

26 Pray for Stephanie Schmiede and Aaron and Allison Schutte who serve as ELCA missionaries, teaching in Bukoba, Tanzania.

27 Day of Pentecost

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send this Spirit to Botswana and Zimbabwe, transform us all by your truth, and give us all language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

28 On this observation of Memorial Day, give thanks for all who have lost their life in service to their country fighting for freedom, rights and the protection of vulnerable people. Pray for the safety of all who are now in military service and pray for peace throughout the world.

29 Pray for Dr. Helmut and Rotraut Diefenthal, ELCA missionaries in Moshi, Tanzania, working as radiology trainers.

30 Pray for the members of the Grand Canyon, Delaware-Maryland, Greater Milwaukee, Lower Susquehanna, South Carolina, and Southwest California Synods as they meet in assembly this week. Pray for the election of a new bishop for the Grand Canyon Synod.

31 Pray for the participants of the Nebraska Synod's Equipping Youth Ministry Leadership training held today at Bethany Lutheran Church in Elkhorn, Neb.



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PRAYER VENTURES

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These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.

1 Pray for Pastor Deborah and Joseph Troester and Pastor Jacalyn Griffin who serve as ELCA missionaries in the Central African Republic. Deborah and Joseph work in theological education and water management respectively; Jacalyn is an advisor to the women's ministry.

2 Pray for the president of the United States and members of Congress that the Holy Spirit will guide them to remember those most vulnerable in our nation.

3 Pray for Edna Johnson who serves as an ELCA missionary working in Monrovia, Liberia, at the Curran Lutheran Hospital. Edna is the nursing program director for the hospital.

4 Pray for the members of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod, Florida-Bahamas Synod, the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, and the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod as they meet in assembly this weekend. Pray for the one who will be elected in the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod bishop's election.

5 Pray for Molly Cook, an ELCA missionary working in Malaysia in disability ministry. Molly teaches at a culinary school for mentally and physically challenged young people.

6 Fifth Sunday of Easter

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish life in his resurrection especially in Sudan and Uganda, that they may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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7 Pray for Pastor Kathryn Warn who serves as pastor-in-residence in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

8 Pray for Mary Beth and Bayo Oyebade and for Dorthea Hustoft-Hamman who serve as ELCA missionaries in Jos, Nigeria. Mary Beth and Bayo work with people infected with and affected by HIV and AIDS. Dorthea works in education.

9 Pray for Pennsylvania's "Lutheran Day at the Capitol" and for all Christians that petition government to fund poverty-focused programs that provide food assistance, affordable housing, health services, job training and educational opportunities to walk alongside people who are at risk of becoming homeless.

10 Pray for all who are hungry or have limited access to food throughout the world due to economic and social issues and drought.

11 Pray for the members of the Northwestern Minnesota and Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synods as they meet in assembly this weekend.

12 Pray in thanksgiving for the faithful servants who graduate from the Diakonia program in the Northern Illinois Synod at St. John's Lutheran Church in Sterling, Ill.

13 Sixth Sunday of Easter

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour such love for you into the hearts of the people of Kenya and Tanzania, that, loving you above all things, they may know your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

14 Pray for the ministries of all parish nurses and for those who are taking the Parish Nurse Ministry Course in Fargo, ND, meeting May 14-18.

15 Pray for families throughout the world, on this International Day of Families (as recognized by the United Nations), that all may grow into the fullness God created for them by being in the safety and security of loving homes.

16 Pray for Dr. Stephen and Bethany Friberg who serve as ELCA missionaries in Mto Wa Mbu, Tanzania. Stephen works with the dispensary

system in the country while Bethany assists women who wish to market their beadwork internationally.

17 Ascension of Our Lord

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

18 Pray for the North/West Lower Michigan, Pacifica, Southeast Michigan, Northwest Washington, Northwestern Ohio, Saint Paul Area, Southwestern Washington, Sierra Pacific, Northern Great Lakes, and Southwestern Texas Synods as they meet in assembly this weekend. Pray for the bishop's election to take place at the Southwestern Texas Synod Assembly.

19 Pray for Karen Anderson, an ELCA missionary working in the area of health-care administration in Santiago, Chile.

20 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, especially the people of Malawi and Zambia, that we may all find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

21 Pray for Pastor Arden Strasser who serves as an ELCA missionary in Lusaka, Zambia specializing in leadership development.

22 Pray for Dr. Mark and Linda Jacobson who serve as ELCA missionaries working at the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center in Arusha, Tanzania.

23 Pray for our brothers and sisters in the Middle East as they continue to seek solutions for the security, peace and justice of all people there.

24 Pray for Erin Odgers-Chew, an ELCA missionary working in Cairo, Egypt, as a teacher.

25 Pray for Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota's Camp Noah, which provides summer camp ministries to children and families impacted by the trauma of disaster throughout the country.