

### **23 United Nations Public Service Day**

Pray for staff providing the Lutheran response to the April 24 tornadoes that struck central Mississippi, including response coordinator Sandra L. Braasch, ELCA diaconal minister, and director of disaster preparedness and response, Lutheran Episcopal Services in Mississippi, Jackson.

### **24 John the Baptist**

David Tiede concludes his ministry this fall as interim president of Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa. Give thanks to God for Dr. Tiede's long service to theological education in the ELCA, and ask God guide Wartburg Theological Seminary in its search for its next president.

**25** Pray for President Paul Pribbenow and the staff of Augsburg College, Minneapolis, as they prepare for a gathering of representatives from ELCA colleges and universities to explore their work with helping students discover their vocations.

### **26 International Day in Support of Victims of Torture**

Give thanks for Bette McCrandall who began serving in Liberia on June 1, 1984. She provides leadership to the educational ministries of the Lutheran Church in Liberia, which continues to witness to God's love and faithfulness.

### **27 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

Come, Lord Jesus, into the life of Christian churches in Bolivia, Chile and Peru. Help them be signs of your mercy as they work with the poor, the indigenous and the marginalized, and give them courage and faithfulness to walk in your steps.

**28** Rejoice with the Rev. Dana Nelson and Thomas Ososki as they walk with our brothers and sisters in

Peru. They serve the Cristo Rey Lutheran Congregation in Lima, working through Word and Sacrament Ministry in new mission starts, as well as assisting the Iglesia Evangelica Luterana Peruana in mission strategy.

### **29 Peter and Paul, Apostles**

Ask the God of the poor and disenfranchised to walk with congregations who serve in distressed neighborhoods. Give the faithful participants courage, strength, and the resources necessary to bring hope to those who suffer.

**30** Seek God's blessings on the ministry of Melanie Ferraro, Lutheran Church of Hope, Broomfield, Colo., and other members of the Grand Canyon Synod's Lutheran Youth Organization as they seek to raise awareness of the ravages of malaria around the world, and raise funds to help fight the disease through the Lutheran Malaria Initiative.

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## PRAYER VENTURES

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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** Ask God to bless the ministry of Pr. Linda Webster and the members of Our Saviour Lutheran Church on the Rocky Boy Reservation in Box Elder, Mont., as they share the Gospel and walk with the Chippewa-Cree tribe, hosting servant groups, providing opportunities for building respect and understanding across cultures.

**2** Pray for the the staff and supporters of the ELCA's Lutheran Office on World Community, advocating for human rights so that peoples and nations may enjoy dignity, freedom, justice, and peace.

**3** Lift up in prayer the leaders for the 41 developing ELCA ministries recently approved. Lead faithful people to say yes to being Mission Partners, offering their prayers, encouragement, financial support, and the work of their hands.

### **4 International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression**

Give thanks for the work of Linda Gawthorne among

the indigenous Kogi people of Colombia displaced from their land in the Santa Marta Mountains by violence, many now outside of their traditional lands. Linda provides spiritual nurturing and is helping translate the Bible into Kogi.

### **5 World Environment Day**

Pray for the members of the ELCA Shareholder Network as they seek to manage their investments and economic resources in a way that serves God, all God's people, and the creation.

### **6 Second Sunday after Pentecost**

Merciful God, we thank you for the growing peace in Angola and Mozambique, and for the Lutheran churches there who are having positive impact in their communities through health service programs and the proclamation of the Good News.

**7** Thank God for the young people who give one year of their lives to serve the church around the world through the Young Adults in Global Mission Program. Pray especially for Kristy Bergman, Matthew Bishop and Emilie Swenson who serve in Hungary.

**8** Ask God to bless the creative efforts of Mission Developer Steve Meyer and the people of Bridge of Life Lutheran Church, Holmen, Wis., to share the saving message of Jesus with their community.

**9** Lift up in prayers Joe and the Rev. Deborah Troester and family, serving in Baboua, Central African Republic. Joe serves as water resource manager and Deborah serves as theological school instructor and communications representative for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Central African Republic.

**10** Pray for the members of the ELCA's e-Advocacy network that the Spirit will move them to action for

the betterment of their community, their state, and the world.

### **11 Barnabas, Apostle**

Pray for Lois Dierlam, chair of the planning team for the East Coast Lutheran Educators Conference, meeting this month in Hersey, Pa. Hundreds of ELCA elementary school and early childhood education administrators and educators will gather in Hershey for worship, renewal, and training.

**12** Pray for Karen Anderson, who is serving in Chile and most especially for the people of Chile as they work to recover from the February 27th earthquake. Anderson helps to design, launch, and direct an international training course on popular education in health.

### **13 Third Sunday after Pentecost**

Good and gracious God, we thank you for the signs of hope in Brazil today. Continue to enliven the churches in their witness to the hope in Christ that is brought within reach of men, women and children in their everyday lives.

**14** Thank God for the service of Carolyn Rasmussen, who is serving as a volunteer teacher at Phoebe Hospital and School of Nursing in Liberia.

**15** Pray for Pastor Eric Wangen-Hoch and the ministry of Living Stones Prison Congregation in Shelton, Wash. Ask God to empower Eric's preaching, the Inside and Outside Prison Boards' leadership, and the synod's relationships with this ministry, that lives and communities be set free to live in joy and service to the living Lord.

**16** Praise God for the many young people participating in the Young Adult in Global Mission program. Today remember Katherine Hagen, Heather LeMunyon, Kristen Opalinski, Michael Ray, and Elliot Williams, who

serve in a variety of social ministry settings in South Africa.

### **17 World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought**

Lift up in prayer the ministries of Desert Hills Lutheran Church, Green Valley, Arizona, as it grows and flourishes in the desert by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**18** Pray for Korra Looschen, associate in ministry, as she begins her ministry as a synod advocate for the Book of Faith Initiative in the Grand Canyon Synod, and pray that the ELCA will increasingly embrace the vision of the Book of Faith Initiative: a vision that this church will become more fluent in the first language of faith, the Scriptures.

**19** Give thanks for all ELCA short-term volunteers who give three to six months to service in locations around the globe.

### **20 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

O God, you who are a part of the very fabric of our whole lives, we lift up to you the people of Argentina and Uruguay. Even as they struggle with economic challenges, may they find peace with you.

**21** Ask God to use the imaginative efforts of Ryan Marsh and Church of the Beloved in Edmonds, Wash., to proclaim God's good news to many in their neighborhood. May their "How shall we pray for you?" postcards result in blessings for their neighbors and for the ministry.

**22** Give thanks for the ministry of Nancy Anderson and the Rev. Rodney Nordby in Papua New Guinea. Rodney serves as an auditor in the national Lutheran offices in Lae.