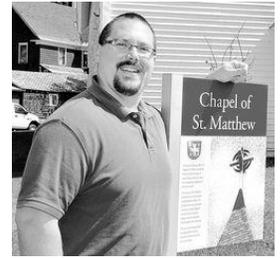


Dec./Jan. 2010

News from the University Chaplain's office at Finlandia University for our companions in the Northern Great Lakes Synod



"side by side . . . growing in faith toward God and love toward neighbor"

Ecumenism—A Joyful Community

God is always at work in our lives.

I recently came across a quote from Josiah Gilbert Holland:

"God gives every bird its food, but He does not throw it into the nest."

This quote has reminded me of the joys of working together ecumenically throughout our communities. Yes, God does provide for us...more than we could ever understand. However, God also asks us to get out and about—to share in the gathering, harvesting, and feeding of our spiritual selves and others. He doesn't want us to simply 'hunker down' inside a cozy nest and be content. We are called to not be 'lukewarm' in our faith, but to get up, get on fire and work together in the name of Christ Jesus.

I've been overjoyed in working through various ecumenical events in our greater community. Groups such as: Co-operative Campus Ministries of MTU and Finlandia, have opened doors in conversation and in walking together. We've walked together in Progressive Dinners and in identifying those students in need and those students seeking out various places to worship and discern their identities in faith.

The Life Outreach Center has worked ecumenically to safely reach out to counsel and mentor people in issues of pregnancy.

Also, recently an opportunity came for an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service. It was organized by the local ELCA, Catholic and Methodist Churches in the area. I was pleased to find that, in their inclusiveness, they wanted to reach out to students of Finlandia University as well. Students of Campus Ministry and of the Music program (University Singers and The Finlandia Pride Pep Band) were asked to participate by either performing in, reading, and/or simply attending.

All Finlandia University students and employees were invited to the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. Pr. Amy Terhune from the Methodist church gave the message for the day.

Many local churches and individuals participated/attended, and Finlandia University was also represented well. There was a wonderful reception following the event and all were welcome and encouraged to attend.

It is gatherings such as those, that have brought a smile to my face and an encouraged spirit to continue in God's work and God's calling to stretch out my hand and help to guide others to do the same, so that we may all show forth Christ in our example and our actions.

Gracious Lord,

Continue to guide us in working ecumenically and share your love with our many brothers and sisters in Christ. Use us to help grow your kingdom. Encourage us to leave our 'nests' to bring your joy to others. Amen.



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Campus Ministry Events Calendar

'COME AND SEE' WHAT WE ARE PLANNING!! ALL ARE WELCOME :-)

Recurring Events:

Sundays & Mondays 5:00-8:00 pm Lay School for Missions

Mondays 12:30-1:00 pm Student-led Chapels

Wednesdays 12:30-1:00 pm Chapel with Communion

Thursdays 6:00 pm Vespers evening prayer service

Fridays (every other) 8:00-9:00 pm TGIF (next events: Dec. 3, Jan. 14 'all-nighter')

Other Activities:

Dec. 2 6pm: Choir & Band Concert (University Singers & Finlandia Pride Pep Band)

Dec. 3 8pm-2am: TGIF 'All-Nighter' Event (Guests: Philip & Rene Johnson, TGIF Band)

Dec. 4 10am-2pm: Ring Bells for Salvation Army

Dec. 6-10 Open Chapel times & Evening activities (Game & Movie Nights)

Jan. 12 12:30pm: Chapel w/ Assistant to the Bishop: Rev. Jenny Johnson-Wrege

Jan. 14 8pm-2am: TGIF 'All-Nighter'

Jan. 18-24 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (various events throughout the week)

Jan. 26 12:30pm: Chapel w/ Bishop Tom Skrenes

Celebrating Martin Luther

Martin Luther became 527 years old this year on Wednesday, November 10th. Finlandia celebrated Martin's Birthday throughout the day through many smaller events.

In Chapel, we discussed Luther's Small Catechism and sang some of his songs.

University Singers (choir class) spent the day harmonizing "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" ...#s 504 & 505 in the ELW.

