

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

3014 McKinley St. NE, Mpls. 55418

Website www.gloriadeilcms.org

Phone 612-781-1989

Pastor Dean W. Gade

Home Phone 612-869-5150

Email gloriadei@usfamily.net

Office Administrator Jeni Hofstede-Bryan

Email info@gloriadeilcms.org

Organist Angela Huizel

Ministers: All members of Gloria Dei

Caring Sharing Serving Reaching

JULY 2017



WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JULY

7/02 Pent 4 (HC)	"Wheat and Weeds"	Matthew 10:34-42
<i>Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 119:153-160; Romans 7:1-13; Matthew 10:34-42</i>		
7/09 Pent 5	"The Peace and Rest You Need"	Matthew 11:25-30
<i>Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:1-14; Romans 7:14-25a; Matthew 11:25-30</i>		
7/16 Pent 6 (HC)	"God Will Have His Harvest"	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
<i>Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:1-13; Romans 8:12-17; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23</i>		
7/23 Pent 7	"Why Because God Is Merciful"	Matthew 13:24-30
<i>Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 119:57-64; Romans 8:18-27; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43</i>		
7/30 Pent 8	"Me A Treasure Yes You Are"	Matthew 13:44-52
<i>Deuteronomy 7:6-9; Psalm 125; Romans 8:28-39; Matthew 13:44-52</i>		

ACTIVITIES FOR SENIORS IN NORTHEAST AREA

Senior Community in Columbia Heights

4444 Reservoir Blvd. NE, Columbia Heights, MN 55421

CrestView Block Party & National Night Out Tuesday, August 8th – 4 to 5:30 pm

Birthday cake at Crestview Date to be determined but will probably be the 18th

will be our time to serve. It starts at 2:00pm – servers will be there by 1:00 pm. We need your help making cakes and serving the event. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you have any questions call Meridel 612-789-0003

Ice Cream Social Tuesday, July 11 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Open House and Craft Fair Saturday, Nov. 11 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Your contact for events in Columbia Heights is Diane at 763-782-1601.

Crest View Senior Communities is ALSO a retirement community in Blaine.

Always remember that you are absolutely unique. Just like everyone else.

Margaret Mead



Spiritual Warfare

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:12

Martin Luther ends his Large Catechism with this exhortation: *"They [the parts of the catechism] must all certainly help us to believe, love, pray, and fight against the devil."* What a list! If someone were to ask us what are the major things of being a Christian, we might offer the first part of Luther's list: *"we believe, love and pray,"* but it's the last item on Luther's list that ought to get our attention: *"fight against the devil."*

Our Christian life is a fight, a battle, a wrestling. Luther knew this; he can hardly open his mouth without speaking about the dangers of the devil. For the devil, Luther knew, opposes God and God's Word at every point, so the Christian Church also opposes the devil at every point.

What Luther knew, I'm afraid we have forgotten. We rarely think about the devil. We do not see our Christian lives as a daily battle against the forces of darkness. The trouble is that if we've forgotten the devil, he has not forgotten us. He prowls about daily looking to destroy us, and the less vigilant we are, the more precarious our situation is. This is why the Scriptures urge us to watchfulness.

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. (1 Peter 5:8-9)

For a quick look at spiritual warfare we will consider Revelation 12, the epic battle in heaven. Here St John is given a glimpse of the spiritual war that spans through history.

And a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pains and the agony of giving birth. And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads seven diadems. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth. (Revelation 12:1-4a)

The woman is a symbol of the church. That Baby in her womb is the promised Child, the Messiah. When this woman is pregnant she is a picture of the Old Testament Jewish people who were waiting for the promised birth of the Messiah. But all is not well with this pregnant mother, there is another sign. The red dragon is the devil who, with his demons (the 1/3 of the stars) is there for devour the child.

And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she bore her child he might devour it. (Revelation 12:4b)

This is the ongoing battle of the devil and the church. The devil fights the church in order to destroy the promised Child. This is important for us to remember, the devil is out to destroy Jesus. Any place the devil finds Jesus is where he focuses his attacks. So we would expect the Christian church, the Christian home and the Christian's conscience to be front lines of the battle with the devil.

She gave birth to a male child (Christmas), one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne (Ascension), and the woman (the church) fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, in which she is to be nourished for 1,260 days. (Revelation 12:5-6)

In this one sentence we have the birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus. What follows in the verses is the Lord's heavenly battle against the devil.

