



# *The Eternal Light*

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## WORD IS . . .

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**A WORD FROM PASTOR THORSON**

### **20/20 Vision**

How's your eyesight? Is it 20/20? Is it even better than that? Is it far worse? Whatever your vision, 20/20 is the standard. If you have that eyesight you can see things clearly at appropriate distances. But, one thing 20/20 vision does not give you is the ability to see into the future. There is no eyesight rating that is good enough to peer into the future in order to help you prepare. Of course, there are people who claim to have that ability. They often claim to have a "third eye" that can help them see the future clearly. But, seeing the future belongs only to God. Even Jesus set aside this future 20/20 vision when he took on flesh. In Matthew 24: 36, Jesus tells his disciples that no one knows when the Day of Judgement will take place except the Father. If Jesus says this, there's really no point in trying to guess the future.

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*"Romans and Jeremiah remind us that God is at work for us and for our future even through evil things and pandemics."*

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That being said, we have no need to guess the future. We already know it. We may not be able to foresee the correct lotto numbers or the like, but we know that one day Jesus will return. When he does, there will be no more tears or pain or death. We know that for those who put their faith in Jesus, paradise awaits. So, you do know the future. But, as for what will happen tomorrow, that is a different story. That is also where the faith I mentioned comes in for you.

The certainty of day-to-day life is very tumultuous. Businesses fail. Friends fight and fall away from one another. Divorce is rampant. War breaks out often. We all face the turmoil of uncertainty, but our ultimate future is set

JEREMIAH 29: 11

**FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU," DECLARES THE Lord, "PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND NOT TO HARM YOU, PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE**



and no amount of turmoil, uncertainty, or fighting can change that. Though we will never be able to predict the future, we can trust that the Lord has it firmly in his hand. And, since our futures are secure with Him, we can trust that we are going to be okay. There is no need to worry over the wars or fret over the economy. Instead, we can prepare for the future by taking the love and mercy that God has for us in Christ and spreading it to the rest of the hurting world. This is something we can do even in the midst of our own hurts. Why? Because as Jeremiah 29 reminds us, God knows what he has in store for us and it's all for our good. We might not know how God uses certain things for our good, but we can trust He has, does and will. Romans also helps trust this. There we are told that God works all things together for the good of those who love Him (Roman 8: 28). Romans and Jeremiah remind us that God is at work for us and for our future. You don't have to have 20/20 vision to see that if God is for us, nothing and no one can stand against us. With God as our strength and shield, let's prepare for Jesus' glorious return by putting on love and moving confidently forward trusting in Jesus as our salvation.

In Christ,

*Pastor Paul D. Jr.*

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### Upcoming Events

July 18<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> – National Youth Gathering