Finlandia Campus Ministry also gave up some tasty luncheon 'Lutheran' treats for the community to enjoy, such as: 'Diet of Worms' (dirt pudding cake), Tatertot Casserole, Green Bean Casserole, tons of Red Jell-O, Gummi worms galore, and good 'ol strong Lutheran coffee with other refreshments.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 2010

Dec. 4 / Transformational Ministry at First in Gladstone

Dec. 5 / Pastor Lloyd Luedeman Installation at Prince of Peace in Eagle River

Dec. 7 / Annual Advent Gathering for Retired Clergy and Spouses at Immanuel in Negaunee

Dec. 10-11 / Bi-Synodical Candidacy meeting in Appleton

Dec. 13 / N&Q Volunteer Luncheon at Jasper Ridge in Ishpeming at 12:00 noon ET

Dec. 24 / SYNOD OFFICE CLOSED

Dec. 27 / SYNOD OFFICE CLOSED

Dec. 31 / SYNOD OFFICE CLOSING AT NOON ET

JANUARY 2011

Jan. 3 / SYNOD OFFICE CLOSED

Jan. 11 / Synod Assembly Planning Committee meets at the Synod Office at 11:00 a.m. ET

Jan. 13 / Evangelism Committee Meeting

Jan. 20 / Worship Sub-Committee meeting at Bethany in Republic at 10:00 a.m. ET

Jan. 21-22 / Synod Council meets at St. Mark's in Marquette beginning at 4:00 p.m. ET on Friday

Jan. 28-29 / Transformational Ministry Overnight



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PRAYER: Personal, Persistent, Powerful

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PERSONAL PRAYERS

My personal prayer life is not something to brag about. Until perhaps five years ago, prayers for me took place at predictable times and occasions: during church services, before meals, at meetings of church groups. I learned the Lord's Prayer as a child, have said it hundreds of times, and probably will always start with "Our Father, WHO ART in heaven."

However, about five years ago, I was involved in a huge undertaking, that of leading the planning for Finn Grand Fest 2005 in Marquette. It's the kind of project one enthusiastically but perhaps innocently says yes to, only to realize that if there are thousands of people coming, there are multiple thousands of details to take care of in order to insure the happiness of all attendees. Overwhelming, yes. Do-able, yes as well. But only with help.

Help there was, from a wonderful and hard-working steering committee, and from many volunteers. But for me, there was also another kind of help, a kind of sustaining current that came from conversations with God. I'll call them prayers. It was like tapping into a source of energy, a feeling of calm and confidence.

One constant prayer was very simple: "O Lord, shower your blessings on Finn Grand Fest." Other prayers were more specific, often questions and requests like "What is the best to follow here? Help me to think clearly." And some prayers happened as I was on my way to a meeting, with a quick "Guide my thinking and my words, Lord."

Praying during that time was a quiet anchor in my life, and for the most part, Finn Grand Fest 2005 turned out well. Whew! Prayers answered! Thank you, Lord!



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PAULINE KILTINEN, SYNOD VICE PRESIDENT (CONTINUED)

**“YOU NEVER
KNOW
WHERE YOUR
PRAYERS MAY
LEAD
YOU.....”**

**A blessed
Christmas
and New
Year to all!**



PERSISTENT PRAYERS

Having had all this positive experience with praying, it occurred to me that I could continue to “use” this source of “sisu” and wisdom in my life, even for the mundane events of daily living. Daily life can toss some pretty difficult things our way, however, so that sometimes a minor event becomes long-term and life-altering. Praying is a way to deal with changes.

So, in recent years, my prayers have been more attuned to discernment and understanding. Words like this abound: “Lord, help me to see what is happening here, to consider all aspects, to know what to do, or to say.” Over and over I say this prayer. I know people who have developed a daily devotional time, a time they keep without fail to read the Bible, to ponder devotional materials, and to pray. This habit, once started, has persisted in their lives, and has lent rock-solid faith and substance to their life-style.

POWERFUL PRAYERS

It is to these prayer-oriented people that I have often gone to ask “Keep us in your prayers about such and such”, or “Would you ask a special blessing for so and so.” A kind of personal prayer partner.

How valuable this person is. Someone who cares enough to pray for us. Of course, God cares for us, too, gives us the grace and strength to carry on when we falter. And a prayer partner is a flesh and blood representative of our loving God.

My husband, John, and I attended a two-day Northern Great Lakes Synod Prayer Retreat recently. One of the activities was an “Out and About” short prayer journey into the neighborhood. Some of us walked, pausing to pray here and there. And some like us drove to places to pray. With us was a woman who impressed me so with the ease with which she prayed, as easily as if she were talking to a good friend. She knew her Lord. She would be a good prayer partner.

WINDING UP

Often when I pray these days, I’ll compose a list of names and finish with:

Be with and Bless them.

Guide and Protect them.

With your love, with your strength, with your wisdom, Lord.

