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# 2017

## SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<i>Sept 3 Pentecost 13</i>	<i>HC</i>	<i>"Back to the Beginning"</i>	<i>Matthew 16:21-28</i>
<i>Jeremiah 15:15-21</i>	<i>Psalms 26</i>	<i>Romans 12:9-21</i>	<i>Matthew 16:21-28</i>
<i>Sept 10 Pentecost 14</i>		<i>"One Goal, Two Kingdoms"</i>	<i>Matthew 18:1-20</i>
<i>Ezekiel 33:7-9</i>	<i>Psalms 32:1-7</i>	<i>Romans 13:1-10</i>	<i>Matthew 18:1-20</i>
<i>Sept 17 Pentecost 15</i>	<i>HC</i>	<i>"Whose Forgiveness is it anyway?"</i>	<i>Matt. 18:21-35</i>
<i>Genesis 50:15-21</i>	<i>Psalms 103:1-2</i>	<i>Romans 14:1-12</i>	<i>Matthew 18:21-35</i>
<i>Sept 24 Pentecost 16</i>		<i>"Jesus Does What the Angels Can Not Do"</i>	
<i>Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3</i>	<i>Psalms 27:1-9</i>	<i>Revelation 12:7-12;</i>	<i>Luke 10:17-20</i>

## Gideon Sunday, September 10

A Gideon International Representative will be with us to share a testimonial of what Gideon Intl is doing and the future challenges they face in their ministry. To support their ministry, as well as the resources they provide that are on the ushers counter, there will be a free will door offering to support their ministry.

**September Fellowship Sunday** is scheduled for the 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.  
Hosted by Diane Gade and Bev Svac



**God does not need your good works, but your neighbor does. -Martin Luther**



## Christians Are Always Learning

Christians are always students, always learners. As the Lord said to Moses: *"And these words, which I command you this day, shall be in your heart: and you shall teach them diligently unto your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down and when you rise up."* Deuteronomy 6:6-7

The Lord wants His Word to be in our hearts and on our lips, that our thoughts would always be on the Lord's Word. That we would always be speaking His Word to our families and neighbors.

The devil, on the other hand, is always trying to snatch the Lord's Word from our hearts and tear it away from us. We hear this in the Parable of the Sower when Jesus explains it in *Matthew 13:19* **"When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path."** It is God's will, therefore, that Christians always remain students and learners, who sit, like Mary, at the feet of Jesus and listen to His Word. *Luke 10:39-42*.

As Luther reminds us in his introduction to the Large Catechism, Christians are always students because God is always our teacher. *"God Himself is not ashamed to teach it [the catechism] daily, for He knows of nothing better to teach, and He always keeps on teaching this one thing without varying it with anything new or different. All the saints know of nothing better or different to learn, though they cannot learn it to perfection."*

We rejoice that the Lord Jesus has given us so many opportunities to study His Word here at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. The Sunday worship services, Sunday Bible Class (and Sunday School for the children), our Wednesday morning romp through Scripture. I would like to start a new class called "Lutheranism 101." It would cover the Scriptures and the Catechism in a wonderful opportunity to read, mark, hear and learn so to inwardly digest the Lord's wonderful Word. I encourage you all to take advantage of these times of worship and study. I am looking for a time that will work for the most people. There will be a sheet in the September announcement for you to fill out, indicating the best day of the week and time that works for you and place in the offering plate. Once I have enough of them I will announce the times so we can start in October when I get back from vacation.

May we all continue to delight in the Lord's Word to us, and find in His Word our life, salvation and the forgiveness of all of our sins.



# What's Happening?

## **"After 500 Years, Does Lutheranism Still Matter?"**

As we mark 500 years since the Reformation, how might the unique strengths of Lutheran theology serve the mission of God's kingdom come in Jesus Christ—and indeed will they? These questions will serve as the focal point of Concordia University, St. Paul's 2017 Reformation Heritage Lecture, " Guest lecturer, the Rev. Dr. Andrew H. Bartelt (Professor of Exegetical Theology, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis). The lecture, to be held in Concordia's Buenger Education Center, on **August 29 at 7pm**, is free and open to the public.

