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## Prayer Calendar – October 2020

1	Pray for <b>our ELCA Bishops as they meet</b> at the Conference of Bishops today through October 5. Especially, we give thanks for those who are newly elected and will begin serving in their new calls during this difficult time in our world and our church.
2	Pray for <b>pastors who celebrate the anniversary of their ordination this month:</b> Don Ludemann (10/04), Tom Wickstrom (10/05), Ken Carlson (10/05), George Candea-Kromm (10/7), and Doug Johnson (10/15).
3	Pray for all attending the <b>Fortune Lake Fall Fest online</b> today. Pray also for <b>the Fortune Lake Staff and all who visit our Lutheran Camps</b> throughout the year.
4	Pray for <b>Licensed Lay Ministers who celebrate their birthdays this month</b> : Larry Molloy (10/28).
5	Pray for <b>pastors who celebrate birthdays this month:</b> Timothy Vadis (10/05), David Echelbarger (10/08), Kenneth Carlson (10/13), and Maxine Gray (10/16).
6	Pray for the members of <b>Journey of Faith Lutheran Church</b> , <b>Baltimore</b> , <b>MD</b> ; <b>Joy Reigns Lutheran Church</b> , <b>Edgewater</b> , <b>MD</b> ; <b>Keysville Lutheran Church</b> , <b>Keymar</b> , <b>MD</b> ; <b>and Lazarus Lutheran Church</b> , <b>Lineboro</b> , <b>MD</b> .
7	Pray for <b>our Synod Staff</b> as they meet today to plan and coordinate events and activities throughout our Synod.  Pray for <b>our Synod Assembly Nominating Committee</b> as they gather online to prepare for the spring assembly. Pray also for <b>those who will be nominated to serve</b> in positions of leadership around our Synod.
8	Pray for the <b>Delta Conference</b> as they gather online for their <b>Walking Together event</b> today.
9	Pray for all <b>who have lost loved ones and homes</b> in the midst of disasters – fires, hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, wars, and the pandemic. Offer prayers of thanks for all who have donated to and volunteered with <i>Lutheran Disaster Response</i> , <i>Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service</i> , and <i>Lutheran World Relief</i> to help them.
10	Pray for those gathering online for the Boundaries Training Workshop and for Rev. Jennifer Arnold as she leads this workshop.  Pray also for U.P. Wild as they gather for a Holy Hike through God's creation.
11	Pray for all <b>pastors</b> on <b>Clergy Appreciation Day.</b> We thank God for their presence among us: preaching the Word, presiding over the Sacraments, being present in the midst of crisis or grief, guiding, teaching, listening, challenging us to take new directions, and being examples of God's love.
12	October 10 was <i>World Mental Health Day</i> and the stress of the pandemic has increased the need for mental health awareness and care. Pray for all those <b>suffering from mental illness and for their families and medical care professionals.</b> Pray also that health care systems and insurance companies do their best to care for those in need.
13	Pray for <b>pastors who celebrate the anniversary of their ordination this month:</b> Duane Priebe (10/24), Richard Likeness (10/26), Melinda VanderSys (10/29), and Judy Kirchoff (10/31).

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14	Pray for <b>all our Seminary Students</b> , as they continue their studies and preparation for rostered service in our Church.
15	Pray for <b>people who are homeless, refugees, and living in shelters.</b> May they know God's love through the work of diligent caregivers and advocates.
16	Pray for <b>pastors who celebrate birthdays this month:</b> Dale Skogman (10/21), Stephen Gauger (10/28), Kari Vadis (10/28), and Alex Ross (10/29).
17	Pray for the <b>Headwaters Conference</b> as they gather online for their <b>Walking Together event</b> today.
18	Pray for the members of <b>Light of Christ Lutheran Church</b> , <b>New Market</b> , <b>MD</b> ; <b>Living Grace Lutheran Church</b> , <b>Frederick</b> , <b>MD</b> ; <b>Living Water Lutheran Church</b> , <b>Stevensville</b> , <b>MD</b> ; and <b>Lord of Life Lutheran Church</b> , <b>Baltimore</b> , <b>MD</b> .
19	Pray for <b>peace throughout the world</b> and for <b>world leaders</b> to work together toward ending violence of all kinds, especially violence directed at women and children and violence based upon religious or ethnic prejudice.
20	Pray for <b>students as they celebrate homecoming events</b> . May they all be safe in the midst of these joyous events.
21	Pray for the members of <b>Kijitonyama Lutheran Church</b> , <b>Dar es Salaam</b> , <b>Tanzania</b> , and their partner congregation, <b>Our Saviour's Lutheran Church</b> , <b>Iron Mountain</b> .
22	Pray for <b>our Synod Staff</b> as they meet today to plan and coordinate events and activities throughout our Synod.
23	Pray for <b>students</b> , <b>staff</b> , <b>and faculty at colleges and universities</b> as they continue to teach and learn amid the challenges of the global pandemic.
24	Pray for the <b>Three Lakes Conference</b> as they gather online for their <b>Walking Together event</b> today.
25	Pray for all members of our Synod as we gather online for a Synod-wide Worship today, commemorating the Reformation.
26	Pray for <b>our Synod Worship Committee</b> as they meet online today to plan worships for our Synod Assembly and for other events around our Synod.
	Pray also for <b>those gathered online for the Autumn Leadership event for Rostered Leaders</b> .
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28	Pray for <b>quilters and Lutheran World Relief quilt ministries</b> as the quilts are gathered and transported around the world.
29	Pray for <b>creation and all of God's creatures</b> as they also face natural and human-created disasters that destroy their homes and environments.
30	Pray for all those whose loved ones have died from COVID-19 and all those living with continuing disabilities caused by the disease.
31	Pray that the God who reformed the church through Martin Luther and other teachers five centuries ago may continue to reform – and transform – the church today.
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