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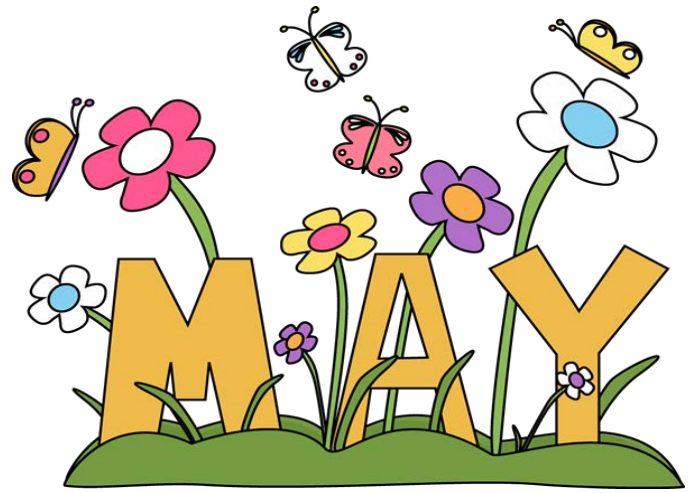
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2024

MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 5 Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9 Ascension of Our Lord

May 12 Seventh Sunday of Easter – **Mother's Day**

May 19 The Day of Pentecost

Guest Pastor Vue Lee Preaching

Service will be followed by an Ethnic-Food Potluck

May 26 The Holy Trinity

The Ascension of Our Lord (May 9)



Ascended Lord, You send the Holy Spirit to work through Your Word and Sacraments in Your church. Keep the church today in Your peace. Though Your kingdom comes even without my prayer, I pray that it would come to me today also as I hear, read, and meditate on Your Word. Keep me mindful each day to thank You for Your mercy and to look eagerly for Your return in glory. Amen.

From the Desk of Pastor Matthew Cephus May 2024 Newsletter

PUT OUT INTO THE DEEP

Luke's Gospel mentioned about the birth, life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus. According to his account, Jesus' ministry was to people on the fringe; those who were not considered respectable members of the community. These include people who were outsiders and foreigners, tax collectors and prostitutes. You get the picture. In fact, it has been said that the summary of Luke's Gospel is found in the first two verses of Luke 15, which reads: **"Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him [Jesus]. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This man welcomes sinners and eats with them'"** (Luke 15:1-2). This verse is the filter through when we read all of Luke.

In this month one of the appointed Gospel lessons will come from Luke 5:1-11 ESV - Jesus Calls the First Disciples - On - Bible Gateway. Take a moment to read this and then to reflect upon it. Here, Jesus is standing by the Sea of Galilee, also known as the Lake of Gennesaret, or the Sea of Tiberias. Because of the crowd that was pressing in on him to hear what he was preaching; Jesus got into a boat and taught the crowd from there. We're not actually told what Jesus taught here, but what follows is vitally important.

Then, as now, fishing is done early in the morning or at night. Simon Peter was a seasoned fisherman and made his living from the waters of the Sea of Galilee. So it may seem a little odd when Jesus, who grew up in a carpenter's workshop, tells Peter, the seasoned fisherman, **"Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch"** (Luke 5:4). Peter could have made a very snarky reply here, but what he said was this: **"Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets"** (Luke 5:5). Jesus called Peter to do the counter-intuitive thing; to do the very opposite of what he thought was the right course of action. Peter does express some misgiving, but he follows through with obedience to what Jesus directed him to do. And that's the lesson for us. Jesus sometimes (maybe oftentimes) calls us to do the counter-intuitive thing in our lives. He asks us to do what seems to go against common sense, against our better judgment. But isn't Scripture filled with examples of how God called his people to do things like this? Build an ark when it wasn't raining. March around a city for seven days in order to take it. Anoint a young shepherd to be king of Israel. Accomplish salvation by sending God-in-the-flesh as a baby. You'd think we would understand this better than we do, but the truth is, we don't. Every generation – every believer – has to learn the lesson that God does things differently than we do. We have to be willing to get over ourselves. We have to humble ourselves, let go of the control, and let God be God. Can we do this? Will we do this?