## **KOA/50+**

**Thursday, September 21<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon**

KOA will meet on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at noon. Our theme will be "Canning". We will talk about the things we used to can, where we got the food to can and what technique we used. If you still do canning, you may bring an item to share. Verlayne will be making lunch. The menu will be Vegetable Beef Soup, Raspberry Ambrosia Salad, Finger Rolls, Crackers and Pumpkin Layer Cheesecake. The cost will be \$7. Please sign up at the August KOA meeting or on the September Lunch sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

## **"A Visit with Katharina Luther"**

Prepare for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation by attending "A Visit with Katharina Luther" on **Thursday, September 14**, in the Black Box Theatre at Concordia University, St. Paul (312 Hamline Ave. N). This one-hour portrayal by Alicia Winget is free and open to the public. Reserved seating is available by contacting Jane at 651-641-8393 or [jwilke@csp.edu](mailto:jwilke@csp.edu).  
Learn more at [www.katharinalutherpresentation.com](http://www.katharinalutherpresentation.com)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AT CREST VIEW**

### **Crest View Foundation's Annual Gala**

***Save The Date – Friday, September 22, 5:30 to 9 p.m.***

**NEW LOCATION:** Banquets of Minnesota

6310 Hwy 65 NE, Fridley, MN 55432

For ticket information, contact Sandie at 763-782-1644.

### ***Open House and Craft Fair***

Saturday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 12:30 pm

**NORTHEAST SENIOR SERVICES, INC.** is continuing the mission to serve seniors and help them to continue to live in their homes. Their mission: Helping Seniors Live Independently with Dignity. For 35 years Northeast Senior Services has been helping seniors. They are a grassroots organization started by local churches and community organizations in 1973 and formally incorporated in 1975. Many committed volunteers make it possible for them to help seniors with the services that allow them to live independently with dignity.

LOCATION: 2510 Cleveland Street NE, Suite 206, Minneapolis MN 55418  
(located in Grace United Methodist Church)

Phone: 612-781-5096 // email: [info@nescrc.org](mailto:info@nescrc.org) // website: [www.nescrc.org](http://www.nescrc.org)

### **NE Senior Home Connection**

Connects seniors to no/low cost services and programs that help with yard and home maintenance; and to independent contractors who help with yard and home tasks at a low cost. Call 612-781-5096 to request these services.

- Low/no cost home improvement programs are available to help seniors with fixing up the exterior of their homes. Our volunteers will assist seniors in completing the applications.
- Help with snow shoveling, raking, yard work, minor home repairs and housekeeping is provided by volunteers and/or low cost independent contractors.

### **NE Senior Wellness**

Strives to make services accessible to seniors that help them improve their health and enable them to continue to live independently. Call 612-781-5096 to learn more about these services.

- Losing your vision? A 12 week series of workshops is available that teaches seniors with vision loss alternative skills so they can continue to live in their homes. Classes taught by Blind Inc.
- NE Senior Health Fair, a partnership with East Side Neighborhood Services, happens every October.

### **RIDES**

Northeast Senior Services can provide seniors with rides to medical and other appointments. Volunteer drivers use their own vehicles to transport seniors to appointments. More information on the rides program is located on the Transportation page of this website or call 612-781-5096



## **Exercise for seniors with dementia or Alzheimer's disease.**

A special program of exercise for seniors who have a diagnosis of dementia or Alzheimer's disease is coming to the North East Senior Citizen Resource Center this winter. Being active keeps us physically and mentally fit and healthy. Persons with a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease are no exception to the benefit of regular exercise. If you or someone you know has dementia or Alzheimer's disease the University of Minnesota School of Nursing has an opportunity for you to benefit from an exercise program. You can enroll in a monitored, safe exercise program for six months and find out the many benefits of aerobic exercise for yourself. A fitness trainer will work with you on a stationary cycle three times per week and monitor your response to exercise. If you cannot cycle, other exercise options will be worked out. Exercise will occur in a NE location. Initial meetings may be at the University of Minnesota. You will receive a free gym membership and compensation. For more information contact. Dr. Fang Yu at 612-624-5435 or Christine Peterson at 612-626-9669.

