

26 Pray for the many Lutheran Campus Ministry groups as they venture out and are welcomed into new communities on their alternative spring break trips, that they open their eyes, ears and hearts to embrace the people they meet and build new relationships.

27 Third Sunday in Lent

Loving God, we pray for the people of Brunei, Malaysia and Singapore, that they may be strengthened to meet the many challenges of a pluralistic world. We thank you for the companion relationships among the ELCA Southeastern Synod, the Lutheran Church in Singapore, and the Lutheran Church in Malaysia and Singapore.

28 Pray for the Seward Peninsula Lutheran Ministries Conference of the Alaska Synod, serving Alaska natives, to be held at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Nome, Alaska, April 13-17.

29 Remember in prayer Pastor Wayne Nieminen and Pastor Christa von Zychlin, seminary professors at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Hong Kong. Praise God for the dedication of the students, many of whom go forth to serve in Asian countries including Cambodia, Nepal, Myanmar, Thailand, and Hong Kong.

30 Pray for the Virginia Synod and Roanoke College as they host a conference titled; “We Love To Tell The Story,” July 14-16.

31 Thank God for the faithful service of Barbara Robertson in the area of the Morogoro Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania, especially in their deepened engagement in community health work and in ministry among people living with HIV/AIDS.



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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 Lift up in prayer Randall and Carol Stubbs, teaching music at Makumira University College of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania. Rejoice with them and their students as they learn the gifts of music and friendship.

2 During Lent pray for our seminary students, that their hopes of fulfilling their vocational dreams of serving in the mission work of the church may be realized.

3 Pray for Dr Dorcas Wang as she teaches leadership development and capacity building among companions in the Chinese church and ministers at an international congregation in Beijing.

4 Pray for the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary as it hosts a retreat, “Career Crossroads,” March 4-6, where participants will explore what God might be calling them to do.

5 Pray for congregations in the Upper Susquehanna Synod going through the Transformational Ministry process together: St. John Lutheran Church, Jersey Shore, Pa; Grace Lutheran Church, Jersey Shore; Garman Lutheran Church, Jersey Shore; Trinity Lutheran Church, Avis, Pa; and St. James Lutheran Church, Rauchtown, Pa.

6 Transfiguration of Our Lord

We lift up to you, merciful God, the members of the emerging Christian communities in Myanmar and Thailand, that they may expand their holistic ministries.

7 Pray for Blair Lutheran Church in Blair, Wis., served by Pastor Christine Hallemeier, a new congregation formed by the people of Zion Lutheran and

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First Lutheran in Blair for the sake of doing more effective ministry and mission together in the same community.

8 United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace

“For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others, Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.” (from “Service of Word and Prayer for Peace”)

9 Remember in prayer Dr. Edna Johnson as she coordinates a new Masters in Nursing Education program in Liberia and as she continues to provide support to Curran Lutheran Hospital in Zorzor.

10 Pray for the Central States Synod Mission Fund Appeal. The funds from this appeal will be used to do the work God is calling the synod to do in the four mission foci the synod has identified.

11 Thank God for Patrick and Jacqueline Bencke, who serve at Kyushu Lutheran College, a college of the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kumamoto, Japan. Patrick teaches English and Jacqueline works in the music program.

12 Pray for Oak Harbor Lutheran Church in Oak Harbor, Wash., as they offer food, fellowship and a place to do homework for students of Oak Harbor High School.

13 First Sunday in Lent

We give you thanks, O God, for the vitality of the churches in Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam. Build up these dynamic communities, that they may encourage other churches within the Lutheran communion.

14 Give thanks for the continued work of Pastor Viking and Marissa Dietrich who are in Ghana, West Africa. Viking is one of the regional representatives for the West Africa Region and Marissa serves in an associate appointment capacity.

15 Pray for the Lutheran World Federation staff on the ground in Haiti, including Louis Dorvilier, ELCA staff, as they continue to provide food, water, housing and health care for victims of the 2010 earthquake.

16 Thank God for Pastors Claudia Bergmann and Scott Moore, serving in Germany. Pastor Scott Moore is the ELCA coordinator in Wittenberg.

17 Pray for Chelsea Mathis, inspired as a teenager to volunteer for the

ELCA as it works to promote peace in Palestine; she is now helping to promote travel to the Holy Land so others will be as inspired as she was.

18 Pray for Pueblo de Fe, St. Paul Minnesota, a bilingual new mission start in St. Paul's West Side.

19 Lift up in prayer the staff and volunteers of Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest, Tucson, Ariz., providing immigration services to refugees and asylees to assist them in achieving independence and stability in the United States.

20 Second Sunday in Lent

Gracious God, we pray for the future of China, Hong Kong and Macao, as these countries journey through a long period of adjustment and seek to form peaceful long-term relationships. We praise you for the continued growth of these churches as they spread the Good News about your love and compassion.

21 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
Pray that all ELCA members will work to bring to fruition the church's statements on education, which have placed great importance on equity to benefit the poor and extend their choices. They have singled out racial discrimination as impermissible.

22 World Water Day

Pray for Pastor Sam and Cindy Wolff, who serve at Nairobi International Lutheran Church in Nairobi, Kenya, a congregation of the Kenya Evangelical Lutheran Church, which includes many emphases, including a Water Project.

23 World Meteorological Day

Ask God to help ELCA members take to heart the task given in Genesis, “The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.” (Genesis 2:15)

24 World Tuberculosis Day

Thank God for the opportunities we have with companion churches and the ELCA Global Mission program unit as they grow in their capacity to respond to HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria,

25 Give thanks for Diane Persson and Daniel Johnson who serve with the Amity Foundation in China, teaching English at a university in Baotou, Inner Mongolia.