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“ALWAYS BEING MADE NEW” Synod Assembly 2013

Bishop Thomas A. Skrenes



Surrounded by the memories of the first 25 years of this synod, and challenged by God’s calling to be disciples of Christ into the future, 300 members of this church gathered from May 16-18 in Marquette. In the space of 40+ hours this is what happened:



AZANIA FRONT CATHEDRAL CHOIR

+Congratulated those individuals and congregations who have done excellent work in World Hunger receiving the “Big Bear Award” - Immanuel in Negaunee and Immanuel in Rhinelander) and the “Bread Basket Award” (Ann Christiansen, First in Gladstone)

+Celebrated with three Lay School graduates.

+Received offerings:

\$ 17,965.19 for World Hunger

\$ 5,443.36 for the Synod Outreach Projects, Tanzania Projects and Bishop’s Discretionary Fund

+Heard that the synod wide ingathering for the Mbagala Parish burned in a riot totaled \$22,233.53. The money will be used to rebuild the church.

- +Heard the Word of God proclaimed and shared in the Lord’s Supper.
- +Rejoiced with the Azania Front Cathedral Choir from Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. They were terrific!
- +Were blessed by the music leadership and wry humor of Jay Beech
- +Listened as Dr. Stan Olson, President of Wartburg Seminary challenged us to live in the future and to embrace the change that continues to come our way while we celebrate the good our congregations accomplish.
- +Were greeted by Carlos Pena, Vice president of the ELCA, who gave us insights into the partnership we have with the other 64 synods of this church.



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BISHOP THOMAS A. SKRENES (CONTINUED)

- + Celebrated with pastors as they were honored for anniversaries of ordinations and retirements from full-time ministry.
- + Attended Forums and Workshops and generally enjoyed the fellowship of these days.
- + Heard excellent ministry minutes from: Pastor Tracy Polzin (Fortune Lake Camp), Pastor Bucky Beach (Campus Ministry), Pastor Bonny Kinnunen (Self Care), Pastor Chad Anderson (Debt Retirement Support) and John Weaver, Trinity Iron River, (Future of Sunday School)
- + Elected a Synod Council and honored those leaving the council; Adopted 2014 Clergy Compensation Guidelines; Adopted a resolution encouraging our congregations to engage in discussion on employment and unemployment.
- + Adopted the budget for this synod.
- + Thanked God for the work, witness and blessings of being the Church of Jesus.

**PASTOR DAVID & SANDY HUETER**

Movie Review - “42”

I usually do not write or re-print movie reviews but here is a good one about a very good movie. The review is from “Forum” newsletter and written by Pastor Richard Johnson.

The other day, maybe for the first time in my life, I went to see the very inspirational story of Jackie Robinson, major league baseball’s first African American player. It’s a lovely portrayal of a quietly heroic man in a turbulent time. For my money, though, the film’s most interesting character is Brooklyn Dodger manager Branch Rickey, whose decision to bring Robinson into the majors arises in part from business savvy, but also from faith-based social concern and a search for personal redemption. Rickey, played by Harrison Ford, puts it simply: “Robinson’s a Methodist, I’m a Methodist, God’s a Methodist. We can’t go wrong.” In another scene, Rickey warns a colleague who is adamantly opposed to integrating baseball that when he stands before the judgment seat of God and is asked to account for his actions, blaming them on baseball’s traditions “may not be sufficient.” The real Branch Rickey was indeed a devout Methodist who refused to attend games on Sunday. Hollywood always takes some liberties, of course, but this is a wonderful film. If you’ve got a youth group, take them to it.

BISHOP THOMAS A. SKRENES (CONTINUED)

YOUR THOUGHTS!

Every year we ask the members of the Assembly for their comments on the various parts of the Synod Assembly. We read and reflect on every one. Here are a few of **your thoughts** and my comments:



“We could have had a two day Assembly with as little business as we had.”