Now, the above three lines have a melody in my head to go with them, and someday it may all appear in a song, or in a new liturgy. You never know where your prayers may lead you.

There is so much to say about praying: how and when to do it, what effect it has on us and on others, much more. God hears our prayers. Answers come, sometimes awesomely! Keep on Praying!



TRANSITIONS

+Congratulations to **Pastor Lloyd Luedeman (Bethany, Mohawk)** on his call to serve Prince of Peace in Eagle River, Wisconsin. Pastor Luedeman begins his work in Eagle River in late November. A Service of Installation is scheduled for December 5, 2010.

+God bless **Pastor LaVonne Stephenson** who, earlier this year, left her ministry as pastor of Our Redeemer in Newberry. Pastor Stephenson goes on leave from call to spend more time with her husband, George.

+We pray that an abundance of God's comfort and consolation be given to:

Pastor Lee Goodwin and his family as they mourn the death of his mother, Mary Goodwin, who died on November 8, 2010.

Pastor Bonny Kinnunen (First, Iron River) whose mother, Ruth Kinnunen, died on November 11, 2010.

Tim Mulvaney (First, Trenary) and his family as they mourn the death of Tim's father whose funeral was held on October 26, 2010.

+God bless the family of **Pastor Terry A. Berg** who died on November 14, 2010. Ordained in 1972, Pastor Berg served at First Lutheran in Dollar Bay as his first call.

+Welcome, **Luke Charles Skrenes!** Luke was born on November 16, 2010, and is the grandson of **Bishop Tom and Luanne Skrenes**. All are doing well. Thanks be to God! We also pray for Bishop Skrenes as he continues a six-week sabbatical that it will be a time of rest and renewal. While there will be several days that he will be present at meetings and worship during the sabbatical, the great majority of it will be time spent in sabbatical reading and other projects apart from the day to day responsibilities of the Bishop's office.

Thank You!



Lutheran World Relief

Prince of Peace, Marquette
 Calvary, Rapid River
 Holy Trinity, Chassell
 Zion, Marinette
 Messiah, Marquette
 Salem, Ironwood
 Bethel, Ishpeming
 First, Gladstone

Lutheran Campus Ministry

Emanuel, Skandia
 Immanuel, Negaunee
 Bethel, Ishpeming
 Zion, Allenville
 United, Crystal Falls
 Grace, Gwinn
 Calvary, Rapid River

Seminarian Support

Calvary, Minocqua
 Shepherd of the Lakes, Sayner
 Bethel, Ishpeming

ELCA Disaster Funds

Mission United, Pelkie
 Bethany, Amasa
 Grace, South Range
 Sharon, Bessemer
 Holy Trinity, Chassell
 Salem, Ironwood
 Bethel, Ishpeming
 First, Ewen
 Prince of Peace, Eagle River

World Missionary Support

Mission United, Pelkie
 Bethel, Ishpeming
 Pioneer Lake, Conover

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Lay School for Mission

Trinity, Rapid River

Endowment Fund

Rev. Robert & Deloris Langseth

THE LAY SCHOOL FOR MISSION AND PASTOR KARLO KELJO

Recently, we received word of the death of Pastor Karlo Keljo. I came to know Pastor Keljo as pastor, a scholar, and a friend. In retirement, Pastor Keljo accepted a challenge - to build an education enterprise for lay persons in the Northern Great Lakes Synod - something we call the "Lay School for Mission."

In the late 1980's, Pastor Keljo began the Lay School in his home in Harvey. From these humble beginnings grew the network of sites that now operate around the Synod. Over 200 have graduated over the years from the Lay School. My own congregation has 12 graduates, and more on the way. What an incredible gift to the Synod - graduates who have gone on to greater involvement in the ministry of their congregations, to serve as Licensed Lay Ministers, even to seminary and ordination. *I offer God thanks for Pastor Keljo and for the gifts he left us in the Lay School for Mission!*

As I offer these thanks, I also offer you the opportunity to be a part of the Lay School experience, and to encourage others in our congregation to this venture. Think of your congregation filled with people with enhanced skills and excitement for ministry!

*Pastor Jonathan Schmidt, Dean
Lay School for Mission*



LAY SCHOOL FOR MISSION WINTER 2011

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- ◆ **Develop great friendships with other learners**
- ◆ **Come to see the work of God's people in a new light**
- ◆ **Be better equipped to be faithful disciples in the ministry of the Church and in your OWN ministry in daily life!**

Would you prefer to receive a Notes & Quotes electronic link instead of a mailed copy? If yes, please send your name and email address to either Kay (kay@nglsynod.org) or Louise (louise@nglsynod.org). We will remove your name from our mailing labels but we will add your email address to our email list. Each time Notes & Quotes is put online, you will receive an email with the link to the website so you can access it whenever you are ready.



