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2025



Worship Schedule for March

March 2: The Transfiguration of Our Lord

March 5: Ash Wednesday

March 9: First Sunday in Lent

March 16: Second Sunday in Lent

March 23: Third Sunday in Lent

March 30: Fourth Sunday in Lent



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Begins at 2 am on Sunday, March 9th

REMEMBER TO **"SPRING AHEAD"**

BY SETTING YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD BY ONE HOUR

(It's Ok to set them ahead when you go to bed on Saturday night☺)

A Message from the Desk of Pastor Matthew Cephus

As the Rain and Snow Come Down from Heaven...

Last month, we were on the receiving end of some major snow – three to six inches depending on your location!

Despite all of our modern technology, we still find ourselves at the mercy of things – like a snowstorm – which are beyond our control. Needless to say, something like this is a very humbling experience. But blessings can also be found through experiences like this if we are willing to see them. Neighbors helping neighbors shovel out driveways and becoming better acquainted with one another. Relying on the kindness of strangers to help push our car out of the snow as we tried to get home. Giving thanks for the snowplow drivers who work around the clock to clear roads. You get the picture.

The day after the big snow, I was looking out the window at the landscape which was blanketed in all that snow. It was beautiful to behold – glistening in the brilliant afternoon sunshine, picture perfect. All of this reminded me of a passage from Scripture, in which the Lord speaks through the prophet Isaiah:

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55:10-11)

The snow, like everything else which the Lord God has created, serves a purpose – a good purpose. We sometimes forget this when all we can think about is how all that snow makes for more work. No, God tells us that the rain and the snow have their own good purpose. They provide that much-needed moisture to replenish the soil that produces the food which we need to live. Like the proverbial domino effect, touch one thing and many other things are impacted. Everything in this world is inter-connected in ways that stagger the imagination. That's important for us to remember at all times, but maybe especially so at the early stage of a new year that stretches out before us.

God reminds us that his Word is like that rain and snow: it serves his own good purpose. The Word of God is not just dead words on a page. Quite the opposite! As the writer to the Hebrews in the New Testament puts it: "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12). Martin Luther, the great reformer, had this to say about that written Word which makes known to us the living Word, the Word-made-flesh, Jesus Christ: "The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold on me." As a very wise person once said, we do not so much read the Scriptures as the Scriptures read us. Think on that!

The purpose of the Word of God is to call us to faith; to a restored and right relationship with God our Maker and Redeemer. That Word summons us to see all of life through the eyes of the One who formed us in his own image, who loves us with an everlasting love, who died for our sins and rose again for us and for our salvation. This is the blessing of that heavenly rain and snow that water not just the earth, but our very lives, causing us to produce fruits of faith that bless the lives of those around us. These fruits of faith abide; they last. They give evidence of Christ's love and light in our lives, drawing others to him.

So, the next time we get that blanket of snow or that shower of rain, think back to what God has spoken through Isaiah. There's more here than meets the eye.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

LCMS Stewardship Ministry - March 2025

God's Instruments, God's Stewards

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. (Eph. 2:10)

Some pastors refer to these words as “the most forgotten words in the Scriptures.” They are forgotten because they follow the familiar and critical words before it. The preceding two verses that overshadow Ephesians 2:10 are words of justification: “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast” (Eph. 2:8–9). These are words preached regularly. They are assigned as confirmation verses. They carry with them the very heart of what it means to be a redeemed child of God!

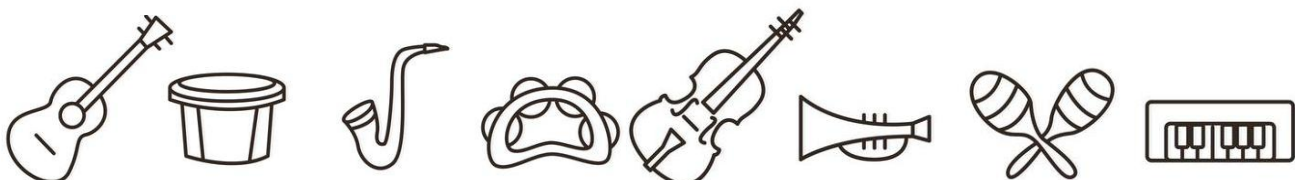
Precisely because the previous verses are so central to salvation, they often overpower our practice of stewardship! We have been saved by grace. This is certain and sure because of Jesus. Works play no role in our salvation. No credit taking for us! Grace is freely given. Faith is miraculously created by the Spirit and joyously received. This truth is so wonderful and so encompassing that we often miss out on WHY we are redeemed.

