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Caring Sharing Serving Reaching

Worship Schedule for March

March 3: Third Sunday in Lent

March 10: Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 17: Fifth Sunday in Lent
St. Patrick's Day

March 24: Palm Sunday

March 28: Holy (Maundy) Thursday

March 29: Good Friday

March 31: The Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Sunday – Joint Service
Guest Pastor, William Utech (*note, service will begin at 11 am*)



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Begins at 2 am on Sunday, March 10th

REMEMBER TO **"SPRING AHEAD"**

BY SETTING YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD BY ONE HOUR

(It's Ok to set them ahead when you go to bed on Saturday night☺)

A Message from the Desk of Pastor Matthew Cephus

CELEBRATE THE GOOD NEWS!

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.
Matthew 28:18-20 (NASB)

This month, the Church around the world will gather to remember and celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus the Messiah once more. These events, and what God has accomplished through them, are at the heart of what we call the gospel - literally, the "good news." And it is this good news that sets the Christian faith apart from all other faith systems on earth.

When Jesus rose from the dead with all authority in heaven and on earth, He didn't send His messengers simply to communicate a philosophy or a code of conduct. He sent them to proclaim news that changes everything - that the One whom we would by nature reject and kill has become the victor over death, and that He has defeated death for us and for all. Believe the news! Know that it's for you!

Is your life marked by guilt? At the cross of Jesus, there's forgiveness for you! And don't be so proud as to believe that the death of the Son of God can't cover your particular sins. You are free!

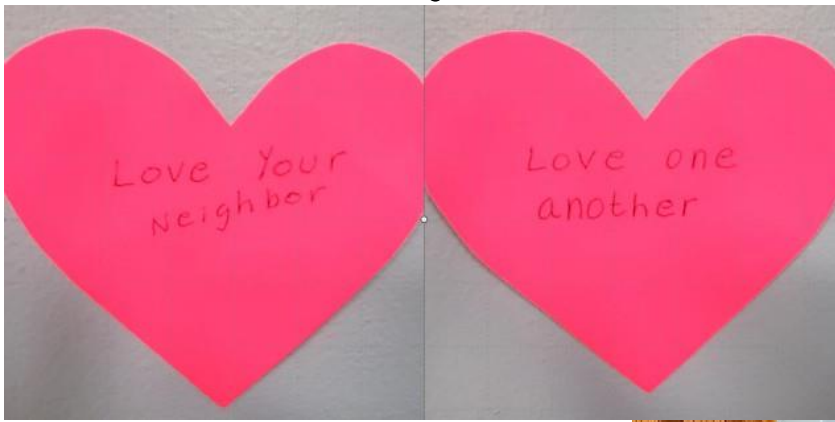
Is your life marked by tragedy and loss? Jesus knows tragedy and loss. And the One who is with you in the midst of that pain is the One who has undone death and the grave. As surely as He lives, new creation is in store for you - real hope.

Do you feel isolated and alone? The crucified and risen Lord has given you a promise: "I am with you always" (this is my verse of the month). He's closer than you can imagine - His Spirit lives inside of you. He will never leave you or forsake you. Need reassurance of that? Gather with your brothers and sisters in Christ to receive the Savior's very body and blood.

We've been telling the story of the Bible all year, and this month, the story reaches its climax! I'm excited to be able to rehearse it together with you.

Christ's peace and joy,

Valentine's Day at Gloria Dei





Gloria Dei and Royal Family made the news! Well kinda 😊

Below is an insert from the MN South District eNews publication
dated February 2024



Your District Mission Gifts at Work

ROYAL FAMILY AT GLORIA DEI

Royal Family is a multiethnic church plant meeting at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. The congregation is comprised of people from Liberia, Congo, Cameroon, and Nigeria, along with Caucasians and African-Americans. Through partnering together, Royal Family and Gloria Dei are spreading the gospel throughout northeast Minneapolis!

We invite you to pray for Royal Family and Gloria Dei in your personal and corporate prayers, that those who lead & serve would be strengthened in their efforts to reach people with the good news of Jesus.

To support this and other district missions, please go to www.mnsdistrict.org/donate.



The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

LCMS Stewardship Ministry - March 2024

Cherish What God Has Given

In the Small Catechism, Luther follows a pattern when explaining the Ten Commandments. With each commandment, there is something prohibited, and something commanded. There is something wrong which must be avoided, and there is something right which must be done.