Assemblies are scheduled many years in advance so we can reserve the space from the universities. We never know until 30 days before the Assembly how many resolutions will be submitted. In 2014 the Assembly will be a two day event on May 18-19. Some people will think that Assembly is too short then, but like the days of the week (Thursday to Saturday in 2013, Sunday-Monday in 2014 and Friday-Sunday in 2015) it is a matter of compromise.

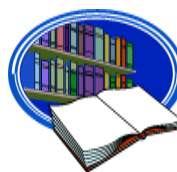
“I think an announcement should be made about the use of iphones during worship. Texting during the service is rude.”

Perhaps. Perhaps, adults should know it is offensive and distracting to use their phones during worship without being told.



“We missed the book store. Can’t we have Augsburg Fortress here again?”

I miss the bookstore too! Augsburg has not been at an Assembly anywhere for years! Other bookstores have turned us down. Old Lutheran enjoyed their time but the distance will keep them from coming every year.



Internet shopping has changed the need for and the profitability of physical book stores to even exist. The Third World Shop could not be with us this year.

“The coffee was weak!”

That is a very serious comment. Under-cafeinated Lutherans are grumpy! We pay about \$20 a gallon to Northern Michigan University for coffee, and they determine its strength.



“Worship services were enthusiastic and spiritually enlightening. The Tanzanian Choir was mesmerizing.”

The Synod Worship Committee works hard to provide a variety of experiences of worship and music at Assembly each year. The Tanzania Choir was an unexpected bonus that came to our attention only a few months ago. Thank you Messiah Lutheran Church!

“It was an awesome Assembly. Thank you so much for all your hard work.”

Thanks be to God!

TRANSITIONS



God bless **Pastor Kris Ertl** on her installation as pastor of First Lutheran in Trenary, and Faith Lutheran in Rock. We welcome her and her husband, John, to the Synod.

God bless **Pastor Will Nordmark** currently serving as the interim pastor at Prince of Peace, Eagle River. Welcome to our Synod and may God bless your efforts!

Congratulations to **Pastor Jeremy Winter** of Zion Lutheran, St. Ignace and Trinity Lutheran, Brevoort as he and his bride **Elizabeth Bolkema** were joined in marriage on May 25th. Bishop Tom Skrenes and Pastor Ruth Boven of the Christian Reformed Church co-officiated at their nuptials. May God bless their future together!



+ Congratulations to **Pastor Gene Wickman** who has announced his coming retirement from Grace Lutheran, Pembine.

+ Congratulations to **Pastor Norm Peterson** of Immanuel, Rhinelander as he retires from 33 years of ministry there. May God bless the seeds that you have planted, the faith that is growing, and the faith that is bearing fruit by the grace of God!



Church Musician Workshop

Saturday
October 19, 2013
9:00am—3:00pm
at Bethany Lutheran,
Republic

Featuring

Jay

Beech



Moved by the Spirit

~September 20-22, 2013~

All the Women of the ELCA
in the
Northern Great Lakes Synod
are invited to a weekend
of Spiritual Renewal at
Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

FALL 2013 CLERGY AND SPOUSE LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Sunday September 29 – Tuesday October 1, 2013
At Mission Point Resort on Mackinac Island

Presenters:

Rev. Philip and Rene Johnson
Full details available online at

www.nglsynod.org

Download brochure and send your
registration to the synod office
by August 10.



For more information and registration details, check out the brochure at www.nglsynod.org. Click on “programs” and “women of the ELCA”

Breaking the Mold

A series of training events

to equip adults to share the
Gospel with Young Adults,
Youth, and the Unchurched.

*You are encouraged to attend **ONE** of the following:*

~Saturday **September 7**— Christ the King,
Escanaba 906-786-7400

~Saturday **September 28**— Zion, St. Ignace
906-643-7870

This event is in partnership with the North/
West Lower Michigan synod

~Saturday **October 5**— Holy Cross, Baraga
906-353-6541

~Saturday **October 12**— Pioneer Lake, Conover
715-479-4966

~Saturday **November 23**— Messiah, Marquette
906-225-1119

These trainings are meant for Pastors, church leaders, parents who work with Youth, teachers, and anyone interested in sharing the gospel with youth, young adults, and the unchurched.



