



A Year of Prayer  
A Lifetime of Praying!

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## Prayer Calendar – May 2021

1	Pray for <b>pastors who celebrate birthdays this month:</b> <i>Philip Johnson (5/1), Grant Van Lishout (5/12), Tammy Barthels (5/13), and Rita Chirala (5/15).</i>
2	<b>May is Mental Health Awareness Month.</b> Pray for <b>all those who live with mental illnesses and those who love them, and the health teams who offer treatment.</b> <i>May all receive the care that they need.</i>
3	Pray for <b>our NGLS Endowment Fund Board members</b> as they meet today via Zoom and continue managing these funds and planning for the wonderful ministries empowered by these gifts to our Synod.
4	Pray for <b>all those who are graduating from our ELCA seminaries this spring.</b> May they receive calls quickly and may their service to our congregations and other ministries continue to spread the Good News of God's Kingdom to all the world.
5	Pray for <b>Licensed Lay Ministers who celebrate birthdays this month:</b> <i>Virginia Paulson (5/5).</i>
6	Pray for our <b>Northern Great Lakes Synod Staff</b> as they meet today in Marquette and make plans for our ministries in our Synod and around the ELCA.
7	Pray for our <b>clergy celebrating anniversaries of their ordinations this month:</b> <i>Nick Johannes (5/10), Dwaine Sutherland (5/12), Douglas Buck (5/18), Tom Otis (5/21), Norman Peterson (5/23), George Kaiser (5/24), and John Shallow (5/24).</i>
8	Pray for <b>all those young adults who are confirmed this spring.</b> <i>May they continue to grow in faith towards Jesus Christ, our Savior.</i>
9	 Pray for <b>mothers</b> everywhere on <b>Mother's Day</b> as you honor your own mother. Pray for <b>the women who long to be mothers</b> or grieve infertility, miscarriage, and other losses of their children; and for all who grieve the loss of their mother.
10	Pray for <b>all those who are participating in our Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly today through May 15.</b> May our Synod continue to grow in faith and wisdom as we spread the Good News of Jesus Christ our Lord to all the world.
11	Pray for <b>our Synod Council members</b> as they gather during our Synod Assembly week of activities.
12	Today is <b>National Nursing Day.</b> Pray for <b>all nurses everywhere, and especially in our congregations,</b> who care for us and our loved ones when we are in need.
13	Pray for <b>Pastor Grant Van Lishout</b> as he is installed in his Synod call to serve at Marywood Franciscan Spirituality Center, and <b>Deacon Lori Ward</b> as she is installed in her call to serve as our Synod Missioner. <i>These installations will happen during our online Synod Assembly Worship at 7:00pm ET.</i>
14	Pray for <b>members of Magomeni Lutheran Church, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania,</b> and <i>their partner congregation Zion Lutheran Church, Manistique.</i>

<b>15</b>	Pray for <b>all those who are gathering for our Synod Assembly business meeting</b> online. Pray that there are no technical glitches and that God guides them in their discussions of ministry and decisions for the future of our Synod.
<b>16</b>	Pray for members of <b>St. Luke Lutheran Church (Dundalk), Baltimore, MD; St. Luke Lutheran Church, Frederick, MD; St. Luke Lutheran Church (Hampden), Baltimore, MD; and St. Luke Lutheran Church, New Windsor, MD.</b>
<b>17</b>	Pray for <b>all those planning, leading, and attending Baccalaureate Services</b> – that faith will continue to be supported in our communities and students will grow in their faith throughout their lives.
<b>18</b>	Pray for <b>ministries in transition and congregations who are seeking rostered leaders</b> to serve them, <i>especially Immanuel Lutheran Church in Escanaba and their interim Pastor Dennis Meyette.</i>
<b>19</b>	Pray for <b>students</b> who will be <b>graduating from High School</b> in the coming days that higher education and employment opportunities will be available to them.
<b>20</b>	Pray for <b>teachers, bus drivers, school staff and administrators</b> – as they head into the final days and weeks of the school year and begin plans for Summer School and the next school year.
<b>21</b>	Pray for <b>pastors who celebrate birthdays this month:</b> <i>John Shallow (5/21), Matthew Deames (5/21), and Bethany Rutten-Kempees (5/28).</i>
<b>22</b>	Pray for <b>all those participating in the Faithful Innovations Training</b> via Zoom today. May the Holy Spirit inspire these teams as they continue to spread God’s love.
<b>23</b>	Pray for <b>our Companion Synod Committee</b> as they meet and discuss these vital partnerships and how we do ministry together.
<b>24</b>	Pray for our <b>clergy celebrating anniversaries of their ordinations this month:</b> <i>Dean Peterson (5/26), Doug Schoen (5/27), Tommy Richter (5/30), Dale Skogman (5/30), Mary Weinkauff (5/30), and Christine Thomas-Echelbarger (5/31).</i>
<b>25</b>	Pray for <b>Lutheran Social Service agencies</b> and the people whom they serve.
<b>26</b>	Pray for our <b>Synod Staff</b> as they meet and follow-up on decisions and plans that were made during the Synod Assembly.
<b>27</b>	Pray for <b>camp and camping ministries, especially Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp</b> , as they gear up for the summer and as their summer staff members are trained. May the Holy Spirit empower and guide them as they watch over all who will be in their care this summer.
<b>28</b>	Pray for <b>prayer ministries</b> – that all may know God’s power in their lives.
<b>29</b>	Pray for the <b>unemployed and underemployed.</b> We ask you, Heavenly Father, to <b>send them opportunities to work, to keep their families well-fed</b> , and to teach those of us more fortunate how we may help them.
<b>30</b>	Pray for the members of <b>St. Luke Lutheran Church (Parkville), Baltimore, MD; St. Mark Lutheran Church, Laurel, MD; St. Mark Lutheran Church, Hagerstown, MD; and St. Mark Lutheran Church, Hampstead, MD.</b>
<b>31</b>	 <p>On this <b>Memorial Day</b>, we remember all <b>US military personnel who have died serving our country.</b> <i>We grieve with their families and pray that the day will come when no more wars are fought and no more soldiers die.</i></p>

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