The grace of God revealed in Jesus calls us to faith. But St. Paul doesn't stop with grace and faith. He continues to the logical conclusion. Just like the creation declares the handiwork of God, the redemption of sinners like you and me declares His greatest handiwork! Redeemed stewards are created to reflect the grace and mercy God showers on us to others.

As Lutherans, we understand that good works flow from faith in Jesus Christ. They are the fruit of the tree of salvation into which we have been grafted by grace. Sanctification and stewardship are both on-going and active confessions of what the Lord has done in us. These works are not always spectacular. Many times, they are simply parents showing Jesus to their children. They are compassionate actions that live out the truth of the Gospel to co-workers and even complete strangers. While they can be grand endeavors, more likely they are simple, beautiful works which highlight what Jesus has done in us.

These works aren't random either. They have been planned by God. God planned to use you as a faithful steward as you walk the road that leads you through your daily life. There are no chance encounters or coincidences. They have been planned by the Lord of the universe for the benefit of His creation. Good works are what point to God's greatest work: Jesus!

He calls you and me to walk in this faith, which flows from this grace, which has been poured out on us in Jesus. But even this is not to our credit. We are simply called to be faithful stewards of God's grace so that we may share it with those who need it as much as we do. God's Spirit carries us along in this. We are just the steward — the instrument in His hand to accomplish His plan and glorify Him!



Thrivent Choice Dollars Expire March 31!

Attention Thrivent Members – If you have Thrivent Choice Dollars, they expire this month on March 31. You can direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church before they expire. With your generosity, GDLC received \$822 for 2024. Wow!

It is simple and doesn't cost you anything but your time. Only about 1/3 of Thrivent members take advantage of this benefit, which means charities lose 2/3 of the Thrivent Choice Dollars.

You must renew the distribution of your Choice Dollars every year. Your choice of a prior year does not carry over. There are two ways to direct your Choice Dollars. Go to www.thrivent.com and click on Generosity or call 1-800-847-4836 and say "choice dollars," a representative will come on the line to help.

Thank you for considering GDLC when making your Choice Dollars donation.



March is Minnesota FoodShare Month!



The largest grassroots food & fund drive in Minnesota.

GMCC's Minnesota FoodShare began its work in 1982 as a campaign advanced by congregations to restock food shelves in the 7-county Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.

The effort was so successful, and the need so evident, March Campaign became a statewide initiative just one year later and is now in its 44th year. Minnesota

FoodShare March Campaign, the largest grassroots food and fund drive in the state, brings together organizations, businesses, faith communities, and individuals to help stock and support the capacity of nearly 300 food shelves. **To date, GMCC's Minnesota FoodShare has distributed over**

\$18.5 million dollars via the FoodFund. 100% of donations designated to Minnesota Foodshare during the March Campaign go into the FoodFund and are distributed to participating food shelves. We envision a future where all Minnesotans have access to healthy food and no one struggles with food insecurity. This initiative directly addresses these issues. We invite you to join our efforts and advocate for long-term solutions to food insecurity in our communities.

Minnesota Hunger Facts

- Feeding America reports that 537,890 Minnesotans are facing hunger. 34% of these individuals are under 18 of age.
- Minnesotans made an estimated record-breaking 9 million visits to food shelves in 2024. This is up 20% from the previous record of 7.5 million set in 2023. Annual visits to food shelves are now 150% higher than they were prior to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) enrollment by Minnesotans in 2023 was the highest it has been since 2016.
- Due to federal cuts to SNAP funding in 2023, 235,000 Minnesota households saw their food stamp benefits reduced by an average of \$82 per month. Cuts to E-SNAP funding saw recipients of that program receive \$100 less per person per month compared to 2022.
- Pounds of food distributed by Minnesota food shelves rose by 10% in 2023.
- Food prices most impacted by inflation include beef and veal, dairy, eggs, and fats and oils. The USDA predicts the overall cost of food will rise 1.9% in 2025.

