me to turn off the radio, to pay attention to the road, and to stay focused. Those first few days of driver’s education behind the wheel were difficult for me. Any bright sign or clever billboard easily distracted my gaze. If I looked to the left for an extended period of time, the car I was driving would veer to the left. If I looked to the right for an extended period of time, my vehicle would veer to the right. For my safety and the safety of others on the road, I had to stay focused.

Already this year, the weather and news alerts have kept me on my toes. Whether it’s a polar vortex, the hardships people are facing in our city, the collapse of our healthcare system, or threats of war - the distractions can be overwhelming. I know I should not ignore the alerts. I also know I cannot be consumed by them either. I must stay focused.

As a church, we must stay focused on the work God has called us to do. The news headlines, clever marketing ploys, and clickbait are all competing for our attention, and if we’re not careful, they might throw us off from the mission God has for us. The truth is that no matter what happens in the world, our mission at ELCOC remains forefront. We long to be a compassionate community following the way of Jesus, embracing diversity, love, and service. As followers of Jesus, we will always respond as needs arise, and we will stay focused on showing God’s unconditional love. As we gather this month for our AGM, prepare for Lent, and recognize and celebrate Black History Month, we will lift up the ministry we have been entrusted to hold.

People of God, I suspect that many items are vying for your time and attention. Do not be easily distracted. Stay focused. Stay focused on Jesus.

*Pastor Lindsey*

# **ELCOC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

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**February 8, 2026 at 11:30am**  
**Lutheran Church of the Cross in the hall**

## **What is this meeting about?**

An Annual General Meeting (AGM) is a formal meeting where the members of a congregation gather to discuss the organization's operation over the past year and its future direction. For congregations like ours that are registered nonprofits, this meeting is not just a good practice; it's a requirement under Canadian law.

## **Do we really need to attend?**

In short, yes - and we would love to see you and connect with you. This is a chance for us to come together as a congregation to celebrate our ministry over the last year, dream about our future, and prayerfully consider the direction God is calling us. We welcome all to attend our AGM meetings at ELCOC - however only church members have the ability to vote.

## **How do I check if I am a member?**

You can email or call the office to check on your membership status at ELCOC. We will have a list of all current members at the meeting for the official sign-in to assess quorum and attendance. We will also have a sign-in for any non-members who wish to attend as guests. If you are interested in becoming a member in the next year speak to Pastor Lindsey and they will ensure you are invited to our next new members class in the spring.

## **What do we do at the AGM?**

At the AGM our church council co-chairs will lead us through an agenda that will: Review and approve reports & financial statements. Elect church council board members. Approve budgets for the upcoming year. Discuss key developments, issues, and plans for the year to come - like the replacement of our Sanctuary furnace.

## **Where do I find the congregational reports and proposed budget?**

AGM Reports will be available to pick up from the church or download from our website on Sunday January 25<sup>th</sup> 2026.

## **What if I have questions ahead of the AGM?**

Join us January 25<sup>th</sup> for a coffee with council on the AGM reports and Budget following worship in the sanctuary.

Pastor Lindsey and our church council co-chairs Bill O. or Paddy C. welcome any one who wishes to discuss specific questions or concerns with regards to the AGM or our Congregation at anytime and would be glad to set up a meeting with you.

# COUNCIL UPDATE



Dear Members, Friends, and Supporters of Lutheran Church of the Cross,

As we come to the end of 2025, we would like to share an update on the life and finances of our church, and to thank you for the remarkable care and generosity you have shown throughout the year.

This past year has brought some financial challenges. When we approved the 2025 budget, we anticipated a deficit of about \$30,000 and believed we could manage it responsibly. For much of the year, we were making good progress—until the unexpected failure of the Narthex furnace added roughly \$25,000 in unplanned expenses. Thanks to retained earnings and a legacy gift from the Mattheis family, we were able to absorb that cost and continue moving forward.

As the year drew to a close, however, we also lost rental income from IFI and the Southwood Church of God—revenue that will need to be replaced in 2026. By the end of 2025, our overall deficit stood at approximately \$43,500.

What happened next speaks volumes about the strength of this congregation. When Council shared this situation in December, the response was immediate and generous. Because of your support, we start 2026 with a small amount to draw upon. We are currently out of the red, and we are on our way to having the funds needed to replace the Sanctuary furnace. If a provincial government grant comes through, we expect to be able to complete that work in 2026.