The one time this pattern is not followed is with the Sixth Commandment.

“You shall not commit adultery. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other” (SC I).

Here, the catechism focuses solely on the positive: we should live in a chaste and decent manner in both word and deed, and husbands and wives should cherish and honor one another.

Keeping this commandment, and all of the commandments, is a lot easier if you see your chastity and your spouse as a gift from God that is to be protected and cherished. In the same way, you will find keeping the Fourth Commandment easier if you see your parents and other authorities as a gift from God, given to you for your blessing.

This is the key stewardship insight that runs through all of the Christian life: Everything that we have has been given to us by God. We deserve none of it. All of it comes to us by God’s fatherly kindness and open-handed generosity. If I know that everything I have — every possession, every relationship, every ability — is a gift from God, then my perspective changes. All of these things are both gifts to be cherished, and things that I should direct towards God’s purposes. My possessions should be shared generously according to how God has called me in my family, church and community. My spouse should be cherished, loved and encouraged in faith. My children are on loan from my own Heavenly Father, and I have but a brief time to show them the path of righteousness. My neighbor is a gift from God so that I can imitate His kindness toward me.

No matter the gift, everything has been given to me by God so that I may participate in His own goodness and open-handed generosity.



Growing Through Loss

Have you experienced --

- the death of a loved one
- a broken relationship
- a divorce or separation
- pregnancy or infant loss
- a job loss or change
- a move to a new home or city
- a loved one who needs your support

Do you feel --

in need of support, or interested in learning more about grief?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then this series is for you.

The series provides an opportunity for individuals to obtain information and support for a variety of loss and grief issues.

SCHEDULE

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| April 8 | The Conundrum of Absences and Presences
Ted Bowman, Trainer, Consultant, Educator and Author |
| April 15 | Thankfulness in the Midst of Grief and Grieving
Ted Bowman, Trainer, Consultant, Educator and Author |
| April 22 | Families Coping with Grief
Janice Winchester Nadeau, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist, Marriage and Family Therapist |
| April 29 | The Dimensions of Multiple Loss
Jason Kemp, Social Work professional with graduate degrees in both business and public administration |
| May 6 | Recalibrating Your Life After Loss
Jill Johnson, MBS, President and Founder, Johnson Consulting Services |
| May 13 | Prayer and Healing Services
Pastor Sarah Anderson, Pastor, Christ the King Lutheran Church |

Registration takes place each program night at the host church. Each session is complete in itself. You are welcome to attend one or all. Donations are accepted. For more information, please call Margie Alexander at 763-755-5335. Visit their website at www.growingthroughloss.org

Place: Christ the King Lutheran Church

Time: Mondays 6:45 to 9 pm

Agenda: Registration 6:45 to 7 pm
Speaker 7 to 7:45 pm
Small Groups 8 to 9 pm



Thrivent Choice Dollars Expire March 31!

Attention Thrivent Members – If you have Thrivent Choice Dollars, they expire on March 31. You can direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church before they expire. During the month of February, GDLC received \$141 and with your generosity, we received \$777 for 2023.

It is simple and doesn't cost you anything but your time. Only about 1/3 of Thrivent members take advantage of this benefit, which means charities lose 2/3 of the Thrivent Choice Dollars.

You must renew the distribution of your Choice Dollars every year. Your choice of a prior year does not carry over. There are two ways to direct your Choice Dollars. Go to www.thrivent.com and click on Generosity or call 1-800-847-4836 and say "choice dollars" at automation.

Thank you for considering GDLC when making your Choice Dollars donation.



March is Minnesota FoodShare Month!



Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches (GMCC) is kicking off its annual March Campaign! **GMCC's Minnesota FoodShare began its work in 1982 as a campaign** advanced by congregations to restock food shelves in the 7-county Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. The effort was so successful, and the need so evident, March Campaign became a statewide initiative just one year later and is now in its 43rd year.

Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign is the state's largest grassroots food & fund drive, and one of the only statewide hunger relief efforts in the US. In 2022, they raised over \$9 million and collected over 5 million pounds of food for nearly 300 different food shelves across the state.

Advocacy & Education

Minnesota FoodShare joins members of the anti-hunger community to exchange ideas and collaborate to address the challenges of food insecurity. They also offer educational opportunities and anti-hunger resources via the Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign and community collaborations.

