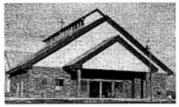
# The Eternal Light



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### **JULY 2022 - ESLC**

## What's Been Happening at Eternal Savior this Month?

Holy Scripture says: "Be glad...and rejoice..." (*Psalm 32:11*). Believe it or not, we have good reason to be glad, and to rejoice. There are many things that are happening at Eternal Savior Lutheran Church. And that is a good thing. On June 1, 2022 we had a great turn out for our IIM initial-Informational meeting. On June 5, Pastor Schultz was installed as our new Intentional Interim Pastor. On June 12, 2022 was confirmation Sunday.



Congrats to our confirmand Noah, and a thank you to pastor Rhode for doing the rite of confirmation. Also, from June 13 through June 18, 2022 was Vacation Bible School (VBS). We had a great week, and a thank you to those who all who helped with that. On June 19, 2022, we established a weekly children's message during the service. The reaction from the congregation was excitement. And I think the children liked it too. Currently, we continue to gather information from the surveys (Phase I). Results will be published later when everyone turns them in. I encourage and invite you to please-please turn them in so that we can establish a road map as to where we want to go. I am concerned because I have only received 12 questionnaires. Also, on June 22, 2022 we will begin what is called "Cottage Meetings". This is a great opportunity to come, and meet the new (IIM) Pastor, and tell him your story, tell him the church's story. These "Cottage Talks" are designed for the pastor to meet every member of the congregation and vice versa. These Cottage talks are informal, but they serve a vital purpose for creating a 'road map' for the Future of Eternal Savior Lutheran Church, and to aid us in the calling of the next pastor. Your voice matters! Please look at the bulletin board for dates and times. Again, the lack of participation concerns me, (so far, we have only had three people sign up). Also, a number of our youth will attend the national youth convention on July 9-13, 2022, in Houston, Texas, under the theme "In All Things." Please continue to pray for them. I also have noticed there has been a lot of activity from the trustees who have been working feverishly to spruce up the outside of the church, (mowing, trimming branches and stump removal). I must thank you! It looks great! We do indeed have a lot to be thankful for. God is good and God is great. He has bestowed his blessings on Eternal Savior and that is good reason to be glad and to rejoice.

Rev. Gary H. Schultz

#### **July Activities**

- Cottage Talks with Pastor Schultz
- National Youth Gathering, July 9-13

#### **OFFERING REPORT**

Offerings for the month of May were:

May 29	\$1,479
June 5	\$3,809
June 12	\$3,178
June 19	\$1,545
June 26	\$3.839

This weekly average (\$2,770) compares to our 2022 weekly budget needs of \$4,369.

#### **Update From the Treasurer**

In the recent bulletin insert I promised to include more details in a newsletter article concerning our current financial challenges.

While my main task as treasurer is to track our budget expenses, pay bills, process payroll, and send out our annual commitments in support of the District, Synod, and ULC, I also monitor our bills for irregularities, meaning considerably higher than normal. If they show up in a contract then maybe it is time for a policy review, amendment, or change to another company. If they show up in our utilities then it may indicate we have a problem with our equipment or maybe just a price hike.

Let me try to explain the areas that we have seen our planned expenses higher than normal.

- 1) Payroll Our current monthly payroll and benefits expenses are about \$850 higher than what was budgeted, so for the remaining seven months that totals about \$6000. In our contract with the IIP we have also committed to pay his payroll and benefits for one month after his departure. That amount is about \$9000. Due to reduced payroll expenses from January to May we were able to transfer money into a savings account. This savings account balance covers all of the \$9000 departure commitment and all the \$850 monthly payroll needs. It is truly a blessing that these have already been set aside and covered.
- 2) Water At the start of the year our bill was about 4.8% higher than last year and we felt that was riding right along with inflation, so no real concern. Recently, we received our latest monthly bill and shockingly it was 164% or \$560 higher than last year. Our systems at church have been checked out and at this point nothing has shown a reason. We continue to look at what may have caused this or a possible error with the city's billing.
- 3) Power We have seen our energy bill 15% higher than last year. Our usage is actually down but the charge per unit of gas has gone up considerably. This has accounted for \$800 in expenses more than last year.
- 4) Elevator Our contract for elevator maintenance has also increased and will be about \$300 higher than budget.
- 5) MISC we have also seen a few minimal increases in trash pick-up and inspection of our backflow protection system.