There are, however, still challenges: we continue to monitor the roof, which is holding for now; the interior of the church would benefit from some refreshing; and our A/V system needs attention, including a new projector and laptop. These are important concerns, but our main challenge for 2026 is the General Operating budget—covering building and grounds maintenance, utilities, office expenses, insurance, and salaries. Of these, salaries are our single largest expense. We're still projecting a deficit in 2026.

We are deeply grateful for the generosity that arrives each Christmas season, and especially for what you have given this year. At the same time, to be sustainable we need steadier giving throughout the year—approximately 15% more overall.

With that in mind, Council would like to explore a practice that has been suggested several times: annual pledges. A simple pledge system for 2026 would allow us to track progress month by month, plan more carefully, and respond early if we begin to fall behind. We believe this could be an important step toward strengthening the church's long-term financial health.

There is much to be hopeful about. Membership is increasing. The new Narthex furnace is in place, ensuring a warm and comfortable winter. Time has been freed up to pursue more sustainable rental opportunities. We have struck a Property Administration Committee to handle building maintenance and rentals. Our Annual General Meeting is approaching, bringing the possibility of fresh ideas and new energy on Council. And, as always, we move forward grounded in faith.

Thank you once again for your generosity, your trust, and your commitment to this community. There is still work to do, but we look forward to another year of spiritual growth, renewal, and shared purpose.

With gratitude and hope,  
Bill Ogilvie & Paddy Colfer

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As ELCOC Council plans for 2026, we ask you to consider what you are able to give through 2026, and provide that in the form of a pledge, if possible. This pledge can be provided confidentially to the Financial Secretary in print, via email, or by phone. If you are unable to provide a pledge at this time, please know ELCOC appreciates your ongoing financial contributions, in-person or on-line as you are able.

As part of this pledge, we are also asking you to consider going to Pre-Authorized Remittances (PAR) for your contributions, if you are not already on PAR. The PAR withdrawals come off automatically the 20th of each month from your bank account, and if circumstances change, requests for changes can be processed up to the 10th of any month. Your PAR amount would serve as your pledge for the year as well, and would make it easier both for yourself and for the church.

If you are able we ask that you would please fill out the PAR form on the following page, along with a VOID cheque (or Direct Deposit form from your bank website) and return it to the church in one of the following ways:

- Drop it off at the church - Financial Secretary mailbox
- Scan and E-mail it to [laverne.rude@gmail.com](mailto:laverne.rude@gmail.com)
- Call our Financial Secretary Laverne Rude to relay your pledge for 2026 - 403-829-4439
- Mail it c/o Financial Secretary, Lutheran Church of the Cross

10620 Elbow Dr SW, Calgary, AB T2W 1G4

Please do not hesitate to reach out to our Council Co-chairs Bill O. and Paddy C. or our Financial Secretary Laverne R. if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your prayers, ongoing support, and care for our congregation !

In Christ,  
ELCOC Church Council and Financial Secretary Laverne R.

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# PAR AUTHORIZATION FORM

(For new PAR donors and to make changes to banking details)

Church Name: Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Cross

PAR Congregational Number: 10010505

I/We, \_\_\_\_\_ (envelope # \_\_\_\_\_), request and authorize The United Church of Canada to debit my/our account on the 20th of every month in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, starting on the 20th of \_\_\_\_\_ (enter month). This contribution is made on behalf of:

Name of Local Church: Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Cross

Address: 10620 Elbow Drive SW

City: Calgary Province: Alberta Postal Code: T2W 1G4

This contribution by me/us to the above local church is to benefit:

General Offering \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Mission and Service Fund N/A Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(For Other, specify Cause of the Month, Internship Program, or other Designated Fund \_\_\_\_\_)

This donation/payment is made by (check one): \_\_\_\_\_ Individual(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Business

***Please attach a VOID cheque.***

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- I may change the amount of my contribution at any time subject to providing notice of 15 days.
- I may revoke my authorization at any time, subject to providing notice of 15 days at which time I will submit a cancellation form obtained from the Church PAR Contact or by contacting my financial institution or visiting [www.cdnpay.ca](http://www.cdnpay.ca).
- I have certain recourse rights if any debit does not comply with this agreement. For example, I have the right to receive reimbursement for any debit that is not authorized or is not consistent with this PAR agreement. To obtain more information on my recourse rights, I may contact my financial institution or visit [www.cdnpay.ca](http://www.cdnpay.ca).
- I waive my right to receive pre-notification of the amount of the Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) and agree that I do not require advance notice of the amount of PAR before the debit is processed.