Throughout the year, they are strong advocates at local, state, and national levels. Minnesota FoodShare seeks to educate the community about food insecurity and encourages legislators and community decision makers to lend a compassionate and objective voice to public policy debates that impact Minnesota families living in poverty.

Food Distribution Initiatives

GMCC has continued to feed our communities. Their food distribution efforts have included meals and food bags for families who participate in their programming; pop-up food shelves through which they distribute food to anyone who needs it; and distribution of food and meals at partner faith communities.

How can you Help?

Fill Our Cart by bringing in donations! The Salvation Army Central food shelf, located at 2727 Central Ave NE Minneapolis, is seeking food, hygiene and monetary contributions to help restock their shelves. All donation collected during Minnesota FoodShare Month go directly to The Salvation Army Central food shelf.

Donated food items are put to immediate use, helping to feed the hungry in our neighborhood. High demand items include 100% juice, healthy cereal, canned chicken, salmon and pork, and culturally specific items like coconut milk, bamboo shoots, jasmine, white and brown rice. Personal hygiene items such as toilet paper and toothpaste are also highly requested items. The Salvation Army staff appreciates your efforts to help us in the fight against hunger!



Grocery Shop for Seniors

Grocery shop for seniors through Help At Your Door. Start your day off right and get some exercise while helping older adults meet their grocery needs. As a volunteer shopper you will work with a team of volunteers to fill orders at the grocery store for about 3 hours once a week or twice per month. Volunteers do not pay for groceries. Volunteers especially needed to assist Tuesday or Wednesday mornings (6 am start) at the St. Anthony Cub Foods. Partial shifts are available if you cannot commit for the full 3 hours. Info: volunteer@helpatyourdoor.org, 651-642-1892 or helpatyourdoor.org.

Women's Lenten Retreat

Saturday, March 9, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 4030 Jackson St. NE. Speaker Chris Heiderscheidt is from Sleepy Eye, in the New Ulm Diocese. She is a cradle Catholic working as development director for St. Mary's Church and School for the past 25 years. She is excited to share her story in developing a personal relationship with Jesus. She is also fueled with the desire to help women understand their role in the Church. She hopes that by sharing her trials and tribulations, it will touch your hearts, leaving you inspired to serve Him in a way that fills your heart with His joy. Registration and light breakfast, 8:30-9 am; retreat 9 am-12 pm. Lunch served at noon. Cost: \$25, light breakfast and lunch included. Paid reservations required by March 1. Mail to Diane Tieden, 1000 41st Ave NE #319, Columbia Heights, MN 55421. Check payable to IC-CCW.

St. Anthony Band Boosters Pancake Breakfast

March 10 @ 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Support the St. Anthony band program, Sunday, March 10, 8 am-12 pm. St. Anthony Village High School Commons (Enter Door #16), 3303 33rd Ave. NE. Adult, Student tickets, \$10. Seniors, \$8. Children 5 and under, free.

Waite Park Annual Meeting

The Waite Park Community Council will hold its annual meeting and board election on Thursday, March 14, 6-9 pm at Columbia Manor, 3300 Central Ave, NE. Enjoy free food and beverages while meeting your neighbors, community leaders, public servants and non-profits. Info: <https://waiteparkneighborhood.org/annual>

Welcome back the Herons at Marshall Terrace Park

Great blue herons start returning to their rookery on the Mississippi River toward the end of March. Bring your binoculars and join the National Park Service, Mississippi Park Connection and volunteers at Marshall Terrace Park, 2740 Marshall St. NE, Saturday, March 30, 11 am-1 pm. Watch the herons rebuild their nests and flirt with each other as they return to our region. The walking path, from which the rookery is visible, is fully accessible, but the trail down to the river bank is not. Dress for the weather and prepare for mud and/or ice.

Matter of Balance

"A Matter of Balance," a falls prevention program for seniors 60+ will be held eight consecutive Tuesdays April 2-May 21, 10 am to 12 pm at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 4101 Washington St. NE. This program is for you if you are concerned about falls, have had a fall in the past, restrict activities because of concerns about falling, want to improve balance, flexibility, and strength. Registration is required: <https://yourjuniper.org/Courses/Register/4369>

Northeast Farmers Market Winter Markets

Northeast Farmers Market moves indoors for the winter months. They'll be at Quincy Hall, 1325 Quincy St. NE, on the following dates: March 3, and April 14, 10 am-2 pm.