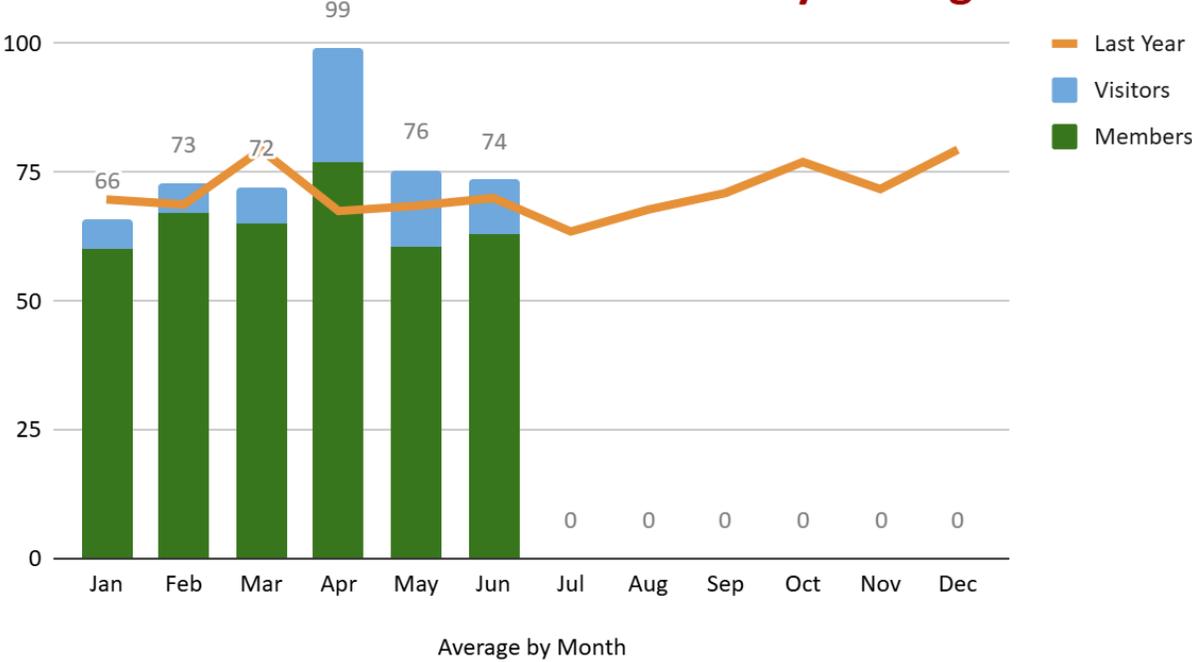


# Attendance Graphs!

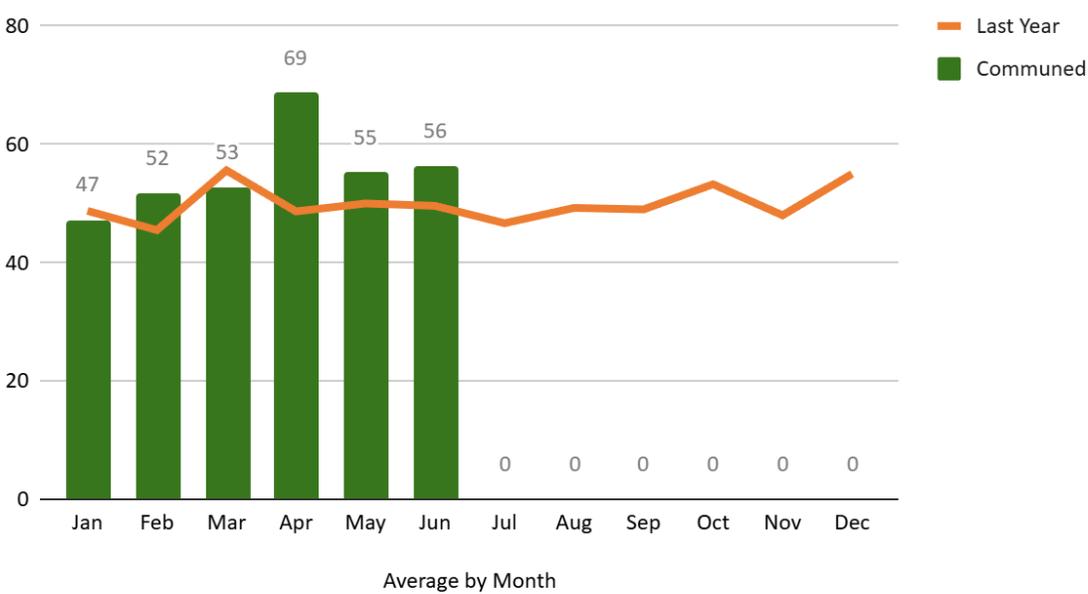
Members of Eternal Savior.

These are graphs showing our attendance and communion for 2025.

## 2025 Attendance: Per-Sunday Average



## 2025 Communed: Per-Sunday Average



## OFFERING REPORT

Offerings for the month of June were:

June 1	\$6,790
June 8	\$1,057
June 15	\$1,372
June 22	\$1,477
June 29	\$2,303
Online Offerings	\$4,251



This weekly average (\$2,875) compares to our 2025 weekly budget needs of **\$5,018**.

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### COUNTER SCHEDULE

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

July 6 – Katherine Moore and Cindy Stahly  
July 13 – Mark and Mary Bunge  
July 20 – Mark and Mary Bunge  
July 27 – Marc and Jan Ertle

Aug. 3 – Marc and Jan Ertle  
Aug. 10 – Sam and Lynn Kelley  
Aug. 17 – Sam and Lynn Kelley  
Aug. 24 – Polly Cowley and Cindy Stahly  
Aug. 31 - Katherine Moore and Polly Cowley



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## *Continuing Education at Our Savior, Cheyenne, WY*

Our Savior Lutheran Church will be hosting a continuing education event through Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne August 11-13, 2025. Rev. William Weedon will be here teaching on the topic ***“An Examination of the Solas in the Fathers of the Church.”*** Pastors and lay persons are invited to attend. **Registration is now open! Please sign up soon!**

Here is the registration link and more information about the class.

