

Black History Month Events

Screening of the 43rd Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration and Commemoration Worship Service

Tuesday, Jan. 17 | 12-1:30 p.m.

Richter Lecture Hall

The annual celebration — sponsored by the African Descent Lutheran Association, Los Angeles, and the Southwest California Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — honors the life, teachings and witness of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Through music and spoken word, the theme "One in the Spirit" will come alive to encourage the creation of King's Beloved Community and continue his social-justice legacy. The Rev. Scott Hamilton Adams, university pastor, will preach a message of hope as a part of the service. A light lunch will be served. [RSVP at bit.ly/3Ztrrxw](https://bit.ly/3Ztrrxw).

Martin Luther King Jr. Chapel Worship Service and Black History Month Kickoff Lunch

Thursday, Jan. 19 | 11:25 a.m.

Samuelson Chapel

In celebration of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, Campus Ministry will hold a special Worship Service during our regularly scheduled Sabbath hour of worship to reflect on King's spiritual life and legacy of social justice. After the service, join us on the Samuelson Chapel patio for our Black History Month Kickoff Lunch.

MLK WEEK OF SERVICE

Benefitting Lutheran Social Services

Thursday, Jan. 19 | 12:30-2 p.m.

Samuelson Chapel Narthex

Help assemble lunches for those experiencing homelessness in the Conejo Valley.

Benefitting the Community Cupboard

Thursday, Jan. 19, through Friday, Jan. 27

Collection Bins in the Samuelson Chapel Narthex

Participate in a campuswide supply drive to stock the shelves at the Community Cupboard and support Cal Lutheran students experiencing food insecurity. Donate food and toiletry items by placing them in the collection bins in the Samuelson Chapel Narthex or support the cause by purchasing supplies from the Community Cupboard Amazon Wish List or donating online.



Community
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Benefitting The Painted Turtle

Friday, Jan. 20 | 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Pepper Grove

The Painted Turtle provides a life-changing, safe and inclusive environment and camp experience for children with chronic or life-threatening illnesses. Participants will prepare turtle pillows by cutting and decorating fabric. Come for 30 minutes or stay longer, as your schedule allows. [RSVP at bit.ly/3JS4Bhb](https://bit.ly/3JS4Bhb).

Benefitting Lutheran Social Services

Monday, Jan. 23 | 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Lutheran Social Services

80 E. Hillcrest Drive., Suite 101, Thousand Oaks

Support the front desk in serving those who are housing insecure and assisting with the Clothes Closet. Limited to eight participants. [RSVP at bit.ly/3WTbbvK](https://bit.ly/3WTbbvK).

Benefitting For The Troops

Wednesday, Jan. 25 | 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Student Union Patio

Words of support and encouragement help active-duty military members who are deployed and separated from loved ones. Write a note, design a card or color a greeting card that will be sent with "We Care" packages to military personnel by For The Troops.

Black History Month Reading Group Circle

Tuesdays in February | 11:25 a.m.-12:25 p.m.

Ullman Conference Center 103

Campus Ministry invites the Cal Lutheran community to share in its Brown Bag Reading Circle Group, beginning Feb. 7. This will be a time to break bread together and engage in deep conversation toward the discovery of how we may live in a faith that does justice. Join us in February as we read and discuss *Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman. Interested in joining the conversation? Email the Rev. Scott Adams at revscott@CalLutheran.edu for more details.

Black History Month Chapel Worship Services

Thursdays in February | 11:25 a.m.

Samuelson Chapel

Black History Month highlights the immeasurable contributions of African Americans. The Black church is one of the most important institutions that has lifted individuals and communities out of the depth of despair. Join Campus Ministry as we celebrate African American Spirituality/Religion, values, history and culture through music, prayer, dynamic preaching, praise and worship for the entire month.

Black Storytelling in Film: Nope Screening and Discussion

Thursday, Feb. 9 | 5-8 p.m.