+ From the Assistant to the Bishop +
 Pastor Jennifer Johnson Wrege



And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.

Luke 1:28-33

I don't know about you, but I'm thinking God is working in a rather intense, physical, and concrete way in Mary's life as part of God's way of working to bring salvation to the world.

How is God working in your life?

When I heard this question being asked by Pastor Gene Wickman on Sunday morning at the very beginning of worship at Grace Lutheran Church in Pembine, Wisconsin, I thought to myself, "Will I be surprised if anyone responds to that question in front of everyone in worship." But, even before I finished this thought, Pastor Gene was calling

on the first person who raised their hand wanting to share.

Those of us gathered for worship at Grace Lutheran that Sunday morning heard one family give thanks to God for a particularly good weekend at Fortune Lake Bible Camp. We heard another worshipper give thanks for the healing taking place in the health of a family member. We listened as another gave thanks for a sign of God's grace in safe travel.

What we all heard were **witness stories** — stories that bear witness to the presence and activity of God in people's lives. And, it was inspiring to listen to worshippers eagerly tell all of us about how they see God at work in their lives. It also continues to be a helpful nudge to be alert and aware and awake (Advent themes!) of how God is at work in my life.

How is God working in your life?

It's always a good question! It seems especially appropriate for us to reflect and ponder this question during the season of Advent.

Blessings!



Pastoral Vacancies and Interim Pastors

Full-time

Eden, Munising - Pastor Steve Gauger
 Christ the King, Escanaba - Pastor Jonathan Schmidt
 Siloa, Ontonagon - Pastor John Autio
 Bethany, Escanaba - Pastor Dean Peterson
 Faith, Ishpeming - Pastor Kenneth Lahners
 St. Paul, Wainola, First of Winona, Mass City - Pastor John Autio
 St. Stephen, Stephenson & Gethsemane, Wallace - Pastor Jonathan Schmidt
 Porterfield/Beaver - Pastor Lee Goodwin
 United, L'Anse - Pastor Judy Mattson
 Our Redeemer, Newberry - Pastor Barry Levine
 Bethany, Norway - Pastor Mike Laakko
 Calvary, Quinnesec - Pastor Douglas Johnson
 Messiah, Marquette (Associate) - Pastor Peter Andersen
 Bethany, Mohawk - Pastor Peter Vorhes

Part-time

Our Saviour, Atlantic Mine - Pastor Bucky Beach
 Central, Menominee - Pastor Ken Michaelis
 Bethany, Covington - Pastor Judy Mattson
 Bethany, Negaunee - Pastor Marcia Solberg
 Trinity, Stonington - Pastor Steve Gauger
 Faith, Rock - Pastor Cori Johnson

Thank you to those congregations whose gifts provided an excellent October of mission support giving (\$98,287). Both calendar and fiscal year giving are now at 1997 levels. Designated gifts are 20% above 2009, due primarily to increased giving to the ELCA Disaster Fund, Fortune Lake, and undesignated gifts to the ELCA. In this season of thanksgiving, may we all remember and trust that God's blessings are abundant!

Please note these closing dates:

January 13, 2011 - Last day for checks to arrive in the Synod Office so that 2010 benevolence gifts are credited to 2010.

February 14, 2011 - Last day for checks to arrive in the Synod Office so that January 2011 gifts can be credited to Synod fiscal year.

As of 10/31	2009	2010	\$ Change	% Change
Pledged Amount	1,005,571	932,017	-73,554	-7.3%
Amount Received	726,414	695,650	-30,764	-4.2%
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Dec. 5-11 / Church Council, Faith, Rock

Dec. 12-18 /

Dec. 19-25 /

Dec. 26-Jan. 1 / Pastor Jennie Johnson Wrege, Assistant to the Bishop

Jan 2-8 / Pastor Steve Solberg, Immanuel, Negaunee

Jan. 9-15 / Marsha Schultz, Trinity, Rhineland

Jan 16-22 / Pauline Kiltinen, St. Mark's, Marquette

Jan. 23-29 / Pastor Bonny Kinnunen, First, Iron River

Jan 30-Feb. 5 / Bob Knivila, Trinity, Trout Creek



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Prayer Calendar - December 2010

