

**28** Pray for the ELCA Region 9 Mission Resource Staff who are consulting together for mission strategy development today in Columbia, South Carolina.

**29** Pray for those who have no clean water to drink, and who suffer with otherwise preventable diseases and infections.

**30** Pray for the Rev. Dana Nelson and Thomas Ososki who serve in Peru. Dana serves the Cristo Rey Lutheran Congregation in Lima, Peru and assists the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Peru with other congregations and mission work. Tom shares his architectural skills as a consultant for new church buildings.



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## PRAYER VENTURES

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*Prayer petitions for Sundays follow the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayer Cycle and can be incorporated into the prayers at weekly worship. Weekday entries are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of this church. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.*

**1** Offer thanks for the young people who give one year of their lives to serve the church around the world through the Young Adults in Global Mission Program. Pray especially for Lauren Frail and Julie Rower who serve in Hungary.

**2** Pray for the Allegheny, Central/Southern Illinois, Delaware-Maryland, Lower Susquehanna, New Jersey, North Carolina, Western North Dakota, Virginia, East-Central Synod of Wisconsin, Metropolitan Chicago, Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, West Virginia-Western Maryland, Central States, Eastern Washington-Idaho, Indiana-Kentucky, Montana, Nebraska, New England, Northeastern Iowa, Oregon, Southeastern and Western Iowa Synods as they meet in assembly this week.

**3** Pray for the Pastor's Academy of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi and the two pastors from the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin who will join faculty this month in Malawi to teach Bible and the Lutheran Confessions to all the pastors of the church, as well as lay evangelists.

**4** Pray that those attending the Bread for the World Gathering in Washington, D.C., this month come home inspired and equipped to speak boldly for poor and hungry people.

### **5 Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Merciful God, we thank you for the growing peace in Angola and Mozambique, and for the Lutheran churches there who are making positive impact in their communities through health service programs and the proclamation of the Good News.

**6** Give thanks for the service of Carolyn Rasmussen, who serves as a volunteer teacher at Phebe Hospital and School of Nursing in Liberia.

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**7** Pray for summer camp ministries of Lutheridge + Lutherock Ministries, Inc., and Agape Kure Beach, outdoor ministries of the ELCA serving the southeast.

**8** Pray for all world leaders, especially those in war-torn countries, as they consider decisions that will affect God's people and creation.

**9** Pray for the Grand Canyon, South Dakota, La Crosse Area, and Southwestern Minnesota Synods who meet in assembly this week.

**10** Pray for the June 10-12 gathering of the Women of the ELCA as they explore the theme, "Women of Faith with Arms Wide Open."

**11** Pray for ELCA missionary Karen Anderson, is serving the people of Chile, as they recover from the February 27, 2010, earthquake. Karen helps to design, launch and direct an international training course on popular education in health.

### **12 Day of Pentecost**

Good and gracious God, we thank you for the signs of hope in Brazil today. Continue to enliven the churches in their witness to the hope in Christ that is brought within reach of men, women and children in their everyday lives.

**13** Pray for all of the young people participating in the Young Adult in Global Mission program especially Katelyn Petrille, Valerie Rivas, Andrew Steele, Amanda Tompkins, and Joy Waughtal, who serve in a variety of social ministry settings in South Africa.

**14** Pray for the summer camps of Bear Creek Camp in Pennsylvania and Vandercamp in New York, both outdoor ministries of the ELCA.

**15** Pray for the Rev. Ingebjorg Laugeland, who serves as children and youth pastor at Hjelmland Lutheran Parish in Norway.

**16** Give thanks for those who volunteer their time and gifts to teach at the Lutheran schools in Bratislava, Košice, Liptovsky Mikulas, and Tisovec, Slovakia, especially Carol Anderson, Kathy and William Fredell, Elizabeth Mitchell, Jim and Paula Stensvaag, and Suzanne Strekal.

**17** Pray for the Southwestern Pennsylvania, Northeastern Pennsylvania, Northern Illinois and Upper Susquehanna Synods as they meet in assembly this week.

**18** Give thanks for all ELCA short-term volunteers who give three to six months to service in locations around the globe.

### **19 First Sunday after Pentecost**

O God, you who are a part of the very fabric of our whole lives, we lift up to you the people of Argentina and Uruguay. Living in the natural wealth you have given these countries they struggle with economic challenges, may they find peace with you and justice for their people.

**20** Pray for the Bishop's School, a residential week for seniors in high school on the campus of Southern Seminary that gathers June 19 – 25.

**21** Give thanks for God's good creation—from the smallest of sea creatures to the birds of the air—and all your magnificent handiwork at risk of exposure from our human errors.

**22** Pray for the 30 youth who will gather this week for the Leadership Pathways program at Lenoir-Rhyne University in North Carolina, which serves to build up young people as strong disciples.

**23** Give thanks for Bette McCrandall who began serving with the Lutheran Church in Liberia on June 1, 1984, and is concluding her service in Liberia this month. She served as an advisor for the church's educational ministries.

**24** Pray for the Caribbean, Slovak-Zion and Greater Milwaukee Synods as they meet in assembly this week.

**25** Pray that medical personnel be trained and clinics be made available for the people for those suffering from AIDS, tuberculosis and other diseases, who currently have no access to medical care.

### **26 Second Sunday after Pentecost**

Come, Lord Jesus, into the life of Christian churches in Bolivia, Chile and Peru. Help them be signs of your mercy as they work with the poor, the indigenous and the marginalized, and give them courage and faithfulness to walk in your steps.

**27** Give thanks for the ministry of Nancy Anderson and the Rev. Rodney Nordby in Papua New Guinea. Rodney serves as an auditor in the national offices of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea in Lae, and Nancy assists with work with the church's international relations.