6) Insurance – As if I wasn't shocked by the list above, nothing compared to this. The bill for our property insurance was \$2500 or a 26% increase over last year. While we place funds in escrow for this large bill (and a few others), unfortunately it was not enough to cover the entire amount. So, that also had an impact on our General Fund.

Our to-date contributions are slightly lower at this point than last year. Also remember that last year we hit a very critical point in the August/September time frame. Our weekly budget needs are \$4369 and to date our contributions have averaged \$4174. But, since March 1 our weekly contributions have averaged \$2935.

REALITY CHECK --- Okay Mark, take a breath and tell us how bad is it...really? Right now, it is not and here is why. The savings account built up in the first five months of the year will cover <u>ALL</u> of the IIP departure expenses, <u>ALL</u> of the extra funds needed to cover the difference between actual and budgeted payroll expenses. Believe it or not there is about \$6000 remaining that will cover several of the items listed above. We also have a similar amount in our "Rainy Day Funds" that can be accessed in an emergency. We all need to be critically aware that if our contributions continue to fall \$1500 a week below our needs then these savings funds will be depleted in short order. I also hope we have seen the last of these unexpected extra expenses.

GIVE THANKS FOR --- The timing of our IIP call process (a few declines and finally acceptance) allowed us to build up this savings account while continuing worship, bible class, shut-in calls, and confirmation --- funds given over previous years have allowed us to make some necessary upgrades to our equipment including outdoor, staff offices, and Sunday school --- and most importantly past givings have covered the expenses for 6 of our young adults and 2 not-so-young adults to attend the National Youth Gathering in San Antonio in the next few weeks.

PLEASE KEEP THE FINANCIAL STATUS OF OUR CONGREGATION IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

#### **COUNTER SCHEDULE**

If you have a conflict on a day you are scheduled, please arrange with another counter to cover that day.

August 7 Mary Bunge and Polly Cowley August 14 Mark Bunge and Polly Cowley August 21 - Sam and Lynn Kelly Sam and Lynn Kelly August 28 - Marc and Jan Ertle Sept. 4 Sept. 11 - Marc and Jan Ertle - Mark and Mary Bunge Sept. 18 Sept. 25 - Mark and Mary Bunge

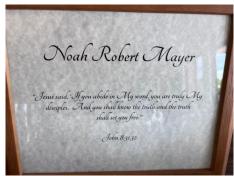
Thank you so much for volunteering to count. If we gain more counters, we can spread the work.

#### LWML WinGs Mite collection reminder:

"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your hand" (1 Chronicles 29:14 NIV). Do you have spare change in your pocket or coin purse? The mite box is waiting to be filled! These offerings make a huge difference when added to others across the USA for mission grants. Thank you from the women of the **LWML WinGs** group

#### Congratulations Noah Mayer on your Confirmation!







Congratulations to Noah Mayer on his Confirmation! On June 12 we had our confirmation service. We were excited to have Pastor Rhode to complete Noah's confirmation instruction with service. We will continue to keep you in our prayers as you commit yourself to God and His kingdom forever.

# Truth, Faith, and Culture: God's People Gather for 2022 Rocky Mountain District Convention

A Report by Keith Cowley, Eternal Savior Lay Delegate

God's people gathered. It wasn't an immaculate sanctuary with flying buttresses and stained glass. Nor was it a humble country church. It was a hotel ballroom in suburban Denver where delegates, pastors, and guests

assembled for confession and absolution, for Word and Sacrament, and for lifting voices in song; complete with digital pipe organ and a brass ensemble. His church -- defined not by architecture or geography, but by the saints of God gathered in His name.

As we opened the 2022 Rocky Mountain District Convention with Divine Service, it was marvelous to experience the unity of faith, the confident surety of God's love reflected in every response, every word - spoken and sung. I couldn't help but think of our RMD theme, "Know the Truth, Understand the Culture, Live the Faith" as we resolutely sang "Christ, the Eternal Lord" in such a secular gathering place. Yet, this is what the church is about -- to live our faith in the culture around us!