1	Pray for Pastor Eugene Wickman and the members of Grace, Pembine as they celebrate 6 years of ministry together .
2	Pray for our Synod Staff who meet this day – <i>Bishop Tom Skrenes, Assistant Pastor Jennie Johnson Wrege, Kay Benedict, Louise Ingalls, Betsy Koski.</i>
3	Pray for the members of Bethel, Frederick MD (Rev Bob Lehman), Community, Omar DE (Rev John Barton), Faith, Salisbury MD (Rev Mark Henry), and Good Shepherd, Wilmington DE (Rev Tom Swears).
4	Pray for the members of the Transformational Ministry Team who meet this day.
5	 <p>Advent II – continue to walk in hope, as you move toward the manger, keeping your eyes on the child, the child who will fulfill that hope on the cross of Good Friday. Pray also for those preparing and those attending the Lutefisk Dinner at Pioneer Lake, Conover.</p>
6	Pray for Pastor Jean Schmidt and the members of Bethany, Perkins as they celebrate one year of ministry together this day.
7	Pray for those attending the Advent Gathering for Retired Clergy, spouses and spouses of deceased pastors.
8	Pray for the members of Christ the King, Escanaba and Interim Pastor Jonathan Schmidt as they continue in the call process during a pastoral vacancy.
9	Pray for our Sunday School children who learn about God’s word each week and who anticipate the birth of baby Jesus in these next days.
10	Pray for those participating in the Bi-Synodical Candidacy Committee meeting and those who will be future leaders of our church.
11	Pray for Pastor Jonathan Schmidt, his wife Jean & daughter Rebecca, and the members of First, Gladstone.
12	 <p>Advent III – as you come closer to the manger at Bethlehem get ready to come face to face with the ultimate gift of love – the presence of God in Immanuel, “God with us!”</p>
13	Pray for those attending the Synod Office Volunteer Recognition and Christmas gathering.
14	Pray for the members of Grace, Hockessin DE (Rev Paul Lundmark), Hope, Middleborough MD (Rev Charlie Marshall), Luther Memorial, Baltimore MD (Rev Lois Nehmer), and New Hope, Columbia MD (Rev Katrina Holland).
15	Pray for the members of Kinondoni Lutheran Church (Rev Joseph Maseghe), Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and their NGLS companion congregation Bethel, Ishpeming (Rev Lauri Maki).
16	Pray for the members of the Finance Committee who meet this day.

17	Pray for church choirs who share their gifts of music as they welcome the Christ Child these next days.
18	Pray for Dave Johnson , seminary graduate awaiting call, as he celebrates his birthday this day.
19	 Advent IV – as you take the final steps to the manger joyfully lift up prayers of thanks for the fulfillment of all of God’s promises in the Christ Child.
20	Pray for our seminarians who are studying at Luther, St Paul MN, Wartburg, Dubuque IA, and Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, IL as they prepare to preach the word, baptize, and share the sacraments throughout the ELCA.
21	Pray for our retired pastors and their spouses – <i>Pastor Ingmar Levin and Pastor Thomas & Ora Lindblad.</i>
22	Pray for the members of Salem, Catonsville MD (Rev Ed Whetstone), St John, Brooklyn MD (Rev Neil O’Farrell), St John, Thurmont MD (Rev Judy Moller), and St Mark, Hagerstown MD (Rev Dave Kaplan).
23	Pray for Pastor Kate Schruba and the members of Emanuel, Skandia.
24	 Pray that this evening the light that shines in the darkness may shine again in and through you as you carry the wonder of this evening with you this day – and throughout the coming year.
25	 Pray this day that the Prince of Peace may stir the hearts of men and women the world over, that throughout the world, in our own country, our communities and our own homes love and care for each other may rule.
26	Pray for our Synod Staff , our Synod Council , and the members of our Synod committees as they work tirelessly for all of us across the Northern Great Lakes Synod and the whole church.
27	Pray for the spouses of our deceased pastors – <i>Lenita Scholer and Dora Jane Swanson.</i>
28	Pray for Pastor Ron Strobel , his wife Mary , and the members of Holy Trinity, Chassell.
29	Pray for the members of St Paul, Jefferson MD (Rev Ginny Price), St Paul, Aberdeen MD (Rev Neale Wirtanen), St Peter, Fullerton MD (Rev Mark Crispell), and Trinity, Boonsboro MD (Rev Joe Donovan).
30	Pray for the ministries of Lutheran Social Services in our synod – especially for those parents and children who become families through the adoption services.
31	Offer a prayer of thanks for the opportunities and gifts of the past year – and for courage and insight as the year ahead unfolds.



