From the Bishop:

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

~from Ephesians 4

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At this year’s Synod Assembly, we focused on the theme “Equipping the Saints for Ministry.” This will also be our theme for next year. This year, our time together was peppered throughout with “Tool Times” meant to highlight how it is that the Spirit equips us for ministry through various efforts of our congregations and our work together as a Synod. It is through our partnership with each other and the greater church that resources are available for your use as you seek to do the work that God has set before you. Resources like:

~Mission Investment Fund: Provides an unbiased opinion about the viability of your building, renovation plans, and loans.

~Mission Support: Makes ministry beyond the congregation possible. We can do more together than alone.

~Building Vitality: The survey, created by our ELCA representative, Linda Bobbitt, gives you a snapshot of your strengths and growing edges. The retreat facilitates a conversation regarding next steps.

~Task Force on an Inclusive Church: Is now the Healthy Conversations Team. This team of trained leaders is available to congregations who ask for help addressing conflict, the elephant in the room, or finding a way forward through disagreement.

~Synod Women’s Organization: Provides a much-anticipated annual women’s retreat and partners together to pursue various ministry projects.

~Stewardship: Resources to learn the value and blessing of generosity.
~Endowment Ministry: Letting your money work for Christ after you don’t need it anymore.

~World Hunger: 100% participation resulted in a beautiful quilt and over $41,500 for World Hunger.

The Big Bear Awards were given to Zion, Manistique’s confirmation class for starting a community back-pack program and to Good Shepherd, Peshtigo for establishing a community garden. So many wonderful efforts, it was difficult to choose.

Also, the Bread Basket Award went to Pastor Soren Schmidt for his efforts to arrange food trucks to his community, and address the needs of hungry Finlandia students.

~Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp: Under Sara Jonasen’s interim leadership, this vital ministry resource is in full swing. Along with congregational Youth Ministry and Confirmation education, time at this camp continues to bless participants with deepened discipleship and faith formation.

~Houston Youth Gathering! We have just over 200 registered! That means we are up by 50 people since Detroit. The 30,000+ youth and adults who attend will be uniquely equipped for ministry since no other event does it like this event. Thanks to Synod Day Director, Pastor Erik Heskin, and Synod Gathering Coordinator, Lisa Bouche, for attending to so many details.

I could continue to list the resources and fill these pages with so much more.

I encourage you to go to the Synod website at www.nglsynod.org and the Synod Facebook page, for more resources. The website will soon receive a new look as we restructure to make resources easier to find. Our Facebook page gives you snapshots and glimpses of events and activities that other NGLS congregations are doing.

Other highlights of the Synod Assembly include:

~A wonderful opening worship with Front Street Brass, Assembly choir from all over, Lay School graduates, ordination anniversaries, and retired clergy honors given.

~The official Installation of Pastor Jim Duehring. Saturday morning was a festive worship with great singing and awesome music provided by the Adhoc Pastor Band.
~The Friday evening banquet capped off with Jazz from the Magnetic Street Combo and Holden Evening Prayer.

~Friday afternoon workshops to equip people for ministry. People expressed an interest in going to more than one.

~We were done 15 minutes early!

*A heads up for next year, NMU cannot guarantee that they will be available as the construction renovation timetable is uncertain. Watch for more info about where and when next year’s assembly will be.

I look forward to gathering again, in Jesus’ name, to Equip the Saints for Ministry.

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Katherine Finegan

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Welcome to Pastor-elect Stacy Pethke, the new pastor for Faith Lutheran Church and Trinity Lutheran Church in Ishpeming, Michigan. She began May 27th. Her ordination will take place on Saturday, June 16, 2018 in Winneconne, WI. May God bless her and the people of Faith and Trinity.

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In Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to Pastor Matthew Lamb and his family on the death of his mother, Ruth Lamb, who passed away on Friday, May 25th. Funeral services were held on Thursday, May 31st, at Bethel Lutheran Church in Cedarville, MI, where Ruth had been a long-time member. Cards can be sent to the family at 28567 S. M-129, Pickford, MI 49774.