Note: Food Insecurity means access to adequate food is inconsistent and limited by a lack of money and other resources throughout the year. Food insecure households report their diet to be of reduced quality, variety or desirability and/or experience disrupted eating patterns and reduced food intake.



FREE Help with Tax Preparation

Prepare + Prosper will be hosting FREE tax preparation services by appointment at East Side Neighborhood Services on Tuesday and Thursday evenings as well as Saturday mornings. Services are available to families and individuals who meet income requirements (individuals making \$40,000 or less per year and families with household income of \$70,000 or less).

Prepare + Prosper's team of 300+ IRS-certified volunteers can help with Federal and Minnesota returns, including property tax refunds for renters and homeowners. All tax returns are double-checked for accuracy to make sure you get the maximum refund.

Services are by appointment only – [schedule online](#) or call 651-287-0187.

Lake Wobegon Brass Band concert - March 8 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

The Lake Wobegon Brass Band will present its annual "Winter Into Spring" concert Saturday, March 8, First Lutheran Church, 1555 40th Avenue NE. Admission to this concert is \$10 for adults at the door, and free for students with ID.

"Frozen" at Northeast Middle School

Project Success, Community ED Beacons and Northeast Middle School Performing Arts are in their fourth year collaborating during after-school programming, bringing musicals to life. **"Frozen" will be presented Friday, March 7, and Saturday, March 8, at 7 pm.** \$5 suggested donation at the door. Northeast Middle School, 1830 St. Anthony Pkwy.

Swap at NE Farmers Market

There will be a swap of puzzles, games and cookbooks on Sunday, March 9, at the Northeast Farmers Market, Quincy Hall, 1325 Quincy Street NE, 10 am-2 pm. **Bring what you don't want, and take what you do. It's okay to just bring or just take, as well.**

St. Anthony Civic Orchestra Concert

Continue the celebration of SACO's 50th year. Sunday, March 9, at 3 pm in the St. Anthony Village Community Center, 3301 Silver Lake Road.

Neighborhood Safety Discussions - March 10 @ 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Join your Eastside neighbors either virtually or in person at 6:30 pm Monday, March 10, for the monthly Second Precinct Advisory Council (2-PAC) meeting. All are welcome to discuss neighborhood safety issues and solutions. Each month 2-PAC brings together neighbors, businesses and **representatives of the Minneapolis Police Department, city attorney's office and others involved in public safety.** Bring your comments and your questions. The Second Precinct encompasses Minneapolis neighborhoods on the east side of the Mississippi River, including Northeast and Southeast Minneapolis. Meetings are held via Zoom and in person at the Monroe Village community room, 1900 Central Avenue NE. To be added to the 2-PAC email list and obtain the Zoom meeting link, contact emilieinmpls@gmail.com.

Adults and Senior Luncheon – Thursday, March 13, 11:30 am-1:30 pm

Head to the St. Anthony **Community Center for a luncheon catered from Culver's and then listen to** the St. Anthony High School choir. Lunch includes a pot roast sandwich, mashed potatoes, coleslaw and a dish of custard. Coffee and water will be provided. The cost of the meal and beverages is \$15 per person. Registration is required. If you have any questions, please call 612-706-1176. St Anthony Community Center, 3301 Silver Lake Road.

Northeast Community Band concert

The Northeast Community Band will take you on a musical European tour Thursday, March 13, at Edison High School, 700 22nd Avenue NE. The band will perform selections by European composers **and pieces that have a European "sound."** The downbeat is at 7 pm. Tim Martin conducts. Free.

St. Anthony Band Boosters pancake breakfast

Sunday, March 16, 8 am to noon, St. Anthony Village High School Commons, 3303 33rd Avenue NE (enter Door #16). Adult and student tickets — \$10; Seniors — \$8; Kids 5 and under — free.

Welcome back the Herons at Marshall Terrace Park

Great blue herons start returning to their rookery on the Mississippi River toward the end of March. Bring your binoculars and join the National Park Service, Mississippi Park Connection and volunteers at Marshall Terrace Park, 2740 Marshall Street NE, Saturday, March 29, 11 am-1 pm. Watch the herons rebuild their nests and flirt with each other as they return to our region. The walking path, from which the rookery is visible, is fully accessible, but the trail down to the riverbank is not. Dress for the weather and prepare for mud and/or ice.