Urban Plunge Too!



Please keep in your prayers all those youth and adults participating in this event. Youth: Julianne Jarvi, Hunter Schultz, Elizabeth Kangas, Zach Kangas, Ayleen Christmann, Marcus Antilla, Kayla DuMoulin, Thomas Finegan, Caleb Simonson, Anna Backman, Dalliss Egert, Emily Kadlec, Carter Olson, Brittany Blakesley, Brittany Zimmerman, Hannah Eggers, Christian Hoffmann, Marissa Kaster, Claire Buss, Eric Lund, Peter Lund, Shane Norberg, and Jared Anderson. Adults: Robin Jarvi, Pr. Bucky Beach, Pr. Kari Vadis, and Pr. Katherine Finegan.

+ From the Assistant to the Bishop +

Pastor Katherine Finegan



I took an informal poll once, and asked folks why it is that they go to the church that they go to. For some, their church is the most convenient. It is the closest Lutheran church, and driving farther away simply isn't cost effective, especially with the price of gas.

For others, their church has simply always been their church. Born and raised in their town, they were baptized as babies in their congregation and have grown up as a son or daughter of their church. They attend their church because it is their church and has been the church of their family for generations.

I would like to think that there are at least a few people who go to their church because someone has invited them. I am sure that there are some who worship where they do because their neighbor or a family member has extended the invitation, welcomed them to church, and encouraged their participation.

It is good that people worship in a church that is close, convenient, and familiar. But we have to ask ourselves the question, "What is it that distinguishes your church as a community of faith?"

If we only gather in those who are looking for a close Lutheran church, and those who have been here the whole time anyway, then are we really doing our job as people of faith called and sent to gather God's people in?

I do believe the purpose of your



community of faith is to give people a reason to come to church that has nothing to do with family history or convenience. Christ is with us, in us, working through us. And because of that, we have something that the world desperately needs, something that your unchurched neighbors and friends and family need and want even though they may not know it. Because the big truth is all the blessings that Christ gives the church to offer in his name are meant to be shared.

You've no doubt heard the statistic that on average, Lutherans invite someone to church once every 23 years.(!)

I do believe our 23 years is up.

Activities in your church this summer provide the perfect excuse to invite someone new to your community of faith. Share the news about Vacation Bible School with your neighbors. Do you have an outdoor summer worship planned? A new Bible Study? A week planned at Fortune Lake? A potluck? Retreat? Book Club? Walking club? Special events make it easy to extend an invitation.



If there is nothing planned, then perhaps it's time to plan something. Create an event meant to reach the neighbor you don't know. Invent a ministry designed to bring Christ to the person that is too uncomfortable to walk in your doors. Find a way to make connections.

The Spirit is just waiting to bless your efforts.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Katherine Finegan

Assistant to the Bishop

Pastoral Vacancies and Interims

Full-time

Holy Trinity, Chassell - Pastor D. J. Rasner
 Shepherd of the Lakes, Sayner - Pastor Norman Peterson
 Faith, Three Lakes - Pastor Tom Lee
 Good Shepherd, Peshtigo - Pastor Jim Wendt
 Sharon, Bessemer - Pastor Fran Strong
 First, Gladstone - Pastor Peggy Rose
 Ascension, Minocqua - Associate Pastor
 St. James, Rudyard - Rev. Matt Lamb
 Prince of Peace, Eagle River - Rev. William Nordmark
 Bethany, Amasa and Trinity, Stambaugh - Rev. Bonny Kinnunen

Part-time

St. Mark's, Marquette - Pastor Bill Payne
 Holy Cross, Baraga - Pastor John Autio
 Bethany, Perkins - Pastor Erik Heskin

Mission support receipts in the first quarter of FY2013 are down slightly from the previous fiscal year, while designated gifts have risen by more than 13%. This increase in designated giving is due primarily to the generous outpouring of gifts for Mbagala Lutheran Church in Tanzania, which total \$22,233.53. More than half of our synod's congregations received an offering for Mbagala and we thank God for the generosity of their gifts.

