

25 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

O loving God, we ask for your blessings on the children preparing to go to school for the first time and for all those returning to the classroom. Grant them the strength to learn, concentrate, and act in love toward their teachers and classmates. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

26 Lift up in your prayers the ministry of the Rev. Chad and Natalie Rimmer, ELCA missionaries in Senegal.

27 Remember in your prayers ELCA missionaries the Rev. Michael Fonner and Leslie Weed-Fonner and their parish ministry serving the Nairobi International Lutheran Congregation in Kenya.

28 Lift up in your prayers the ELCA Malaria Campaign as it makes a difference in the daily life of many Africans, such as Maria, who received a loan funded by the campaign that allowed her to open a small bakery. She now has the income needed to treat malaria in her family and the resources to prevent future cases.

29 As summer winds down, keep in your prayers ELCA primary and secondary schools as well as colleges and seminaries, as they prepare to open their doors for another school year.

30 Pray for the multicultural ministries of the ELCA and the invitation to an increasingly complex world that "all are welcome."

31 Pray for the ELCA-supported Schools for Villages program in the Central African Republic. The program is helping provide much needed schools in a country with few resources.



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PRAYER VENTURES

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These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the ELCA. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.

1 Pray for the newly elected bishop of the ELCA Lower Susquehanna Synod, the Rev. James S. Dunlop, and for all the newly elected synod bishops as they enter this important role in the life of the ELCA.

2 Pray for the 2012-2013 ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission participants as they transition to new lives after their year of service abroad.

3 Pray for Peace Lutheran Church in Joplin, Mo., as it continues to recover from the May 2011 tornado. The congregation has moved into a new, recently finished building.

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O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth. Thank you for all that you have created, for the colors of the rainbow, flowers and fields, mountain and sea we give you praise for your creation.

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5 Give thanks for the life and ministry of the Rev. Leon A. Phillip Jr. of Allentown, Pa., who died on June 19 at the age of 76. He was the first director of Lutheran Disaster Response and is considered its founder. He oversaw the response to more than 150 disasters.

6 Remember in your prayers ELCA missionaries the Rev. Erik and Tauna Roth and their parish ministry at the Tokyo Lutheran Church.

7 Keep in your prayers all those who are facing a long recovery after the destructive wildfires in Colorado this summer.

8 Pray for the staffs of the many Lutheran summer camps and retreat centers as they continue their summer mission of helping young people grow in their faith as children of God.

9 Remember in your prayers those among the Fulani people of West Africa who have chosen to follow Christianity, no matter what it means for their lives, even if it involves ostracism and persecution.

10 Pray for ELCA missionaries Krystle Moraska-Madrussan and her husband, Ignacio Madrussan, who have begun coordinating the work of ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission participants in Argentina and Uruguay, as well as facilitating relationships between congregations there and in the U.S. and Canada.

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O Lord, we pray for all who are travel, especially those who are making their way to the 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly in Pittsburgh. Make

their ways safe and keep them in your care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

12 Pray for ELCA missionary Edna Johnson and her work in healthcare and nursing education in Liberia.

13 Pray for the estimated 4.2 million Syrians who have fled their homes during the civil war but have remained in Syria rather than going to a refugee camp outside the country. ELCA funds are helping some of these people find new homes in their country.

14 Lift up the work of the ELCA Investment Fund and its mission of providing building and renovation loans for congregations and other ministries.

15 Mary, Mother of Our Lord

Pray for the Lutheran congregations in Puerto Rico, ministering to and supporting mariners and fishermen in the western part of the Caribbean. Pray that all will be protected while at sea.

16 Pray for ELCA World Hunger and its partners as they strive to address food shortages and the root causes of poverty that lead to hunger.

17 Give thanks for the service of those attending and organizing the 2013 ELCA Churchwide Assembly, which concludes today in Pittsburgh.

18 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

O Lord our God, we give thanks for all those who are first responders in times of trouble. Sustain those who seek to save others, often

putting their own lives at risk; through Jesus Christ, our eternal savior.

19 Keep in your prayers those affected by the devastating late spring tornadoes in Oklahoma as they go down the long road to recovery.

20 Pray for the unity of The Lutheran World Federation and its more than 70 million members – a global communion of churches in the Lutheran tradition.

21 Remember in your prayers the ministry of the Rev. Themba Mkhabela, an ELCA missionary in Ghana and the ELCA's regional representative in West Africa.

22 Pray for the ELCA's five companion churches in India, including the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in India and the Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church, as we walk hand in hand with them in a variety of program and projects, such as theological education, women's ministry and healthcare.

23 Pray for those attending the ELCA Mission Interpreter Coordinator Conference, which begins today in Chicago, that they will be inspired in their work of sharing stories of the ELCA's mission and ministry within their congregations.

24 Bartholomew, Apostle

Include in your prayers the ELCA's partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Papua New Guinea and its three main ministries of evangelism, education and health services.