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2018

June 27-July 1—National Youth Gathering in Houston

July 31—August 17 Bishop Finegan in Tanzania

September 14-16—SWO Fall Convention/Retreat at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

November 11-14—First Call Theological Event

November 18-27—Lutheran World Federation Leadership Training in Geneva, Switzerland
Northern Great Lakes Synod 2018

"Always Being Made New"

Campaign:
The focus will be on ELCA's "Fund for Leaders" and Youth & Young Adults and Northern Great Lakes Synod's "Synod Campus Ministry" efforts.

All Congregations received envelopes and bulletin inserts at the Synod Assembly. Plan on dedicating a worship weekend to receive your Always Being Made New offering for this final year of the Campaign.

September 22—Conference 1 Walking Together
at St. Paul, Ironwood, 9 a.m.-Noon

September 23—Conference 7 Walking Together
at St. James, Rudyard 4 p.m.

October 8—Conference 6 Walking Together
at Immanuel, Escanaba 5:30 p.m.

October 18—Conference 5 Walking Together
Location to be determined

October 26—Conference 3 Walking Together
at Ascension, Minocqua 9—11 a.m.

November 3—Conference 8 Walking Together
at Immanuel, Negaunee 9-11:30 a.m.

November 10—Conference 4 Walking Together
at Bethlehem, Florence 10 a.m.-Noon

November 11—Conference 2 Walking Together
Location to be determined 4-6:30 p.m.
“I am a rock. I am an island. I’ve built walls, a fortress steep and mighty, that none may penetrate. I have no need for friendship.”
(Paul Simon, song writer)

“You can’t be married alone. And you can’t be a Christian alone.”
(Rev. Kevin Strickland, ELCA Director of Worship, at the Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly)

Admit it. We all tend to be pretty self-focused. We almost automatically ask ourselves questions like: “What’s in it for me?” Yet, for Christians, we know that at the core of our faith is a communal component. Yes, God might love me, but that love inspires me to be a better person in relating to others. The most famous bible passage, John 3:16 is written with a plural sense—God so loved the world. World—not just me. To expand the sense of community is a spiritually healthy thing. Pastor Bob Langseth reminded the synod assembly last week that in the Lord’s Prayer we never pray using the singular pronoun. It is not, “Give me my daily bread”, or “Forgive me my trespasses.” We pray, “Give us our daily bread,” and “Forgive us our trespasses.”

Yes, I’m a Christian, but I’m also a member of my local faith community which is called Emanuel Lutheran Church, Skandia. Emanuel Lutheran is one of 80 parishes making up the Northern Great Lakes Synod. The Northern Great Lakes Synod is one of 65 synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

The 9,300 congregations of the ELCA, as a body, is one of 145 Lutheran bodies, representing 74 million members belonging to the Lutheran World Federation. The Lutheran World Federation is one of the many bodies in the “holy catholic church” of about 2.2 billion Christian people.

Several years back when the hymnal was updated, some people railed against the new translation of the Apostles’ Creed. “I believe in the holy Christian church” became: “I believe in the holy catholic church.” Both sentiments are valid. Yes, as Christians we believe in the tenants of
the Christian faith. It would be hard to be both a Christian and a Hindu at the same time. But “catholic”—spelled with a lower case “c” simply means “universal.”

Christianity by its very nature is more than an individual Christian person or individual parish—it is universal!

Attending our Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly renewed my sense of connection to the “church catholic.” Hearing the work of other churches in our synod made me mindful of the common work we share for God’s kingdom. Worshipping with other Christians reminded me that I’m not alone in my confession of faith.

Being officially installed as the assistant to the bishop at the closing worship service, and having all those hands laid on me, helped me feel like I’m not alone in this fellowship we call church.