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Prayer Calendar - January 2011

1		Pray that this new year may find you to be a faithful disciple of Jesus in all that you do. Ask for God's gifts, guidance, and grace as you walk your path of life and faith.
2		Pray for Pastor Kevin Kaiser and the members of Bethany, Amasa & Trinity, Iron River.
3		Pray for men's ministries in our synod – that they may take root in prayer and Bible study and grow.
4		Pray for the members of Bethel, North East MD (Rev Jack Little), Braddock & St Paul, Burkittsville MD (Rev Kimberly Nunberg), and Grace English, Lutherville MD (Rev Carl Myers).
5		Pray for Bishop Tom Skrenes and his colleagues as they attend the Conference of Bishops these next days.
6		Pray that as the Magi brought gifts of great value to the newborn king, you too would be willing to share not what's left over, but that which you hold of value.
7		Pray for those participating in the Ice Fishing Weekend at Fortune Lake Camp these days.
8		Pray for the members of Bethany, Negaunee and Interim Pastor Marcia Solberg as they continue in the call process during a pastoral vacancy.
9		As we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord remember that in your baptism, you are a child of God. You are claimed, held, nurtured and blessed by a good and loving God who sends you into the world to witness the love of Jesus.
10		Pray for Pastor Jim Wendt , his wife Laura & their five children , and the members of Our Savior's, Marinette.
11		Pray for the members of the Synod Assembly Planning Committee who meet this day.
12		Pray for the members of Community/St Dysmas, Jessup MD (pastor), First, Ellicott City MD (Revs Glenn Ludwig, Gigie Sijera-Grant & Jon Hundt), and Our Redeemer, Glen Burnie MD (Rev Alan Traher).
13		Pray for the members of the Evangelism Committee who meet this day.
14		Pray for those attending the Ski/Snowboard/Tubing Weekend at Fortune Lake Camp these days.
15		Pray for our nation – and our world – that divisions of race, culture, and even faith may be overcome, not by power and violence, but by love and care for all of God's children!
16		Pray for the members of Bethany, Mohawk and Interim Pastor Peter Vorhes as they celebrate the 103rd anniversary of the congregation this day.

17	Pray for Pastor Jeremy Winter and the members of Trinity, Brevort & Zion, St. Ignace.
18	 <p>The Confession of St. Peter – this day begins the week of prayer for Christian unity. Pray that all who confess that which Peter confessed – that Jesus is the Messiah – may come together as partners in the work of the gospel!</p>
19	Pray for the spouses of our deceased pastors – <i>Ruth Warmanen and Louise Faust.</i>
20	Pray for the members of Magothy-Chelsea, Pasadena MD (Rev John Lynch), Salem, jarrettsville MD (Revs David Myers & Jurgen Hilke), and St John, Westminster MD (Rev John Morrill)
21	Pray for the members of All Saints, Wakefield and Pastor Bill Jacobson as they celebrate the 31st anniversary as a merged congregation – <i>Immanuel and First Lutheran, Wakefield.</i>
22	Pray for the members of the Synod Council who meet these days.
23	Pray for Pastor Mike Mannisto , his wife Michelle , and the members of St. James, Rudyard.
24	Pray for the members of Temeke Lutheran Church (Rev Elisha Mdumi), Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and their NGLS companion congregation Gloria Dei, Hancock (Rev Jimalee Jones).
25	The Conversion of St. Paul – this day as the week of prayer for Christian unity ends , pray that as Paul heard Jesus call him to faithful service, all of us may hear that call too and respond to God's call for love and care for each other.
26	Pray for Pastor Barb Girod and the members of Faith, Three Lakes WI as they celebrate 7 years of ministry together this day.
27	Pray for our retired pastors and their spouses – <i>Pastor Norm & Wenona Lund and Bishop Emeritus Dale & Jo Skogman.</i>
28	Pray for those presenting and those congregation members attending the Transformational Ministry retreat these days.
29	Pray for the members of St John, Columbia MD (Revs Brian Hughes & Mike McQuaid), St Mark, Hampstead MD (Rev George Tuttle), St Paul, Leitersburg MD (pastor), and St Peter, Hampstead MD (pastor).
30	Pray for those attending the Ski/Snowboard/Tubing Weekend at Fortune Lake Camp these days.
31	Pray for Pastor Changjwok Nyikako and the members of First & Our Saviour, Ewen and Trinity, Trout Creek.