



ELCA World Hunger's

# 40 DAYS

*of Giving*

A *way* in the  
*wilderness.*

Even in the most challenging times, we trust in God and hope for the work God is doing in the world. This Lent, join ELCA World Hunger as we journey with our neighbors toward a just world where all are fed.

How to  
*give*



[ELCA.org/40days](https://elca.org/40days)

**Online:**  
[ELCA.org/40days](https://elca.org/40days)

**By mail:**  
ELCA, P.O. Box 1809,  
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009  
Please make checks payable to  
"ELCA World Hunger" and write  
"40 Days of Giving" on the  
check's memo line.



**ELCA World Hunger**  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

The world provides enough food for all,  
but as many as

**811**  
million people

around the globe are undernourished. We believe in a God of abundance, so as a church, we live out our baptismal call to strive for a just world where all are fed.

ELCA World Hunger is our church's ministry to end hunger and poverty. We walk alongside partners and companions in the United States and 60 other countries. Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger address hunger and poverty around the world with creative and courageous action.

As the COVID-19 pandemic has pushed more people into hunger and poverty, our work together has become more important than ever.

For nearly two years, as the world has reeled from the effects of a deadly pandemic, we have seen the number of hungry people around the world rise sharply, watched as food pantries and soup kitchens expanded to serve an ever-growing number of guests, and longed together in hope for a just world where all are fed.

This very yearning lies at the heart of who we are as church together. Yet our longing has not led to inertia nor despair, despite the discouraging forecasts.

**We are an Easter people, clinging to the promise of God: "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert" (Isaiah 43:19).**

*This Lent,*

you're invited to journey into the wilderness with us and with God. Together with fellow supporters, you'll pledge to work to end hunger during ELCA World Hunger's **40 Days of Giving**. More than ever, your generosity is critical as we accompany people around the world who face hunger and poverty.

Bring ELCA World Hunger into the life of your congregation and family with resources available to use at home, online or in person. These include:

- 1) A **devotional calendar** with daily ideas for reflection, giving and action.
- 2) **"A Way in the Wilderness,"** the weekly study guide inviting you and your congregation into deeper reflection on faith and justice, with inspirational stories about how your gifts to ELCA World Hunger are at work in the world.
- 3) Additional resources, including a **weekly email series** and **online fundraising tools** to invite others into the practice of giving to end hunger and poverty.

We **invite you to study, pray, be challenged and give** with us during ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving — for the good of our families, our neighbors and communities around the world.



Visit [ELCA.org/40Days](https://www.elca.org/40Days) for more information, to order resources and sign up for emails, and to begin planning your congregation's participation and fundraising.