The theme of our synod assembly was, “Equipping the Saints for Ministry.” It is my prayer that not only those in attendance, but all people connected to Christ’s church might truly claim their roles of ministry in whatever forms those ministries happen. If I were to paraphrase what assembly voting members have shared with me is that they gained a better sense of the larger church. They came to realize that Christianity is not just about them or even their own parish. God is at work on a much broader field.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Jim Duehring
Assistant to the Bishop and
Director for Evangelical Mission
Pastoral Vacancies and Interims

**Full-time**
- First, Iron River; Trinity, Stambaugh—Pastor Mike Laakko
- Mission United, Pelkie—Pastor Bucky Beach
- Faith, Calumet—Pastor Timothy Johnston
- Christ Lutheran Parish, Ironwood—Pastor Lisa Ubbelohde
- St. Stephens, Stephenson/Gethsemane, Wallace—Pastor Scott Ehle
- Messiah, Marquette (Associate Pastor)
- Bethany, Negaunee/Emmanuel, Skandia—Pastor Warren Geier
- Prince of Peace, Marquette—Pastor Ann Gonyea
- Grace, Pembine—Pastor Doug Johnson
- Messiah, Marquette (Senior Pastor)—Pastor Don Ludemann
- Immanuel, Escanaba—Pastor Stephen Gauger
- Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp—Sara Jonasen
- Holy Trinity, Chassell—Rev. Soren Schmidt

**Part-time**
- Lutheran Campus Ministry (NMU), Marquette—Pastor Andrew Plocher
- St. James, Marinette—Pastor Keith Kolstad

“I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted in and grounded in love.” Ephesians 3:16-17

Mission support (benevolence) receipts are flat through the first four months of the year, despite a decrease in pledges, and we offer our deepest thanks to our congregations who have given so generously. We are also deeply grateful for the conscientiousness of our congregational treasurers and financial secretaries who remit these gifts on a regular basis. God has equipped you for this task and you are a blessing to your congregation and the Synod. As Paul prayed for the Ephesians, so we pray that you may be rooted and grounded in Christ’s love, that all we accomplish as we walk together may bring honor and glory to God.

- Betsy Koski, Bookkeeper

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**PRAYFAITHFULLY**

**DEVOTION SCHEDULE**

**FOR June & July**

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SYNOD CALENDAR

2 Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Board Meeting
   NGLS Youth Committee meeting

6 Synod Office Staff Meeting at the Synod Office
   11 a.m. ET

7 Worship Committee Meeting at the Synod Office, 10:30 a.m. ET
   Executive Committee Meeting at the Synod Office, 2 p.m. ET

11 Leadership Support Committee Meeting at United Crystal Falls, 11 a.m. CT
   World Hunger Committee Meeting at Bethlehem, Florence at 1:30 p.m. CT

12 Stewardship Committee Meeting at the Synod Office, 11 a.m. ET

13 Visioning Task Force Meeting at the Synod Office, 11 a.m. ET

14 Always Being Made New Committee at the Synod Office, 11 a.m. ET

16 Ordination of Stacy Pethke in Winneconnee, WI

18-20 Assistant to the Bishop attending Systems Academy in Chicago

21 Post Assembly Lunch for Synod Assembly Planning Committee, Noon

27-July 3 Houston Youth Gathering

4 Synod Office closed for holiday

10 Synod Office Staff Meeting at 11 a.m. ET

14 Lutheran Campus Ministry – NMU Meeting

21 Conference Presidents Meeting at the Synod Office, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. ET

22 Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Board Meeting

25 Synod Office Staff Meeting at 11 a.m. ET

26 NGLS Finance Committee Meeting at the Synod Office, Noon ET

July 31 – August 10 Bishop Finegan visits Tanzania
Always Being Made New
Christ Lutheran Parish
Faith, Sault Ste. Marie
Charles Van Beynen
Marion Anderson

Answer the Call/Fund for Leaders
Bethany, Norway
Zion, Manistique
Emanuel, Skandia
Mike Gaunte
Clyde Thoune
Wayne and Eileen Stordahl
Nancy Lyons
Grace Wurster
Betty Moore
Debra Pederson
Mary Pekkala
Mike and Ann Soumis
Grace, Pembine
First, Trenary
Gloria Dei, Hancock
Karin Van Dyke
David and Lennah Hughes
Nancy Kangas

John Pilarzyk
Jane & Bob Sims
Nancy Paananen
Eugene and Barbara Frane
Brian Tarro
Arlene Waurio
William Maki in memory of Elsie Maki
Debbie Quarford
Bruce Nelson
Joyce Peterson
Allan and Gail Edgar
Ken and Jan Vickstrom
Betsy Slabaugh
Sharon and Bernie Ylkanen
Rev. Kevin and Steffany Kaiser
Dora Jane Swanson