<https://concordiatheologicalseminary3.my.site.com/s/continuing-education-detail?recordId=a1yUho00004NVwrIAG>

**Schedule** - Class begins at 9:00 a.m. each day and ends at 12:00 p.m. on the last day.

**Location** - Our Savior Lutheran Church, 5101 Dell Range Blvd., Cheyenne, WY 82009.

A light breakfast and lunch will be provided each day. We are working on hotel and member lodging options. For more information, please call the church office at 307-632-2580 or email us at [office@oursaviorcheyenne.org](mailto:office@oursaviorcheyenne.org).

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## Installation of Stained Glass Window

We installed the new stained glass window on June 10<sup>th</sup>.  
It was quite a feat to get the beautiful window in its location.



## Dedication of Stained Glass Window

We had a dedication of the new stained glass window on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you to Nancy and Laura for providing the perfect refreshment!



# Vacation Bible School

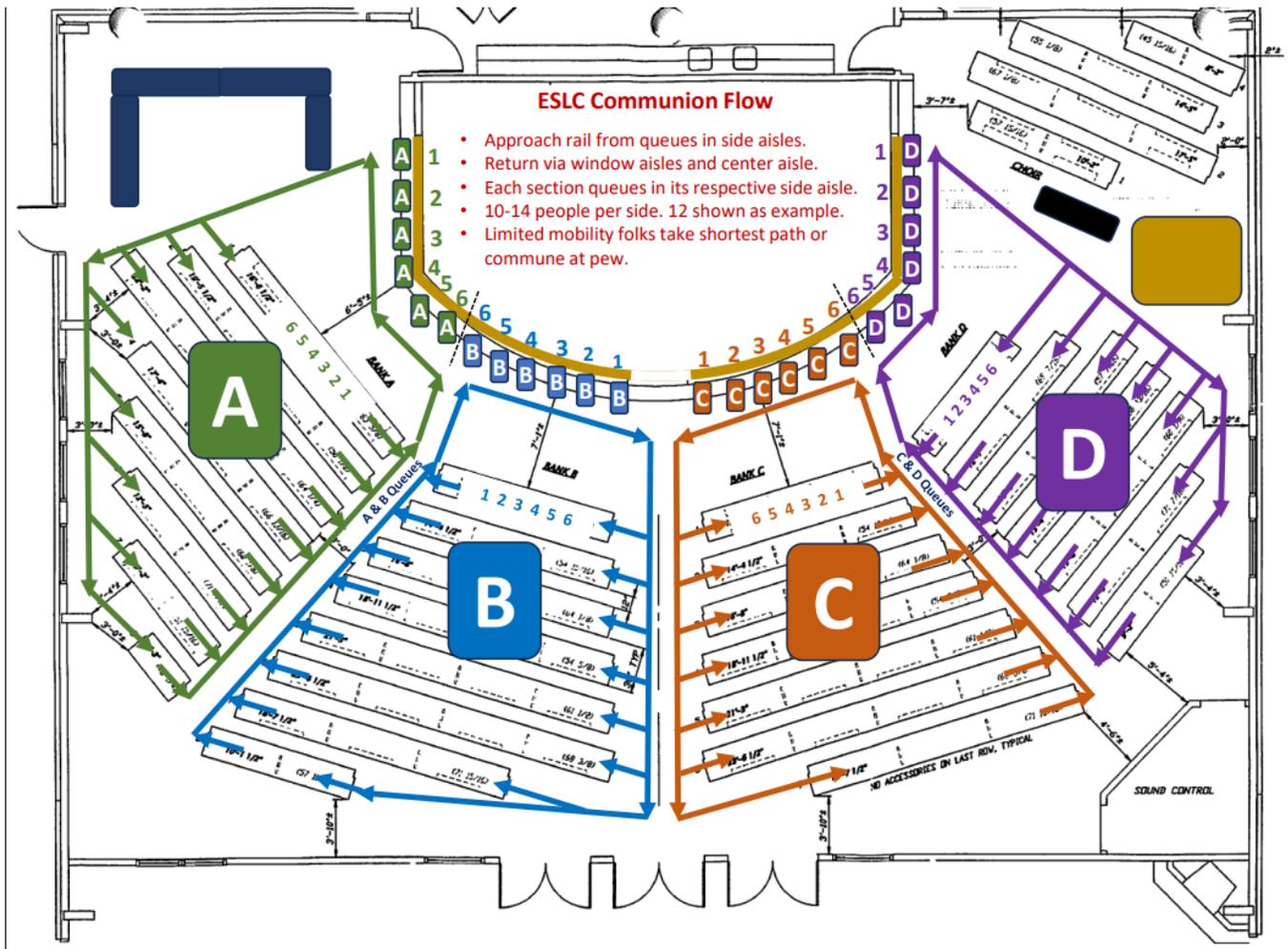
VBS was held from June 23-27. We had a wonderful group of 12 students hear the Word of God and partake in many fun activities.