## *When To Call Your Pastor*

In order for the pastor to better serve you, please contact pastor.

Before going into/When leaving the hospital.

(The hospitals will no longer notify the pastor.)

When a baby is born.

Arrange for Baptism.

When private communion is desired.

When there is a death in the family.

When you have a prayer request.

When you desire private counsel.

When in a crisis.

When you desire a home visit.

Before entering the armed services.

When you are deployed.

When you have a change of record information.

(Birth, Baptism, Confirmation, Wedding, Transfer, address, phone, etc.)

**Church/Pastor's Office: 612-781-1989**

**Pastor's Home: 612-869-5150**

## **SALVATION ARMY FOOD SHELF**

**Did you Know?** The Twin Cities Salvation Army serves daily hot meals at several of their centers. They also stock eight food shelves and offer distributions of bakery and produce items. The food is free to anyone in need, no questions asked.

Hot meals are served at service centers in Minneapolis, St. Paul and Coon Rapids. Food shelves offer a wide range of groceries, allowing individuals and families in need to stretch their budgets. Three of the locations provide special food support for homeless youth, too.

### **PRAYER CHAIN**

Call Patricia Scott (days), Verlayne Sather (evenings) OR the Church Office

### ***Fall Festivals***

#### **RiverVillage East Fall Festival and Resource Fair**

2919 Randolph St NE will have a Fall Festival and Resource Fair, Wednesday, Sept 6, 4 – 6 PM. The event will include free food (bratwurst, chips, cookies, root beer and cider), entertainment, a book fair with free books, more than 25 senior resource vendors, free health screenings (blood pressure, BMI, glucose) and flu/pneumonia vaccines (bring insurance information for vaccines). Bring a donation for the NE Senior Food Shelf for a chance to win a \$50 gift card. Info: Robin Haenze (612-605-2515)

**St. Maron Catholic Church Lebanese Festival**, 602 University Ave NE, Minneapolis, will host their fall festival on Saturday, Sept 23, 1pm–8pm; Sunday, Sept 24, 11am – 6pm  
Fresh Food, Games, Silent Auction, Live Music and Dance. Fun for all ages.  
Free Admission.

# Don't settle with the idea that it is too late for you to learn something new.

What is one thing that you wish you had tried or done when you were younger? Do you wish you had taken piano lessons, learned how to speak another language, or spent more time giving back to your community?

Well, who says you can't try any of the things you wish you had done when you were younger right now? Many older adults fear that they would be unable to succeed in something new, so they don't even try it at all. However, more and more opportunities are becoming available for older adults to be lifelong learners.

**The University of Minnesota** allows adults 62 years or older to obtain a degree, and only pay \$10 a credit. One great opportunity older adults have to participate in lifelong learning is to continue their education, and possibly even earn a degree. This opportunity isn't only available at the University of Minnesota.

**The Senior Citizen Education Program** in Minnesota provides residents who are ages 62 or older to enroll in courses at state-supported institutions of higher education for reduced costs, either to audit or earn college credit. This means that older adults are able to go back to school and gain greater knowledge on subjects they already know, or learn about something they may have always been interested in.

**The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute** at the University of Minnesota has reduced prices of courses for older adults. The OLLI is a community of older adults who are brought together by their intellectual curiosity and love of learning. The OLLI offers around 300 stimulating courses each year, has more than 1,200 dues-paying members, and has a wide range of programs outside the classroom. Members can choose from more than 30 Special Interest Groups centered on activities ranging from knitting to kayaking and discussing articles in Scientific American. Travel programs, recent trips include Brazil, Portugal, and Spain, provide another opportunity to make new friends, share interests, and be a lifelong learner.

The Osher Lifelong Learning institute is different in that there are no tests and no grades. Getting a degree or taking classes just for learning are great opportunities to be a lifelong learner, but it doesn't stop there. Many individuals find themselves fulfilled and still learning through other opportunities. This may include learning how to play a new instrument, volunteering with organizations they care about, or for some it may even be creating a new business. Laura Ingalls Wilder the author of Little House on the Prairie, Ray Kroc the founder of McDonalds, and Julia Child the famous French cook started their passions as older adults which became wildly successful.