Companion Synod Projects
St. Paul, Mass City
Christ the King, Escanaba
Our Redeemer, Newberry
Immanuel, Negaunee
Bishop Dale & Jo Skogman
Rev. Bob and Deloris Langseth

Peter Johnson
Judith Quirk
Albert & Kathryn Sundine
Rev. Bob and Deloris Langseth
Jean Hannemann
Joyce Peterson
John and Pauline Kiltinen
Helen Ademino
Darley Kemppainen
**ELCA Disaster Relief**
Grace, South Range  
Holy Trinity, Chassell  
Mission United, Pelkie  
Bethany, Amasa

**Missionary Sponsorship**
Mission United, Pelkie  
Trinity, Rhinelander  
Bethel, Ishpeming  
Conference 8

**Lutheran Social Services**
Emanuel, Skandia

**Seminarian Support**
Bethany, Amasa  
Faith, Rock

**Lutheran Campus Ministry**
Calvary, Rapid River – NMU  
Faith Rock – NMU  
Grace, Gwinn – NMU  
Trinity, Ishpeming – NMU  
Prince of Peace, Marquette – NMU  
Bishop Dale and Jo Skogman - NMU

**Skogman Scholarship Fund**
Dirk & Sue Manson  
Bishop Dale and Jo Skogman

**Lutheran World Relief**
First, Ewen  
Salem, Ironwood  
Calvary, Minocqua  
Calvary, Rapid River  
Trinity, Stonington  
Zion, Manistique  
Prince of Peace, Marquette
Smelt. Dealt.—Gathering and working with the small and the smelly to build up all as the body of Christ.

Grace and peace be unto you from God, our Father and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen!

Have you ever gone “smelting” or on a “smelt run”? Perhaps if you aren’t a Yooper, you may even be asking “What’s a smelt?” (and no, I don’t mean refining metal in a fire...but that analogy will come in towards the end of this article)

For years, the rugged smelt-scooping Yoopers in Copper Country have been talking about how the smelt don’t run like they used to...until 2017. Something must have happened in the last couple years because in 2017, we saw in Copper Country, a return of “the old smelt run days” where people would call one another up and say “Get here, eh! The smelt are runnin’ thick!”. Then, you’d hope to have time within that evening or the next 1-2 nights, or else they would be gone again. And mind you, smelt run late at night (around 11:30pm-3am), and you have to hit it just right to be in the thick of it with a flashlight, a net, and a bucket.

Last year (2017), my friend called me up to give me news that smelt were back and running thick. I didn’t have that evening off, so I went the following evening. I arrived around midnight and waited, and waited, but I missed out. My catch was a struggling 7 smelt in total for the season (and the year). Note: my generous friend shared some of his bounty.

This year, there managed to be 2 nights of amazing smelt scooping. I got more than my fill the first night, and helped a friend out the following night (3 scoops equaled 2 gallons!).

Now, smelt do indeed smell ‘fishy’, and it’s a tiny bit tedious cleaning such a vast amount of them...but worth the effort in the long run, for those who like fish, and for some great healthy benefits from eating this fresh fish. Catching smelt when they are thick, is quick and easy, so you need to also be aware of your limitations and not waste. Cleaning smelt leave your hands and whatever room you clean them in, smelling ‘smelt-like’ for days.

These fish are small (4”-10”), yet provide a necessity for the ecosystem that surrounds them and they also provide for we who are lucky to net some in abundance. We give thanks to God for providing. These fish have a scent. The scent can linger for a bit on body and in a room; it can turn some people off and they won’t try it because it “smells fishy”; there’s also warning for the amount you take and how much your holds can facilitate (don’t over take and waste this resource; share abundantly; take what you can eat and/or give others). We give thanks for the scent of success and the lingering scent of life and giving in abundance.