As we enter the summer months and enjoy the beautiful weather and country that we live in, may we remember that these, too, are gifts from God and offer our thanks with joy, generosity and consistency, that the important ministry we share together may continue to flourish in our congregations and our Synod.

- Betsy Koski, Bookkeeper

| As of 4/30 | 2012 | 2013 | \$ Change | % Change |
|------------------|---------|---------|-----------|----------|
| Pledged Amount | 822,074 | 824,736 | +2,662 | + .3% |
| Amount Received | 246,270 | 242,488 | -3,782 | - 1.5% |
| Designated Gifts | 65,345 | 73,902 | +8,557 | +13.1% |



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Independence Day Prayer for the Fourth of July

Dear God,

There is no greater feeling of liberation than to experience this freedom from sin and death that you have provided for me through Jesus Christ. Today my heart and my soul are free to praise you. For this I am very thankful.

On this Independence Day I am reminded of all those who have sacrificed for my freedom, following the example of your Son, Jesus Christ. Let me not take my freedom, both physical and spiritual, for granted. My freedom cost others their very lives.

Lord, today, bless those who have served and continue to give their lives for my freedom. With favor and bounty meet their needs and watch over their families.

Help me to live my life in a way that glorifies you, Lord. Give me the strength to be a blessing in someone else's life today, and grant me the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing Christ. Amen.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



June 2 / **Pastor Kris Ertl
Installation**
at First, Trenary
and Faith, Rock

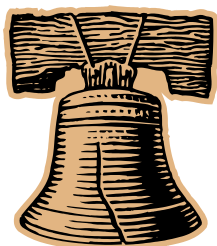
June 4 / **Synod Assembly
Planning Committee**
review meeting/lunch at
Hill Top Café, L'Anse
10 a.m. ET

June 10-14 / **Urban Plunge Too**
Youth Servant trip to Chicago

June 17 / **World Hunger Committee**
at the Synod Office
at 11 a.m. ET

June 19-24 / **Finn Fest** in Hancock

June 23 / **Bishop Mark Hanson**
preaching at Gloria Dei,
Hancock at 10 a.m. CT
in honor of Suomi Conference



July 2 / **Churchwide Voters**
meeting at the Synod Office
6 – 8 p.m. ET

July 4-5/ **Synod Office Closed**

July 6 / **Northwoods Hymn
Festival**
at Ascension, Minocqua

July 8 / **NGLS Stewardship
Committee**
meeting at the Synod Office
at 11 a.m. ET

July 12 / **Synod Executive
Committee**
meeting in Florence, WI
at 10 a.m. CT

July 25 / **Synodical Women's
Organization Board**
meeting at Fortune Lake
Luth. Camp at 10 a.m. CT

July 27 / **Transformational
Ministry**
meeting at Faith, Rock
at 10 a.m. ET

July 31 / **Bi-Synodical Candidacy**
in Tomahawk, WI



Thank You for Your Gifts!



ELCA Disaster Funds

Mission United, Pelkie
Grace, South Range
Salem, Ironwood

Endowment Fund/Answer the Call

Trinity, Trout Creek
Pastor Kevin Kaiser
John & Terry Frankenstein
Carl Wetmann
Jacob Heikkinen
James Carter
Rev. Kevin Kaiser
Donna Hiltunen
Ann Buscher
Eden Ev., Munising
Edward & Ellen Brinkman
Jean Belkonen
Robert and Lynn Aho
Robert Gottschalk Estate
Grace, Pembine
Prince of Peace, Eagle River
Community, Palmer
Faith, Three Lakes

Kemppainen Scholarship Fund

Rev. Jon & Rev. Jean Schmidt

Kisarawe Maintenance

Rev. Robert & Deloris Langseth

Lutheran Campus Ministry

Sharon, Bessemer
Calvary, Rapid River
United, Crystal Falls
Good Shepherd, Peshtigo
Grace, Gwinn