After following Jesus' instructions, Peter finds that something beyond extraordinary happens. So many fish were now caught in the nets that the nets themselves began to break! And Peter's fishing partners had to be called over with another boat to haul in the enormous catch of fish. In fact, there were so many fish that the two boats started to sink. It must have been an incredible moment for everyone involved, but Peter recognizes that this is beyond what humans could engineer. This event has only come about from the Lord. Again and again in Scripture, when sinful human beings find themselves in the presence of the holy God, there is an overwhelming sense of fear. Peter's response reflects this fear and holy awe: **"he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord'"** (Luke 5:8).

Note that Jesus doesn't even address Peter's sense of his own sinfulness. He moves on to something more important. Jesus doesn't leave Peter hanging; uncertain of where he stands. Jesus reassures Peter with these words of comfort and calling: **"Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men"** (Luke 5:10). **"Do not be afraid"** – those words were not just for Peter but are for each and every one of us today. We are afraid of so many things in life, and we can be paralyzed by that fear if we allow this to happen. Jesus calls us to something far better. He opens a new door for Peter and for us. Jesus moves us from wallowing in our own sinfulness to serve a greater purpose. He calls us to become fishers of men.

Jesus calls us to put out into the deep in our own lives today. Like Peter, we may have misgivings. We may hesitate to do what Jesus is calling us to do. We may think we know better. The question for us is: will we do what Jesus asks us to do? At the end of the day, that is what it's about. **We can choose to dwell in the land of fear; always wondering "What if?" Or we can choose to do what Jesus asks us to do. That, of course, involves risk, and we may be averse to taking risks. What if this doesn't work out? What if I'm not prepared for all that's ahead? What if...? The simple truth is that when Jesus calls us, he also provides what's needed for the way ahead. We are not left alone to fend for ourselves. Jesus himself is with us.**

Perhaps the most amazing thing in this entire account is the response of Simon Peter, James, and John: **"And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him"** (Luke 5:11). We may well ask ourselves: could I do that? Would I just leave everything behind and follow Jesus? Discipleship involves following, and that may look different in each of our lives. This same Jesus who accomplished this miraculous catch of fish on the Sea of Galilee is the same Jesus who loves us and laid down his life on the cross for us. He calls us to that full and abundant life which he came to bring (John 10:10). And it all begins by putting out into the deep.

Let the fishing begin!



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More Than a Negative

Even if you've never had to testify in court, a thousand TV shows have made you familiar with the question, "Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?" Why not just make people swear to tell the truth? Or make them promise not to lie?

Any parent who has ever had to interrogate a child about a broken cookie jar or a scuffle over a toy knows the answer. There are plenty of ways to try to get out of trouble without *technically* lying. You tell *just enough* of the truth to skate on by.

We often play the game of seeing *how close* we can get to sinning without *technically* going over the line.

But in our heart of hearts we know that this is not what God intended when He gave us the **commandments. He's not giving us a merely negative rule and challenging us to just barely stay** away from this or that. There is much more to each commandment than a **prohibition. We shouldn't** just avoid murdering people — we should be of service to our neighbor.

For each negative prohibition in the commandments there is a positive good that we are to cherish and protect. In the Eighth Commandment, that gift is the reputation of our neighbor and our relationship with him:

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

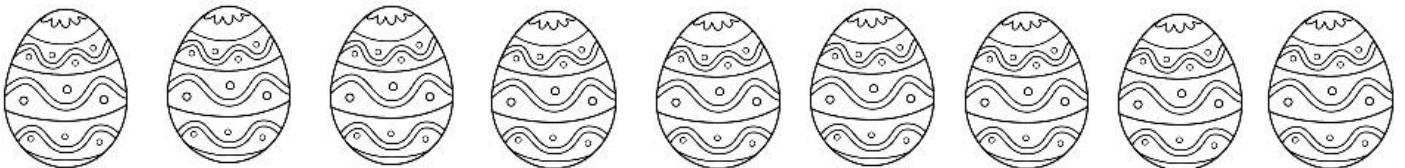
What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