# Communion Flow Chart

The flowchart in last month's newsletter was incomplete. In an effort to streamline communion on Sundays we are reinstating the communion flowchart that was developed many years ago. When COVID happened we could not queue because we needed to maintain our distance from each other. Since those restrictions are no longer in place we are wanting to go back to our old way of lining up for communion. Please take a look at the flowchart and if you have any questions please contact an elder or usher.



## REMINDERS

**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!!!

**Please be responsible!!!** 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 **doors are locked and secure!!** Please do double checks before you leave.

**We ask that all members of the congregation please be conscious of protecting their valuables while at church. Many times, the doors are left unlocked, and people are downstairs. This gives easy access to someone who may not be a member. We will try to remember to lock the doors after service.**

**Sign Up to Receive Text Messages** - Eternal Savior is building a text message list for urgent communications. i.e., Service is cancelled due to a blizzard. If you would like to receive notifications like that via text message, please text **ETERNALSAVIOR** (one word, no space) to 84576. Contact Laura Raben if you need help signing up.

**\*\*\* There are many open spots for flowers on Sunday.** Please look to see if there is a service you would like to provide flowers. Also include if the flowers are for a special occasion.

**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.

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**Sunday Morning Bible Study** – Please join us after service downstairs for Sunday morning Bible Study. This Bible Study is covering the Book of Ezekiel.



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

**Thursday Morning Bible Study** - Please join us for Thursday morning Bible Study at 10:30a.m. We will be studying the book of Romans. **\*\*\* This Bible Study will not be meeting in the month of July but will resume August 7<sup>th</sup>.**

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## SERVING IN JULY

### **Sunday, July 6**

Organist /Pianist	Linda Innes
Acolyte	Anna Lambrecht
Usher(s)	Roger Landowski, Michael Scott
Greeter(s)	Michael Scott
Counter(s)	Katherine Moore and Cindy Stahly
Elder(s)	Ryan Lambrecht, Wayne Thomas
Altar	Lambrechts
A/V Booth	Kirk and Micah Anderson
Snow/Lawn	Tom Stahly
Flowers	OPEN

### **Sunday, July 13**

Organist /Pianist	Linda Innes
Cantor	Keith Cowley
Acolyte	Luke Hinrichs
Usher(s)	Roger Landowski and Michael Scott
Greeter(s)	Sam and Lynn Kelley
Counter(s)	Mark and Mary Bunge
Elder(s)	Marc Ertle (r), Keith Cowley
Altar	Lambrechts
A/V Booth	Pete and Levi Hinrichs
Snow/Lawn	Bob Vieyra
Flowers	OPEN

### **Sunday, July 20**

Organist /Pianist	Valerie Iglar
Acolyte	Dylan Mayer
Usher(s)	Kirk and Micah Anderson
Greeter(s)	Keith and Polly Cowley
Counter(s)	Mark and Mary Bunge
Elder(s)	Eric Olson, Ryan Lambrecht
Altar	Lambrechts
A/V Booth	Nick and Noah Mayer
Snow/Lawn	Bob Vieyra
Flowers	OPEN

### **Sunday, July 27**

Organist/Pianist	Valerie Iglar
Cantor	Cindy Griffin
Acolyte	Anna Lambrecht
Usher(s)	Kirk and Micah Anderson
Greeter(s)	Cheryl and Ryan Lambrecht
Counter(s)	Marc and Jan Ertle
Elder(s)	Wayne Thomas (r), Keith Cowley
Altar	Lambrechts
A/V Booth	Tom Stahly and Noah Mayer
Snow/Lawn	Pete Hinrichs
Flowers	Bunge

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!