Name of Church PAR Contact: Laverne Rude, Financial Secretary Phone No: 403-686-7311 (home)

e-mail -- [laverne.rude@gmail.com](mailto:laverne.rude@gmail.com)

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**Due to high service charges (2.5% for Visa and MasterCard), we generally do not encourage people to use credit cards for PAR donations. However, if donors wish, this service is still available.**

Debit My Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ EXP \_\_\_\_\_

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Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

We agree to be bound by, comply with, respect and apply all relevant provisions of the Canadian Payments Act and all related by-laws, rules and standards in force from time to time as they apply to PAR including, without limitation, the Confirmation Pre-notification requirements or waiver of Pre-notification requirements and cancellation requirements as set out in Rule 47.

The use, retention and disclosure of personal information collected from this form is done in compliance with privacy legislation, including but not limited to, the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (2000, c.S).

# UPCOMING EVENTS



**FEBRUARY 10  
@ 11:30 AM**

Join us for Young at Heart Seniors Lunch this February 10th - all are welcome to attend!

The meal will include two soups, two salads and make your own sandwich and ice cream,

Email or call the church office to request a ride.



February 15<sup>th</sup> 2026  
11:30 AM in the Hall

Bring a salad or dessert to share!

Pizza provided thanks to a generous donation by an ELCOC family.

Gluten-Free and Vegetarian options will be available!



*Ash Wednesday*

TO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN

**February 18 at Noon and 7:15pm**

Service with the Imposition of Ashes



All Are Welcome



We are seeking support for this outreach event for our community. Movie nights are held monthly fall - spring. We specifically need volunteers to help with:

- hospitality
- hall set up
- tech support

Contact the office or speak with Judy for more information.



JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE TOGETHER IN WORSHIP  
ON FEBRUARY 22, 2026 AT ELCOC





# STEPHEN MINISTRY IS RETURNING TO LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

## What is Stephen Ministry?

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2, NRSV). Stephen Ministry offers a proven and effective way to organize, equip, and supervise a team of congregation members—called Stephen Ministers—to provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and the community experiencing life difficulties.

## Who's Involved in Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Leaders are church staff, lay leaders, and pastors trained to provide ongoing leadership for their congregation's Stephen Ministry. Pastor Lindsey and Hilary Gray are attending the Stephen Leader Training Course offered by Stephen Ministries St. Louis.

- Stephen Ministers are congregation members trained by their Stephen Leaders to offer care to people who are hurting. A Stephen Minister typically has one care receiver at a time and meets with that person once a week for about an hour. Hilary Gray has been attending the training since September 2025 and will be completing the training soon.
- Care Receivers are individuals in the congregation or community who are going through a crisis or life difficulty. Potential care receivers first meet with a pastor or Stephen Leader, who assesses their needs for care and matches them with a Stephen Minister. The caring relationship lasts for as long as the need persists.

## How does this fit with our mission, vision, and values at Church of the Cross?

In many ways, Stephen Ministry embodies who we have shared we are through our congregations mission, vision, and values. Members and friends of Lutheran Church of the Cross are people who care for others. We value a Christ-centered, biblically based doctrine that includes active worship of a triune God, outreach to the community and beyond, stewardship through commitment, Christian education to its members, caring for others, and providing a warm welcome to all. Stephen Ministry is a practical tangible ministry that does not replace other ministries and needs the awareness and support of all the congregation.

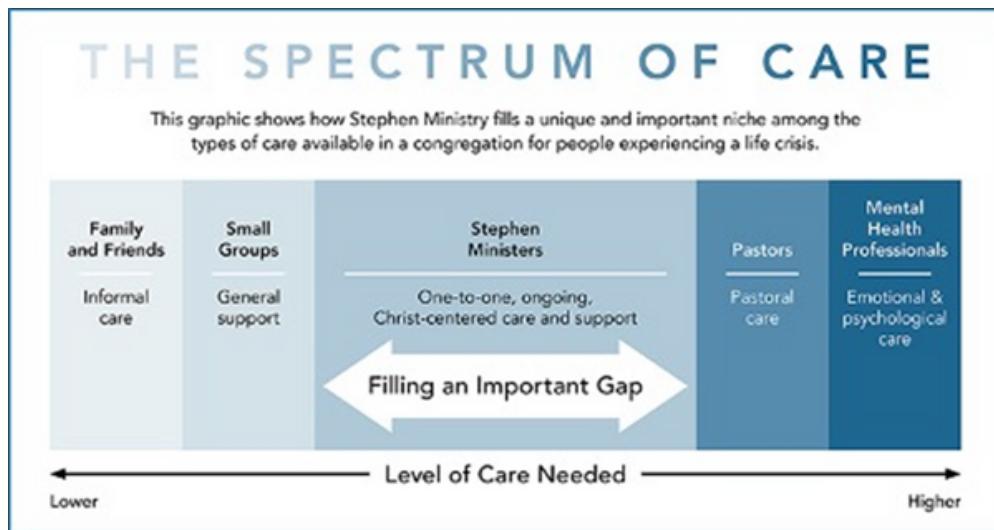
### Mission- Focused Actions That Are Central to Our Stephen Ministry At Lutheran Church Of The Cross