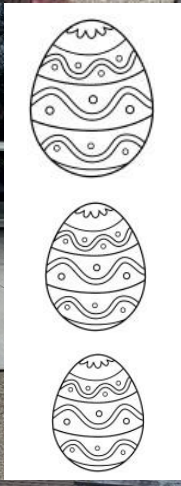
Your relationship with your family members (who are your nearest neighbors), the other members of your congregation, your coworkers and your friends is one of the most precious gifts you have been given. You need to exercise good stewardship with this gift just as much as you need to exercise good stewardship with your life, resources, time and income. This is an especially fragile **gift because it's easy to ruin a relationship with slander and talking behind someone's back.**

But speaking well of your neighbor in Christian love is absolutely free; it costs you nothing, yet it pays you great dividends. If you find this challenging at times, if you are tempted to speak ill of others, just remember that this other person is also a beloved child of God for whom your Lord Jesus suffered and died. Your Lord Jesus loves you both.



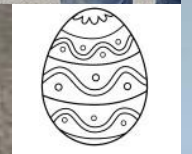
Easter 2024 at Gloria Dei





He is Risen





May/June Spring Offering

This year's May/Spring Offering will go directly to the Central Avenue Salvation Army food shelf, located at 2727 Central Ave NE, Minneapolis. **Use your "May Mission Offering" envelopes** to make a donation. Your donation will help those in our community who need it most.

Let's help envision a future where all our neighbors and community members have access to healthy food and no one struggles with food insecurity.

Two ways to Help? **Make a monetary donation (using your "May Mission Offering" envelope) OR** fill our cart by bringing in food donations! The Salvation Army is always seeking food, hygiene and monetary contributions to help restock their shelves.

Donated food items are put to immediate use, helping to feed the hungry in our neighborhood. High demand items include 100% juice, healthy cereal, canned chicken, salmon and pork, and culturally specific items like coconut milk, bamboo shoots, jasmine rice and fish sauce. Personal hygiene items such as toilet paper and toothpaste are also highly requested items.

Your efforts to help in the fight against hunger are appreciated!

Pentecost Sunday Ethnic Food Potluck Luncheon

Do you have a favorite dish that you remember from your childhood? OR a favorite dish you make for family on special occasions? Think Hot Dish, Lefsa, Apple Pie, Schnitzel, Pasta, Pierogis, Irish Soda Bread, Hummus, Doughnuts, Pizza, Deviled Eggs – you get the picture! Bring your favorite mouth-watering dish that represents your ethnicity to share following the Pentecost service on May 19. The Pentecost Service will be a joint service with Royal Family and begin at 11 am with special guest Pastor Vue Lee preaching (*note the later start time*). Be sure to attend!



Mark Your Calendars!

Gloria Dei will again participate in the Annual Northeast Garage Sales
If you have clutter you would like to see gone. We can help with those unwanted items!

It's not too early to start gathering those unwanted items.

Mary Piper is planning a garage sale in conjunction with the Thirteenth Annual 2024 NEighbors Garage Sale! The sale will run Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 13 – 15. If you have items you would like to **donate to be sold at the garage sale, please bring them to Mary's house** on or before Sunday, June 9 (2955 Benjamin Street NE, leave them at the side garage door). All proceeds will be donated to Gloria Dei. If you have an interest in helping with any aspect of the sale, please let the office know OR speak with Mary directly – many volunteers are needed to make this sale a success. All help is welcome – a little or a lot! All items not sold, will be donated to the local area thrift stores.

**The Thirteenth Annual NEighbors Sale Days are Friday, June 16 and Saturday, June 17
8 am to 5 pm (hours may vary at individual locations). Rain Date Sunday, June 16**



Book Sale at Pierre Bottineau

Friends of the Pierre Bottineau Library will hold a book sale on Saturday, May 4, 10 am-2 pm at the Pierre Bottineau Library, 55 Broadway Street NE. Hundreds of **adult and children's fiction and nonfiction** books (most are \$.50 – \$1) in hardcover and paperback. (Cash only.) They will also have **'blind date' books for sale and a few vinyl albums. Items are withdrawn from the Hennepin County Library system or donated by the public.** Funds raised will benefit the library. If you are interested in assisting with the book sale, contact Maryellen (pierrebottineau@supporthclib.org).

