

26 Pray that the Holy Spirit gives strength to Allyson Bedford, Christine Eige and Allyson Streed, short-term English teachers in Japan, as they teach and support congregational ministries in Kumamoto.

27 Pray for the children who participate in camp this summer that they stay safe, experience joy and are strengthened in faith through community.

28 Pray for those who are affected by inflation and unemployment throughout the world that they may find meaningful work and sustainable livelihoods.

29 Pray for summer ministries of Christikon Bible Camp in McLeod, Montana, and Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp in Lakeside, Montana.

30 Give thanks for the companionship between Gloria Dei! Lutheran Church, Arnold, Maryland and the Lutheran Church in Costa Rica that supports the ministry of Anne Langerak in Costa Rica. Give her the strength and vitality to continue her service to those who need it the most. Bless Gloria Dei! in their witness to God's mission in the world.

31 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

We pray for the people of Canada and the United States of America: for the young and old; for women and men; for the hungry, the poor, the broken and unloved, and for those who live with plenty; for those hurting and those who heal; for those who live without hope and those who bring meaning to life. We ask that your mercy and loving-kindness may abound.

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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 this church. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.

1 Pray for the launch of the Congregational Leadership Academy, a joint venture in theological education for lay leaders of the Eastern North Dakota and Northwestern Minnesota synods of the ELCA.

2 Give thanks for those concluding service in Mexico through the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program for people ages 19-30: Kate Blair, Polina Bugayev, Amy Catalino, Anne Doering, Samuel Eisele, Kathleen Heavner and Catherine Moore.

3 Third Sunday after Pentecost

Gracious God, bring healing to the political wounds felt among the people of Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela. May their political authorities find ways to achieve peace among their countries. Grant them the peace and protection of your warm embrace.

4 Give thanks for the democratic process and independence of the United States of America. Pray that those who serve in governmental leadership continue to work toward justice and liberty for all.

5 Pray for the dedicated young adult counselors and workers who shape the faith of the young people who attend Lutheran summer camp ministries this summer.

6 Pray for the ministry of Edwin Holmvgig-Johnson, an ELCA Global Mission Volunteer at Springboard for Children in Great Britain, serving as a tutor of inner-city children who grow and flourish because of the skills they learn at Springboard.

7 Pray for Mary Beth and Bayo Oyebade who serve with the HIV and AIDS

ministry through the Mashiah Foundation in Jos, Nigeria. Give thanks for the new initiatives of the Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria for community health care in Adamawa State.

8 Pray for renewal of the earth that we may grow into a new understanding of what it means to be stewards of your creation, so that we will know a future of abundance, hope and life.

9 Pray for those who participate in the outdoor ministries of Camp Lutherhaven and Shoshone Base Camp in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Luther Heights in Shoshone, Idaho.

10 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

God of peace, we thank you for the people of the Costa Rican Lutheran Church, the Salvadoran Lutheran Synod, the Lutheran Church in Nicaragua and for the mutuality and solidarity that comes from their companion synod relationships with eight ELCA synods. Watch over them with your love and grant them the strength to rise with the sun to meet each day.

11 Pray for the Rev. David and Mary Kuck who serve in Jamaica. David teaches at the United Theological College of the West Indies, and Mary teaches English at the United Theological College and an international school.

12 Pray for the Triennial Convention of the Women of the ELCA in Spokane, Washington, July 12-14.

13 Pray for Dr. Jim and Carolyn Brown as they work with their colleagues to provide medical training and meet the health care needs of people in northern Cameroon.

14 Pray for all who strive to answer their baptismal call for justice and peace in all the earth.

15 Pray for the Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf who serves as the country coordinator for the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program in Mexico. Pray for the Rev. Luke Roske-Metcalf, who works with English speakers at El Buen Pastor Lutheran Church and accompanies AMEXTRA projects in Mexico City.

16 Pray for the outdoor ministries summer camp ministries of the two Luther Park camps, Luther Point and Camp Wapagasot in Wisconsin.

17 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

God of justice, bring the hope and truth that you give to all your children through your Spirit to the people of Belize, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico, especially to those living in poverty.

18 Pray for the Barnabas Connection Summer Camp for at-risk youth sponsored by St. John's Lutheran Church in Salisbury, North Carolina, July 18-22.

19 Pray for the young people who give one year of their lives to serve the church around the world through the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program. Pray especially for Laura Glasebrook, Amanda Meyer and Elisabeth Pfaff who serve in Slovakia and Julie Rower and Lauren Frail who serve in Hungary.

20 Pray for the camping ministries of Red Willow and Park River Bible Camps in Eastern North Dakota that work with children of all ages in their summer programs.

21 Pray for the ELCA North Carolina Synod's youth and family mission trip as they serve this week in Upper Darby, Pennsylvania.

22 Pray for the political commitment to eradicate racism and discrimination against people of African Descent as we observe the International Year for People of African Descent.

23 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.

24 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

God of hope, we give thanks for the diversity among the Caribbean nations, including Guyana and Suriname. We pray for the poor and disadvantaged, that they may have hope; for justice and the observance of human rights; for goodness in the midst of the beauty of the region; and for all people that they may live full lives as your children. Continue to bless the companion synod relationship between the ELCA Florida-Bahamas Synod and ministries and churches in Jamaica, Haiti, Suriname, Guyana and Cuba.

25 Pray for the campus ministries of the ELCA so that, in spite of difficult economic challenges in the year ahead, they may continue to shape the faith life of young adults.