Lutheran Home for Aged

Our Redeemer, Newberry

Lutheran Social Services

Trinity, Ishpeming
Bethany, Amasa

Lutheran World Relief

Salem, Ironwood
Calvary, Rapid River
Immanuel, Escanaba
Zion Ev., Marinette
Good Shepherd, Houghton
Emanuel, Skandia
Mission United, Pelkie
Prince of Peace, Marquette
Trinity, Rhineland

Maternity/Malaria Project

Bethany, Ishpeming
Prince of Peace, Eagle River
St. Paul, Mass City
Mission United, Pelkie
John & Joan Lillie

Mbagala Church, Tanzania

Trinity, Stonington
Christ Parish, Ironwood
Christ the King, Escanaba
Emanuel, Skandia
Bethel, Ishpeming
Trinity, Ishpeming
St. Mark's, Marquette
Good Shepherd, Houghton
Trinity, Rhineland
Faith, Calumet
Sharon, Bessemer
Calvary, Rapid River
Our Redeemer, Newberry
United, Crystal Falls
Gloria Dei, Hancock
Good Shepherd, Peshtigo
United, L'Anse
St. James, Rudyard
Mission United, Pelkie
Pioneer Lake, Conover
Gethsemane, Wallace
Bethany, Mohawk
Rev. Margaret & James Johnson
Vivian Wehrwein
Bethany, Ishpeming
Dave & Mary Lou Blomquist
Holy Trinity, Chassell
First, Gladstone
Shepherd of the Lakes, Sayner
Calvary, Quinnesec
Bethlehem, Florence

Mission Outreach

Immanuel, Escanaba

Seminarian Support

Sharon, Bessemer
Shepherd of the Lakes, Sayner

Skogman Scholarship Fund

Dave & Mary Lou Blomquist
Bishop Dale & Jo Skogman
Rev. Jon & Rev. Jean Schmidt

Tanzanian Dental Mission

Bishop Thomas & Luanne Skrenes
Dave & Mary Lou Blomquist
Bethany, Amasa
Trinity, Stambaugh

Tanzanian Student/Teacher Scholarships

Marvin & Laura Kantola
Rev. Robert & Deloris Langseth
Bishop Thomas & Luanne Skrenes
David & Tracy Rowe
James & Judith Quirk
Joyce Peterson
John & Pauline Kiltinen
Kathryn & Albert Sundine
Rev. Rudy & Darley Kemppainen
First Church School, Gladstone
Peter Johnson
John & Joan Lillie

Urban Plunge

First, Dollar Bay

World Missionary Support

Bethel, Ishpeming
Mission United, Pelkie
Trinity, Rhineland






A Year of Prayer
A Lifetime of Praying!

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Prayer Calendar - July 2013

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| 1 | Pray for those across the synod who will travel this summer – keep them safe as they enjoy the beauty of God’s creation and may they know that their church families keep them in prayer when they are away. |
| 2 | For the unemployed and underemployed keep them and their families cared for and well-fed. Help them to find meaningful work. |
| 3 | Pray that we may be goods stewards of the all lakes, rivers, streams, and waterfalls that grace this synod. We want them clean and beautiful for future generations. |
| 4 |  Pray for our nation as we celebrate independence this day. Ask for God’s guidance that our nation’s leaders will speak out for the rights, welfare, and dignity of people everywhere. |
| 5 | Pray for pastors celebrating birthdays this month: <i>Peggy Rose 7/05, Dean Peterson 7/06, Tracy Polzin 7/06, Jennie Johnson Wrege 7/07, Ken Michaelis 7/09, Norm Peterson 7/09, Keith Kolstad 7/09, Ingmar Levin 7/10.</i> |
| 6 | Pray for the members of St. Paul , Curtis Bay, Baltimore MD and their pastor; St. Paul , Highlandtown, Baltimore MD (Rev Mark Parker); and St. Philip Baltimore MD (Rev Michael Guy Sr.) |
| 7 | Pray for those across the synod who are in need of God’s healing touch – keep them mindful of God’s presence in their lives as they are renewed in body, mind, and spirit. |
| 8 | For those attending the Stewardship Committee meeting at the Synod Office |
| 9 | Pray for the members of Magogoni Lutheran Church, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and their NGLS companion congregation Christ the King, Escanaba, (Rev Chris Johnson.) |
| 10 | Pray for more pastors celebrating birthdays this month: <i>D. J. Rasner 7/10, Harlin Haack 7/11, Harry Andersen 7/12, Gerald Anderson 7/17, Devon Barrix 7/24, Timothy Johnston 7/24, Raymond Korry 7/27.</i> |
| 11 | Pray that those attending the Synod Staff picnic with Lutheran Social Services staff have a time of fun, rest, and recreation. |
| 12 | Pray for pastors celebrating anniversaries of ordination this month : <i>Bob Patrick, D.J. Rasner, Melinda Quivik, Barry Levine, Gerald Anderson, Scott Ehle, Jim Duehring, Peggy Rose, Katherine Finegan.</i> |
| 13 | Pray for the ministry of Shepherd of the Sea in Copper Harbor and Pastor Timothy Johnston as they welcome summer residents and visitors. |
| 14 | For those in Africa and the rest of the world suffering with malaria and HIV/AIDS. |
| 15 | Pray also for retired clergy and their spouses : <i>Pastor Harlin Haack and Pastor Frederick and Lucille Hallanger.</i> |

