

26 The Holy Trinity/First Sunday after Pentecost

Triune God, give strength to the churches of Malawi and Zambia as they feed the hungry and announce the good news of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

27 Memorial Day

Remember in your prayers this Memorial Day the generations past and present that have served our country in the armed forces and especially those who have given their lives in that service.

28 Pray for ELCA missionaries Dr. Stephen and Bethany Friberg and their work in health care in Tanzania.

29 Remember in your prayers Jennifer Jepsen and her service at a youth center in Cape Town, South Africa, as part of her year with the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program.

30 Pray for the delegates of the Delaware-Maryland Synod, who begin their Synod Assembly today, and the delegates of the Southwest California Synod, who will meet in assembly to elect a bishop.

31 Visit of Mary to Elizabeth

Pray for the Metropolitan New York, the Minneapolis Area, the North Carolina, the Southeastern Iowa, the West Virginia-Western Maryland, the Greater Milwaukee and the Nebraska synods as they begin their Synod Assemblies today. Also remember the Metropolitan Chicago, the Northeastern Ohio, the Montana and the Southeastern synods as they meet in assembly to elect bishops.

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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 Philip and James, Apostles

Pray for Krystle Moraska and her work as an ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission coordinator in Argentina and Uruguay.

2 Remember in your prayers the delegates of the Pacifica Synod, Rocky Mountain Synod and the Sierra Pacific Synod as they begin their assemblies. Also remember the Florida-Bahamas Synod, which will be electing a bishop at their assembly.

3 As the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, the Arkansas-Oklahoma Synod, the Northeastern Minnesota Synod and the Southwestern Texas Synod begin their assemblies today, remember the important work of their delegates in your prayers.

4 Pray for the delegates of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin as they begin their assembly today and prepare to elect a bishop.

5 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Living God, we lift up to you the leaders and people of Kenya, Sudan and Uganda. Renew them with hope and strength and bring them your peace that passes all understanding.

6 Remember in your prayers Anne and Willie Langdji, ELCA regional representatives for West Africa, and their missionary work in health and sustainable development in Cameroon.

7 Pray for ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission participant Jessica Obrecht and her service of differently abled care in Tawau, Malaysia.

8 Julian of Norwich

Pray for the Rev. Mark and Linda Nygard and their ministry in theological education as ELCA missionaries in Cairo, Egypt.

9 Ascension of Our Lord

Pray for the continued strong relationship and cooperation between the ELCA and the Malagasy Lutheran Church, The churches have signed an agreement that reflects “our deep commitment to growing together in Christ and our witness to God’s mission for the life of the world,” said ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark S. Hanson.

10 Give thanks for the many creative ways that ELCA congregations have found to raise money for the ELCA Malaria Campaign and its goal of containing the disease in Africa. Among those congregations is First Lutheran in Minot, N.D., which sponsored a frozen-yogurt fundraising night that inspired other businesses to join the effort.

11 Remember in your prayers the Rev. Rosanne Swanson, an ELCA missionary in Ethiopia, and her work in theological education.

12 Seventh Sunday of Easter (Mother’s Day)

Loving God, we remember today all of those who care for and protect your children. Grant them patience and understanding in all that they do.

13 Pray for the work of ELCA World Hunger that is helping to bring clean water to the many areas of the world where unsanitary water is a threat to public health. One out of seven people in the world don’t have access to clean water.

14 Pray for Alicia Hillar as she serves with the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program helping youth in Mexico.

15 Pray for the Rev. John and Barbara LeMond, ELCA missionaries in Hong Kong working in leadership development.

16 Pray for the work of the Northern Great Lakes Synod as it begins its Synod Assembly today. Also remember the Northwest Washington Synod and the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod, which have electing a bishop on their assembly agendas.

17 Pray for God’s guidance for the delegates of the Northwestern Ohio Synod, the Saint Paul Area Synod and the Southeast Michigan Synod as they begin their assemblies today. Also remember the North/West Lower Michigan Synod and Oregon Synod delegates as they meet in assembly to elect bishops.

18 Include in your prayers the Rev. Phillip Baker, an ELCA missionary who is the regional representative in Indonesia.

19 Day of Pentecost

Alleluia! O Lord, we give you praise for the joyful witness that the churches of Tanzania bring to the world. We join our voices in rejoicing. Come, Holy Spirit!

20 Pray for the spring graduates of ELCA colleges and universities that, despite the still sluggish economy, they will be able to start careers as the leaders of tomorrow.

21 Pray for Lucas Chatelain, an ELCA missionary in Tokyo who is teaching English as a second language.

22 Give thanks for the generous support of Lutheran Disaster Response by ELCA members and congregations, support that makes possible immediate aid to those in need when disasters strike or political violence takes its toll.

23 Remember in your prayers Alex Clark as he serves for a year with the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program working with young people in Masaelama, South Africa.

24 Pray for Daniel Walther and his service in the United Kingdom as a participant in the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program.

25 Remember in your prayers the Rev. Bradn and Natasha Buerkle and their parish ministry as ELCA missionaries in Novosibirsk, Russia.