When the Lord Jesus ascends to heaven He finds the devil there doing what he is wont to do: accusing Christians of their sin. "Satan", after all, is a Hebrew word which means "accuser". The Bible shows us this example of the devil standing before God accusing the Lord's people of their sins (remember Job 1). But now the Lord Jesus ascends into heaven having spilled His blood on the cross and risen from the

grave. Jesus, in His death, has made the accusations of the devil worthless. It is no wonder, then, that when our Lord ascends into heaven the devil has to be cast out.

Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, but he was defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world--he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God." (Revelation 12:7-10)

This is one of the most beautiful passages in all of the Scriptures. The devil, the accuser, the one who stood before God with a list of our sins has been tossed out of heaven. He no longer stands before God to accuse you of your sins. There is nothing to accuse; your sins are all forgiven.

When speaking about spiritual warfare we must remember this: that battle has already been won. The Victor is Jesus, and His cross was the devil's undoing (see 1 John 3:8; Hebrews 2:14). We see this in the next verse which outlines the weapons of our battle and the victory that comes with them.

And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!" (Revelation 12:11-12)

The devil's time is short; his loss is assured; his defeat is at hand. In fact, dear friends, his defeat is at our hands, as long as our hands hold the right weapons. And what are these weapons with which we overcome the devil? The blood of the Lamb and the Word of Witness.

The first weapon is the blood of the Lamb, that is, the blood of Jesus. It's His blood spilt on the cross that atones for all our sin. His blood covers all our guilt and shame. His blood makes peace with God. We have His blood covering us when we believe His promise of forgiveness and trust that His death saves us. And even more, He gives His blood into our very mouths in the Lord's Supper. There He says to us, "Take and drink, this is the blood of the New Testament, shed for you for the remission of sins." When we come to the Lord's Supper we are fighting the devil, overthrowing his kingdom of darkness, because at the Lord's altar we are being given the most precious treasure in all of the universe, the very blood that won our salvation.

The second weapon we are given in the Word of Witness, that is, the Scriptures. Martin Luther liked to think of the Bible as fumigation for the devil. "Certainly you will not release a stronger incense or other repellent against the devil than to be engaged by God's commandments and words, and speak, sing, or think them. For this is the true 'holy water' and 'holy sign' from which the devil runs and by which he may be driven away." [Martin Luther, Preface to the Large Catechism]

The Word of God is the "Sword of the Spirit", the weapon given to Christians to fight back the devil's lies. The devil tells us that he has our best interest at heart. The Bible tells us that he is a liar and murdered and thief. The devil tells us that we are good people. The Bible tells us rightly that we are sinners that desperately need God's mercy. The devil tells us that God hates us, or doesn't care about us, or that He's out of forgiveness because we keep on sinning. The Bible tells us that our heavenly Father is merciful and long-suffering, and that Jesus has paid the price for the sins of the entire world. As we take up the Scriptures the devil is beaten back, and we are given the joy of our salvation.

When St Paul encourages the church in Ephesus to take up their fight against the devil, he does not order them to storm the gates of hell. They are simply to stand (see Ephesians 6:13-17). This is true for us in our spiritual warfare against the devil. We rejoice in the death of Jesus, the forgiveness of all our sins, the end of the devil's accusations, and, armed with the Lamb's blood and His Word, we stand with good consciences ready for the Lord's return for us. Amen.

What's Happening at Gloria Dei?

Fellowship

Sandy Bauer & Sandy Westling will be hosting Fellowship after our worship service on Sunday, July 9. Thanks to those who are hosting.

July 20th Kids Our Age /50+ Noon

KOA will meet on Thursday, July 20th at noon. Our theme will be "Summer Activities" and we will talk about what we have all been doing this summer. We will have an indoor picnic lunch with grilled hamburgers. The full menu will be on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. The cost will be \$7.

Please sign up if you wish to join us.

SALVATION ARMY FOOD SHELF

Please remember those less fortunate by filling our grocery cart. Things that are needed are canned fruits & vegetables, soups and spaghetti sauce and noodles, canned beans, macaroni & cheese, tuna, crackers, jelly, peanut butter, cereal, etc.! Donations of personal hygiene items, diapers, and household cleaning items are also in demand, such as: Toilet paper, toothpaste, deodorant, bar soap, shampoo, diapers (sizes 1,4,5,6 or overnight), baby wipes, laundry soap (small packages 2-4 loads), dish soap, and various household cleaners. Remember these items as you are shopping too! Thanks to all of you for the donations

CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS

Lutheran Special Education Ministries benefit from **Campbell's** labels, even **Swanson, Prego, Vlasic**. The ministry sends the labels to Campbell's and exchanges them for classroom equipment for Trinity First Lutheran School. If you have some of these labels, be sure and bring them in!