**Senior Community Services** offers a variety of ways for older adults to be lifelong learners as well. We partner with five senior centers which encourage lifelong learning through many different activities from wood carving to choir to yoga. You can learn a little bit more about the centers, and find an activity that interests you at <http://seniorcommunity.org/programs/senior-centers/>

# THE LUTHERAN HOUR

WCCO 830 AM Radio

Heard each Sunday morning at 6:05 am

Hosted by Rev. Gregory Seltz (unless otherwise noted)

**September 3** (Matt. 16:24-25)

## "Finding Life in Jesus' Steps"

Take joy in the gift of being a follower of Christ who is willing to take His lead and be ordered by His steps.

**September 10** (Matt. 18:1-20)

## "Who's the Greatest?"

Jesus redefined greatness. He came, not to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many.

**September 17** (Matt. 18:21-35)

## Unleash the Power of Forgiveness in Your Life

Life with God is not about keeping score; it's about living for others in the grace Jesus earned for us.

**September 24** (Matt. 21:8-11, Luke 23:23-25)

## "The Latest Polls"

Speaker Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus  
Believing the latest public opinion poll is not the same thing as believing the truth.

## 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 Wed. 5:00 pm**

**DishNetwork - Ch 263 Wed. 5:00 pm**

**[www.timeofgrace.org](http://www.timeofgrace.org)**

## DIAL A DEVOTION

**651-429-0078**



*"All who call on God in true faith, earnestly from the heart, will certainly be heard, and will receive what they have asked and desired."*

*-Martin Luther*

## CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS

**As of July 31, 2017**

July Total Income \$10,643.55

July Total Expense \$11,518.95

July Net Loss \$ 875.40

### YEAR TO DATE

1st Quarter Net Loss \$ 5,397.28

2nd Quarter Net Gain \$60,457.75

2017 YTD Net Gain \$54,185.07

*A detailed report is available if you call the office.*

## REMEMBER TO BRING IN YOUR CANS!

We are still collecting aluminum to support the Mission outreach ministry of Gloria Dei.

## Save the date!

On Sunday, October 29, 2017 at  
Concordia, St. Paul, the joint  
Minnesota South/

Minnesota North /Concordia

University **500th Anniversary**

**Reformation Service** will be held at  
4:00 pm

## Ways to Protect Your Online Privacy

Regularly change your online account passwords. An easy and effective way to avoid being a victim of computer-based identify theft is to change your password regularly and often, and to use a strong password.

How do you know if your password is strong enough? Strong passwords have at least eight characters in uppercase and lowercase letters, numerals, punctuation marks and symbols.



# September 2017 Stewardship

*“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might”  
(Ecclesiastes 9:10)*

God bids us to be faithful in the tasks He calls us to do. He calls us to be members of a family (husbands and wives; fathers and mothers; sons and daughters). He calls us to be members of society (those who govern and those who are governed). And He calls us to be members of His family, the Church (those who preach and teach and those who hear and learn). Each of these callings from God places a duty on us.

As members of a family, husbands are given the duty to die for their wives as Christ gave His life for His bride, the Church; while wives are given the duty to respect their husbands and submit themselves to them as the Church does to Christ. Fathers and mothers are to raise their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, teaching them the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, and the Scriptures concerning Baptism, Confession, the Office of the Keys, and the Lord’s Supper. Children are to honor their parents throughout their lives, and even when their parents are no longer alive, serving and obeying them, loving and cherishing them, and speaking well of them.

As members of society, God calls those who govern to bear the sword, that is, to punish those who do evil—those who live contrary to God’s will—and to reward those who do good—those whose lives are lived in conformity with God’s will. Those who are governed are to obey their leaders as to the Lord Himself, for their leaders bear the sword of God’s temporal justice for a purpose.