# **NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF DEACONS**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Please watch the bulletin for information regarding an upcoming summer activity after review of a recent survey. A church picnic will be organized to be held on or around September 7<sup>th</sup>.

We have received notice that Rockies Faith Day is to be Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:10p.m. Tickets are offered at a special group rate of \$30 each. The Deacons Fund will pay \$10 toward each ticket, making the cost \$20 for each ticket to church members. A concert by Jeremy Camp will follow the game. Please sign the sign-up sheet in the narthex if you will be going. Contact Melisa Anderson if you have questions.

## **FOOD PANTRY: SISTER CARMEN**

Sister Carmen Food Pantry continues to appreciate our donations. A list of needed items is now on the donation bin and listed in the bulletin. We have donate 780 pounds of goods since January 1<sup>st</sup>. We thank you for your continued support of this outreach to the community.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS**

The Sunday School children decided the 2024-2025 school year donation of \$96.78 will be sent to LCMS Disaster Response.

## **DEACONS FUND STATUS**

\$2,258.88

## **UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN**

### **CHAPEL Mission**

The last meal for this spring semester was May 4<sup>th</sup>. The meals were well attended this school year. We thank the congregation for the food donations and the help serving. This mission outreach is expected to continue in the Fall. We will let you know the dates when they have been determined. Please contact any Deacon if you are interested in more information.

## **LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICES SUPPORT**

We stay in contact with LFS to help with their upcoming needs. Currently, there are no upcoming requests.

## **EMERGENCY FAMILY ASSISTANCE SUPPORT**

Recent supplies totaling \$117 were delivered along with our congregational donations. The supplies and donations are always appreciated by the EFAA. We communicate with the social worker by email to determine ongoing needs for them as changes arise. Current items requested include:

Baby Wipes	Bar Soaps
Adult Toothpaste	Adult Toothbrushes
Men/Woman deodorant	Paper towels (3pks)
Dishwasher Pods	Detergents
Fabric Softener	Clorox
Floor Cleaner	Body Lotion
Disinfecting Wipes	Trash Bags
Pads/ Tampons	

## **NEXT MEETING**

July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

# July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9:30 Quilting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Church Office Closed	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 9:00 Worship and Communion 10:30 Sunday School/Bible Study	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:30 Quilting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 9:00 Worship and Communion 10:30 Sunday School/Bible Study 11:40 Deacons	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9:30 Quilting	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> National Youth Gathering	<b>19</b> National Youth Gathering
<b>20</b> 9:00 Worship and Communion 10:10 Trustees 10:30 Sunday School/Bible Study National Youth Gathering	<b>21</b> National Youth Gathering	<b>22</b> National Youth Gathering	<b>23</b> 9:30 Quilting National Youth Gathering	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 9:00 Worship and Communion 10:30 Sunday School/Bible Study	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:30 Quilting	<b>31</b>		

For livestreaming video, please go to church's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/EternalSaviorLutheran](https://www.facebook.com/EternalSaviorLutheran) or ESLC website <https://eternalsavior-lutheran.org/>

**“It’s incredible to be part of a large group** where only three trainees are non-African. Nigeria is doing so much to raise up African translation consultants!” exclaimed Ruthie Wagner. As a consultant-in-training (CiT) she attended this event to practice skills alongside other CiTs with her mentor, Rev. Chuck Tessaro.

### **...the work continues even when a key team member retires or relocates.**

Lutheran Bible Translators consistently emphasizes and models mentoring for program sustainability. The fact that Nigeria is replicating this process is huge for Bible translation efforts! When local teams take ownership and encourage mentorship for training new members, the work continues even when a key team member retires or relocates.

Pray for the efforts of the Nigeria Translation Consultant Training to multiply, resulting in vibrant, connected Christian communities centered around God’s Word!