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

If you have Thrivent insurance, don't forget your Thrivent Choice Dollars!

Call 1-800-Thrivent (1-800-847-4836). When asked for subject, say "Choice Dollars". When asked for a choice, press 1. Then answer the next question with your birth date.

A Thrivent person will then answer. Tell the person you want to direct your choice dollars to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 3014 McKinley St. NE, Mpls, MN

Call every month. Thank you all for your generous giving!

SPECIAL THANK YOU to Gwen Johnson for the great job she is doing on our mowing and the yard and flower maintenance. Also, thank you to all of our volunteers who keep us going!

MAKING A DIFFERENCE WITH LEGACY GIFT GIVING:

Gloria Dei has been blessed by the gifting of several annuities from the Pat Wilson Estate. During the months of May & June we received a total of \$61,054.14 from Pat's estate. This generous gift will help us continue our mission in the community. If anyone is interested in Legacy Gift Giving, please contact the Pastor for additional information. No matter how large or small, each gift can make a significant impact on our mission and ministry! We also received \$10,000 from Washburn McReavy.

Dale Raschke, Treasurer

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

WCCO 830 AM Radio

Heard each Sunday morning at 6:05 a.m.
Hosted by Rev. Gregory Seltz (unless noted)

July 2 "Serving in the Power of the Spirit"

Because Christ has paid our debt, we are no longer captive to sin but are free to live for others, in His name. (Romans 7:1-13)

July 9 "Living as Christ's Person in Repentance and Faith" (Romans 7:14-25)

Life out of control? Turn to God in repentance and faith. Let Him act before you do

July 16 "The Power of a Spirit-Given Adoption!" (Romans 8:18-25)

God provides for your adoption into His family, by grace through faith in Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

July 23 "Overcoming This World's Obstacles" (Romans 8:18-25)

Despite all the world's brokenness, God has something better in store for us, through Christ

July 30 "Confidence to Face Whatever Comes Our Way" (Romans 8:28-39)

No matter what life throws our way, God promises that His eternal purposes can never be thwarted.

Time of Grace

Straight talk about God's Word and real hope for this life. A strong gospel message delivered in an informal Bible study style.

Pastor Mark Jeske
St. Marcus Lutheran Church,
Milwaukee, WI

KMSP Fox 9 Sunday 6:30 am
Channel 23, Cable 8 Sunday 9 am
Direct TV, Ch 369 Wednesday 5:00 pm
DishNetwork, Ch 263 Wednesday 5:00 pm
www.timeofgrace.org

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Dorothy Norback

Brookdale North Oaks
300 Village Center Drive
North Oaks, MN 55127

Millie Eckhardt

The Legacy of St. Anthony
2540 Kenzie Terrace #203
St. Anthony, MN 55418

Barney & Muriel Lindstrom

Landmark of Fridley
6490 Central Ave NE #228
Fridley, MN 55432
New telephone # call the church it get it

IF you have changed from a LandLine to a cellular phone. Please notify the church of your new number!!

CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS, as of May 31, 2017

May Total Income	\$67,448.22
May Total Expense	\$12,152.53
May Net Gain	\$55,295.69

YEAR TO DATE

1st Quarter Net Loss	\$5,397.28
2nd Quarter Net Gain	\$56,984.50

NOTE: Income for May includes: \$47,745.22 received from the Pat Wilson Estate and \$10,000 from Washburn McReavy.

Dale Raschke, Treasurer

"Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession, absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY JULY 2017

"I will bless you ..., so that you will be a blessing" (Gen. 12:2). The Lord blessed Abraham so that he would be a blessing. How did He bless Abraham? He promised that from His seed would come the savior of the nations. And Abraham believed that promise, trusted that the Lord would provide it just as He had promised. Thus, everything Abraham did was colored by that promise. He willingly gave of himself and his household in service to the Lord in view of that promise.

