




A Year of Prayer
A Lifetime of Praying!

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Prayer Calendar – October 2021

1	Pray for our ELCA Bishops as they meet at the Conference of Bishops through October 2. Especially, we give thanks for those who are newly elected and will begin serving in their new calls during this difficult time in our world and our church.
2	Pray for all attending the Fortune Lake Fall Fest today. Pray also for the Fortune Lake Staff and all who visit our Lutheran Camps throughout the year.
3	Pray for pastors who celebrate the anniversary of their ordination this month: Don Ludemann (10/04), Tom Wickstrom (10/05), Ken Carlson (10/05), George Candea-Kromm (10/7), and Doug Johnson (10/15).
4	Pray for Licensed Lay Ministers who celebrate their birthdays this month: Larry Molloy (10/28).
5	Pray for pastors who celebrate birthdays this month: Timothy Vadis (10/05), David Echelbarger (10/08), Kenneth Carlson (10/13), and Maxine Gray (10/16).
6	Pray for our Synod Assembly Planning Team as they meet today and look forward to our spring assembly. May they find creative ways to celebrate our mission in God's name and make wise decisions for the activities of our Synod.
7	Pray for all pastors on Clergy Appreciation Day this Sunday. We thank God for their presence among us: preaching the Word, presiding over the Sacraments, being present in the midst of crisis or grief, guiding, teaching, listening, challenging us to take new directions, and being examples of God's love.
8	Pray for the members of St. Peter Lutheran Church, Ocean City, MD; St. Philip Lutheran Church, Baltimore, MD; St. Philip Lutheran Church, Wilmington, DE; and St. Stephen Lutheran Church (Arbutus), Baltimore, MD.
9	Pray for Pastor-Elect Jack Busche and the members of Grace, Gwinn , as he is ordained and installed into ministry in this congregation. May the Holy Spirit fill them with joy and wisdom as they work together to fulfill God's mission for them.
10	Pray for Pastor Lloyd Luedeman and the members of Grace, Pembine , as he is installed into ministry in this congregation. May the Holy Spirit fill them with joy and wisdom as they work together to fulfill God's mission for them.
11	Pray for all who have lost loved ones and homes in the midst of disasters – fires, hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, wars, and the pandemic. Offer prayers of thanks for all who have donated to and volunteered with Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, and Lutheran World Relief to help them.
12	October 10 was <i>World Mental Health Day</i> and the stress of the pandemic has increased the need for mental health awareness and care. Pray for all those suffering from mental illness and for their families and medical care professionals . Pray also that health care systems and insurance companies do their best to care for those in need.
13	Pray for pastors who celebrate the anniversary of their ordination this month: Duane Priebe (10/24), Richard Likeness (10/26), Melinda VanderSys (10/29), and Judy Kirchoff (10/31).
14	Pray for all our Seminary Students , as they begin or continue their studies and preparation for rostered service in our Church.

15	Pray for people who are homeless, refugees, and living in shelters . May they know God's love through the work of diligent caregivers and advocates.
16	Pray for all church musicians and for the musicians' workshop which is happening today. We thank God for all those who share their gifts and talents with our worshipping communities.
17	Pray for Pastor Elisabeth Daniels and the members of First, Gladstone , as she is installed into ministry in this congregation. May the Holy Spirit fill them with joy and wisdom as they work together to fulfill God's mission for them.
18	Pray for pastors who celebrate birthdays this month: Stephen Gauger (10/28), Kari Vadis (10/28), and Alex Ross (10/29) .
19	Pray for peace throughout the world and for world leaders to work together toward ending violence of all kinds, <i>especially violence directed at women and children and violence based upon religious or ethnic prejudice</i> .
20	Pray for our Synod Staff as they meet today to plan and coordinate events and activities throughout our Synod.
21	Pray for Council Presidents as they meet online for a workshop with Synod Vice President Chuck Thomas and Ray Miller. May they be encouraged in their leadership role.
22	Pray for the members of St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Wilmington, DE; The Slate Project (Charles Waverly Mission), Baltimore, MD; Tree of Life Church (Middletown), Odessa, DE; and Trinity Lutheran Church, Boonsboro, MD .
23	Pray for students, staff, and faculty at colleges and universities as they continue to teach and learn amid the challenges of the global pandemic.
24	Pray for Bethany Lutheran Church, Ishpeming, and their Interim Pastor Bruce Thorsen as they continue their discernment and search for a rostered leader to serve the people and lead the ministry in their community.
25	Pray for students as they celebrate homecoming events . May they all be safe in the midst of these joyous events.
26	Pray for all those whose loved ones have died from COVID-19 and all those living with continuing disabilities caused by the disease .
27	Pray for Bethel Lutheran Church, Ishpeming, and their Interim Pastors Steve and Evelyn Weston as they begin their work together and discern where God is leading them in mission in their community.
28	Pray for quilters and Lutheran World Relief quilt ministries as the quilts are gathered and transported around the world.
29	Pray for creation and all of God's creatures as they also face natural and human-created disasters that destroy their homes and environments.
30	Pray for all those participating in the Faithful Innovations Training today. May these pastors and lay leaders grow in their faith and learn new ways to spread the Good News of God's love for the world.
31	 <i>Pray that the God who reformed the church through Martin Luther and other teachers five centuries ago may continue to reform – and transform – the church today.</i>

"We pray for congregations in the Delaware-Maryland Synod as part of our domestic partner synod relationship."