As members of God’s own family, the Church, He calls those who preach and teach to do so in faithfulness to His holy Word. To preach and teach the Law of God to convict the hearts of hearers of their sin and to encourage, admonish, and exhort them to do good works in accordance with God’s will. They are to preach and teach the Gospel, the full forgiveness of their sins accomplished by Christ and received through faith, not by works. They are to administer the means of grace in accordance with the Gospel and the Word of God. They do all this for the young and old alike, for those who are near and far off. Those who hear and learn are to submit themselves to their preachers and teachers. They are to support them by their prayers and their gifts.

Each of these callings from God places a duty on us. They make a claim on our presence, our prayers, and on our time, talents, and treasures. So, “Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might” (Eccl 9:10). Pray for your family, for your government, and your church. Give of yourself by means of your time, your talents, and your treasures to your family, your government, and your Church. That is what it means to be faithful in the tasks that God has given us. That is what it means to do it with all your might.

# SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 3014 McKinley Street NE Minneapolis, MN 55418 612-781-1989 www.gloriadeilcms.org info@gloriadeilcms.org				<b>1</b> 5 pm TLWCC Music Practice 8 pm AA/AIAnon <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	<b>2</b> 10 am TLWCC Worship  6 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
<b>3</b> <i>Pentecost 13 HC</i> 8:45 am Education Hour 10 am Worship w/HC  6 pm NA	<b>4</b> <i>Office Closed</i> 6:30 pm AIAnon 1 8 pm AA/AIAnon 2 <b>LABOR DAY</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10 am Bible Study  6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Class	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 5 pm TLWCC Music Practice 8 pm AA/AIAnon <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	<b>9</b> 10 am TLWCC Worship  6 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
<b>10</b> <i>Pentecost 14</i> <i>Gideon Sunday</i> 8:45 am Education Hour 10 am Worship 11 am Fellowship  6 pm NA	<b>11</b> 6:30 pm AIAnon 1 8 pm AA/AIAnon 2	<b>12</b>  7 pm <b>All Boards</b>	<b>13</b> 10 am Bible Study  6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Class	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 5 pm TLWCC Music Practice 8 pm AA/AIAnon <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	<b>16</b> 10 am TLWCC Worship  6 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
<b>17</b> <i>Pentecost 15 HC</i> 8:45 am Education Hour 10 am Worship w/HC  6 pm NA <i>October Newsletter Deadline</i>	<b>18</b> 6:30 pm AIAnon 1 8 pm AA/AIAnon 2	<b>19</b>  7 pm <b>Council</b>	<b>20</b> 10 am Bible Study  6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Class	<b>21</b>  Noon KOA/50+ <b>"Canning"</b> Soup Lunch	<b>22</b> 5 pm TLWCC Music Practice 8 pm AA/AIAnon <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	<b>23</b> 10 am TLWCC Worship  6 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
<b>24</b> <i>Pentecost 16</i> 8:45 am Education Hour 10 am Worship  6 pm NA	<b>25</b> 6:30 pm AIAnon 1 8 pm AA/AIAnon 2	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 10 am Bible Study  6:30 pm TLWCC	<b>28</b> 	<b>29</b> 5 pm TLWCC Music Practice 8 pm AA/AIAnon <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	<b>30</b> 10 am TLWCC Worship  6 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship

# Special Occasions for Special People



## Happy Birthday

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sara Edwards
- 9<sup>th</sup> Beverly Svac
- 16<sup>th</sup> Harold Anderson, Sr.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Aaron Morelli
- 19<sup>th</sup> Layne Betterman
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Darin Morelli
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Patty Lyrenmann
- 24<sup>th</sup> Vicki Tousignant

## September Servants

Elders: Karmon Christopherson

### COUNTERS:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Verlayne Sather and Shirley Slagle
- 10<sup>th</sup> Tom and Patty Lyrenmann
- 17<sup>th</sup> Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli
- 24<sup>th</sup> Jean Brede and Tom Harris

### USHERS:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Verlayne Sather and Shirley Slagle
- 10<sup>th</sup> Gwen Johnson
- 17<sup>th</sup> Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer
- 24<sup>th</sup> Morelli Family

## Happy Anniversary

- 10<sup>th</sup> Karmon & Meridel Christopherson
- 21<sup>st</sup> Kevin & Kim Morelli