Free community dinners at St. Timothy's | March 12 @ 5 pm - 6:30 pm
St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 825 51st Ave. NE, in Columbia Heights, serves a free community dinner the second Tuesday of each month. Drive Thru Community Dinner 5:00-6:30 pm (or until the food is gone). Everyone is Welcome! Please spread the word!!

Lenten Soup Suppers and Fish Fries through March 20

Holy Cross Catholic Church, 1621 University Ave. NE, will observe Lent with Wednesday night soup suppers and Friday night fish fries. Soup suppers are 4:30-7 pm in Kolbe Hall. Tickets are sold at the door. Sponsored by the Council of Catholic Women Rosary Guild; all proceeds benefit local charities. Dinner \$14 for seniors and \$12 for adults. Children ages 3-11 are \$3 and any child under 3 is free. March 6, vegetable beef barley; March 13, chicken noodle; March 20, potato ham. Fish fries are every Friday until March 22 (except March 1). Fish, French fries, baked potatoes, mac & cheese, coleslaw, desserts, and beverages. All proceeds will directly contribute to the Don Bosco Youth Fund.

Pierogi & Fish Fry Dinners

Pierogi and Fish Fry Dinners for Dine-In are back at the Ukrainian Center, 301 Main Street NE, for all Fridays during Lent. March 1, 8, 15, 22, from 4:30-7 pm. \$15/dinner. Menu options: 1) Fish & Pierogi Dinner, w/coleslaw, French fries, dessert 2) Pierogi Dinner, 1 dozen w/sauteed onions & sour cream pkt. For Take-Out: Online order preferred: <https://ukrainian-american-community-center.square.site>. Email order: info@UACCMN.org. Phone order: 612-379-1956 (Leave order name, quantity, and time slot for your preferred pickup time. Time slots for curbside pickups: 4:30-5 pm, 5-5:30 pm, 5:30-6 pm, 6-6:30 pm, 6:30-7 pm). Fundraising proceeds benefit Ukrainian cultural and youth programming. Pop-up entertainment may occur!

Lasagna Dinner

On Saturday, March 9, Grace Lutheran Church, 1500 Sixth Street NE, will hold a fundraiser lasagna dinner and quilt raffle. Dine in 5-6 pm; takeout, 5-6:30 pm. The menu includes a generous slice of lasagna, lettuce salad, French bread and a piece of cake. Tickets: Adults \$18; children 5-12 \$8; under 4, free. Family tickets available for \$45 with a two-adult maximum. Vegetarian option also available. The church doors are on the Fifth Street side, door #3. Park in the south parking lot; entrance on Sixth Street. Reservations: 612-788-2444 .

The Ultimate Ukrainian Comfort Food

St. Constantine Ukrainian Catholic Church Pyrohy Sale

This fundraiser directly supports the ongoing upkeep of their beautiful church in the heart of Northeast Minneapolis. Pyrohy are available in potato or sauerkraut varieties. Dedicated volunteers make them by hand and are available fresh (bi-weekly) or frozen (weekly). All items are available TO-GO Only!

Menu: Fresh or Frozen Pyrohy: \$12/dozen Side of Caramelized Onions: \$1 per container. Frozen Borscht (limited availability): \$6/16 oz. Order and pay online at <https://stconstantine.org> and clicking the "Pyrohy Sale" button at the top of the page. Phone Ahead/E-mail Orders must be placed by 9 am Friday. Leave a message at 612-378-9833 or e-mail at stconstantineucc@gmail.com. In your message, include your name, phone number, quantity and variety of Pyrohy, quantity of any side items, and pickup time of 11:30 am, 12 pm, or 12:30 pm. If you miss the order cut-off, you can order in-person on Friday. Payments accepted via Cash, Check, or Credit Card. Pick up on the second floor of the Parish Hall located at 314 Sixth Ave NE, enter the Parish Hall from the parking lot entrance, located on Fourth Street NE, between Fifth & Sixth Aves NE.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

WCCO 830 AM Radio

Heard each Sunday morning at 6:05 am

*Hosted by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigle
(unless otherwise noted)*

March 6 "Spiritual Warfare" Luke 11: 14-36

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

God will act as a warrior, but His ultimate goal isn't to win a war—it's to build a life.