As the business of the convention got underway, President Schlechte called the body to order and we moved quickly to elections of our next District leaders. With over 180 voting members in attendance, technology was to be our friend in gathering and processing vote tallies in real time. How cool!

Well, almost. Of course, the first vote of the convention is for the District President. With President Schlechte's announced retirement, a new District President would emerge. On multiple rounds of voting (to get a single candidate with greater than 50% of the vote), Pastor James Maxwell of Rock of Ages in Colorado Springs was elected with a 51% majority. But wait! The technology left us with a cliffhanger as several delegates came forward to state "My vote was not counted!" Forward progress unraveled a bit as motions were made to re-vote on all previous candidates. Some clamored, "Paper ballots!", while still others insisted on "Show of hands!". With multiple interventions by the parliamentarian, and greater clarity in using the technology, the body, under President Schlechte's gentle and clear leadership did find its way to order once again. (continued on next page)

#### **2022 Rocky Mountain District Convention (Continued)**

Additionally, Pastor Melius, the other remaining candidate, approached the microphone and stated he was most

honored to concede the election to Pastor Maxwell, and thus avert another January 6<sup>th</sup>. With District leaders elected (President, 1st through 4th Area VP's, etc) the focus turned to overtures and resolutions. You know statements our District church body wishes to declare with great resolve to remove question or doubt and to line us up for the Synodical Convention to come in 2023. The age of our planet came sharply into focus – not because any Circuit or delegate wanted to challenge God's Holy Word in Genesis, (or dispute how long a day is!) but rather to affirm in all our synodical materials (especially CPH educational publications) that the earth is "of young age". Debate ensued about whether we should tee up a statement of "a few thousand" years or get more pointed to state "less than ten thousand" years. The former prevailed.



RMD President Elect, Rev. James Maxwell

Similarly, a resolution calling for a rejection of the practice of "online communion" was brought forth and affirmed. Such practice is "strongly discouraged and is not to be practiced" in view of how our Lord Jesus instituted it. There is much deep and rich

support for this view in scripture and in synodical practice. Yet COVID once again brought this to main stage for some congregations. There are other better, and scriptural ways to assure His Divine Supper is administered in person by an ordained Pastor.



We were blessed across the two days to hear multiple times from Rev. Dr. Alfonso Espinosa, author, Senior Pastor at St. Paul's in Lakewood, California, and Adjunct Professor at Concordia University Irvine. His topic was his freshly published book, "Faith that Engages Culture". This was tremendously interesting and uplifting as he shared multiple examples of sharing the Gospel with the world around us (even "if you cannot preach like Paul.")

A parishioner in one of his congregations once opened a sports bar exactly for this purpose! These ideas of engaging our culture "as it is", using the gifts and talents "as He has given them to us" are especially timely, as we look to the future of Eternal Savior. I have a copy of his book. See me, or go Google: "Espinosa Faith that Engages Culture".

#### Other RMD Convention Fun Facts!

- The RMD turns 100 years old this year!
- Attending an LCMS seminary is now "Tuition-Free". Let's pray that this opens doors for many more young men considering becoming pastors!
- The District Office has a "file" for each congregation. We can/should send more historical information (photos, significant events) for filing. Many church sites in the district across the years were part of a slide show we saw in honor of the 100th anniversary.
- The offering collected on behalf of the Siberian Lutheran Seminary in Novosibirsk totaled over \$17,000. Eternal Savior generously gave almost \$500 of that total.
- Did you know that if you need to call a meeting back to order following a break, it's easy: sing! "How Great Thou Art" brings 'em running back to their seats.
- Pastor Rhode was in attendance and was a very visible advocate for the University Lutheran Chapel, with an exhibitor table just beyond the main doors to the ballroom. Of course, our congregation is a strong supporter of ULC, and more will be needed as the Chapel will need to Call and support its next pastor this fall, now that Pastor Fiene is retired.

The convention was truly an enjoyable, uplifting experience. It was a great feeling to meet so many folks for the first time, and immediately have so much to talk about. This was high contrast from most professional conferences I've attended in my career where one's cell phone is your most frequent conversation partner. Praise be to God for what He enables us to do together in faith and unity!

