29 Michael and All Angels
Lift up St. Michael Lutheran Church in Blacksburg, Va., and its ministry of Micah's Backpack, a free service helping families eat more healthy meals and snacks through their local elementary schools.

30 Pray for Milaku Tizazu, developer, and the Kansas City Oromo Mission in the growth of their ministry and the worldwide span of their Internet ministry.

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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 Thank God for the witness of the 44 participants in Young Adults in Global Mission who just completed orientation and are now moving into one-year positions in Argentina, Uruguay, Jerusalem/West Bank, Mexico, Slovakia/Hungary, South Africa and United Kingdom.

2 Thank God for the progress made by Pastor Youa Kao Vang, Ascension Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wis., after a bone marrow transplant. May he continue on his road to recovery and continue his faithful service.

3 God bless Ingrid and Dr. Ronald Eggert in Arusha, Tanzania. where Ronald serves as a doctor at the Selin Lutheran Hospital and the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center.

4 Pray for the psychological assessment training pilot project and the clinical psychologists responsible for training synod leaders in helping candidates in the discernment process, that God will guide them in this unique ministry.

5 15th Sunday after Pentecost
Gracious God, look with favor upon the people of Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Slovenia, and Serbia and Montenegro, that, in the midst of great change, they may find hope and peace.

6 Pray for the ELCA Domestic Hunger Grants-supported Campbell Farm in Washington State, that provides an outreach and feeding program for Spanish-speaking and American Indian/Alaska Native children.

7 Pray for the ministry of Nathan and Sharonette Bowman as they share God's love and grace in Kumamoto, Japan, where they work with social services for the elderly and children and serve a local congregation in the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church.

8 International Literacy Day
Give thanks for Pam Westby and other members of Trinity Lutheran Church, Pelican Rapids, Minn., who support community-wide displays and programs like ESL for Older Adults.

9 Give thanks for Pastors Michael and Terri Church, who work with an English-language ministry in Romania in cooperation with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Romania and the ELCA Metropolitan New York Synod.

10 Ask God to be with Hammonasset, the annual gathering of youth throughout the New England Synod of the ELCA as the youth meet September 10-12.

11 Praise God for the Rev. Joshua Magyar as he serves as pastor and leader for evangelism in the Morogoro Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania.

12 16th Sunday after Pentecost
We pray, gracious God that the churches of Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania may be your instruments of reconciliation, both locally and in the wider world.

13 Give thanks for John and Robin McCullough-Bade, authors of "Daily Discipleship," materials for congregational small groups who meet weekly for study and prayer.

14 Holy Cross Day
Thank God for Pastor Violet Little, who has offered hospitality and respect to Philadelphia's homeless through The Welcome Mission since 2007 and is now developing a worshipping community among them.

15 Ask God to bless the ministry of Rebecca Lee as she serves as English teacher at Lutheran Theological Seminary in Hong Kong. Many of her students are from other Asian countries, such as Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and China.

16 International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
Pray for the scientists, teachers, clergy and interested lay people in the ELCA Alliance for Faith, Science and Technology as they expand awareness and promote conversation about the implications of science and technology for Christian faith and life.

17 Please ask for the blessing of the Holy Spirit on Spirit of Truth ministry, St. Paul, Minn., as they begin regular worship gatherings of this justice-centered, relationship-based community.

18 Pray for Kristen and the Rev. Brian Konkol as they coordinate the Young Adults in Global Mission program in South Africa and facilitate the well-being, support and guidance of volunteers.

19 17th Sunday after Pentecost
We give you thanks, God of the ages, for the long history of the church in Moldova, Russia, Ukraine and Belarus. Please continue to guide the companion relationships among the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia and Other States and the ELCA Central States and Northwest Washington Synods.

20 International Day of Peace - 21
Please pray for people living in the midst of violence, suffering and fear in Iraq, Palestine, and the entire Middle East. Ask God to bless, too, the members of our ELCA Arabic ministries in the U.S. -- Brooklyn, N.Y., Dearborn, Mich., Chicago and the San Francisco Bay Area.

21 Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Thank God for the energy and enthusiasm of the Rev. Kevin Jacobson, as he serves the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Suriname, mastering the Dutch language and developing lay leadership training for the church.

22 Ask the guidance of the Holy Spirit for Springdale Lutheran Church, a 135-year-old congregation in Sioux Falls, S.D., as it implements its plan for renewal.

23 Pray for the hundreds of hunger leaders in ELCA synods, congregations, campuses and networks across the country and in the Caribbean who create awareness about hunger and poverty and raise money for the work of ELCA World Hunger.

24 Rejoice in the ministry of the Rev. Kwanza Yu as she serves as pastor of St Paul International Lutheran Church in Tokyo. Having lived in Japan previously, Pastor Yu brings unique experience and gifts to this parish setting.

25 Pray for the Fellowship of Recovering Lutheran Clergy, that they may help leaders who suffer from alcoholism and other addictions.

26 18th Sunday after Pentecost
God of all kindness, we pray that you will gather the people of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia into your protective arms, especially as they face numerous challenges in their lives.

27 World Maritime Day
Give thanks for the ministry of Seafarers & International House, supported by synods in Region 7, as it serves people who generally come from countries where average wages are low and employment opportunities scarce.

28 Praise God for Aaron Schutte as he teaches at Kibeta English Medium Primary School in Bukoba, Tanzania.