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| 16 | Pray for those children attending Vacation Bible School and the adult and youth leaders who will be enriched by leading it across our synod this summer. |
| 17 | Pray for all those in our synod attending seminaries and especially we pray for <i>Jill Lemke and Bill Retza</i> . |
| 18 | Pray for the members of Sts. Stephen & James, Baltimore MD (Rev Lowell Thompson); Salem, South Baltimore MD (Rev Joshua Simpson); and Zion, City Hall Plaza, Baltimore MD (Rev Holger Roggelin.) |
| 19 | For all <i>those facing addictions to drugs or alcohol</i> . Lead them to seek help and forgive them when they make mistakes. |
| 20 | Pray for the members of Our Saviour's – Atlantic Mine and St. Mark's – Marquette who are without pastors. |
| 21 | For blessings and thanksgiving for <i>musicians who share their talents</i> with the people in our congregations. |
| 22 | For those women, men, and children who are victims of domestic violence . May God heal the wounds of body, heart, and soul. |
| 23 | Pray for the spouses of our deceased pastors – <i>Kaaren Ness and Jane Magnuson</i> . |
| 24 | For those in prisons . Keep them from harm and help them to become contributing members of society. |
| 25 | For those traveling to and attending the Synodical Women's Organization meeting: 10:00 a.m. CT at FLLC. |
| 26 | For continued love and strength and blessings for caregivers everywhere who can't help but grow weary from carrying burdens for loved ones who can no longer care for themselves. |
| 27 | Pray for those attending the Transformational Ministry meeting, 10:00 a.m. ET at Faith, Rock. |
| 28 | For those with macular degeneration and other visual impairments , keep them safe and provide them with caregivers to help them negotiate in the midst of a sighted world. |
| 29 | Pray for those struggling with gender orientation and identity issues . |
| 30 | On this International Day of Friendship we pray for <i>all of our friends</i> and then we also pray for <i>all of our enemies</i> . |
| 31 | For those attending the Bi-synodical Candidacy meeting in Tomahawk, WI |