Events at Pierre Bottineau Library

Pierre Bottineau Library, 55 Broadway Street NE, 612-543-6850 or 612-543-KNOW (5669)
Board Games with Thorin: Saturdays, 3–5 pm. March 1, 29, April 26, May 10. For adults. Do you **have games at home you don't get a chance to play? Want to learn new ones? Join host Thorin Tatge** and friends on Saturday afternoons for a fun mix of board and card games – either from the **library's** collection or bring your own. Free, registration not required.

Art Demo: Thursday, March 6. 6–7:30 pm. Experience the creative process firsthand with a live art demonstration by watercolor artist Kerry Kolke-Bonk. Watch as Kerry creates a painting, showcasing her techniques and artistic vision. Following the demonstration, engage with Kerry in a Q&A session where you can ask her about her inspirations, methods, and the art-making process. Her exhibit, **"Watercolors by Kerry Kolke-Bonk," will be on display at Pierre Bottineau Library until March 6.** Free and registration not required.



Free community **Dinners at St. Timothy's | March 11**

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 825 51st Avenue NE, in Columbia Heights, serves a free community dinner the second Tuesday of each month. Drive Thru Community Dinner 5:00-6:30 pm (or until the food is gone). Everyone is Welcome! Please spread the word!!

Free Community Meal - March 13 @ 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Faith United Methodist Church, 2708 33rd Avenue NE, holds a free Community dinner every second Thursday of the month, 5-6 pm. Everyone is welcome. Next is March 13.

Lenten Soup Supper

Roseville Lutheran Church will continue with their annual tradition of Lent Soup Suppers! Join them for a gathering of Faith, Food & Fellowship in our Social Hall! Each week will feature two different soups as well as house baked bread, fresh salad bar, beverages and weekly special desserts! \$10 per person/\$5 Kids/Confirmation Youth/Kids 5 and under are free! The soup suppers are from 4:45 to 6:45 pm. Roseville Lutheran Church is located at 1215 Roselawn Avenue, Roseville. Questions, please call their office at 651.487.7752.

Lenten Soup Suppers at Holy Cross

Holy Cross Catholic Church, 1621 University Avenue NE, will observe Lent with Wednesday night soup suppers. The Holy Cross Council of Catholic Women Rosary Guild will be hosting Suppers on March 12, 19, 26 and April 2 and 9.

Pierogi & Fish Fry Dinners

Pierogi and Fish Fry Dinners for are back at the Ukrainian Center, 301 Main Street NE, for all Fridays during Lent. March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 14 and 11, from 4:30-7 pm. Menu options: 1) Fish & Pierogi Dinner, w/coleslaw, French fries, dessert 2) Pierogi Dinner, 1 dozen w/sauteed onions & sour cream pkt. For Take-Out: Online order preferred: <https://ukrainian-american-community-center.square.site>. Email order: info@UACCMN.org. Phone order: 612-379-1956 (Leave order name, quantity, and time slot for your preferred pickup time. Time slots for curbside pickups: 4:30-5 pm, 5-5:30 pm, 5:30-6 pm, 6-6:30 pm, 6:30-7 pm). Fundraising proceeds benefit Ukrainian cultural and youth programming. Pop-up entertainment may occur!

The Ultimate Ukrainian Comfort Food

St. Constantine Ukrainian Catholic Church Pyrohy Sale

This fundraiser directly supports the ongoing upkeep of their beautiful church in the heart of Northeast Minneapolis. The Pyrohy (Pierogi) dough is gently mixed each Friday and rolled by hand. Inside each doughy pouch, you'll find hand-prepared fillings of fresh *potato*, *cheese* or *sauerkraut*. The hand-made pyrohy are all-natural, with no additives or preservatives. Made fresh every other Friday by dedicated volunteers, and either sold or frozen right away!. All items are available TO-GO Only!