Our Father in heaven has richly blessed us. Not only has He given us everything that we need to support this body and life, but He has also provided, that promised seed in His Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. He is the savior of the nations. He is the redeemer of the world. He is the one who has conquered sin, death, and the power of the devil by His death, resurrection, and ascension.

Just as we are richly blessed, we are also thereby freed to be a blessing. Since God has endowed us with His gifts, we are set to endow others. Thus, we give of the blessings we have received so that others may be blessed. We do this in our homes, our communities, and our churches. We press the blessings God has lavished upon us in service to those around us. We use our time, our talents, and our treasures to be a blessing even as they have been a blessing to us.

The Lord blesses us. And He enlists us to be a blessing to others. So, whenever you put that envelope in the collection plate, when you set out to serve at the local food pantry, when you sit down to help your kids with homework, think of this: The Lord has blessed you, so that you will be a blessing.

Orphan Grain Train Donation - UPDATE

Today the parking lots of this complex, contain a few sparse cars. From time to time a semi rolls in and unloads its contents. Every other Saturday there's a beehive of activity as the overflowing parking lots spill into the neighboring streets. "Oh, and the people! There are people everywhere!" (Adapted from a story written by: S. E. Cottingham for the: El Paso Herald Post.) As you can see the need is great.

The scene described above takes place at the Ysleta Lutheran Mission (YLM) which works out of the San Pablo (St. Paul) Lutheran Church in Juarez, Mexico across from El Paso, TX. Each one of us can imagine more than one of the semi's mentioned in the above story coming from the Orphan Grain Train.

Founded in 1982, YLM provides aid and ministry services that benefit the lives of thousands of people every year. We labor to see God's people working together providing relief to the suffering, encouraging and equipping missions, installing health, opportunity and reaching the spiritually lost with the good news of Christ on both sides of the US/Mexico border.

We can do our part through the May / Spring Offering. Remember half of the funds raised will be spent on merchandise. The other half goes for shipping related expenses. These are the children we'll be helping so they can attend school, get the education they need and better their lives.

There is a new box to fill.

We will be accepting sock and undie donations for this drive into July

Special Occasions for Special People



2nd Vicki Henderson None
5th Lora Sather
9th Michael Panning
14th Nanc Rixe
31st Michelle Panning

JULY SERVANTS

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

USHERS	
2nd	Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer
9th	The Morelli Family
16th	The Morelli Family
23th	Bill Woll and Gwen Johnson
30th	Tom & Patty Lyrenmann
COUNTERS	
2nd	Jean Brede & Tom Harris
9th	Verlayne Sather & Shirley Slagle
16th	Dale Raschke & Wade Billmeyer
23th	Derald & Chris Hadrath
30th	Jean Brede & Tom Harris

Altar Care: None

FELLOWSHIP

Sandy Bauer & Sandy Westling will be hosting Fellowship after our worship service on Sunday, July 9. Thanks to those who are hosting.

Eternal Candle	Flowers
2nd Shirley & Rudy Holzinger Sister's Birthday	2nd Open
9th Open	9th Open
16th Open	16th Open
23th Open	23th Open
30th Lil Troiden Honor Granddaughter's B-day	30th Sandy Westling In Memory of Steve's B-day

If you sign up for flowers or candles after the newsletter is published, please let Kate know. We want to make sure that flowers are ordered and you are properly acknowledged in the announcement.