#### REMINDERS

<u>Please be responsible!!!</u> For everyone who has access to the church building, it is your responsibility when you leave to make sure that all lights are off, the heat/air-conditioning/fans are turned back or off and all of the <u>doors are locked and secure!!</u> Please do double checks before you leave.

Have you checked out the newly revised and **updated ESLC website**? It contains lots of important information including the Eternal Savior church calendar and who will be serving each week. Please check it out at <a href="https://www.eternalsavior-lutheran.org">www.eternalsavior-lutheran.org</a>.

**Prayer request cards** are available on a table in the narthex. If you would like to include a prayer request in Sunday's prayers, please email secretary at <a href="mailto:secretary@eternalsavior-lutheran.org">secretary@eternalsavior-lutheran.org</a>

**Parking spaces** in front of the church should be reserved for those members and visitors that need to park close to the building due to health concerns or weather. Please be considerate and leave these spaces to those who need them most.

Large print worship service folders and assisted listening devices are available. Please ask an usher if needed.



**Sunday Morning Bible Study!** — We are studying the book of James. Grab a cup of coffee and please join us each Sunday at 10:40AM in the Fellowship Hall!

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study! -** Starting July 6, at 10:30 a.m. we will have a Wednesday Morning Bible Class – we will study the pericopes *(readings)* for the upcoming Sunday. Please join us.

**Sunday School!** We are studying the "Enduring Faith" curriculum, Unit 8. Sunday School opening is at 10:30AM in the Fellowship Hall. All children are encouraged to join us!

King Soopers has changed their system for charitable donations. We are now enrolled in the King Soopers Community Rewards program! To register for the program go to <a href="http://www.kingsoopers.com">http://www.kingsoopers.com</a>. Click on the "create an account" button or the "sign in" on the right hand side of the page. If you are creating an account, you will fill in your information, including a valid email address and a King Soopers loyalty card. Once you have created an account click on the "save" link in the upper left, and then on King Soopers Community Rewards link. Then click on "enroll" and you will be able to search for groups. Use Eternal Savior Lutheran Church or SL909 to link your card to Eternal Savior. Once enrolled, a percentage of all your purchases will go to our Youth Group every time you use in your loyalty card. Thanks!!!



#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **Reredos Committee**

What is a reredos? It's an ornamental wall or screen behind the altar. When we built this church (already 15 years ago!) we had planned that at some point we would do something more with the wall behind the altar - the reredos. We do have some funding available for this project in the form of memorial funds specifically designated for this purpose.

The committee sent a list of questions to the Liturgical Art Center at Concordia, Seward and received responses June 22. The center believes we can achieve the layered mountain look with paint and will provide designs

with more contrast. Our design will also include shelves for candles with fewer larger candles. It also has a pulley system for banners and can accommodate the size of our current banners. The center may come visit the church to assist with the implementation of our design. We look forward to receiving the next level of designs from the Art Center.

**The Deacon's Fund** supports Emergency Family Assistance, ULC, and other charities as well. All of these funds will be used to alleviate the needs of people who are in very vulnerable circumstances. The agencies have expressed great gratitude. We are only able to do this because of the generous and faithful contributions of you, our dear members, to the Deacon's Fund! Please consider contributing via your offering envelopes or in the Deacons' Fund collector in the Narthex! Thanks!!!

#### Faith Day at the Rockies

Faith Day is back with the Colorado Rockies on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:10pm. Come watch the Rockies take on the Arizona Diamondbacks, enjoy some Christian fellowship, and stay after the game for a concert by **We the Kingdom**. The Deacons have reserved outfield box tickets at a great price of only \$16 per ticket. Anyone interested in going please sign up on the bulletin board or email Melisa Anderson no later than July 28<sup>th</sup> and write checks out to Eternal Savior for tickets. Feel free to contact Melisa with any questions.

**Church Picnic –** Save the date of Sept. 11 for the congregational church picnic!

#### **Backpack Drive**

ESLC has committed to donating 15 backpacks to Lutheran Family Services that will be given to foster and refugee children. All donations need to be dropped off at the church no later than **July 10**. If you have any questions feel free to contact Melisa Anderson 303-304-6532.