Please call and leave a voicemail at 612-378-9833 or email. *In your message, include your name, phone number, quantity and variety of pyrohy, quantity of any side items, and pickup time of 11 am, 11:30 am, 12 pm, or 12:30 pm.*

If you miss the order cut-off, you can order in-person on Friday. (subject to availability). They accept payments via Cash, Check, or Credit Card. Orders can be placed and picked up on the 2nd Floor of the Parish Hall located at 314 Sixth Avenue NE, Minneapolis. Please enter the Parish Hall from the parking lot entrance, located on Fourth Street NE, between Fifth & Sixth Avenues NE



THE LUTHERAN HOUR

WCCO 830 AM Radio

Heard each Sunday morning at 6:05 am

*Hosted by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigle
(unless otherwise noted)*

March 2 "It's Best to Be with Jesus" (Luke 9:28-36)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz
Life was not meant to be a do-it-yourself project.
We need God's help, His strength, His gifts.

March 9 "Unless a Grain of Wheat Dies" (John 12:24)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Do you want a life that amounts to more than a hill
o' beans? Hear how Christ's death and resurrection
gives us life with God that can't be measured.

March 16 "Light of the World" (John 8:12)

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
Jesus is the Light of the world. However, He
sometimes keeps that light out of the visible range.
We can't see it, but it changes what we see.

March 23 "Even Me, Even You" (John 10:1-21)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge
Jesus the Good Shepherd invites all to be His
sheep and find pasture. His words of promise will
amaze some but anger others.

**March 30 (John 11:35)
"The Difference Between Anger and Contempt"**

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
God gets angry at sin, but behind that anger, God
is love. We believe this only because of Jesus.



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Pastor Mike Novotny, The CORE
Appleton, Wisconsin



**We appreciate everyone who
has saved and brought in
plastic food containers from
takeout, etc. However, we
have reached our capacity!
Please recycle them at home.**

March 2025

Special Occasions for Special People



18th Shirley Holzinger
 21st Bruce Cross
 21st Dale Raschke
 23rd Sandy Westling
 28th Robin Henslin
 31st Juliana Morelli

MARCH SERVANTS

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Counters

2nd Sandy Westling and Tom Harris
 5th Tom and Patty Lyrenmann
 9th Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli
 16th Tom and Patty Lryenmann
 23rd Pat Scott and Shirley Slagle
 30th Shirley Holzinger and Verlayne Sather

Candles

2nd
 5th
 9th
 16th
 23rd
 30th

Flowers

2nd
 5th
 9th
 16th
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 30th

BABY BLESSING!

Congratulations to Daniel and Katie Beth Carlson on the birth of their daughter, Rosemary Alice Carlson.





MARCH 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		 				1 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
2 <i>The Transfiguration of Our Lord</i> 10 am Worship w/HC 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 6 pm NA	3 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 7 pm Beginners AlAnon (downstairs) 7 pm AlAnon (upstairs)	4	5 ASH WEDNESDAY NO 11 am Bible Study 5:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service w/Imposition of Ashes	6	7 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	8 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
9 <i>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS</i> <i>First Sunday in Lent</i> 10 am Worship w/HC 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 6 pm NA	10 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 7 pm Beginners AlAnon (downstairs) 7 pm AlAnon (upstairs)	11 9:30 am Annual Kitchen Cleaning (volunteers needed)	12 11 am Bible Study	13	14 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	15 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 4 – 5 pm Living Word Board Meeting 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
16 <i>Second Sunday in Lent</i> 10 am Worship w/HC 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 6 pm NA <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 7 pm Beginners AlAnon (downstairs) 7 pm AlAnon (upstairs)	18 5 – 7 pm GDLC Council Meeting	19 11 am Bible Study	20 	21 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	22 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
23 <i>Third Sunday in Lent</i> 10 am Worship w/HC 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 6 pm NA	24 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 7 pm Beginners AlAnon (downstairs) 7 pm AlAnon (upstairs)	25 10 am Pastor Winkel at GDLC	26 11 am Bible Study	27	28 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	29 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
30 <i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i> 10 am Worship w/HC 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 6 pm NA	31					



MARCH

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

Pray For Us Calendar

WORLDWIDE THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION — MARCH 1-31

The LCMS provides theological education throughout the world by means of seminaries and missionaries. Scholars and leaders from foreign church bodies also come to the LCMS seminaries for advanced degrees, learning sound doctrine from the Scriptures and Lutheran Confessions.

Remember the centrality of God's Word as you pray:

1. for Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, that all there might grow in the Word and prepare for the proper proclamation of the Word and administration of the Sacraments.