July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 3014 McKinley St. NE Minneapolis, MN 55418 Ph: 612-781-1989 / Fax: 612-789-9727 www.gloriadeilcms.org info@gloriadeilcms.org		AA – Alcoholics Anonymous AIAnon – Friday Group AIAnon 1 – Beginners Group AIAnon 2 – Families of Alcoholics NA – Narcotics Anonymous TLWCC – Trinity Living Word of Christ					1 10 am TLWCC Worship 6 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
2 <i>Pentecost 4</i> 8:45 am Education Hour 10 am Worship w/HC 6 pm NA	3 6:30 pm AIAnon 1 8 pm AA/AIAnon 2 Office Closed	4  Office Closed	5 10 am Bible Classes 6:30 pm TLWCC	6 	7 5 pm TLWCC Music Practice 8 pm AA/AIAnon <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	8 10 am TLWCC Worship 6 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship	
9 <i>Pentecost 5</i> 8:45 am Education Hour 10 am Worship 11 am Fellowship 6 pm NA	10 6:30 pm AIAnon 1 8 pm AA/AIAnon 2	11 7 pm All Boards	12 10 am Bible Class 6:30 pm TLWCC	13 	14 5 pm TLWCC Music Practice 8 pm AA/AIAnon <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	15 10 am TLWCC Worship 6 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship	
16 <i>Pentecost 6</i> 8:45 am Education Hour 10 am Worship w/HC 6 pm NA	17 6:30 pm AIAnon 1 8 pm AA/AIAnon 2	18 7 pm Council	19 10 am Bible Class 6:30 pm TLWCC	20 Noon KOA/50+ Summer Activities Picnic	21 5 pm TLWCC Music Practice 8 pm AA/AIAnon <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	22 10 am TLWCC Worship 6 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship	
23 <i>Pentecost 7</i> 8:45 am Education Hour 10 am Worship 6 pm NA	24 6:30 pm AIAnon 1 8 pm AA/AIAnon 2	25	26 10 am Bible Classes 6:30 pm TLWCC	27 	28 5 pm TLWCC Music Practice 8 pm AA/AIAnon <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	29 10 am TLWCC Worship 6 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship	
30 <i>Pentecost 8</i> 8:45 am Education Hour 10 am Worship 6 pm NA	31 6:30 pm AIAnon 1 8 pm AA/AIAnon 2						



Pray For Us Calendar

These prayer requests were submitted by coworkers in the Lord's mission.

Congregations and individuals are invited to copy these pages for newsletters or other distribution. Download at lcms.org/prayforus or call 888-843-5267 to request a copy.

LCMS MISSIONARIES ON HOME SERVICE — JULY 1–15 Every other year, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's (LCMS) international missionaries spend approximately two months in the United States on "home service." During this time, they reconnect with the individuals, congregations and groups who support their mission work. Home service also gives them a period of rest and renewal and the chance to spend time with their families.

Remember God's work through missionaries on home service as you pray:

- 1.** for the approximately 30 LCMS missionary families who will be on home service in 2017. Ask the Lord to keep them safe during their travels.
- 2.** for God's hand to be involved in the details and logistical arrangements that are a necessary part of missionary home service, such as transportation and housing.
- 3.** for missionary families to be able to visit as many congregations and other groups as possible, while managing their limited time in the United States.
- 4.** that many congregations all over the United States would welcome missionaries into their churches for mission presentations, Sunday school, children's messages, celebration luncheons, Bible studies and other activities.
- 5.** for God to give missionary families emotional, physical and spiritual strength as they travel to many locations, share with many supporters and meet many new friends. Pray that home service would be a joyous and encouraging time, despite rigorous schedules.
- 6.** for missionary children. Pray that God would provide them with the opportunity to feel that they are a vital part of their family's ministry as they share about it with others.
- 7.** for the Lord to guide missionaries as they prepare their presentations. Ask Him to help them discern how best to share their stories and news with those who have so faithfully supported their ministry.
- 8.** that congregations and other groups would experience a revitalized interest in praying for missionaries and supporting their work after visiting with them face-to-face and hearing about what God is accomplishing through them.
- 9.** that as missionaries share their ministry experiences and joys during their home service, the Holy Spirit would challenge listeners to consider serving as a missionary themselves — in a short-term, long-term or career capacity.
- 10.** for the families of visiting missionaries, that they would be able to enjoy their time together and mutually encourage one another.
- 11.** for God to comfort and sustain the missionaries who are not able to see family and friends in the United States this year. May the Holy Spirit comfort them with His presence and the assurance of God's calling to serve far from home.
- 12.** that missionaries would have an easy transition back to life in the United States — even for a short time during home service — with minimal effects of reverse culture shock.
- 13.** that the Lord would raise up supporters for missionaries who are struggling to finding the resources necessary for their ministry.
- 14.** with thanksgiving for the many forms of support and the joys the Lord provides to missionary families as they serve Him.
- 15.** that the conversations started during home service would continue long after the missionary has returned to the mission field. Pray that through ongoing communication, missionaries and supporters would encourage one another.



The Rev. Joel Fritsche, career missionary to the Dominican Republic, visits children at Zion Lutheran School, Staunton, Ill., during a home service visit.

INVOLVEMENT IDEAS

- Get tips on how to prepare for a missionary's visit to your congregation at blogs.lcms.org/2017/discover-ways-to-support-lcms-missionaries.
- Learn more about the Synod's 38 partner churches at lcms.org/partnerchurches.
- Read stories about how God is using the Synod to impact people at home and abroad in *Lutherans Engage the World* magazine. View the online version at engage.lcms.org.
- Learn about the Synod's missionaries at lcms.org/missionarysupport.