Venite! A Spring Concert

The choirs of Holy Cross Catholic Church, 1621 University Ave. NE, will present a spring concert on **Saturday, May 4, 7:30 pm**. Admission is free, but a \$20 donation is encouraged in support of music at Holy Cross. The program features works by G. Aichinger, G. Allegri, F. Anerio, S. Backman, E.C. Bairstow, A. Beach, W. Byrd, R. Dering, G. Gabrieli, E. Osterman, M. Praetorius, J.P. Sweelinck and J. Travers. In addition, there will be opportunities for festive congregational singing accompanied by organ, brass quartet and timpani. A reception will follow.

Friends School Plant Sale

Mother's Day Weekend, Minnesota State Fair Grounds – Grandstand Building

Friday, May 10, 9 am – 8 pm

Saturday, May 11, 10 am – 6 pm

Sunday, May 12, 10 am – 2 pm

Every May since 1989, on Mother's Day weekend, the Friends School, a kindergarten through 8th grade Quaker school in St. Paul's Midway neighborhood., has put on what has become one of the biggest fundraising plant sales in the U.S.

This three-day sale, almost entirely run by volunteers, offers more than 2,000 plant varieties at affordable prices. And every purchase helps support a great cause — the Friends School of Minnesota. Some call it the great Minnesota get-together for gardeners

The plant sale's planners have worked hard to make sure their plants have not been treated with neonicotinoids, common pesticides that are now suspected of killing bees and other pollinators.

On Sunday, all remaining plants are 1/3 off.

Northeast Senior Lunch

Second Tuesday of the month - served at 11:30 am – Cost is \$10 per lunch/pay upon arrival

Tuesday, May 14 at Logan Park – Main entrée includes Taco Tuesday! Catered by Taco Riendo on Central Avenue. Ice cream for dessert. Unlimited coffee, regular, decaf and water.

Seniors on the GO – Thursday, May 16 (Fee \$40)

History Theater: Blended Harmony – The Kim Loo Sisters

Making their way from Minneapolis to the flashing lights of Broadway in the 1930s, experience the story of the remarkable Kim Loo Sisters. Starting at a young age this quartet gained popularity during the swing era and performed across the country. The show starts at 10 am. Lunch after the show on your own, restaurant TBD. Puck up at Logan at 9 am.

Call Ryan to reserve your seat for either event. He can be reached at 612-370-4818, please leave a message with the date(s) and event.

Drive-Through Community Dinners

St. **Timothy's** Lutheran Church Drive Thru Community Dinner is Tuesday, May 14 – 5:30-6:30 pm (or until the food is gone). Free and open to all. Please spread the word!!

Love Your Neighbor Lasagna Dinner & Talent Show was held on April 13. The event was hosted GDLC's Outreach/Evangelism Team. Thank you to Daniel and Katie Beth Carlson and Verlayne Sather. The team also had a generous amount of help from many others!









Please make note: Pastor Matthew will be attending the Pastor's Conference in Brainerd May 13 - 15.



The Lutheran Witness

If you would like to receive The Lutheran Witness magazine mailed directly to your home, please let the office know before May 31. The cost is \$24.97 (\$2.27/per issue) for 11 magazines (June/July are a combined edition), you will be invoiced through the church office. Thank you!

Main Street Living TV Program

Main Street Living airs each Sunday at 9 am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2 with an episode of This is the Life. The worship service will begin at 9:30 am featuring a guest pastor each week.

On Comcast this is channel 10

For more information or to watch the program, go to www.mainstreetliving.com and select the "Twin Cities" tab.

Accessible Transportation

East Side Neighborhood Services provides assisted transportation for older people living in North, Northeast, Southeast Minneapolis and St. Anthony. Open for vaccine, medical, social need, and shopping trips. They are also available for small group outings (five or fewer). Cost is based on a sliding fee scale.

Available: Monday through Friday, 8am - 4pm
Call: Reservation line 612-787-4012.

OFFICIAL ACTS

April - None



Time of Grace

Time of Grace connects people to God's grace—his love, glory, and power—so they realize the temporary things of life don't satisfy. However, through Jesus we have access to the eternal God—right now and forever.