Our lives are filled with small ‘things’ that can pile up. Our lives are filled with smelly ‘things’ that can potentially stink up our attitudes. Yet, God walks with us and works with us to scoop up the small and the smelly—to give thanks, to deal with it and clean/purify—like the smelters fire. (See...I told you that you would eventually be brought up in here), and to see the gifts given. God calls us to transform lives; to share and live in and with the tensions and the smelly things of life—for this is where we all grow together. To recognize the smelly things; to give thanks in the smelly things; to transform ourselves and others as we live with a possible lingering smell. Because we know, as people of God, that God calls us into a transformative life together in community in preparation for that which is both now and yet to come when we are all washed clean and made a-new.

Catch one another in faith. Deal and live in the tension of our stink together. Renew one another with the food that give us new life. Be blessed. Be a blessing. Amen. + Pr. Soren
## Prayer Calendar - June 2018

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<td>Pray for <strong>the Youth Ministry Committee</strong> as they meet at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp today. May the Holy Spirit guide them and empower them, and may God bless all those who are touched by this ministry.</td>
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<td>Pray for <strong>all graduates beginning a new phase of life</strong>. May God bless them with the Spirit of courage and adventure as they work to achieve their goals. May God surround them with support systems and faithful mentors as they face challenges and temptations.</td>
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<td>Pray for <strong>farmers and ranchers, fishers and beekeepers, and all who produce our food</strong>. May God bless them with favorable weather, sunshine and rain at appropriate times, and safety in the midst of their work. May God fill us with gratitude as we eat what they have provided for us.</td>
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<td>Pray for <strong>the members of Christ Lutheran Church, Millersville, MD; Christ Lutheran Church, Upperco, MD; Christus Victor Lutheran Church, Baltimore, MD; and Church on the Square (Canton Mission), Baltimore, MD.</strong></td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Pray for <strong>the Synod Worship Committee</strong> as they meet at the Synod Office today. May the Spirit of wisdom and creativity fill them, and may God bless all those who plan worship in congregations, care facilities, and other ministry sites.</td>
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<td>Pray for <strong>Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp</strong> and for those campers enjoying the many events throughout the summer. FLLC has something for everyone -- visit <a href="http://fortunelakelutherancamp.org">fortunelakelutherancamp.org</a> today for the schedule.</td>
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<td>For <strong>school children</strong> dismissed from their regular school work. <strong>May they continue to learn and grow</strong> and take the time to exercise their minds and bodies in play.</td>
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<td>For <strong>all those traveling</strong> to attend graduations and weddings, and those enjoying vacations. <strong>Grant them safe travel and happy times.</strong></td>
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<td>Pray for <strong>the Leadership Support Committee</strong> as they meet in Crystal Falls today. May the Spirit of joy and curiosity fill them, and may God bless all of our rostered and lay leaders as they continue to serve God’s people.</td>
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<td>Pray for <strong>the Always Being Made New/Mission Outreach Committee</strong> as they meet at the Synod Office today. May the Spirit of boldness and courage fill them with confidence as they look to the future. May we all be made new each day in our faith and reach out to those who are in need.</td>
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<td>Pray for <strong>Stacy Pethke as she is Ordained into Word and Sacrament Ministry today</strong>. May God bless all who are traveling to celebrate with her. May her ministry be filled with joy and compassion, wisdom and strength, as she shepherds the congregations she serves for many, many years.</td>
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<td>Offer prayers of <strong>thanksgiving for fathers on Father’s Day</strong>. Pray that all fathers become involved, responsible parents who raise their children to be caring individuals who will have productive and fulfilling lives.</td>
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<td>Pray for <strong>the members of Grace Lutheran Church, South Range, and First Lutheran Church, Dollar Bay</strong>, and their <strong>Interim Pastor Julie Belew</strong> as they discern God’s will in calling a new pastor.</td>
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<td>Pray for <strong>the Synod Assembly Planning Committee</strong> as they meet in Marquette today. May God bless them with openness and optimism as they reflect upon what went well or not-so-well at this year’s assembly and create notes for next year, and may God grant them good rest now that their work is completed for this year.</td>
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<td>Pray for <strong>the youth and adults headed to Houston, TX, for the ELCA Youth Gathering</strong>. May God bless them with safe travels and fill them with the Spirit of Power as they worship, serve, and spend time with others from around the country.</td>
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“We pray for congregations in the Delaware-Maryland Synod as part of our domestic partner synod relationship.”
# Prayer Calendar - July 2018

