

Lutheran College and Seminary and Mari assists with orientation for new ELCA personnel who teach English at Lutheran schools in Japan.

28 Pray for the Alaska Synod of the ELCA as they meet in assembly April 28–30.

29 Pray for the Arkansas-Oklahoma, Northeastern Minnesota, and Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana synods of the ELCA as they meet in assembly April 29–May 1.

30 Pray for the participants of the 2011 Book of Faith Jubilee: Inspiring Everyday People to Engage the Bible as they meet at Luther Seminary, April 29–May 1.

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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 Pray for local, state, and federal elected officials, as they consider budget decisions that will affect our communities and all of God's people.

2 World Autism Awareness Day

Pray for all who live with autism spectrum disorders and celebrate their unique talents and skills. Pray for those who diagnose, treat, advocate and care for those living with autism.

3 Fourth Sunday in Lent

Lord of the nations, we pray for the people of East Timor, Indonesia and the Philippines as they struggle with religious and political diversity. Grant that they may receive your peace and a sense of the richness of life that comes through your abundant gifts.

4 Pray for the participants in the Leadership Conference at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago April 4–5 as they reflect on the theme, “Experiencing God through Preaching and Worship.”

5 Pray for the Rev. Justin and Kari Eller, who serve in La Paz, Bolivia. They work in the Office of Mission in the Iglesia Evangélica Luterana Boliviana (Bolivian Lutheran Church).

6 Pray for the Lutheran Summer Music Program and the young people who are applying to participate in this four-week music program that focuses on community, faith and Lutheran musical heritage.

7 World Health Day

Pray for those who research antimicrobial resistance and its global spread that threatens the continued effectiveness of many medicines used to treat the sick.

8 Pray for the ELCA Church Council as they meet April 8–11 at the Lutheran Center in Chicago.

9 Pray for Nancy Stevenson, an English teacher at Makumira University College of Tumaini University, the senior seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, and for the educational ministry of the church in Tanzania.

10 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Blessed God, in the midst of serious political and economic challenges in the region, we pray for the people of Japan, North Korea, South Korea and Taiwan, that your abundant grace may be showered upon them.

11 Pray for the Lutheran AIDS Network Biennial Conference which meets at Central Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, April 11–12.

12 Pray for missionaries serving as English teachers as part of the J-3 program of the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church: Douglas Foster, John Hoyle, Susan Wironen, Dana Dutcher and Carolyn Stypka.

13 Pray for the ELCA public policy directors and the advocacy ministry shared by ELCA members as they speak out for families struggling in tough economic times, for internationally recognized human rights and for the good stewardship of God's creation.

14 Pray for Kristopher and Rebecca Hartwig. Kristopher serves with the Palliative Health Care program of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania exploring hospice care with people living with HIV and AIDS. Rebecca is involved in a music and nursing ministry.

15 Pray for the Rev. Phillip Baker, ELCA regional representative for theological education and church relations in Asia, as he works with institutions and churches throughout Asia.

16 Pray for those who grieve because of war or natural disasters throughout the world.

17 Sunday of the Passion

God of mercy, send the gentle rains upon the lands of Djibouti and Somalia. May the fields bear fruit and the people be renewed in the midst of their constant living with drought and hunger.

18 Pray for the ministry of the Leadership Program for Musicians and all church musicians during this week of many worship services.

19 Pray for displaced people and refugees so that they may receive what they need: shelter, food, clothing, blankets, education and security.

20 Give thanks for the Rev. Richard Young's ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guyana. He has just returned from service in a

parish of four congregations where, as a medical doctor, he coordinated and developed health programs for the church in Guyana.

21 Pray for Linnae Stole who teaches English at the Lutheran High School in Cieszyn, Poland. Bless her continued ministry as she completes her first year of service.

22 Pray for ELCA Global Mission volunteer Dana Olson who serves as a tutor at Springboard for Children in London, a faith-based organization committed to serving at-risk children in the United Kingdom.

23 Pray for those who must adapt to an increasingly unpredictable environment and for those who speak out and educate about climate change.

24 Resurrection of our Lord

God of hope, we praise you for the witness of the growing churches in Ethiopia and Eritrea. Continue to strengthen and comfort these churches as they reach out with compassion to their neighbors.

25 World Malaria Day

Give thanks for the progress in controlling and treating malaria throughout the world. Pray for continued progress in preventing and treating the disease and for greater access to health care for those at risk.

26 Pray for Anna Rudberg, intern pastor in Slovakia, as she assists the Bratislava International Church and teaches religion in the local high school.

27 Pray for the Rev. Tim and Mari McKenzie who serve with the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church. Tim teaches church history at the Japan