



A Year of Prayer  
A Lifetime of Praying!

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## Prayer Calendar – May 2026

<b>1</b>	Pray for pastors who celebrate birthdays this month: Philip Johnson (5/1), Brittany Barkus (5/2), Catie Ford (5/3), Grant Van Lishout (5/12), and Tammy Barthels (5/13). On this National Day of Prayer, may we remain steadfast in our faith and our service to others.
<b>2</b>	Pray for members of Magomeni Lutheran Church, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and their partner congregation Zion Lutheran Church, Manistique.
<b>3</b>	May is Mental Health Month. Pray that through associated events and activities we raise awareness of trauma and the impact it may have on the physical, emotional, and mental well-being of children, families, and communities.
<b>4</b>	Pray for those who grieve so deeply they cannot find a solution. Ignite their faith to simply begin and through one step, one breath and one moment at a time they may find peace, purpose and a passion in life.
<b>5</b>	Pray for Licensed Lay Minister Virginia Paulson who celebrates her birthday today.
<b>6</b>	Today begins National Nursing Week through the 12 <sup>th</sup> . Pray for all nurses everywhere as they welcome the newborn, care for the ill and comfort the dying. Bless this spectrum and continuum of care unique to nurses.
<b>7</b>	May is Better Speech and Hearing Month. Pray for all Speech Pathologists and Audiologists as they evaluate and treat the young and old who present with developmental, neurologic, and age-related cognitive and communication impairments.
<b>8</b>	Pray for all young adults who are confirmed this spring. May they continue to grow in faith and their service for others.
<b>9</b>	Pray for our clergy celebrating anniversaries of their ordinations this month: Nick Johannes (5/10), Tom Otis (5/21), Norman Peterson (5/23), and George Kaiser (5/24).
<b>10</b>	Pray for mothers everywhere on Mother's Day. Pray for the women who long to be mothers or grieve infertility, miscarriage, and other losses of their children; and for all who grieve the loss of their mother.
<b>11</b>	Pray all new leaders commit to their first act being one of compassion and not condemnation. Give them the courage to truly lead with integrity.
<b>12</b>	Pray for those who struggle in meeting the demands of daily life. Connect them to necessary resources so that they may remain a part of their community and not become isolated.
<b>13</b>	Pray that we don't stop looking for God. He often shows up in unexpected places.
<b>14</b>	Pray for our Synod Council as they meet and discuss their vision and strategic plans for our Northern Great Lakes Synod. Grant them courage and conviction in sharing their thoughts.
<b>15</b>	Pray for wildlife emerging from hibernation and giving birth to their young that they will find the food they need and be strong as they nurture a new generation.
<b>16</b>	Pray for all participating in our Northern Great Lakes Synod Hybrid Assembly today at locations in each conference. May they find ways to nurture and provide opportunities, space and encouragement for faith to grow.

<b>17</b>	Pray that we celebrate every gift God has given us. May our thanks be shouted with an abundance of joy!
<b>18</b>	Pray for farmers and gardeners as they prepare and plant their crops and gardens. God has given us what we need to grow our food and feed our families. Thank you for the rain and sun as seeds take root and our bounty is brought forth.
<b>19</b>	Pray for those whose lived reality feels hopeless and all solutions seem silent.
<b>20</b>	Pray for advocacy over apathy, patience over persecution and forever and always love over hate.
<b>21</b>	Pray for those of us caught between hope and disappointment. In this time of struggle, strengthen our faith and restore patience as we await some type of resolution.
<b>22</b>	Pray that we open our eyes to what is going on around us. Lead us away from ignorance and denial. Empower us to take what we know and do something about it.
<b>23</b>	Pray that God feeds us in the way in which we need to be fed. He knows our needs, our wants and our desires.
<b>24</b>	Pray for those pursuing new employment, opportunities and relationships. In looking back at the impact of Jesus' miracles and ministry, may they find the confidence to move forward.
<b>25</b>	On this Memorial Day, we remember all US military personnel who have died serving our country. We grieve with their families and pray that the day will come when no more wars are fought, and no more soldiers die.
<b>26</b>	Pray for teachers, students, and staff at all levels of education as the school year winds down. Ease the anxiety associated with final exams, celebrate the achievement of each milestone, and bless the next steps of their academic or vocational journey.
<b>27</b>	Pray for our clergy celebrating anniversaries of their ordinations this month: Doug Schoen (5/27), Mary Weinkauff (5/30), and Christine Thomas-Echelbarger (5/31).
<b>28</b>	Pray for those who have not been blessed with an easy life. When every day is a struggle, give them the power to carry on and reward their persistence with God's grace.
<b>29</b>	Pray for camping ministries at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, as they gear up for summer. May the Holy Spirit empower and guide them as they watch over all who are in their care.
<b>30</b>	Pray we are balanced in our love and compassion for others. Some are easy to care for and others we may find difficult to include in our prayers. May our hearts be softened and open to all. In this way we will be more like Jesus.
<b>31</b>	Pray that when we are faced with life changing decisions, we find comfort and courage to continue the path God shares with us, knowing God will lead us to where we are meant to be.