

as they guide the volunteers through a year of service, growth and learning.

**27** Pray for Emery Ellingson and his service in Montevideo, Uruguay, as a Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer.

**28** Pray that God will guide the bishops of the ELCA synods as they gather in Chicago for their spring Conference of Bishops, today through March 5.

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## PRAYER VENTURES

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### FEBRUARY 2013

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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 members of St. Paul Lutheran Church, a 252-year-old ELCA congregation in Pomaria, S.C., as they seek to recover after their building was destroyed in a recent fire.

### **2 Presentation of Our Lord**

On the day on which we recall the presentation of the Christ child at the temple, thus fulfilling the words of the prophets, give thanks for God's promises to us through our Savior.

### **3 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

Dear Lord, this Sunday be with your people in all the world. Have mercy upon those in the cities, in the fields and all the places in between. Help us to love one another wherever we are and wherever you may ask us to go.

**4** Remember in your prayers ELCA missionary Dr. Derrick Matthews, who is a pediatrician in Arusha, Tanzania.

**5** Pray for Sarah Watson, a Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer serving for a year in the United Kingdom.

**6** Pray for the Central African Republic missionary work of the Rev. Jacalyn Griffin, who is the technical adviser for Femme Centrafricaine Pour Christ, a Lutheran women's organization.

**7** Remember in your prayers Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer Kaleb Sutherland and his work in South Africa.

**8** Pray for the Rev. Ambrose Moyo and his ELCA missionary ministry in Zimbabwe as a regional consultant.

**9** Pray for the many people involved in ELCA advocacy ministries through its state public policy offices, the ELCA Washington Office and the Lutheran Office for World Community at the United Nations as they daily seek to further God's work through our hands.

### **10 Transfiguration of Our Lord**

Gracious God, help us remember your Son Jesus who stood with Elijah and Moses on the mountain, that you may call us your sons and daughters, and help us to live each day with mercy and love the way that you have shown mercy and love to us.

**11** Include in your prayers Chelsea Ray, who is an ELCA missionary and teacher in Tisovec, Slovakia.

**12** Pray for the Rev. Timothy and Mari McKenzie, ELCA missionaries in Tokyo serving in theological education.

### **13 Ash Wednesday**

As we move into the Lenten season and prepare for the Easter celebration, pray for those facing trials and tribulations, that the suffering and final victory of Jesus will help light their way.

**14** On a day when many are looking for love, pray that hearts will be open to the unconditional love of Jesus Christ.

**15** Pray for Colleen Maki as she walks in accompaniment with new friends in Mexico as a Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer.

**16** Give thanks for the continued support of ELCA Disaster Response by our congregations and their members. The program brings relief and hope to those suffering both here at home and abroad.

### **17 First Sunday in Lent**

Loving God, as we prepare to celebrate the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, help us to remember those who also waited patiently for you. Like Moses on Mt. Sinai and Jesus in the wilderness, help us to have faith in your promises and to prepare the way for you.

### **18 Martin Luther died in 1546**

Give thanks for those, both past and present, willing to stand by their faith and convictions, in the name of Jesus Christ, no matter the cost.

**19** Pray for ELCA missionaries the Rev. Jon and Kimberly Olson and their parish ministry in Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands.

**20** Pray for Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer Ashley Dahl as she learns and grows through her work in Malaysia.

**21** Pray for the leaders of the Women of the ELCA as they gather in Chicago today to begin their Conference of Presidents.

**22** Remember in your prayers Laura Mills, who is volunteering for a year in Jerusalem and the West Bank as a Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer.

**23** Give thanks for the work of the Rev. Brian and Christine Palmer in Liberia where Brian teaches at the Lay Leaders and Ministers Training Center in Totota.

### **24 Second Sunday in Lent**

Dear Lord, have compassion on us. Be with us as you were with Jacob and Abraham, as we trust in your promise that you will shepherd the flock that belongs to you and cast our sins into the depths of the sea.

**25** Pray for Katie Miyamoto, an ELCA missionary teaching English as a second language in Kumamoto, Japan.

**26** Pray for the Rev. Jeff Vonwald and Julie Rossate, Young Adults in Global Mission regional coordinators for Jerusalem and the West Bank,