- Equipping People to Use Their Gifts in Ministry
- Helping People Grow in Their Faith
- Providing Care and Support for Hurting People
- Building Up the Congregation as a Caring Community
- Reaching Unchurched People with the Love of Jesus.

## Stephen Ministers fill an important need in the caregiving spectrum of our community:

Stephen Ministry is a practical tangible ministry that does not replace other ministries and needs the awareness and support of all the congregation. In short, Stephen Ministry helps carry out the mission of our church.



### The Blessings of Stephen Ministry

- Stephen Ministry multiplies blessings throughout the church and community.
- Congregations carry out Christ's commandment to "Love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12 RSV) in a powerful and practical way.
- Pastors have a team of gifted, trained, and committed lay caregivers ready to minister to hurting people.
- Laypeople nurture and use their gifts in meaningful ministry, growing spiritually as they serve others and see God at work in and through their ministry.
- People who are hurting have a caring Christian presence to provide emotional and spiritual support.

### Stephen Ministry Is Built to Last

You'll find Stephen Ministry in congregations from more than 190 Christian denominations, across the U.S. and Canada and in 30 other countries. Stephen Ministry is built to last—going strong for decades in hundreds of congregations.

Since Stephen Ministries St. Louis was founded in 1975:

- More than 14,000 congregations have enrolled in Stephen Ministry.
- More than 80,000 pastors and lay leaders from those congregations have been equipped as Stephen Leaders.
- More than 600,000 laypeople have received Stephen Minister training.
- More than one-and-a-half-million people have had a Stephen Minister to walk with them, providing one-to-one Christian care during tough times

For more information on this new ministry connect with Hilary G. or Pastor Lindsey to learn more.

# Connect with us this Lent :

## Shrove Tuesday



**February 17, 2025 - TBD**

This year we are working on a plan to partner with a neighbouring congregation for a shared shrove Tuesday meal! We will share the details as soon as possible. In the meantime - if you, your family, or friends would like to join in the celebrations please sign-up at the church or contact us in the office. We ask that you bring a free will offering as you are able to help assist in the cost of the meal.

## Ash Wednesday



**February 18, 2025 - Noon & 7:00pm**

We welcome all to join us as we begin our Lenten journey together at Church of the Cross this month. This year we will offer two 30 min services with scripture readings, hymns, a short reflection, with the imposition of ashes. The services will take place at Lutheran Church of the Cross at noon with the second service at 7pm.

## Midweek Lenten Service



**Lenten Mid-Week Services**

**Thursday nights February 25 through March 26 from 7:15pm - 8pm**

This year we will gather for a time of worship, reflection, and prayer for peace and healing within our world. Join us each week as we journey together through Lent.

## Kids Bible Camp

**February 21 from 2pm-4pm**

Once a month we will gather our young people for a time of singing, learning, games, snacks, and crafts on a central bible story. Our next session will be February 21 from 2pm-4pm on Jesus time in the wilderness and the gift of Lent.



We look forward to welcoming kids from our congregation, neighborhood, and other church communities who wish to learn and grow with God in an inclusive, affirming, and encouraging environment. We look forward to welcoming kids in grade 1-6, and ages 5 and under with adult supervision.