2. for Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind., that the faculty might teach the Word in its truth and purity; and the students learn God's Word in preparation for ministry.

3. for Christ's work throughout the world, that the Gospel might be proclaimed to all people and the forgiveness of sins delivered through the Means of Grace.

4. for Concordia Seminary, Hong Kong, that people and

pastors might be trained there to proclaim the Gospel.

5. for Martin Luther Seminary in Lae, Papua New Guinea, that God would strengthen and preserve the seminary to prepare the pastors of the Gutnius Lutheran Church to convict people with God's law and heal them with the word of Absolution.

6. for Japan Lutheran Seminary in Tokyo, Japan, that our Lord, Jesus Christ, would make the seminary a place where the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity.

7. for Concordia Theological Seminary in Nagercoil, India, that the Lord would preserve the seminary from all evil and lead it to become a bastion of the

Gospel against the attacks of the wicked foe.

8. for Timothy Lutheran Seminary in Birip, Papua New Guinea, that the Lord would use the instructors to shine His Word upon the path of students preparing to serve His Church.

9. for students and professors of Lutheran Theological Seminary in Baguio City, Philippines, that they might serve the Lutheran Church in the Philippines faithfully.

10. for Luther Seminary in Seoul, South Korea, that the Lord would preserve those who teach and those who learn to hold fast to His Word in all circumstances.

11. for the ministry carried out through the Westfield House of Theological Studies in Cambridge, England, as this ministry trains church leaders for England and many other church bodies around the world.

12. for the Lutheran Center for Theological Studies (CLET) in Togo, that theological training for men from French-speaking countries in West Africa might continue.

13. for Concordia Reformer Seminary, Dominican Republic, that the students there might share the Gospel throughout Latin and South America.

14. for the Synod's Global Seminary Initiative (GSI), which helps to fill the need for trained church leaders who are native to the region and cultures in which they serve, that God would guide this program to strengthen the formation of pastors and deaconesses around the world.

15. for LCMS professors and pastors who travel overseas to teach seminars and intensive courses for our current and emerging church partners, that God would grant them safe travel and fruitful labors.

MARCH *Pray For Us Calendar*

16. *for the international students who come to the Synod's seminaries, that God would grant safe travels and comfort while away from family and friends.*

17. *for Lutheran pastors worldwide, that they would have access to the necessary books and resources to teach Law and Gospel.*

18. *for the health and safety of LCMS missionaries who provide theological education, thanks that they have heeded the call to serve Christ in this way.*

19. *for Lutheran church workers in Europe, that their work is fruitful.*

20. *for the seminaries of LCMS partner churches around the world, that they would faithfully educate future leaders for their churches.*

21. *for the Gospel multiplication as pastors are equipped to teach their flocks and train new leaders for the church, thank God for the growth of His Kingdom.*

22. *for the continued growth of Christ's Church on earth, that the Lord would continue to raise up missionaries according to His good and gracious will.*

23. *for Lutherans throughout the world, that they rejoice in God's gifts of His Word and Sacraments.*

24. *for the Synod's generous donors, thanks for those who make it possible for LCMS theological education around the world.*

25. *The Annunciation of our Lord, thank God for sending His Son into our flesh.*

26. *for our partner churches, that God would raise up pastors and servants to serve His people.*

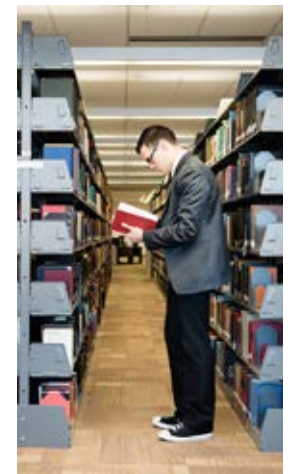
27. *for sound doctrine throughout the world, that God would preserve the truth of His Word against false teachings.*

28. *for those on vicarage from our partner seminaries, that God would bless their time in the field as part of their education.*

29. *for seminarians' wives, that they would be prepared to support their husband's call into ministry.*

30. *for seminarians' children, that they rejoice in the Gospel and in their father's calling.*

31. *for all who listen to those who receive theological education, that the Gospel might take root and produce fruit.*



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