Pastor Mike Novotny has served God's people in full-time ministry since 2007 in Madison and, most recently, at The CORE in Appleton, Wisconsin. He also serves as the lead speaker for Time of Grace, where he shares the good news about Jesus through television, print, and online platforms.

Sundays KARE (NBC 11) 10:30 AM

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THE LUTHERAN HOUR

WCCO 830 AM Radio

Heard each Sunday morning at 6:05 a.m.

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

May 5 "Rejoicing on the Way" (Acts 8:28-39)
Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes

God empowers His people to share the Gospel with those they meet along the way.

May 12 "Unforecastable" (Acts 9:31)
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

It's been said that God's call often comes as a surprise. In Acts 9, we meet three men who found themselves called in ways they could neither forecast nor control.


May 19 "Waiting, But Not Alone" (Acts 2:1-21)
Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge

Jesus leaves His followers waiting for Him to return but He promises they will not be left alone.

May 26 "Penultimate Sacrifice" (Acts 10:1-2)
Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Memorial Day honors those who made "the ultimate sacrifice" in service to country, but there was one Sacrifice infinitely greater.

May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 11 am Bible Study (lead by Sandy Westling)	2 <i>National Day of Prayer</i> 5:30 pm Bible Study	3 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	4 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
5 6th Sunday of Easter 10 am Worship w/HC 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 4:30 pm NA Potluck (downstairs) 6 pm NA	6 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> Church Office Closed 7pm Beginners Alanon (downstairs) 7 pm AlAnon (upstairs)	7	8 11 am Bible Study	9 <i>Ascension of Our Lord</i> 5:30 pm Bible Study	10 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	11 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
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19 Pentecost Sunday Guest Pastor Vue Lee 11 am Joint Worship w/HC <i>Service followed by an Ethnic Food Potluck Luncheon</i> 6 pm NA	20 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> Church Office Closed 7pm Beginners Alanon (downstairs) 7 pm AlAnon (upstairs)	21 5 – 7 pm GDLC Council Meeting	22 11 am Bible Study	23 5:30 pm Bible Study	24 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	25 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
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May Birthdays	May Anniversaries
3 rd Kevin Morelli	3 rd Mike & Deb Panning
7 th Mary Lenzen	18 th Tom & Patty Lyrenmann
11 th Karmon Christopherson, Tom Lyrenmann	26 th Larry Schlais & Wenda Schwoch
19 th Wade Billmeyer	
20 th Noah Kruse	
23 rd Ashlee Kruse, Zachary Kruse	
24 th Cindy Martinez	
29 th Andrew Panning, Pat Scott	
31 st Susan Hansen	

MAY SERVANTS

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Altar Care

Sign up for Altar Care on the church entry bulletin board for the Sunday(s) that work best for you. **You don't have to take the entire month, just one Sunday!**
Thank You ☺

Counters

5th Tom and Patty Lyrenmann
12th Pat Scott and Shirley Slagle
19th Al, Pan and Aaron Morelli
26th Sandy Westling and Tom Harris

Candles	Flowers
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5th Lisa & John Kleinwolterink – Karmon's 85 th Birthday; Tom's Birthday 12th Lisa & John Kleinwolterink – Tom and Patty's 50 th Wedding Anniversary 19th OPEN 26th OPEN	5th OPEN 12th OPEN 19th OPEN 26th OPEN
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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

Pray For Us Calendar

LCMS MISSIONARIES ON HOME SERVICE — MAY 1-15

Every other year, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's (LCMS) international missionaries spend approximately two months in the United States on "home service." During this time, they reconnect with the individuals, congregations and groups who support their mission work. Home service also gives them a period of rest and renewal and the chance to spend time with their families.

Remember God's work through missionaries on home service as you pray:

- 1.** for the LCMS missionary families who will be on home service. Ask the Lord to keep them safe during their travels.
- 2.** for God's hand to guide and bless the details and logistical arrangements that are a necessary part of missionary home service, such as transportation and housing.
- 3.** for missionary families to be able to visit as many congregations and other groups as possible, while managing their limited time in the United States.