University Chapel

Student Life's Center for Cultural Engagement and Inclusion invites you to a screening of Jordan Peele's latest thriller *Nope*. The screening will begin with a discussion on the rich legacy of Black storytelling in film. Snacks will be provided, and no registration is required. For more information, visit bit.ly/NOPEatCLU.

Soulfest

Friday, Feb. 17 | 6-9 p.m.

Kingsmen Park

The Black Student Union invites you to its 5th annual Soulfest! Join us for a fun night full of Black-owned businesses, exciting special performances and delicious food. This event is coordinated by the Black Student Union. Everyone is welcome.

Black History Month Lecture Lunch

Thursday, Feb. 23 | 12:30-2 p.m.

Samuelson Chapel Narthex

Please join us for lunch as we discuss "The Courage of Belonging: Proactively Pressing Toward the Mark of the High Calling of Beloved Community."

A beloved community is a diverse space of belonging. It is characterized by the proactive service of all individuals to courageously work together toward cultivating common ground where our community embodies and reflects the fundamental character of belonging. Terra N. Hall, PhD, associate dean of Student Affairs for Diversity and Belonging at Pepperdine University, will lead this dynamic conversation. Lunch will be served.

"A Discussion of Undocumented Black Students"

Thursday, Feb. 23 | 3:30 p.m.

Swenson Center for Social and Behavioral Sciences 101/102

Higher education practitioners and scholars in the U.S. have widely ignored the experiences of undocumented Black students ("undocuBlack"). To begin to address this gap, Felecia Russell, EdD, director of undergraduate admission at Cal Lutheran, conducted a qualitative study that explored the experiences of 15 undocumented Black college students. She will discuss the findings and share insights on how we can center undocumented Black student voices on college campuses. Appetizers will be provided. The presentation also will be livestreamed at CalLutheran.edu/live.

Black History & Culture: Los Angeles Excursion

Sunday, Feb. 26 | 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Los Angeles

This day trip to Los Angeles will begin at the California African American Museum (CAAM), the first African American museum of art,

history and culture. Our second stop will be at Black on the Block — a unique monthly festival featuring more than 100 Black-owned businesses. The final stop will be the Decade of Dimensions Art Show, a weekendlong art exhibit featuring four Black artists in the genres of Black Futurism and Escapism. Lunch and transportation will be provided. For more information and to register, visit bit.ly/BHMtrip23.

Community Scholars for Black Lives Fellowship Program Mixer

Tuesday, Feb. 28 | 4-5 p.m.

Student Union outside of Twilight Center

Please join us for an afternoon mixer highlighting this year's Community Scholars for Black Lives Fellowship Program, where the students will present a summary of their research projects and program goals.

The Community Scholars for Black Lives Fellowship Program is a small cohort of Cal Lutheran students engaged in work that embodies progress toward a just society where African Americans do not bear the brunt of racist structures and systems. The program features scholarship, mentorship and community engagement, and is made possible by an Amgen Foundation grant.

Light refreshments will be served. This event is sponsored by the Office of Talent, Culture, Diversity and coordinated in partnership with Cal Lutheran's Black Employee Association, University Advancement and the Office of Sponsored Research and Projects. This event is open to all students, staff and faculty.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The African American Male Education Network & Development Conference (A²MEND)

Thursday and Friday, March 2-3

Hyatt LAX, Los Angeles

The office of Talent, Culture and Diversity will sponsor the participation of two students and one faculty member for African American Male Education Network & Development's (A²MEND) annual conference. The event brings together Black male college students and educators to encourage and find innovative ideas to increase the success of Black male students in higher education. A²MEND is a nonprofit comprising African American male educators who voluntarily use their professional expertise to operate a statewide mentoring program for Black male students. For more information, visit thesummits.info.

Soul Food Fridays

Sodexo will host Soul Food Fridays starting Feb. 3. Soul foods are an African American food culture of hearty homecooked meals that you can point out by dishes with plenty of seasoning and rich with flavor!