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Prayer Calendar - June 2013

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| 1 | Pray for Pastor Norman Peterson and the members of Immanuel, Rhinelander as Pastor Peterson retires after 33 years of ministry together . |
| 2 | Pray for the members of St James, Marinette and Darrell Diers, LLM as they celebrate the 95th anniversary of the congregation . |
| 3 | Pray for Rostered Leaders, both active and retired celebrating Birthdays this month : Paul Holmstrom, Lauri Maki, Timothy Nyikako, Katheryn King, Nick Johannes, Barry Levine, and Barb Girod. |
| 4 | For those attending the Synod Assembly Planning Luncheon , 10 a.m. ET at Hill Top Café in L'Anse. |
| 5 | Pray for pastors active or retired celebrating anniversaries of ordination : John Kuziej, Doug Pohlman, Harlan Haack, Fran Strong, David Van Kley, Ken Michaelis, Norman Lund, Tom Lindblad. |
| 6 | For all those traveling to attend graduations and weddings, and those enjoying vacations. Keep them safe. |
| 7 | Pray for all those young adults and pastors attending Urban Plunge events June 7-12 at LST – Chicago . |
| 8 | Pray for the members of Ukonga Lutheran Church, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and their NGLS companion congregation Calvary, Rapid River, (Rev Stephen Gauger) . |
| 9 | Pray for the members of Holy Comforter, Govans, Baltimore MD (Rev David Eisenhuth), Jerusalem, Baltimore MD (Rev Arwyn Gohl), & Messiah English, Canton, Baltimore MD (Rev Lee Hudson) . |
| 10 | Pray for pastors active or retired celebrating anniversaries of ordination : Peter Andersen, Peter Vorhes, Keith Kolstad, Warren Geier, Ralph Backman, Erik Heskin. |
| 11 | Pray for our spouses of deceased pastors – <i>Marlys Roberts and Valdora Otto</i> . |
| 12 | For school children dismissed from their regular school work. May they continue to learn and grow and take the time to exercise their imaginations in play. |
| 13 | For police officers and fire fighters who risk their lives to keep us safe. |
| 14 | Pray for Rostered Leaders, both active and retired celebrating Birthdays this month : John West, Dean Marin, Breanne Johnson, Jon Magnuson, Bill Jacobson, & Duane Priebe. |

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| 15 | For all our Seminary Students , but especially this month we pray for David Hendrickson and Tera (Kossow) Lowe . |
| 16 | Offer prayers of thanksgiving for fathers on Father's Day . Pray that all fathers become involved, responsible parents who raise their children to respect all living things. |
| 17 | For those traveling to and attending the World Hunger meeting at the Synod office. |
| 18 | For all families dealing with autism in both children and adults on this day in their honor. |
| 19 | Pray for pastors active or retired celebrating anniversaries of ordination : Lee Goodwin, Micheal Laakko, Katheryn King, David Jensen, Maxine Gray, Earl Bergh, Rudy Kemppainen, George Olson. |
| 20 | For the peace makers in Afghanistan, Syria and in other troubled lands . |
| 21 | Pray for pastors active or retired celebrating anniversaries of ordination : Jon Magnuson, Ingmar Levin, Les Niemi, Robert Sutherland, Matt Lamb, Bob Langseth, Raymond Korry, Tim Johnston, Stephen Gauger. |
| 22 | For those attending the Transformational Ministry meeting 10 a.m. at Faith, Rock |
| 23 | Pray for the members of Sharon, Bessemer, and Good Shepherd, Peshtigo and their interim Pastors as they continue in the call process during a pastoral vacancy . |
| 24 | Pray for the members of Peoples' Community, Baltimore MD (Rev Titus Clarke), St John, Brooklyn, Baltimore MD (Rev Cornelius O'Farrell), & St John, Pimlico, Baltimore MD (Rev Rosa Keys - interim) . |
| 25 | Pray for pastors active or retired celebrating anniversaries of ordination : Eleanor Russey, Wally Leno, Dean Marin, Philip Johnson, David Johnson, Paul Holmstrom, Tom Lee, Lauri Maki, Paul Raappana. |
| 26 | For victims of bullying . Help them regain their self-respect and dignity and help them to forgive the bullies. |
| 27 | Pray also for retired clergy and their spouses : <i>Pastor Douglas and Janet Buck and Pastor Kenneth and Terri Carlson</i> . |
| 28 | For all those getting married this month that they will learn to solve their problems and become good examples for future generations. |
| 29 | Pray for blessings for planters and for crops whether those on farms or in their own backyards. |
| 30 | Pray for the members of St Luke, Hampden, Baltimore, MD (Rev Michael Dubsky), St Mark, Baltimore MD (Rev Dale Dunsman), & St Mark Estonian, Baltimore MD . |

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