- 4.** for the Lord to guide missionaries as they prepare their presentations. Ask Him to help them to share their stories and ministry news with those who have so faithfully supported their ministry.
- 5.** for missionary families. Pray that God would give emotional, physical and spiritual strength as they travel, share with supporters and meet new friends.
- 6.** for missionary children. Pray that God would provide them with the opportunity to know that they are a vital part of their family's ministry.
- 7.** that many congregations all over the United States would

welcome missionaries into their churches for mission presentations, Sunday school, children's messages, celebration luncheons, Bible studies and other activities.

- 8.** that congregations and other groups would experience a revitalized interest in praying for missionaries and supporting their work, especially after visiting with them face-to-face and hearing about what God is accomplishing through them.
- 9.** that as missionaries share their experiences, the listeners would consider serving as a missionary themselves — in a short-term, long-term or career capacity.
- 10.** for the families of visiting missionaries, that they would enjoy their time together and mutually encourage one another.
- 11.** for God to comfort and sustain the missionaries who are not able to see family and friends in the United States this year. May the

Holy Spirit comfort them with His presence and assurance of God's calling to serve far from home.

- 12.** that missionaries would have an easy transition back to life in the United States — even for a short time during home service — with minimal effects of reverse culture shock.
- 13.** that the Lord would raise up supporters for missionaries who are struggling to finding the resources necessary for their ministry.
- 14.** with thanksgiving for the many forms of support and the joys the Lord provides to missionary families as they serve Him.
- 15.** that the conversations started during home service would continue long after the missionary has returned to the mission field. Pray that through ongoing communication, missionaries and supporters would encourage one another.

PARTNER CHURCHES — MAY 16-31

The LCMS has 38 partner churches around the world. A partner church is a church body with which the LCMS has full altar and pulpit fellowship. Many LCMS partner churches also are members of the International Lutheran Council, a worldwide association of confessional Lutheran church bodies. Some LCMS partner churches came into existence through LCMS-supported mission efforts, while others have historic roots that pre-date the LCMS or that are sourced in the mission efforts of other Lutheran church bodies.

Remember God's work in His Church as you pray:

16. *for all LCMS partner churches, some of which only have a handful of congregations.* Pray that they would never feel alone in their service to Christ and His Church.

17. *for LCMS partner churches in Latin America and the Caribbean.* Pray that God's Word would continue to spread throughout these countries to bring the Body of Christ together in fellowship and to be witnesses to His love.

18. *for LCMS partner churches in Africa.* Pray that God would strengthen Lutheran Christians in this region to carry out their work for His name's sake.

19. *for LCMS partner churches in Asia,* that God would guide and strengthen Lutheran Christians

in this region, especially in areas where it is difficult or dangerous to do His work.

20. *for LCMS partner churches in Eurasia.* Pray that God would continue to use His Word as a light to those in darkness and as a stronghold for the life of His Church.

21. *with thanksgiving for all the missionaries who serve partner churches,* that they would remain faithful in their tasks and be witnesses to the Gospel through acts of mercy.

22. *for those who serve in leadership positions in LCMS partner churches around the world,* as they guide, nurture and shepherd their people.

23. *for the laypeople of LCMS partner churches around the world,* that they would be fulfilled by God's Word and Sacraments.



24. *that God would continue to raise up faithful servants for His Church in locations around the world.*

25. *for the Lutheran church bodies around the world interested in fellowship with the LCMS.* Pray that God would guide the consideration process according to His will.

26. *in thanksgiving for those who pray continually for those who serve where spreading God's Word is difficult or dangerous.*

27. *for Lutheran churches around the world that are dealing with strife between their members.* Pray that the Lord would guide them to a peaceful resolution that would strengthen their witness to the community.

28. *for the Lutheran churches in Eurasia as they seek to minister*

to the refugees in their midst. Pray for safety for both the church workers and the refugees.

29. *for all projects currently going on in LCMS partner church bodies,* that each one would have the volunteers and resources necessary to carry out the work of the church as it shows mercy and provides physical and spiritual care for people around the world.

30. *for safe travel between and within countries in each world region.* Pray that pastors, missionaries, medical teams and all who travel to assist partner churches would be kept safe and healthy, that the Gospel might be proclaimed to the far corners of creation.

31. *for all those still living in darkness,* that the Gospel will be their light and life.

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