## Flowers

- 3<sup>rd</sup> OPEN
- 10<sup>th</sup> OPEN
- 17<sup>th</sup> OPEN
- 24<sup>th</sup> OPEN

## Candles

- 3<sup>rd</sup> OPEN
- 10<sup>th</sup> Mary Schneider,  
Granddaughter, Maria's Birthday
- 17<sup>th</sup> OPEN
- 24<sup>th</sup> Shirley & Rudy Holzinger,  
Mother (Arlene) & Nephew (Shane),  
Birthdays (9/25)

Fellowship: Diane Gade and Bev Svac

Altar Care: OPEN

*If you sign up for flowers or candles after the newsletter is published, be sure and let Patricia know. We want to make sure that flowers are ordered and you are properly acknowledged in the bulletin notes*

# UNDERSTANDING OUR OPPOSITION ON RACISM



Recent events in our nation have awakened the discussion of racism. Many have asked their church to take a public stand or make a definitive statement regarding how the church and her members view the issue of race. God's love for this world (John 3:16) breaks down dividing walls between people (Eph. 2:13–16). As God's children, Christians love their neighbor as God loves them (Luke 10:25–37).

The separation of people into nations, languages and groups is a result of the fall into sin (Gen. 11), and is one of the aspects of a broken creation God restored through the death and resurrection. We eagerly await His coming when all will be one in Him (Rev. 7:9) as pleases Him, as He created us to be.

## Condemning racism

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod condemns racism and asks its members to combat it in the church and in society. The Eight resolutions the LCMS has passed and endorsed and the truth they reflect are accurate reflections of the teachings of Holy Scripture. The testimony of God's Word presents humanity as united in the Fatherhood of God (Eph. 3:14–15) and His provision for all His creatures (Matt 5:45). The Resolutions as recorded in the following eight convention resolutions:

- **1971 — Res. 9-32:** To Encourage Christian Action to Combat Racism
- **1973 — Res. 9-22:** To Continue Efforts to Combat Racism
- **1977 — Res 10-18A:** To Make Every Effort to Eliminate Racism
- **1979 — Res 4-11:** To Reaffirm Efforts to Combat Racism
- **1981 — Res 8-07:** To Oppose Racism and Violence
- **1983 — Res 3-09:** To Clarify Position on Anti-Semitism
- **1992 — Res 3-03:** To Combat All Racism
- **1995 — Res 2-05A:** To Commend for Study the CTCR Document *Racism and the Church*

As the 1992 resolution states, racism is contrary to God's Word and a sin against Him. Synod by-law 2.3.1 (a) states: "It shall be the policy of the Synod to decline membership to congregations whose constitutions deny membership or other congregational privileges to any Christian because of race or ethnic origin."

The Body of Christ confesses boldly that the incarnation of the Son of God sanctified all flesh. The death and resurrection of Jesus is for all mankind and was the manifestation of God's love for the whole world. Christianity is never a religion confined to a people group or a nationality, but reflects the worldwide love of God for all people. Racism is impossible for the Church to teach or support. Any view of humanity that separates people and labels some as inferior is antithetical to a God who creates all, sustains all and loves all. The call to love our neighbor is plain and clear from our Lord Jesus Christ.

## A Prayer for Peace

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod President Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison leads a prayer for peace among His people. "You, O Lord, teach us to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:31), and that my neighbor includes everyone I meet in my daily vocations, and specifically without regard to race (Luke 10:25–37)."

*O Lord Christ, Hope of the World, Savior of the Nations:*

*In Your blessed incarnation, You took upon Yourself human flesh (John 1:14), flesh like that of every child born in the history of the world (Gal. 4:4–5), that You might bear the sins of all humanity on a cross (John 1:29).*

*In Your earthly ministry, You served humankind without regard to race, even contrary to prevailing racial views of the day (Matt. 15:21–28; John 4);*

*From the first days of Your Church, it pleased You to gather together people without regard to race or origin (Acts 2);*

*Through the centuries, Your Holy Word, the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament, have borne and continue to bear witness to the truths of both reason and divine revelation—that all people are created by God, that all are equally accountable to God, and that all are equally beloved by God and redeemed by Christ (Romans 5).*

