

**27** Pray for new ELCA missionaries Chad and Natalie Rimmer and their work in theological education in Senegal.

**28** Pray for Susan Smith, a new ELCA missionary in the Central African Republic, who is serving as an education adviser.

**29 Michael and All Angels**

Pray for the many U.S. farmers who will have a meager harvest this fall after a summer of severe drought, which will affect all of us at the dinner table.

**30 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

We give you thanks, God of the ages, for the long history of the church in Moldova, Russia, Ukraine and Belarus. Grant wisdom, strength and grace to the continued witness of these churches and continue to guide the companion relationships among the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia and Other States and the ELCA Central States and Northwest Washington Synods.

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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 an end to the hate in the world that led to the attack on the Sikh temple in Oak Creek, Wis., in August. Pray also for the survivors, the loved ones of those who died, and for those who turn to violence that the healing hand of God will comfort them.

**2 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Lord of wisdom, pour your blessings upon our schools, colleges and universities as we enter into another school year. Guide teachers as they nurture those entrusted to their care. Walk with all students as they travel through their education; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**3 Labor Day**

On this Labor Day, pray for the many people who are trying to survive, and even move forward, despite having to live on low wages.

**4** Pray for Dave Long as he begins a year in Hungary as part of the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission program.

**5** Pray for ELCA missionary Katherine Rieck, who is serving in Tisovec, Slovakia, as teacher.

**6** Pray for the Rev. Bradn Buerkle and the Rev. Natasha Buerkle, ELCA missionaries in Novosibirsk, Russia, where they serve in parish ministry.

**7** Pray for the work of the ELCA's Outdoor Ministry and its 145 camps, most of which have special programs year-round and provide the opportunity for life-changing experiences.

**8** Pray for new ELCA missionaries the Rev. Michael Fonner and Leslie Weed-Fonner as they begin their service in Kenya.

**9 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

God of compassion and justice, we lift up those who are unemployed. May they find work and receive just payment for their efforts; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**10** Pray for The Lutheran World Federation's work in Haiti as it continues to help the Haitians recover from the devastating 2010 earthquake.

**11** Pray for Josh Kestner, a new participant in the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission program, who is serving in Jerusalem/West Bank.

**12** As the coverage of the recent fatal shootings, such as the one at the movie theater in Aurora, Colo., fades from the news, pray for the survivors, the loved ones of those who died and for those who turn to violence. Their wounds – emotional and physical – are still with them daily.

**13** Pray for C. Claire Flesch, who is beginning a year volunteering in the United Kingdom as part of the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission program.

**14 Holy Cross Day**

Pray for the Rev. Phillip Baker, an ELCA missionary in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where he is the regional representative and also works in theological education.

**15** Pray for Blake MacKenzie as he confronts the challenges and embraces the joys of serving in Mexico for a year in the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission program.

**16 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Gracious God, We pray for the 57 ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission members who are settling into the new lives they will lead for the next year. Keep them from danger and guide their feet; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**17** Pray for Kelly Culhane, that her time in Malaysia as part of the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission program will reflect "God's work. Our hands."

**18 Dag Hammarskjöld, renewer of society, died 1961**

Pray for the Camp Noah ministry begun by Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota in 1997 to help heal children who are emotionally wounded by natural disasters.

**19** Pray for the Rev. Eric Anspach-Hanson and Christie Hanson, ELCA missionaries in Tokyo serving in parish ministry.

**20** Pray for the ELCA-supported New Life Center in Chiang Mai, Thailand. The center is dedicated to lifting up ethnic minority women who have been, or were in danger of becoming, victims of human trafficking.

**21 Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

Pray for the Rev. John Lunn and his work in health care administration as an ELCA missionary in Vellore, India.

**22** Pray for Catie Mapa, a new participant in the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission program who is serving in Mexico.

**23 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

O Lord, we thank you for all ELCA missionaries especially those who have retired. They dedicated their lives to working and living with your people throughout the world. We thank you for their commitment, knowledge and faith; in the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

**24** Pray for Christian Lehmann, an ELCA missionary in N'gaoundere, Cameroon, where he is teaching English.

**25** Pray for Hannah Harman as she begins a year of accompaniment with the people of Madagascar as a volunteer in the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission program.

**26** Pray for the continued success of Educación Popular en Salud, a project of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chile. The project is celebrating 30 years of bringing health services and empowerment to people in need in Chile.