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<td>Pray for <strong>our nation</strong> as we celebrate independence this day. May God guide our nation’s leaders to work for the rights, welfare, and dignity of people everywhere.</td>
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<td>Pray for <strong>all those who are traveling and vacationing.</strong> May God keep them safe as they enjoy the beauty of creation. May they find communities of faith wherever they may be and continue to grow in their relationship with God and God’s people.</td>
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<td>Pray for <strong>planters.</strong> May God bless all those who grow food on farms and in backyards. May God bless those whose plants provide beauty for all who pass by.</td>
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<td>Pray for <strong>men and women in the armed forces</strong> who are away from their homes and stand in harms way and for their families who miss them. May God’s peace fill their hearts and may they return home safely.</td>
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<td>Pray that we may be good stewards of the all <strong>lakes, rivers, streams, and waterfalls</strong> that grace this Synod. May God teach us how to keep them clean and beautiful for future generations.</td>
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<td>Pray for <strong>Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp</strong> and for the campers enjoying the many events throughout the summer. May God bless camp staff and campers with the fullness of faith as they work and play, study and grow together in faith.</td>
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<td>Pray for those in <strong>nursing homes and care facilities across our Synod and for their families</strong> who wish they could visit more than sometimes seems possible. May God fill them with a Spirit of hope and good cheer.</td>
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16 Pray for pastors who celebrate the **anniversary of their ordination this month**: Gerald Anderson (7/20), Scott Ehle (7/21), Allan Johnson (7/25), David Tielbar (7/25), Jim Duehring (7/26), and Katherine Finegan (7/28).

17 Pray for **refugees around the world**. May God bring them to safety as they flee from war zones, violence, and natural disasters. May God teach us compassion and help us to care for those who have lost so much.

18 Pray that we can **help children discover the joy of reading** this summer. May God show us ways to use local libraries and to share our books with others.

19 Pray for **firefighters, police officers, first responders, and others** who put themselves in harm’s way to help and protect others. May God give them a Spirit of courage and wisdom, compassion and patience, as they respond to tense situations.

20 Pray for **teachers and students** who are participating in Summer School. May God bring joy and excitement as they continue to learn and grow.

21 Pray for those with **macular degeneration and other visual impairments**. May God keep them safe, bless medical researchers with new ideas for treatment, and provide them with caregivers to help them negotiate in the midst of a sighted world.

22 On this day when we remember **St. Mary Magdalene**, pray for all **those who boldly tell their stories** of encountering our living Lord, Jesus Christ. May God bless them with the words they need so that those who listen hear the Good News of new life in Jesus.

23 Pray for **Seminarian Micah Cavaleri** as he continues to serve God’s people and grow in faith and wisdom. May God bless him with confidence and humility as he learns to shepherd God’s people.

24 Pray for **youth and families** who struggle with hunger during the summer when schools are not providing meals. May God show them where resources are available. May God help us to be generous in our caring for them.

25 Pray for the sunshine and the rain, the birds and the flowers, the smell of fresh mown grass and **all of the things we miss so much when snow covers the land in our synod**. May we all be filled with the Spirit of thankfulness this summer.

26 Pray for the **members of Epiphany Lutheran Church, Ellicott City, MD; Evangelical Lutheran Church, Frederick, MD; Evangelical Lutheran Church, Woodsboro, MD; and Faith Lutheran Church, Cockeysville, MD**.

27 Pray for **all who participate in county fairs** – those who bring entries, those who work at booths and concession stands, those who judge entries, and those who enjoy the carnivals and shows. May God bless them with all they need along the way.

28 Pray for **caregivers** everywhere who grow weary from carrying burdens for loved ones who can no longer care for themselves. May God give them strength and respite.

29 Pray for those who **struggle with gender orientation and identity**. May God bless them with peace and confidence in who God has created them to be. May God fill their lives with people who understand and support them in all they do.

30 On this **International Day of Friendship**, pray for **all of your friends** and then also pray for **all of your enemies**.

31 Pray for **Bishop Katherine Finegan** as she travels to our companion Synod in Tanzania.

“We pray for congregations in the Delaware-Maryland Synod as part of our domestic partner synod relationship.”