Thanks to the generous support of the ELCOC endowment committee there is no cost associated with this program but registration will be required to attend. To register contact our office at: [churchofthecross@shaw.ca](mailto:churchofthecross@shaw.ca)

# JOIN A SMALL GROUP

**UKULELE GROUP**

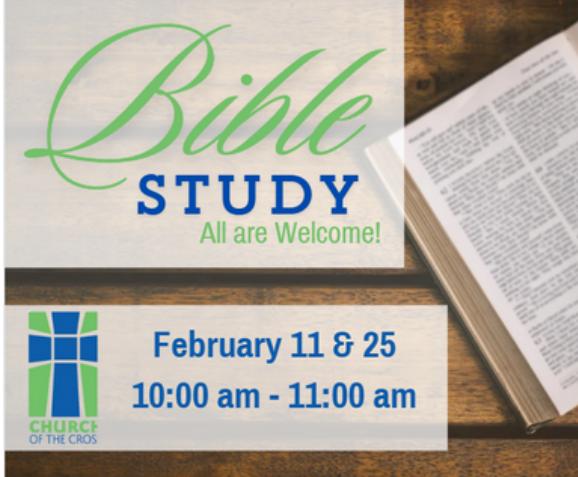


Wednesdays from 11:30am-1pm  
All skill levels are welcome to join us!

If you need further details, please contact  
Jean at [jeandacko7@gmail.com](mailto:jeandacko7@gmail.com)

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**Bible STUDY**  
All are Welcome!



February 11 & 25  
10:00 am - 11:00 am

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**PETROF  
ELCC Choir**



THURSDAYS 6PM -7:15 PM.

ALL ARE WELCOME AND  
ENCOURAGED TO COME AND  
SING.

CONTACT CATHERINE FOR  
MORE INFORMATION.

**Caring Connections**

CHURCH OF THE CROSS

**CAREGIVER PEER SUPPORT GROUP**  
Church of the Cross at 1pm  
Connect with Pastor Lindsey to RSVP

**NEXT GATHERING:  
FEBRUARY 17, 2026**

**Mens Breakfast**  
ALL ARE WELCOME



February 7 & 14  
LCOC - North Meeting Room

CHURCH OF THE CROSS CONNECTION COMMUNITY & BIBLE STUDY

8:00AM - 10:00AM

CHURCH OF THE CROSS

**THEOLOGY ON TAP**  
With Pastor Lindsey



Join us at Bitter Sisters the last  
Wednesday of the month 7-9pm  
Next session January 28, 2026  
RSVP with Pastor Lindsey to save your spot!

# ABT SYNOD UPDATES



February 2026

Dear friends in Christ.

## Why do we exist?

That's a question I asked as we turned the corner to 2026. It's a missional question, an identity question, a purpose question!

Because of our theological approach, Lutherans have a unique perspective of the Gospel, and thereby an important contribution to make to peoples' lives and to society. "Justification by grace" isn't a cute slogan from our historical roots, but is a thread that has run through the history of God's people right up to this moment. In a world that measures worth by productivity, popularity, wealth, military might, gender or skin colour, Lutherans proclaim that our value is not earned but is a gift.

What this does for us is to open our hearts to the lives of others and to all creation. We learn compassion, forgiveness, justice. We learn to collaborate. We work for the common good and not just our own. We care for the earth. We respect our heritage and are active stewards for the future. We know the world isn't easily fixed nor do we imagine that faith shields us from pain. Still, we stand together to proclaim the hope and love of Christ.

This is especially important today. Our lives feel unstable with world events. There is fear and foreboding all around. But remember, as God's children we are secure in a love that knows no end. We always have a place of belonging. We are never alone. Each Sunday in our congregations we remind one another of God's love and faithfulness, and we encourage one another to lead tenacious and committed lives shaped by that love.

Today is a day to lean into our baptismal promises. Do you remember those?

To live among God's faithful people, hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, serve all people following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

That's a recipe for a changed world and a clear answer to the question I first posed above.

May God bless you in living out or anticipating your baptism.

May you know Jesus is beside you in the journey of life.

May the Holy Spirit energize and encourage you to courageously stand firm in love.

*Bishop Trish*

Bishop Trish Schmermund  
Synod of Alberta and the Territories, ELCIC



Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in Canada  
Living Out God's Grace & Unconditional Love



Evangelical  
Lutheran Church  
in America



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January 16, 2026

To our dear siblings in Christ,

As the national bishops of Lutheran churches in the United States, Canada and Denmark, we wish to send the Greenlandic people our full support in an unusually difficult situation. We pray for and encourage our own congregations and people to pray for and stand with Greenland and the Greenlandic people who want to maintain their independence. We pray for peace and respect between nations.

