25 With joyful hearts, give loud thanks and praise to God for the gifts of mercy, love and salvation we receive through faith in Jesus Christ.

26 Pray for the continuing work, resources and influence of the ELCA’s Book of Faith Initiative that encourages members of all ages, congregations and synods to explore our book of faith – the Bible – through reading, study, conversation and prayer.

27 Remember in prayer the Deaconess Community of the ELCA, a community of women – of all ages – using their theological training and gifts in specific areas of service in congregations, partner organizations, communities and the world.

28 Reformation Sunday Rejoice in God’s promise of the true freedom we have in the good news of Jesus Christ, that nothing stands between us and God’s love and mercy – no institution, authority or human decree.

29 Give thanks for the healing, hope and new life we have through the gift of being justified by faith in Jesus Christ and liberated from our sins, weaknesses and consequences of our human imperfection.

30 Pray that as a publicly engaged church we remember and remind one another of our call to participate in God’s work, in the thick of life, embracing individuals, families and communities that are hungry for hope and healing, justice and peace.

31 Reformation Day Give thanks for Martin Luther and other leaders of the reform movement who immersed themselves in prayerful study of Scripture, tough questions, lively discussion and careful discernment of God’s will for the church and our baptismal journey as children of God; pray we are open and responsive to how the Holy Spirit is still at work in us and the church today.

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