*You, O Lord, teach us to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:31), and that my neighbor includes everyone I meet in my daily vocations, and specifically without regard to race (Luke 10:25–37);*

*Forgive me, O Lord, for my many sins of commission and omission where I have failed my neighbor in thought, word or deed, especially where I have begrudged another Your compassion and love based upon race or anything else (Romans 7:19f.);*

*Strengthen Your Church, O Lord, that she may be a beacon of joyous unity in the Gospel and a light of blessed forgiveness and grace, calling all to repentance and to trust in Jesus as the only Savior from sin (Acts 2:38–41);*

*Let Your Gospel flow forth into every crooked, corrupt and hardened heart, to bring repentance, faith in Your Gospel and joy in the manifold uniqueness of Your created peoples—a very foretaste of heaven itself (Rev. 7:9);*

*O Lord, grant justice in Your left-hand kingdom, especially in the governments of this nation and of all the earth. Correct wrong. Punish and thwart evil, and especially racist evil. Grant peace that Your Gospel may flow all the more freely, especially to those most blinded by evil. Remind us, O Lord, of Your own prayer for those who crucified You, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:24). Let us not be overcome with anger, but overcome hatred with love.*

*Finally, O Lord, grant faith, peace and hope to the bereaved.*

*Lord, have mercy;*

*Christ, have mercy;*

*Lord, have mercy. Amen.*



# Pray For Us Calendar

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

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**LUTHERAN SCHOOLS — SEPTEMBER 1-15** The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's (LCMS) School Ministry serves as a national voice for Lutheran schools, upholding the standards of Christ-centered schools that are academically strong and respectfully operated. Nationwide, there are 2,029 LCMS schools, which include 1,150 early childhood centers, 793 elementary schools and 86 high schools.

*Remember God's work in Lutheran schools as you pray:*

- 1.** for the children attending Lutheran schools, that their eyes, ears, hearts and minds would be open to God's Word.
- 2.** for Lutheran school teachers, that they would correctly divide and deliver Law and Gospel to students through real-life applications each day.
- 3.** for Lutheran school principals, who lead stakeholders to passionately embrace the witness our schools provide to the community. Pray that pastors, principals, directors and teachers would work together in God-pleasing unity.
- 4.** for pastors, who champion the Kingdom work happening in our schools. Pray that pastors would be excited to be an integral part of their school's ministry and the teaching of the children.
- 5.** for the ability of Lutheran schools to serve every child in their care. Ask that the Lord would provide the means to help schools serve children who have disabilities, who have experienced trauma or who come from families with limited resources.
- 6.** for Lutheran schools that are struggling to fill empty seats. Pray that God would revitalize their ministries, energize their staff members and bring more children through their doors.
- 7.** for parents who support our Lutheran schools with their time, talents and treasures. Give thanks for their dedication to the mission of the school.
- 8.** for daily opportunities for our teachers and staff to show God's mercy, love and forgiveness both inside and outside of the classroom. Pray that God would maintain our ability to practice our faith in Lutheran schools.
- 9.** for church members who tell the story of their Lutheran school, that their recommendation might lead more students through the school's doors.
- 10.** for courageous Lutheran schools willing to take calculated risks that will result in significant rewards for students. Give the leaders of these schools wisdom in their decisions.
- 11.** for the many non-Christians and exchange students who are coming to our schools. Many of them are hearing the Gospel for the very first time. Pray that Gospel seeds will be planted and watered and that they will come to know Jesus.
- 12.** for first-year teachers, that they may understand the mission of our schools and apply their gifts to demonstrate grace and mercy. Pray that God would give them strength and patience.
- 13.** for our early childhood centers that serve on the front lines to introduce young families to the saving love of Jesus. Pray that they are a faithful witness to the littlest of God's children and their families.
- 14.** for comfort and healing for school faculty and students during times of injury, illness and loss.
- 15.** for God to raise up wise and gifted leaders who are willing to serve in the role of administration at Lutheran schools.