March 13 "No Room for Demons"
(Luke 11:14-28)

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Why did God allow evil? The Bible doesn't answer that question. The question it does answer is, "In spite of evil, what will God do?"

March 20 "Everything I Have Is Yours"
(Luke 15:1-32)

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

Being very bad can get one lost, but so can being very good.

March 27 "TBD" (Acts 2:22-36)
Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge

TIME OF GRACE

Sundays

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Main Street Living TV Program



Main Street Living is a Lutheran Television program that is endorsed by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Main

Street Living airs each Sunday at 9 am on WFTC Channel 29/9-2 with an episode of This is the Life. The worship service will begin at 9:30 am and is produced locally and features a different Minnesota South District pastor each week selected from the Pastors in our broadcast area.

The channel also varies with cable systems.

The program is financially supported by the viewers & congregations in each viewing area.

For more info or to watch the program, go to mainstreetliving.com.



March 2024

Special Occasions for Special People



4th Brandon Martinez
 18th Shirley Holzinger
 21st Bruce Cross
 21st Jim Kautz
 21st Dale Raschke
 23rd Sandy Westling
 31st Juliana Morelli

26th Rick & Vicki Tousignant

MARCH SERVANTS

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Counters

3rd Dale Raschke and Wade Billmeyer
 10th Sandy Westling and Tom Harris
 17th Shirley Holzinger and Verlayne Sather
 24th Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli
 28th Tom and Patty Lyrenmann
 29th Tom and Patty Lyrenmann
 31st Al, Pam and Aaron Morelli

Candles

Flowers

3rd
 10th
 17th
 24th
 28th
 29th
 31st

3rd
 10th
 17th
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 28th
 29th
 31st Easter Garden

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



MARCH 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	2 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
3 <i>Third Sunday in Lent</i> 10 am Worship w/HC 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 3 – 5 pm Alpha Class 6 pm NA	4 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 7 pm Beginners AlAnon (downstairs) 7 pm AlAnon (upstairs)	5	6 11 am Service and Bible Study w/Fellowship	7 5:30 pm Bible Study	8 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	9 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
10 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS Deadline to Order Easter Garden Flowers <i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i> 10 am Worship w/HC 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 3 – 5 pm Alpha Class 6 pm NA	11 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 7 pm Beginners AlAnon (downstairs) 7 pm AlAnon (upstairs)	12	13 11 am Service and Bible Study w/Fellowship	14 5:30 pm Bible Study	15 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	16 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 4 – 5 pm Living Word Board Meeting 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY <i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i> 10 am Worship w/HC 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 3 – 5 pm Alpha Class 6 pm NA <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	18 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 7 pm Beginners AlAnon (downstairs) 7 pm AlAnon (upstairs)	19 9:30 am Annual Kitchen Clean-Up 5 – 7 pm GDLC Council Meeting	20 11 am Service and Bible Study w/Fellowship	21 5:30 pm Bible Study 	22 5 – 8 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	23 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
24 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 10 am Worship w/HC and the Distribution of Palm Branches 11:45 am Royal Family Worship 3 – 5 pm Alpha Class 6 pm NA	25 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 7 pm Beginners AlAnon (downstairs) 7 pm AlAnon (upstairs)	26	27 11 am Service and Bible Study w/Fellowship	28 HOLY THURSDAY (Maundy Thursday) 5:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service (Joint Service) NO 5:30 pm Bible Study	29 GOOD FRIDAY 5:30 pm Good Friday Service (Joint Service) 7 – 9 pm Living Word Music Rehearsal	30 10 am Living Word Worship & Fellowship 6 – 8 pm Living Word Prayer Night
31 <i>The Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Sunday w/Guest Pastor William Utech</i> 11 am Joint Worship Service w/HC 6 pm NA						



MARCH

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

Pray For Us Calendar

WORLDWIDE THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION — MARCH 1-31

The LCMS provides theological education throughout the world by means of seminaries and missionaries. Scholars and leaders from foreign church bodies also come to the LCMS seminaries for advanced degrees, learning sound doctrine from the Scriptures and Lutheran Confessions.