# Middle School - Male (Please secure this tag to the backpack) □ 1 New backpack □ 1 Pack Pencils □ 1 Pack Pens □ 2 Pink Erasers □ 1 Pack Washable Markers 1 Pack Colored Pencils □ 2 Glue Sticks □ 4 Pocket/solid color folders □ 3 Spiral Notebooks (college-ruled) □ 2 Composition Notebook □ 1 Graph Paper Notebook □ 1 Three-Ring Binder □ 1 Pack Binder Dividers □ 1 Ruler □ 1 Pair Scissors □ 1 Protractor □ 1 Compass □ 1 Scientific Calculator □ 1 Planner □ 1 Reusable Water Bottle (store inside backpack)

#### **SERVING IN JULY**

Sunday, July 3

Organist Linda Innes Acolyte Levi Hinrichs

Usher(s) Roger Landowski, Kirk Anderson

Greeter(s) Terri Nagel

Counter(s) Sam and Lynn Kelley

Elder(s) Ryan Lambrecht, Wayne Thomas Altar Jan Ertle/Linda Thompson

A/V Booth
Lawn
Kevin Cowley
Flowers
Linda Thompson

Sunday, July 10

Organist Linda Innes Acolyte Micah Anderson

Usher(s) Roger Landowski, Kirk Anderson

Greeter(s) Keith and Polly Cowley Counter(s) Sam and Lynn Kelley

Elder(s) Keith Cowley (r), Dave Sherrets

Altar Mary Bunge
A/V Booth Dave Sherrets
Lawn Sam Kelley
Flowers Koeller

Sunday, July 17

Organist Linda Thompson
Acolyte Mikayla Richardson
Usher(s) Keith Cowley, Tom Stahly
Greeter(s) Bob and Brenda Vieyra
Counter(s) Marc and Jan Ertle

Elder(s) Roger Landowski, Jeff Reuer

Altar Mary Bunge
A/V Booth Marc Ertle
Lawn Tom Stahly
Flowers OPEN

Sunday, July 24

Organist Linda Thompson
Acolyte Mikayla Richardson
Usher(s) Keith Cowley, Tom Stahly
Greeter(s) Kirk and Melisa Anderson

Counter(s) Marc and Jan Ertle

Elder(s) Wayne Thomas (r), Roger Landowski

Altar Cindy Stahly
A/V Booth Laura Raben
Lawn Bob Vieyra
Flowers Bunge

Sunday, July 31

Organist Linda Thompson Acolyte Micah Anderson

Usher(s) Ryan Lambrecht, Marc Ertle Greeter(s) Sam and Lynn Kelley Counter(s) Mark and Mary Bunge

Elder(s) Kirk Anderson, Dave Sherrets

Altar Jan Ertle
A/V Booth Ed Warnken
Lawn Pete Hinrichs
Flowers OPEN

We have many ways in which our members can share their gifts with others each Sunday. Some of those are Greeters, Offering Counters, Ushers, Livestream and Audio Engineers, Lawn Mowing/Snow Removal. These are all listed on the Servant Calendar on our web site. Please reach out to Mary at the church office if you can serve. We so appreciate and thank God for your service!

**July 2022** 

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9:00 AM Worship and Communion 10:30 AM Bible Class	4	9:00 AM Bulletin Deadline 7:00 PM Elders	6	7 9:30-11:30 Quilters	8	9
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For livestreaming video, please go to church's Facebook page <a href="https://eternalsavior\_utheran">www.facebook.com/EternalSavior\_utheran</a> or ESLC website <a href="https://eternalsavior\_lutheran">https://eternalsavior\_lutheran</a>.org/





THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

# Pray For Us Calendar

#### **LUTHERAN SCHOOLS — JULY 1-15**

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) School Ministry serves as a national voice for Lutheran schools, upholding the standards of Christ-centered schools that are academically strong and respectfully operated. Nationwide, there are 1,992 LCMS schools, which include 1,127 early childhood centers, 778 elementary schools and 87 high schools.

Remember God's work in Lutheran schools as you pray:

- **1.** for the children attending Lutheran schools, that their eyes, ears, hearts and minds would be open to God's Word.
- 2. for Lutheran school teachers, that they would correctly divide and deliver Law and Gospel to students through real-life applications each day.
- **3.** for Lutheran school principals, who lead people to passionately embrace the witness our schools provide to the community. Pray that pastors, principals, directors and teachers would work together in Godpleasing unity.