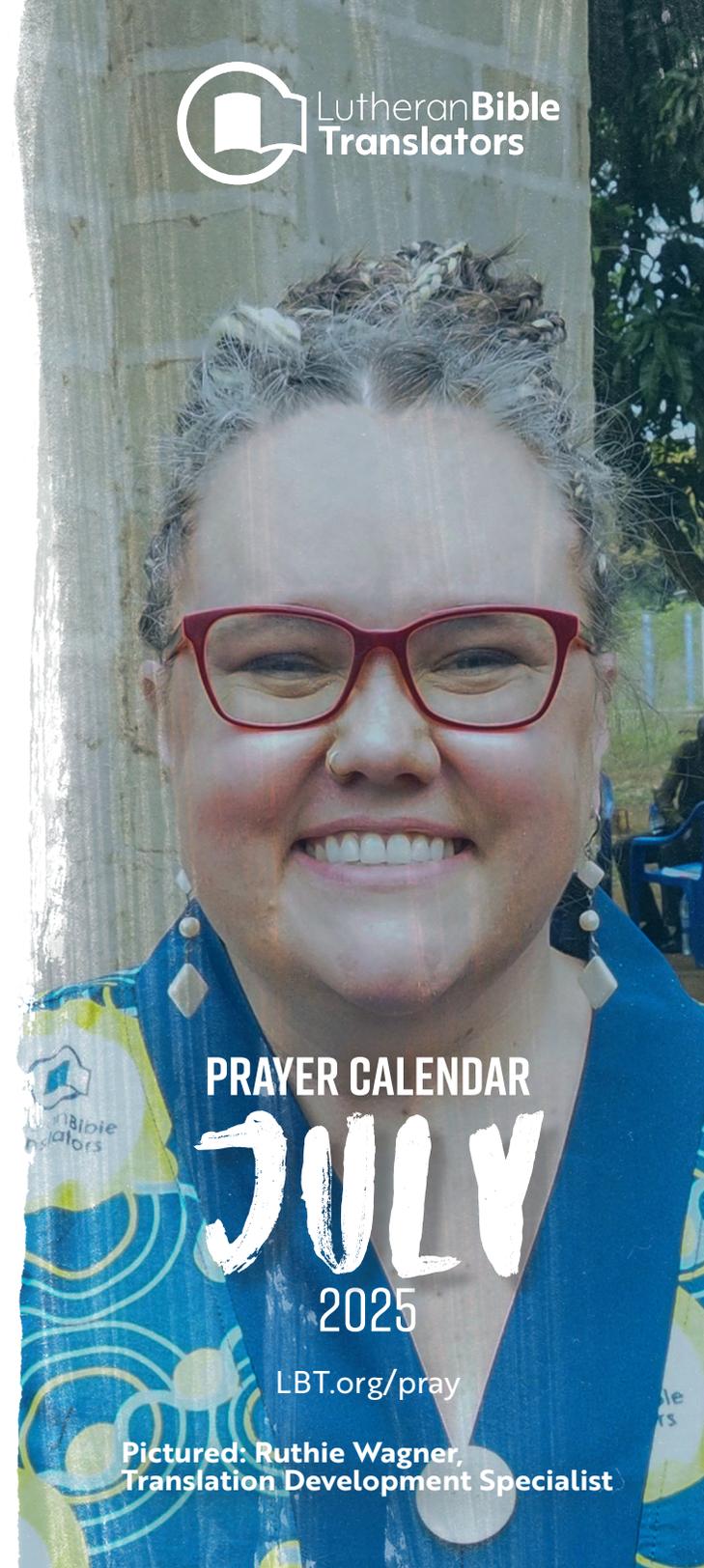
#### **MONTHLY PRAYER GATHERING**

**Prayer is the Strategy!** Join us for the monthly prayer gathering to connect with people all over the globe, hear what God is doing through Lutheran Bible Translators and its partners, and pray in community.

