



A Year of Prayer  
A Lifetime of Praying!

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## Prayer Calendar – February 2023

<b>1</b>	Pray for all our African American brothers and sisters as they celebrate their heritage, culture and impactful contributions to our world during Black History Month.
<b>2</b>	Pray for our youth leaders as they mentor and guide our young people through their faith, academics, passions and their challenges.
<b>3</b>	Pray for pastors and licensed lay ministers who celebrate birthdays this month: Bob Langseth (2/03), Doug Norquist (2/10), Craig Mansur (2/12), Doug Schoen (2/14), Don Ludemann (2/14), Steve Weston (2/14), & Michael Holman (2/14).
<b>4</b>	Pray for the poor in our communities who too often suffer in silence. Open our eyes, ears and hearts to their daily misery. Pray we stifle ignorance and arrogance in our response to their needs.
<b>5</b>	Pray for our ministry leadership as they attend the Winter Theological Conference today and tomorrow. May they be enriched by God's word and uplifted in their personal faith journeys. May they take what they learn and apply it in ways which enhance their ministerial responses and relationships.
<b>6</b>	Pray for deacons and pastors who celebrate the anniversary of their ordination this month: Lori Ward (2/7), Steven Solberg (2/12), Chrys Hendrick (2/14) and Cathy Morris (2/23).
<b>7</b>	Pray for our Synod Staff as they meet today at the Synod Office in Marquette. May they be blessed by God in all they do and lead us as we spread God's blessings throughout our Synod, nation and world.
<b>8</b>	Pray for God's love to be shared between and among our neighbors in our communities, states, country and world.
<b>9</b>	Pray for Congregational Leaders as they participate in today's quarterly workshop. May the information they receive become an integral part of their ministry and strengthen their congregations.
<b>10</b>	Pray for those struggling to be a good friend, an empathetic listener, and a vital link in someone's circle of support. The gift of friendship can be fragile. Pray that we may extend our hand in friendship to others.
<b>11</b>	Pray for those battling eating disorders. Pray for healing of their mind and body. May they find comfort in your word, and through trust in you and themselves, a restored body and spirit.
<b>12</b>	Pray for Reverend Lily Brondyke as she is Installed as the pastor at Bethany Lutheran Church in Escanaba. Trusting in God's care, may she love, serve, and pray for God's people, nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by her own example in faithful service and holy living.
<b>13</b>	Pray for married couples and open their hearts to the message: "May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you." ~1 Thessalonians 3:13a

<b>14</b>	On this Valentine's Day, pray for all couples that their love will grow. Pray also for those who are lonely, alone, and/or missing loved ones, that they will find comfort and companionship.
<b>15</b>	Pray for pastors who celebrate birthdays this month: Brenda Greenwald (2/16), Andrew Plocher (2/17), Christine Thomas-Echelbarger (2/22), Les Niemi (2/25), and Wally Leno (2/27).
<b>16</b>	Pray for the Leadership Support Committee as they meet today to plan opportunities and events for pastoral leadership. Pray this continuous self-improvement will cultivate fresh ideas and perspectives they can put to practical use in their own ministries.
<b>17</b>	Pray for worship leaders, musicians and ministry techs as they continue to adapt to the needs of congregation members and adapt worship to the changing times around us.
<b>18</b>	Pray for the pastoral leadership and members of St. John's, Hagerstown, MD, St John's, Hartford Rd, Baltimore MD, St. John's, Linthicum Heights, MD, St. John's, Myersville, MD, St. John's (SweetAir) Phoenix, MD. St. John's, Thurmont, MD, and St. John's, Westminster, MD.
<b>19</b>	Pray for all our ELCA seminaries and for all the seminary students. This month we lift in prayer Jen Elsenbroek from our synod.
<b>20</b>	On this World Day for Social Justice, pray for fair and just relations between all individuals in our society as they are confronted with poverty, exclusion, gender inequality, human rights violations and social media attacks. Pray for advocates of those who have suffered at the hands of others, and for those who work to change our social systems and government programs.
<b>21</b>	Pray for our Synod Staff as they meet today at the Synod Office in Marquette – that they may be blessed by God in all they do and lead us as we spread God's blessings throughout our Synod, nation, and world.
<b>22</b>	On this Ash Wednesday, pray a prayer of repentance for yourself and lift up all Christians as we reflect on our journey to the cross. May this Lenten pilgrimage help us to grow in our faith and our ability to live out God's abiding love in our lives.
<b>23</b>	Pray for all those enjoying the outdoor winter activities that make our northern communities such a beautiful and special place to be.
<b>24</b>	Pray for those who lead us within our communities, state, country and the world. May they work cooperatively and creatively for the greater good. Pray for patience as they work through disagreements and opportunities for compromise.
<b>25</b>	Pray for all women and girls who pursue study in math and science. Individual motivation, a passion for learning and a goal of using their skill to better humankind should be encouraged, empowered, and enthusiastically supported.
<b>26</b>	Pray for all those families and individuals dealing with mental illness. Help them to see the promise of each new day. Pray that all levels of government will provide resources to keep patients safe and provide effective treatment for them.
<b>27</b>	Pray for Bishop Finegan as she attends the Conference of Bishops through March 4 in Chicago. Pray for faith filled energy and inspiration during this time of reflection, study, and fellowship.
<b>28</b>	Pray for the members of Mtoni Lutheran Church, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and their NGLS mission partner Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Marquette.