*A teacher works with a student at River Roads Lutheran School in St. Louis.*

## INVOLVEMENT IDEAS

- Tune in to Worldwide KFUE every Wednesday at 2 p.m. Central time for "The Student Union," a program for college students and those involved in ministry to them. Visit [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) to listen online, or access archived programs at [kfuo.org/category/the-student-union](http://kfuo.org/category/the-student-union).
- Learn more about the Synod's network of Lutheran schools at [lcms.org/school-ministry](http://lcms.org/school-ministry).
- Do you know a young adult who wants to serve God and others? The application period for the Lutheran Young Adult Corps opens in October. Learn more about summer and gap-year opportunities at [lcms.org/young-adult-corps](http://lcms.org/young-adult-corps).

**CAMPUS MINISTRY — SEPTEMBER 16–30** The challenges to Christians on our nation’s college campuses are increasing exponentially. On practically every campus, there are objections to the biblical worldview, doctrine, ethics and practices. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod’s (LCMS) campus-ministry arm, LCMS U, aims to encourage, support and help students, faculty and staff in their response to these challenges so they can boldly bear witness to Christ.

*Remember God’s work through LCMS U as you pray:*

**16.** for the 200-plus LCMS U chapters around the country, that they would receive the support they need to effectively reach out to America’s college students.

**17.** that more congregations and individuals would become involved with their local LCMS U chapters or be led by God to start new ones.

**18.** for the growth of LCMS U on urban college campuses and at community colleges, two fertile mission fields. Pray that the Lord would open doors to the spread of His Word in these places.

**19.** for all the dedicated staff and volunteers involved in campus ministry, that God would energize them for their work and use them to plant seeds of faith that will continue to grow.

**20.** for students starting their first year of college, that they would find Christian friends and make good decisions while living away from home for the first time.

**21.** for the parents of college students, especially those who have an empty nest for the first time. Pray that they would find joy and contentment in the midst of life’s changes.

**22.** that Lutheran college students would be bold witnesses to their faith in Jesus Christ, even when faced with pressure from peers and professors.

**23.** that young people would hunger for the certain truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and not be deceived by the half-truths and lies of Satan.

**24.** for the 800,000-plus foreign students studying at American colleges and universities. Many come from countries where the Gospel is not freely preached. Pray that their time in the U.S. would provide the opportunity for them to learn about Jesus.

**25.** for the international students who came to faith while studying abroad. Ask the Lord to provide opportunities and support so that they can continue to grow in their faith after they return home.

**26.** that God would bless and guide the work of all students involved in mission work and volunteer opportunities both at home and abroad. Please pray that this time would be a blessing to them and others.

**27.** for the development of campus-ministry programs at institutions of higher education around the world.



*Attendees review schedules at “Liberty,” the 2017 National LCMS Campus Ministry Conference, held Jan. 4–6 at the University of Maryland in College Park, Md.*

**28.** for busy college students, who are pulled in many directions with the demands of school, work, friends, family and other activities. Pray that they would make their relationship with God a priority by setting aside time for group worship, Bible study and Christian service.

**29.** with thanksgiving for a new school year. Please pray that students and campus-ministry workers would return refreshed and with renewed dedication.

**30.** for recent college graduates, that they would find gainful employment as well as a church home where they can learn about God’s holy Word in all of its truth and purity.

**MISSIONARY & PERSONNEL BIRTHDAYS**

Download the prayer cards of missionaries and other personnel from [lcms.org/prayercards](http://lcms.org/prayercards).

**Sept. 7** Joanna Johnson, Taiwan

**Sept. 13** Cherie Auger, Latin America; Frederick Reinhardt, Burkina Faso

**Sept. 15** Joel Fritsche, Dominican Republic

**Sept. 19** Charles Hoffman, South Korea

**Sept. 26** Karen Cecil, Germany

**MILITARY CHAPLAINS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER:**

Chaplain Graham Glover, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Chaplain Brad Boyer, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.; Chaplain Vincent Shaw, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Chaplain Joel Giese, Fort Bragg, N.C.; Chaplain Jonathan Shaw, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.; Chaplain David Jacob, Rock Island Arsenal, Ill.; Chaplain Gregory Jans, Travis AFB, Calif.