Last Thursday of every Month • **July 31**  
Access online: [LBT.org/pray](https://www.lbt.org/pray)



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**PRAYER CALENDAR**  
**JULY**  
2025

[LBT.org/pray](https://www.lbt.org/pray)

**Pictured: Ruthie Wagner,**  
Translation Development Specialist

- 1 Answered prayer:** Praise God that Tiffany Smith's vehicle arrived in Tanzania! Pray it blesses her ministry and provides safe, reliable travel.
- 2** Pray God raises faithful supporters for Nathan and Sarah Federwitz as they prepare to serve in Papua New Guinea.
- 3** Pray songs from the recent songwriting workshop deepen faith, enrich worship, and glorify God in the languages of the people. (Botswana)
- 4** On this Fourth of July, pray for the continued freedom to share God's Word and for open doors to bring Bible translation to every language and nation.
- 5** Pray for fruitful conversations and Spirit-led collaboration as Sarah Esala plans future language training with Tanzanian partners.
- 6** Pray partners and community leaders create strong, Spirit-led strategies for translation ministry in 2026 and beyond.
- 7** On Jim Kaiser's birthday, pray for health, wisdom, and strength as he consults translation teams across West Africa.
- 8** Pray the Datoga-Taturu team receives resources and support to build a much-needed office for translation work. (Tanzania)
- 9** Pray the Kerewe team makes strong progress on the Pentateuch and grows in unity and commitment. (Tanzania)
- 10** Pray for VBS programs this summer, especially those using Bible Translation Chapel resources to inspire mission-minded children.
- 11** Pray for smooth checking and safe travel as the Yala team finalizes translation work in Nigeria.
- 12 Answered Prayer:** Praise God for successful Rev79 training in Nigeria! Thank Him for strong participation and encouragement for translation teams.
- 13** Pray Concordia Mission Institute attendees are encouraged, connect well, and gain insights that strengthen their ministries.
- 14** Pray CMI participants are renewed in God's mission to bring the message of salvation through Christ to every nation and language.
- 15** Pray CMI stirs hearts to live out their vocations as Christ's witnesses in daily and cross-cultural contexts.
- 16** Pray CMI sessions inspire others to engage in Bible translation for every language.
- 17** Pray global partnerships at CMI grow in humility, trust, and a shared vision for Bible translation.
- 18** Pray CMI fosters deep engagement with Scripture and lasting connections that inspire joyful obedience to God's call.
- 19** Pray LCMS Youth Gathering attendees grow in faith and recognize God's calling for their lives.
- 20** Pray for safety, wisdom, and peace for translation teams facing security risks as they continue their ministry.
- 21** Pray missionaries recovering from travel and workshops are strengthened, refreshed, and sustained in their ministry work.
- 22 Answered prayer:** Praise God Rev. Kieren Ayugha received a vehicle! Pray it enables safe and effective field ministry. (Nigeria)
- 23** Pray the Khwedam Bible dedication goes smoothly and the community receives it joyfully and begins to use it. (Botswana)
- 24 Answered prayer:** Praise God Eleme translators in Nigeria were recruited and trained! Pray for work to flourish.
- 25** Pray for discernment and unity as translation teams face difficult challenges in faithfully communicating Scripture.
- 26** Pray \*Sabro children engage deeply with the newly distributed Scripture and grow strong in faith and understanding. (U.S. & Middle East)
- 27** Pray for unity and clear direction as PNG leaders plan a strategic translation workshop. (Papua New Guinea)
- 28** Pray the Taturu storytellers have boldness and joy as they share God's Word and raise awareness. (Tanzania)
- 29** Pray for health, wisdom, and strength for Steve Ttopoqogo as he supports Bible translation in the Zaka Circuit. (Papua New Guinea)
- 30 Answered prayer:** Praise God the Psalms in \*Sabro are now published and distributed, answering years of faithful prayer. (U.S. & Middle East)
- 31** Pray the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Papua Neew Guinea finds a qualified, faithful Translation and Mission Coordinator.

*\*Pseudonyms used due to a sensitive situation*



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.

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- 2.** for Lutheran school teachers, that they would correctly divide and deliver Law and Gospel to students through real-life applications each day.

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- 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 God-pleasing unity.

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- 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.

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- 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.

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- 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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**9.** for church members who tell the story of their Lutheran school, that their recommendation might lead more students through the school's doors.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**14.** for comfort and healing for school faculty and students during times of injury, illness and loss.

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**15.** for God to raise up wise and gifted leaders who are willing to serve in administrative roles at Lutheran schools.

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## 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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