

25 Remember in your prayers ELCA missionary Erin Odgers-Chew, who is teaching in Cairo, Egypt.

26 Remember in your prayers Morris and Patricia Casper, ELCA missionaries teaching in Cieszyn, Poland.

27 Pray for Aaron Schaedler, an ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer who is spending a year in Cuernavaca, Mexico, teaching English as a second language.

28 Include in your prayers the theological education ministry of the Rev. Kathryn Schifferdecker and the Rev. Doug Steinke, ELCA missionaries in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

29 Peter and Paul, Apostles

Remember in your prayers the volunteer work of ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission participant Michael Soneson at the rehabilitation center in Reading, United Kingdom.

30 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty God, we thank you for all of the leaders of this church. We especially lift in prayer all of the newly elected synod bishops as they take on their new responsibilities. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

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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 voting members attending the Synod Assembly of the ELCA Northwest Synod of Wisconsin as they begin meeting today.

2 Second Sunday after Pentecost

O Lord, be with all who minister in difficult places. Be their guide and give them comfort as they in turn give guidance and comfort to others in your name.

3 Pray for the voting members attending the Synod Assembly of the ELCA South Carolina Synod as they continue their work today and tomorrow.

4 Pray that a path to peace in the war in Syria will be found through diplomacy rather than continued violence and deaths.

5 Remember in your prayers ELCA missionaries the Rev. Timothy and Maryann Stewart and their parish ministry at the American Lutheran Church in Oslo, Norway.

6 Pray for the voting members of the Allegheny, Central/Southern Illinois, Southern Ohio and Upstate New York synods of the ELCA as they begin their Synod Assemblies today. Also remember the voting members of the Lower Susquehanna, New Jersey, Northwestern Pennsylvania and Central States synods as they meet in assembly to elect bishops.

7 Remember in your prayers the voting members of the Western North Dakota, Indiana-Kentucky, New England, Northeastern Iowa, Southwestern Minnesota and the Virginia synods of the ELCA as they begin their Synod Assemblies today. Remember also the voting members of the South Dakota, Southeastern Minnesota, Southwestern Washington, Northwestern Minnesota and Southwestern Minnesota and Virginia synods as they meet in assembly to elect bishops.

8 Pray for the theological education ministry of the Rev. Ann Klavano, an ELCA missionary in Finschhafen, Papua New Guinea.

9 Third Sunday after Pentecost

Everlasting God, help us prepare our own hearts and meet us in worship. We pray for all worship leaders, called and lay, musicians, congregation administrators and secretaries. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

10 Pray for ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer Morgan Dodson, who is working with youth in London.

11 Barnabas, Apostle

Remember in your prayers the evangelism

ministry of the Rev. Mawien Ariik, an ELCA missionary in South Sudan.

12 Pray for the work of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service and its efforts on behalf of the 4.5 million people worldwide forced into sex work and the 16.4 million who are victims of forced labor.

13 Pray for the voting members of the ELCA Grand Canyon Synod as they begin meeting today. Also remember the voting members of the ELCA Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod as they begin meeting in assembly today to elect a bishop.

14 Pray for the voting members of the Northeastern Pennsylvania and Northern Illinois synods of the ELCA as they begin their Synod Assemblies today. Remember also the voting members of the ELCA Upper Susquehanna Synod as they meet in assembly to elect a bishop.

15 In your prayers remember Joseph Helgeson, an ELCA missionary teaching in Bratislava, Slovakia.

16 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost and Father's Day

Good and loving God, bless all who care for children, let them be examples of faith and love. Grant them patience and kindness and lead them in your grace; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord. Amen.

17 Pray for ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer Taisha McWilliams, who is spending a year of accompaniment at the Kwazamokuhle Diaconic Centre in Estcourt, South Africa.

18 Include in your prayers the work of the Rev. Philip and Lou Marie Knutson, ELCA missionaries who are regional representatives for southern Africa and are living in Cape Town, South Africa.

19 Pray for ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer Rachel Coen-Tuff, who is in Wigan, United Kingdom, working with youth.

20 On this World Refugee Day, pray for the 47.3 million people around the world who have had to flee their homes under the threat of persecution or due to political conflict and violence.

21 Include in your prayers the voting members of the ELCA Caribbean Synod as they continue their Synod Assembly today. Pray also for the ELCA Metropolitan Washington, D.C., Synod voting members as they begin meeting in assembly to elect a bishop.

22 Remember in your prayers Phillip and June Nelson, ELCA missionaries in N'gaoundéré, Cameroon, where June is a nurse at the Protestant Hospital and Phillip works in business administration.

23 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Lord, be with all who travel this summer season. Watch over those who are far from home and hold them in your loving care.

24 John the Baptist

Pray for the volunteer work of Katie Justice as she spends a year in Bloemfontein, South Africa, as part of the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program.