

24 Include in your prayers ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer Kjerstin Sanden and her work in refugee and human rights ministry in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

25 Pray for the 64 new participants in the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program who will begin their year of service abroad this summer.

26 Pray for ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer Hannah Harman and her service in healthcare and education in Mahajanga, Madagascar.

27 Remember in your prayers the service of ELCA missionary in Haiti Bernhard Gianoli.

28 Johann Sebastian Bach, died 1750; George Frederick Handel, died 1759

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

We make a joyful noise to you, O Lord. We lift our voice in your praise and song. We give thanks for all church musicians who offer their time and talent to your church. Be with them as they teach and lead congregations today and always. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

29 Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany

Pray for ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer Casey Sweeney and his work in developing ecological sanitation in Morelos, Mexico.

30 Pray for the increasing number of people who are or will soon be transitioning to retirement that they will find fulfillment in this new phase of life.

31 Include in your prayers the service of Megan Ross, an ELCA missionary teaching in North Sumatra, Indonesia.

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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 those who are still recovering from devastating storms and tornadoes, including the residents of Moore, Okla., and the surrounding area who mourn the deaths of loved ones.

2 Pray for the new ELCA synod bishops who were elected in May: the Rev. Craig Alan Satterlee of the ELCA North/West Lower Michigan Synod, the Rev. Brian Kirby Unti of the ELCA Northwest Washington Synod, the Rev. Robert G. Schaefer of the ELCA Florida-Bahamas Synod and the Rev. R. Guy Erwin of the ELCA Southwest California Synod. Remember also the bishops re-elected in May: the Rev. Michael W. Rinehart of the ELCA Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod and the Rev. David H. Brauer-Rieke of the ELCA Oregon Synod.

3 Thomas, Apostle

Pray for Samantha Berglund, an ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer serving in the United Kingdom as an activity center instructor.



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4 Independence Day

On this Independence Day, pray that the ideals of the Declaration of Independence – that all are created equal – will someday become a reality around the world.

5 Pray for the new ELCA synod bishops elected in June, including: the Rev. Steven H. Delzer of the ELCA Southeastern Minnesota Synod, the Rev. Richard E. Jaech of the ELCA Southwestern Washington Synod, and the Rev. Suzanne Darcy Dillahunt of the ELCA Southern Ohio Synod.

6 Remember in your prayers ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer Caitlyn Melillo, who is serving in parish ministry in Cheshire, United Kingdom.

7 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

God of peace, we give thanks for the people of Jordan and the Holy Land and their congregations' relationships with ELCA companion synods. Watch over them with your love and grant them strength as they walk in your way.

8 Pray for the Rev. Deborah and Joseph Troester, ELCA missionaries in Central African Republic, and their work in theological education and water management.

9 Pray that with God's guidance the many summer camps of Lutheran Outdoor Ministries will have a lasting impact on those who attend them and the staffs that serve them.

10 Include in your prayers ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer Kristen Wall and her

service in congregational ministry and outreach in Nyiregyhaza, Hungary.

11 Pray for ELCA missionaries the Rev. Ron and Yvonne Rentner and their parish ministry at the International Church of Copenhagen in Denmark.

12 Pray that the seeds sown in new ELCA synodically authorized worshiping communities, such as Off the Grid in northwest Wisconsin, will flourish and bear fruit.

13 Remember in your prayers ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer Luke Stappler and his work in environmental education in Ambovombe, Madagascar.

14 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Gracious and loving God, bring healing to the people who are living with economic and political wounds. Grant them the peace and protection of your warm embrace.

15 Remember in your prayers Stephen Deal and Marta Julia Giron, ELCA missionaries in Costa Rica. Stephen is the global mission regional representative for Central America.

16 Include in your prayers ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer Rachel Hunstad and her service in HIV and AIDS ministry and her work with children in Mabopane, South Africa.

17 Pray for the work of ELCA Poverty Ministries, which is grounded in God's commitment to those who are poor and oppressed.

18 Pray for ELCA missionary Sandra Braasch, who is serving in Guatemala City, Guatemala, in the area of disaster preparedness and response.

19 Pray for the ELCA bishops elected in June, including: the Rev. Tracie L. Bartholomew of the ELCA New Jersey Synod, the Rev. Roger R. Gustafson of the ELCA Central States Synod and the Rev. Richard N. Hoyme of the ELCA Northwest Synod of Wisconsin. Remember also the bishops re-elected in June: the Rev. Jessica R. Crist of the ELCA Montana Synod, the Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton of the ELCA Northeastern Ohio Synod and the Rev. Wayne N. Miller of the ELCA Metropolitan Chicago Synod.

20 Include in your prayers ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer Pamela Swanson and her service at an adult care center in Edinburgh, Scotland.

21 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

God of justice and love, bring to the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Liberia and Zimbabwe the hope and truth that you give to all your children. We pray especially for those living in poverty.

22 Pray that the ELCA Summer Missionary Conference, which begins today at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wis., will be an uplifting and inspiring experience for all who attend.

23 Remember in your prayers the theological education ministry of the Rev. Christa von Zychlin and the Rev. Wayne Nieminen, ELCA missionaries in Hong Kong.