

### **23 International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition**

Praise God for the pastors of ELCA prison congregations and for the faithful people from neighboring congregations who bring the love of Christ to those incarcerated.

### **24 Bartholomew, Apostle**

Pray for the evangelism team working to print *Proclaim His Story* into nine Asian languages, that this resource will be a blessing for Asian ministries in the United States and around the world, bringing many to faith in Jesus Christ.

**25** Give thanks for the dedicated service of Christoph Schmidt, who is returning this month from serving as a volunteer English as a second language teacher in Slovakia. Ask God to bless him as he returns to his family in the United States.

**26** Pray for new mission developers: Pastor Philip Johnson, Frazee/Vergas, Minn.; Pastor Raymond Branstiter, Native American Christian Ministry and Recovery Worship, Fargo/Moorhead, N.D./Minn.; and Jacob Mayen, First Sudanese Lutheran Church, Fargo, N.D., that God will give each the gifts and strength needed to grow and develop these ministries.

**27** August 29th is the five-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina's landfall in Louisiana and Mississippi, and many of those affected struggle today with that recovery process as well as the current oil spill disaster. Give thanks for the ongoing work of Lutheran Disaster Response in the Gulf Coast area.

**28** Pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea and its new head bishop Giegere Wenge and other new leaders as they look to the

future with hope and anticipation, even in the midst of numerous social and church challenges.

### **29 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

We thank you, O God, for the churches in Romania, Poland, Hungary and Slovakia, for the Christian education of children and young people; for increased practice of Bible reading and prayer in homes, and for perseverance in confessing the faith in a changing environment.

**30** Pray for the ministries of faculty and staff of the 27 colleges and universities affiliated with the ELCA, as they return to class this fall to live out their important vocations.

**31** Give thanks for the partnership between the ELCA Global Mission unit and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada's Mission in the World and Global Mission programs as the two church bodies draw on their long history of cooperation and move forward together in global mission.

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## PRAYER VENTURES

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### AUGUST 2010

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*Prayer petitions for Sundays follow the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle and can be incorporated into the prayers at weekly worship. Weekday entries are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the church. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.*

#### **1. Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

We pray for the people of Canada and the United States of America: for young and old; for the hungry, the poor, the broken and unloved, and for those who live with plenty; we ask that your mercy and loving kindness may abound.

**2** Pray for Olinda and her neighbors in Mozambique, caring community members who started a farm project that generates income to support children orphaned by AIDS.

**3** Pray for the new mission personnel who are being deployed this summer to many corners of the world. Give thanks for their service to Christ's Church and their devotion to mission in God's world.

**4** Please ask the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit for The Rev. Khader Khalilea, assistant pastor at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, San Mateo, Calif. Pastor Khalilia is leading an outreach ministry to the

Arab and Middle Eastern community in the Bay Area.

**5** Give thanks for Janelle Domeyer and other staff at Lutheran Volunteer Corps, providing opportunities for young people to serve with ministries working for peace with justice across the nation.

**6** Praise God for the work of Amanda Wieland, who concludes her second year of service in England this month. Bless her as she returns to her family in the United States.

**7** Give thanks for Allie Stehlin and Julie Reishus, who served as summer interns in the ELCA World Hunger office this summer; may their experiences there inspire them to continue to serve God through serving people hungry and living in poverty.

### **8 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

God of creation, we thank you for the awesome beauty of the land and sea in Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia, for the rich diversity of peoples, and for your sons and daughters who seek to live your will.

**9** Give thanks for the Rev. Edgar Hatcher and the team that developed “Care for Returning Veterans” workshops, and for all the congregations that have conducted the workshops, becoming centers of hospitality for people who have experienced the horrors of war.

**10** Pray for the Rev. Bradn and Natalja Buerkle. Bradn is a professor at Novosaratovka Seminary in St. Petersburg, Russia, teaching Church History and directing the contextual education for pastors.

**11** Lift up in prayer Lutheran Campus Ministry staff, ELCA college chaplains, and college and university students, as they gather this evening to

share and explore diverse stories of faith expression at the “Follow Me” conference.

### **12 International Youth Day**

Remember in prayer Christie Hanson and Pastor Eric Anspach-Hanson, serving the English-speaking congregation at Tokyo Lutheran Church, a church of the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church (JELC). Christie and Eric are also involved in youth programs of the JELC in the area.

**13** Lift up in prayer Pastor Stan Berntson and Sharon Geldaker, RN, aboard the ship *MV Christian*, who visit people in isolated Alaskan villages, bringing God’s Word, prayer, Bible study, hospitality, counseling, education and health care.

**14** Remember in prayer the Rev. Arden and Janna Haug as they serve in Slovakia. Arden is the Global Mission regional representative for Europe. In addition he serves as interm pastor for the Bratislava International Congregation.

### **15 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

We thank you, O God, for the people of the Pacific Island nations and Papua New Guinea, whose vibrant faith gives reason to celebrate your goodness. We thank you for the many gifts of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Papua New Guinea and its historic relationship with the ELCA.

### **16 Mary, Mother of Our Lord**

Give thanks for the pastors, staff and members of St. Mary Lutheran Church, Kenosha, Wis., who are still on fire with the Holy Spirit, 136 years into the congregation’s life.

**17** Give thanks for Peter Harrits, a graduate of Yale Divinity School who is returning this month from

Malaysia, where he served his seminary internship in Kuala Lumpur in a congregation of the Lutheran Church in Malaysia and Singapore.

**18** Pray for 33 ELCA international camp counselors from 22 countries who complete their work and return home this month after three months of service in 28 different ELCA camps.

**19** Lift up in prayer Pastor Rowena Wang, Federal Way Chinese Fellowship, and the relationship this new community of faith shares with Calvary Lutheran, Federal Way, Wash., that they will form bonds that bear witness to God’s redeeming love.

**20** Pray for the staff of Phebe Hospital and School of Nursing in Liberia, including the Rev. John Lunn, who accompanies the hospital in strengthening its administrative capacities. Give thanks for the ministries of returning volunteers like Carol Rasmussen and Bob Anderson as they provide support to Phebe health care ministries.

**21** Pray for Lipi, who lives in Bangladesh in a small hut with her husband, two children, and her elderly mother-in-law. She received a micro loan supported by ELCA World Hunger gifts that allows Lipi and her family to earn a steady income and put food on the table.

### **22 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

God of grace, look with favor on the people and churches of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, as they face new challenges and hope. We thank you for the links in faith and witness that emerge in the companion relationships between the Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church and the ELCA Delaware-Maryland Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lithuania and the ELCA Grand Canyon Synod.