

27 Pray for the Rev. Peter and Michele Johnson and their family. Peter serves as pastor of St. Andrew's Church and Director of St. Andrew's Refugee Service. Called to serve people in need in Cairo, the refugee service annually meets the educational, nutritional and cultural needs of over 1,600 refugees from Sudan and throughout the continent of Africa.

28 Pray for those who labor to rebuild economies shattered after the war.

29 Give thanks for Carol and the Rev. James Sack, serving with the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church. James teaches pastoral care and counseling at the Japan Lutheran Theological College and Seminary, Tokyo. Carol reaches out to those facing death with a pastoral harp ministry.

30 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

We bless you, O God, for sending your Spirit into the hearts of the people of Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda. As challenges and discord continue, make grace abound in the hearts of your children.

31 On Reformation Day, pray for the ongoing reformation of this church that the gospel of Jesus Christ is proclaimed for the sake of the whole world.



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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 Conference of Bishops who are at the Lutheran Center in Chicago, Illinois, for their fall meeting.

2 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gracious God, we pray for the people of Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, that they may find peace and security.

3 Pray for the Lutheran Office for World Community as it monitors and responds to the work of the United Nations in humanitarian issues.

4 Pray for Alicia and the Rev. David Brondos in Mexico City. David teaches at the Theological Community of Mexico, an ecumenical association of theological schools.

5 Pray for the start up of ministry with the Latino community in the Eleva, Wisconsin, area. Pray that leaders rise up to guide the ministry for the sake of the gospel.

6 Pray for the Rev. Jackie Griffin, a pastor and nurse completing her Sango language study, who will begin a ministry of accompaniment with the Central African Women for Christ department of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Central African Republic.

7 Pray for doctors, nurses and other health care professionals as the flu season begins.

8 Give thanks for the many years of faithful ministry provided by Dr. Mark and Linda Jacobson to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. Mark

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is a medical doctor and serves as director of Arusha Lutheran Medical Center. Linda works with the center's Sexual Abuse and Rape Care Center and provides orientation and hospitality to the many volunteers who come to work at the center and Selian Hospital.

9 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Merciful God, in the midst of economic, political and social challenges, we pray that you will give strength and wisdom to the people of Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal.

10 Pray for explorers and travelers, that they may learn and grow from their experiences around the world. Help us to honor and value the diversity of all of God's children.

11 Pray for the ELCA Southeastern Synod Leadership Convocation meeting at Lutheridge in Arden, North Carolina, October 11-13.

12 Give thanks for Bernard Gianoli and the work he does on behalf of the ELCA with Disaster Response and Recovery and Rehabilitation in Haiti after the 2011 earthquake. Pray for the Lutheran Church in Haiti and all the people in Haiti that have seen their lives turned around by this disaster.

13 Pray for the leaders who gather in Chicago, Illinois, for "Word Alive: Planning the Future of the Book of Faith Initiative," October 13-15.

14 Pray for the board for the Association of Lutheran Resource Centers who meet in Chicago, Illinois, October 13-15 to plan on behalf of ELCA Resource Centers.

15 Pray for all who serve in chaplaincy ministries that they may be sustained with a living hope, especially in times of despair.

16 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

God of the nations, we give thanks for the Christian communities in India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Strengthen them to be witnesses of your love and peace. Bless the companion relationships among the South Andhra Lutheran Church of India and the ELCA Northeastern Minnesota Synod, and the Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church and the ELCA Northwestern Minnesota Synod.

17 Pray for all who are recovering from natural disasters throughout the world and in the United States.

18 Pray for the Rev. John Lunn, who serves in India with the Palliative Care Unit at Christian Medical College in Vellore. Pastor Lunn helped to develop this program and is actively involved in health ministries in India and Liberia.

19 Pray for the Executive Board Meeting of the Women of the ELCA that meets in Chicago, Illinois, October 19-23.

20 Give thanks for the work of the Rev. Randall and Gail Mundt, who are moving from Copenhagen, Denmark, where Randall served as interim pastor, to Tokyo, Japan, where he will serve as interim at Tokyo Union Church.

21 Pray for corporate leaders as they develop policies to protect the human rights of both employees and those in their sphere of influence as well as seeking ways for their companies to be good stewards of God's creation.

22 Pray for Phil and June Nelson, serving in Cameroon. Phil works with both the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cameroon and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Central African Republic, managing logistics for missionaries and visitors as well as providing support for these churches in their relationships with ELCA synods, congregations and members. June serves as a nurse at Ngaoundere Protestant Hospital; she also manages guesthouses and provides a ministry of hospitality for visitors.

23 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

We praise you, loving God, for the warm welcome and hospitality experienced by visitors to the Indian Ocean island nations of Comoros, Mauritius, Seychelles, Maldives and Madagascar.

24 Pray for the ELCA Montana Synod's Northern Rockies Institute of Theology that meets in Great Falls, Havre and Glendive, October 24-26.

25 Pray for the Rev. Andrew and Barbara Hinderlie. Andrew serves as regional representative for East Africa, working with churches of Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda. Barbara is the regional representative for Tanzania and Madagascar, accompanying the churches in these countries in a vast array of ministries including its companion relationships with ELCA synods and groups.

26 Pray for all who care for orphans, older adults and others without resources or family throughout the world.