of faith celebrate, learn and connect with one another through service and weekly worship.

27 Second Sunday of Easter
We lift up to you, Lord God, the members of the emerging Christian communities in Africa. We especially remember your people in Botswana, South Sudan, Nigeria and Ethiopia.

28 Give thanks for the many participants in ELCA Global Church Sponsorship program whose generous gifts help build up Christ’s church by sending missionaries and volunteers, training leaders, planting new churches and growing existing ones.

29 Pray for the advocacy ministry of the ELCA as it works through political channels on behalf of the biblical values of peacemaking, hospitality to strangers, care for creation, and concern for people living in poverty and struggling with hunger and disease.

30 Remember in your prayers the health care ministry of Dr. Stephen and Bethany Friberg, ELCA missionaries in Tanzania.

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8 Lift up in your prayers the programs of ELCA World Hunger, such as Act 2Day 4Tomorrow, that help bring youth together to learn about the role they can play in eradicating hunger and poverty in the world.

9 Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian, died 1945
Pray for God’s continued guidance for the six participants in ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program in Argentina and Uruguay as they continue their year of walking in accompaniment in the global church.

10 Lift up in your prayers Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA, a five-year effort to expand the mission of this church and, in the words of the steering committee, “draw closer to Jesus Christ as we live more fully and deeply into our calling as a church.”

11 Give thanks for the ELCA Fund for Leaders, which enables our church to attract men and women of tremendous promise to become pastors and rostered lay leaders through scholarships to ELCA seminaries.

12 Lift up the ministries of the Rev. Miriam Schmidt and Jeremy Blyth, ELCA missionaries in Bratislava, Slovakia, where they are Young Adults in Global Mission coordinators for Hungary and Miriam is the pastor of Bratislava International Church.

13 Sunday of the Passion
With great rejoicing and shouts of Hosanna! we say blessed are you who comes in the name of the Lord. Give us the courage to follow you on this Palm Sunday as we prepare to walk in the shadow of the cross — moving from death to resurrection.

14 Monday in Holy Week
As we embrace each person in their wholeness, give thanks for the work of the Ethnic Specific and Multicultural Ministries team, which assists the ELCA in becoming more culturally diverse.

15 Tuesday in Holy Week
Pray for the many forms of spiritual education provided through this church, from Sunday school for preschoolers to adult Bible study, that people of all ages will be nurtured in faith, grow in knowledge and will be inspired and empowered to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

16 Wednesday in Holy Week
Give thanks for the ministry of the Rev. Philip and Lou Marie Knutson, ELCA missionaries in South Africa where Philip is the regional representative for Southern Africa.

17 Maundy Thursday
Pray that in our daily lives, when it would be easier to give in to frustration and anger, we will remember Jesus’ new commandment given to the disciples at the Last Supper — “that you love one another. Just as I have loved you” (John 13:34).

18 Good Friday
Living in a suffering world, we give thanks for the cross, a reminder that even in our darkest hours, as in Christ’s suffering and death, God’s grace and love prevails.

19 Vigil of Easter
On this night God brings us from death to life, through fire and water, from sorrow to joy. Give thanks to the Lord your God for the water of baptism and the fire of the Holy Spirit.

20 Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Sunday
Alleluia! Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed! We offer you our thanksgiving and praise your holy name, O Lord of life.

21 Easter Monday
Lift up in your prayers the vision of the ELCA: We are claimed, gathered and sent by God to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the world.

22 On this Earth Day, give thanks for the ways ELCA members and congregations protect God’s creation through the wise use of our earth’s resources, such as congregations that have reduced their energy use by up to 10 percent by participating in the Energy Stewards Initiative.

23 Remember in your prayers the Rev. David and Alicia Brondos, ELCA missionaries in Mexico City, and their work in theological education.

24 As the 2014 ELCA Synod Assembly schedule begins and continues throughout the spring, give thanks for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as the voting members of each of the 65 synods begin to make important decisions affecting their synods and this church.

25 Mark, Evangelist
On this World Malaria Day, give thanks for all the efforts supporting the ELCA Malaria Campaign and pray that the goal of containing the deadly but preventable disease in Africa will be reached.

26 Give thanks for the nearly 10,000 ELCA congregations across the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands where people