PARTNER CHURCHES — JULY 16–31 The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) has 38 partner churches around the world. A partner church is a church body with which the LCMS has full altar and pulpit fellowship. Many LCMS partner churches also are members of the International Lutheran Council, a worldwide association of confessional Lutheran church bodies. Some LCMS partner churches came into existence through LCMS-supported mission efforts, while others have historic roots that pre-date the LCMS or that are sourced in the mission efforts of other Lutheran church bodies.

Remember God's work in His Church as you pray:

16. for all LCMS partner churches, some of which only have a handful of congregations. Pray that they would never feel alone in their service to Christ and His Church.

17. for LCMS partner churches in Latin America and the Caribbean. Pray that God's Word would continue to spread throughout these countries to bring the Body of Christ together in fellowship and to be witnesses to His love.

18. for LCMS partner churches in Africa. Pray that God would strengthen Lutheran Christians in this region to carry out their work for His name's sake.

19. for LCMS partner churches in Asia, that God would guide and strengthen Lutheran Christians in this region, especially in areas where it is difficult or dangerous to do His work.

20. for LCMS partner churches in Eurasia. Pray that God would continue to use His Word as a light to those in darkness and as a stronghold for the life of His Church.

21. that God would continue to raise up faithful servants for His Church in locations around the world.

22. for those who serve in leadership positions in LCMS partner churches around the world, as they guide, nurture and shepherd their people.

23. for the laypeople of LCMS partner churches around the world, that they would be fulfilled by God's Word to share with their families and communities.

24. with thanksgiving for all the missionaries who serve partner churches, that they would remain faithful in their tasks and be witnesses to the Gospel through acts of mercy.

25. for the Lutheran church bodies around the world that are interested in fellowship with the LCMS. Pray that God would guide the consideration process according to His will.

26. in thanksgiving for the great cloud of witnesses whose prayers continually are ascending to God on behalf of all those who serve in areas where spreading God's Word is difficult or dangerous.

27. for all those still living in darkness, that the Gospel will be sweet to their ears and swift in healing the broken.

28. for the Lutheran churches in Eurasia as they seek to minister to the refugees in their midst. Pray for safety for both the church workers and the refugees.



The Rev. Mintre Banganare preaches during worship at the Lutheran church in Mire, Togo.

29. for Lutheran churches around the world that are dealing with strife between their members. Pray that the Lord would guide them to a peaceful resolution that would strengthen their witness to the community.

30. for safe travel between and within countries in each world region. Pray that pastors, missionaries, medical teams and all others who travel to assist partner churches would be kept safe and healthy in order that the Gospel might be proclaimed to the far corners of creation.

31. for all projects currently going on in LCMS partner church bodies, that each one would have the volunteers and resources necessary to carry out the work of the church as it shows mercy and provides physical and spiritual care for people around the world.

MISSIONARY & PERSONNEL BIRTHDAYS

Download the prayer cards of missionaries and other personnel from lcms.org/prayercards.

- July 2** Nicole Lohmeyer, Dominican Republic; James Sharp, Uruguay
- July 3** Amanda Gauthier, Panama
- July 4** Steven Schumacher, Ghana
- July 6** Daniel Conrad, Mexico
- July 7** Christine Lehman, Spain; Caitlin Worden, Peru
- July 8** Herbert Burch, Peru
- July 12** Lawrence Matro, Papua New Guinea
- July 15** Angela Thompson, Sierra Leone
- July 17** Stephen Oliver, Taiwan
- July 19** Roy Askins, Asia
- July 22** Jennifer Preus, Dominican Republic
- July 26** Jennie Asher, Germany
- July 27** Julie McManus, Kenya
- July 28** James Krikava, Eurasia
- July 29** Emily McDermott, Togo
- July 30** Kathryn Conrad, Mexico
- July 31** Connie Cortright, Eurasia; Jean Hoffman, South Korea

MILITARY CHAPLAINS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN JULY:

Chaplain Matthew Boarts, Maxwell AFB, Ala.; Chaplain Ryan Rupe, Norfolk, Va.; Chaplain Edward Wright, Goodfellow AFB, Texas; Chaplain Patrick Riley, Parris Island, S.C.