Remember the centrality of God's Word as you pray:

1. for Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, that all there might grow in the Word and prepare for the proper proclamation of the Word and administration of the Sacraments.

2. for Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind., that the faculty might teach the Word in its truth and purity; and the students learn God's Word in preparation for ministry.

3. for Christ's work throughout the world, that the Gospel might be proclaimed to all people and the forgiveness of sins delivered through the Means of Grace.

4. for Concordia Seminary, Hong Kong, that people and

pastors might be trained there to proclaim the Gospel.

5. for Martin Luther Seminary in Lae, Papua New Guinea, that God would strengthen and preserve the seminary to prepare the pastors of the Gutnius Lutheran Church to convict people with God's law and heal them with the word of Absolution.

6. for Japan Lutheran Seminary in Tokyo, Japan, that our Lord, Jesus Christ, would make the seminary a place where the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity.

7. for Concordia Theological Seminary in Nagercoil, India, that the Lord would preserve the seminary from all evil and lead it to become a bastion of the

Gospel against the attacks of the wicked foe.

8. for Timothy Lutheran Seminary in Birip, Papua New Guinea, that the Lord would use the instructors to shine His Word upon the path of students preparing to serve His Church.

9. for students and professors of Lutheran Theological Seminary in Baguio City, Philippines, that they might serve the Lutheran Church in the Philippines faithfully.

10. for Luther Seminary in Seoul, South Korea, that the Lord would preserve those who teach and those who learn to hold fast to His Word in all circumstances.

11. for the ministry carried out through the Westfield House of Theological Studies in Cambridge, England, as this ministry trains church leaders for England and many other church bodies around the world.

12. for the Lutheran Center for Theological Studies (CLET) in Togo, that theological training for men from French-speaking countries in West Africa might continue.

13. for Concordia Reformer Seminary, Dominican Republic, that the students there might share the Gospel throughout Latin and South America.

14. for the Synod's Global Seminary Initiative (GSI), which helps to fill the need for trained church leaders who are native to the region and cultures in which they serve, that God would guide this program to strengthen the formation of pastors and deaconesses around the world.

15. for LCMS professors and pastors who travel overseas to teach seminars and intensive courses for our current and emerging church partners, that God would grant them safe travel and fruitful labors.

MARCH *Pray For Us Calendar*

16. *for the international students who come to the Synod's seminaries, that God would grant safe travels and comfort while away from family and friends.*

17. *for Lutheran pastors worldwide, that they would have access to the necessary books and resources to teach Law and Gospel.*

18. *for the health and safety of LCMS missionaries who provide theological education, thanks that they have heeded the call to serve Christ in this way.*

19. *for Lutheran church workers in Europe, that their work is fruitful.*

20. *for the seminaries of LCMS partner churches around the world, that they would faithfully educate future leaders for their churches.*

21. *for the Gospel multiplication as pastors are equipped to teach their flocks and train new leaders for the church, thank God for the growth of His Kingdom.*

22. *for the continued growth of Christ's Church on earth, that the Lord would continue to raise up missionaries according to His good and gracious will.*

23. *for Lutherans throughout the world, that they rejoice in God's gifts of His Word and Sacraments.*

24. *for the Synod's generous donors, thanks for those who make it possible for LCMS theological education around the world.*

25. *The Annunciation of our Lord, thank God for sending His Son into our flesh.*

26. *for our partner churches, that God would raise up pastors and servants to serve His people.*

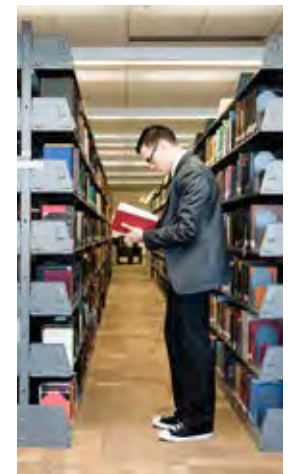
27. *for sound doctrine throughout the world, that God would preserve the truth of His Word against false teachings.*

28. *for those on vicarage from our partner seminaries, that God would bless their time in the field as part of their education.*

29. *for seminarians' wives, that they would be prepared to support their husband's call into ministry.*

30. *for seminarians' children, that they rejoice in the Gospel and in their father's calling.*

31. *for all who listen to those who receive theological education, that the Gospel might take root and produce fruit.*



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