We unreservedly support the Church of Greenland and Bishop Paneeraq Siegstad Munk, whose statement has been quoted in several media outlets: "This is a question of human rights, dignity, and respecting international laws and treaties. We are a small people, but we are not invisible. Our future is not something to be decided over our heads. We have language, culture, ancestors, children, and a future tied to this place. We are people, not property. Greenland is not land to be bought. It is our home and it is not for sale" ([Christian News, Jan. 14](#)).

The Church of Greenland works closely with dioceses in Denmark and plays an active role in international affairs as a member of the World Council of Churches, the Lutheran World Federation and other organizations. We wish that this close cooperation will continue and bring joy and benefit to the people of Greenland.

We invite you to write to your elected leaders and tell them to respect the independence of Greenland and the Greenlandic people.

In Christ,

The Rev. Dr. Larry  
Kochendorfer,  
National Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church  
in Canada

The Rev. Yehiel Curry,  
Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America

Rt. Revd. Henrik Stubkjær,  
Bishop of Viborg  
Evangelical Lutheran Church  
in Denmark

## LWF approves new scholarships

“Education serves as a catalyst for positive change, extending far beyond the classroom and transforming not only individuals, but also the churches and societies in which we live.” That’s the conviction of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) Program Executive for Capacity Building and Leadership Development Rev. Katarina Kiilunen, who is responsible for overseeing the annual scholarships which are offered to students of theology and diakonia-related studies. At a meeting last December, the LWF Scholarship Committee approved new scholarships for 46 theology students from 34 member churches and for 54 students pursuing diakonia-related studies in 35 member churches.

Through LWF’s scholarship program, Kiilunen said, the global communion “continues its long-standing commitment to supporting good-quality education that advances responsible theology, fosters critical thinking, and strengthens the churches public witness in society as advocates for justice and peace.”

Since the 1950s, more than 4,000 women and men have received training through LWF scholarships. Candidates are selected through a rigorous process that seeks to provide a balanced regional representation. Over half of all scholarships this year have been awarded to women, and the majority of successful applicants are aged 30 or under. Over the past five years, LWF has introduced new activities and platforms linked to the scholarship program, bringing scholarship holders together across the communion and creating spaces for joint reflection and exchange of ideas. Alongside leadership development, the program places particular emphasis on building and sustaining networks among current scholars and alumni. Strengthening these connections has also opened new opportunities for scholarship holders to contribute to the life of the global communion and to serve as resource persons in various activities and events.

LWF will conduct a leadership training session for theology scholarship holders from 19–24 April in Wittenberg, Germany, offering a space to nurture transformative leadership that is grounded in responsible theology. Participants will explore the concept and practice of church leadership in their different intercultural and intergenerational contexts, reflecting critically on the kind of church and world they help shape through their theology and practice. The program emphasizes value-based leadership and seeks to strengthen participants’ understanding of church leadership as both spiritual and organizational.

“This training is essential to support the holistic formation of emerging leaders, helping them to grow and develop the skills and discernment needed to serve their churches faithfully and creatively in these challenging times,” Kiilunen said.



# FEBRUARY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Epiphany 4 Worship with Communion 10 AM <b>No Confirmation</b>	2 Staff Meeting 2:30-3:30	3	4 Social Ministry 10:30 AM Ukulele Group 11:30AM-1PM	5 Quilting Group 9:30 AM Choir 6:00 PM	6	7 Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM
8 Epiphany 5 Worship with Communion 10 AM <b>Confirmation @ Cross</b>	9 Staff Meeting 2:30-3:30	10 Seniors Lunch 11:30AM	11 Ukulele Group 11:30AM-1PM	12 Quilting Group 9:30 AM Choir 6:00 PM	13	14 Valentines Day
15 Epiphany 6 Worship with Communion 10 AM	16 Office Closed - Family Day	17 Caring Connections 1 PM - 2PM Shrove Tuesday TBD	18 Ash Wednesday Service Noon & 7:00pm	19 Quilting Group 9:30 AM Choir 6:00 PM	20 Community Movie Night 6pm-8pm	21 Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM Kids Bible Camp 2PM - 4PM
22 Lent 1 Black History Month worship with Communion 10 AM	23 Staff Meeting 2:30-3:30	24	25 Ukulele Group 11:30AM-1PM  Theology on Tap 7pm-9pm Bitter Sister Pub	26 Quilting Group 9:30 AM Choir 6:00 PM  Midweek Lent Service 7:15 PM	27	28



*"Lent is a time of going very deeply into ourselves... What is it that stands between us and God? Between us and our brothers and sisters? Between us and life, the life of the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out, without a moment's hesitation."*

*—Catherine Doherty*