- **4.** for pastors, who champion the Kingdom work happening in our schools. Pray that pastors would be excited to be an integral part of their school's ministry and the teaching of the children.
- 5. for the ability of Lutheran schools to serve every child in their care. Ask that the Lord would provide the means to help schools serve children who have disabilities, who have experienced trauma or who come from families with limited resources.
- 6. for Lutheran schools that are struggling to fill empty seats. Pray that God would revitalize their ministries, energize their staff members and bring more children through their doors.

- **7.** for parents who support our Lutheran schools with their time, talents and treasures. Give thanks for their dedication to the mission of the school.
- 8. for daily opportunities for our teachers and staff to show God's mercy, love and forgiveness both inside and outside of the classroom. Pray that God would maintain our ability to practice our faith in Lutheran schools.
- **9.** for church members who tell the story of their Lutheran school, that their recommendation might lead more students through the school's doors.
- 10. for the many non-Christians and exchange students who are coming to our schools. Pray that God would work through the Gospel that they will have faith in Jesus.

- **11.** for first-year teachers, that they may apply their gifts to demonstrate grace and mercy. Pray that God would give them strength and patience.
- **12.** for our early childhood centers that introduce young families to the saving love of Jesus. Pray that they are a faithful witness to the littlest of God's children and their families.
- **13.** for courageous Lutheran schools willing to take calculated risks that will result in significant rewards for students. Give the leaders of these schools wisdom in their decisions.
- **14.** for comfort and healing for school faculty and students during times of injury, illness and loss.
- **15.** for God to raise up wise and gifted leaders who are willing to serve in administrative roles at Lutheran schools.

# **JULY** Pray For Us Calendar

#### **CAMPUS MINISTRY — JULY 16-31**

The challenges to Christians on our nation's college campuses are increasing exponentially. On practically every campus, objections are increasing to the biblical worldview, Christian doctrine, traditional ethics and moral practices. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's (LCMS) campus-ministry arm, LCMS U, aims to encourage, support and help students, faculty and staff in their response to these challenges so they can boldly bear witness to Christ.

Remember God's work through LCMS U as you pray:

- 16. for the 200-plus LCMS U chapters around the country, that they would receive the support they need to effectively reach out to America's college students.
- 17. that more congregations and individuals would become involved with their local LCMS U chapters or start new ones.
- **18.** for the growth of LCMS U on urban campuses and at community colleges, two fertile mission fields. Pray that the Lord would open doors to the spread of His Word in these places.
- **19.** for all the dedicated staff and volunteers involved in campus ministry, that God would energize them for their work and use them to plant seeds of faith that will continue to grow.
- **20.** for students starting their first year of college, that they would find a church to attend.

Christian friends and make good decisions while living away from home for the first time.

- **21.** for the parents of college students, especially those who have an empty nest for the first time. Pray that they would find joy and contentment in the midst of life's changes.
- **22.** that Lutheran college students would be bold witnesses to their faith in Jesus Christ, even when faced with pressure from peers and professors.
- 23. that young people would hunger for the certain truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and not be deceived by the half-truths and lies of Satan.
- 24. for the 800,000-plus foreign students studying at American colleges and universities. Many come from countries where the Gospel is not freely preached. Pray that their time in the U.S. would provide the opportunity for them to learn about Jesus.





- **25.** for the international students who came to faith while studying abroad. Ask the Lord to provide support so that they can continue to grow in their faith after they return home.
- **26.** for busy college students, who are pulled in many directions with the demands of school, work, friends, family and other activities. Pray that they would make God a priority by setting aside time for worship, Bible study and Christian service.
- **27.** for the development of campus-ministry programs at institutions of higher education around the world.
- **28.** that God would bless and guide the work of all students

involved in mission work and volunteer opportunities both at home and abroad. Pray that this time would be a blessing to them and others.

- **29.** with thanksgiving for a new school year. Pray that students and campus-ministry workers would return refreshed and with renewed dedication.
- **30.** for recent college graduates, that they would find gainful employment as well as a church home where they can learn about God's holy Word in all of its truth and purity.
- **31.** for all students, that God would protect them and provide people to share with them the Word of God.

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