



The Eternal Light

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WORD IS . . .

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A WORD FROM PASTOR THORSON

**JAMES 2:18B
– SHOW ME
YOUR FAITH
APART FROM
WORKS, AND
I WILL SHOW
YOU MY
FAITH BY MY
WORKS.**

God's Smudges

I love receiving letters and postcards that are handwritten. Which happens a bit more around this time of year, so near to Christmas, New Years and of course Valentine's Day. Now, some of you will think that is a very sweet sentiment, but I don't like them for the time that somebody put into personally writing them. That's fine and all, but I love getting them because more often than not, there is an ink smudged fingerprint somewhere on the page. I am very honored that someone took the time to write me a letter, but I really enjoy seeing the sender's humanity behind the letter. To me, nothing says humanity like a smudged fingerprint right in the middle of a now barely legible word. That's fun to me.

At once the smudge lets me know several different things. First, the sender is indeed human and makes mistakes. I don't trust many letters that arrive in pristine condition. Second, the fingerprint lets me know that the person proofread his or her work. Even if there are errors in grammar or spelling, it's nice to know that the writer took a moment to read what she or he wrote. Third, whether they know it or not, in putting their fingerprint on the letter or card, they are taking ownership in it. To me that fingerprint says, "This is my work to and for you, and I really meant these words."

As James points out in his letter, it is the same with faith, because that is God's fingerprint on us, on our story. You see, faith is God's gift to us yes,



but it is through that faith that God writes his story to the rest of the world. It is evidence that he put time and effort into us and our lives. Our faith his evidence that he cares for his people, and that he wants others to know he loves them.

James says, "Show me your faith without works, and I will show you my faith by my works." Our faith marks us with God's fingerprints so that we can be workers in his kingdom and world. It does not sit idly by while others are in need. Whether they have physical need or spiritual need, our faith makes us God's finger smudged letter to others to meet that need.

It doesn't matter that we're full of errors and imperfections (which is no comment on the author here; he is perfect). Those sins and failings are "smudged" away by Jesus' blood soaked fingers; they are covered by his blood; they are removed, and we are made His perfect creations. All that matters is that God has chosen to use us as his letter to the world to bring his love story to others, so that he might smudge them with his fingerprint, so that Jesus might put his red fingerprint on their hearts and cover over their shortcomings as well.

So you see, our faith is God's "smudge," marking you as the letter that he put time and effort into for the world. It shows that you have been perfectly proofed, and that though you might make mistakes from time to time, our loving creator never does. Your faith is his assurance to you that you are his workmanship, crafted to put his smudge mark on the rest of the world.

In Christ,

Pastor Ant O. Jr

Upcoming Events

November 2nd – Daylight Savings Time Ends – Remember to move your clocks back one hour

November 27th – Thanksgiving Service – 9:00a.m.

December 7th – Voter's Meeting – after service

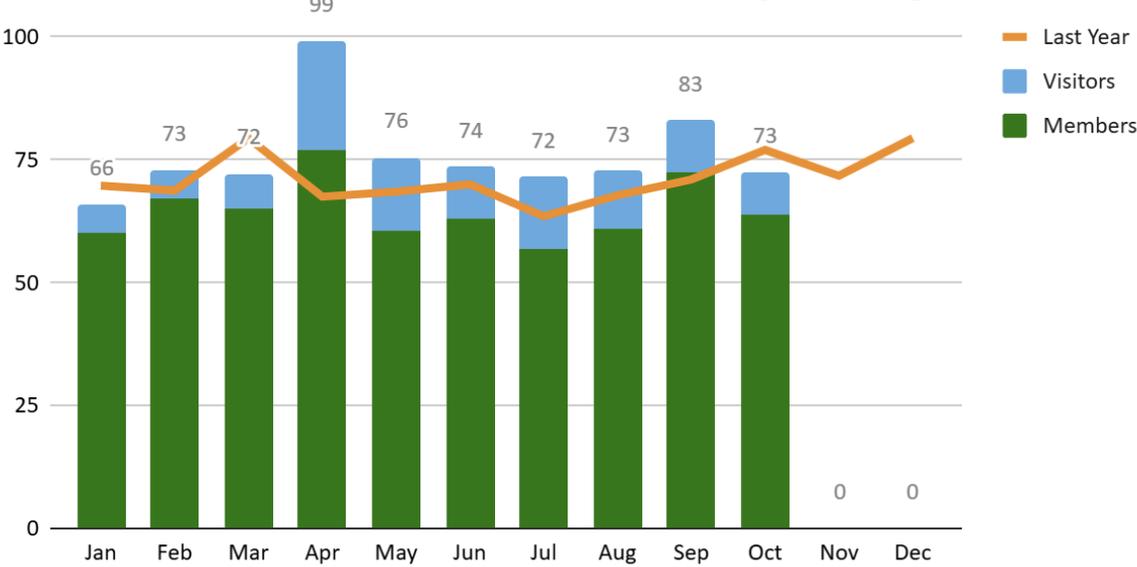
with
God
all things
ARE POSSIBLE
Matthew 19:26

Attendance Graphs!

Members of Eternal Savior.

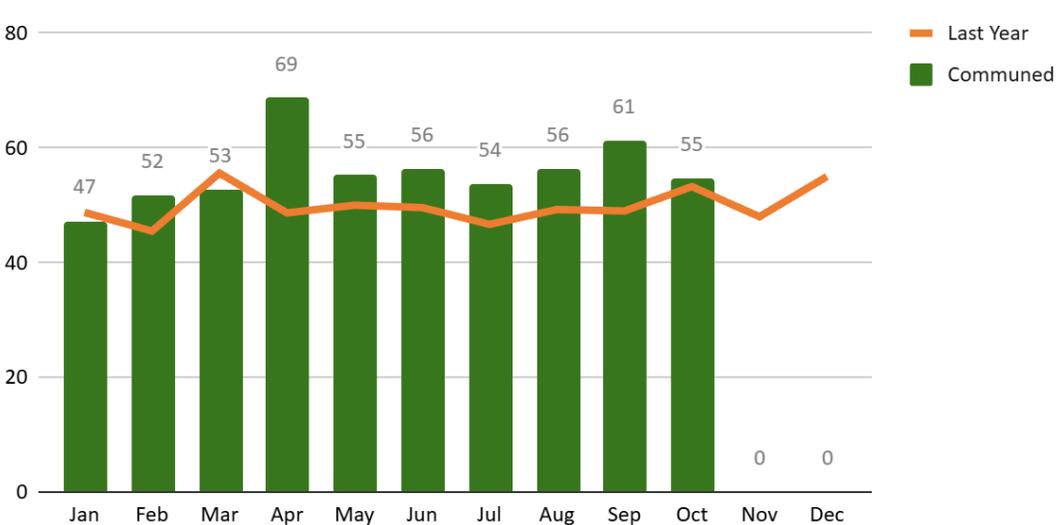
These are graphs showing our attendance and communion for 2025.

2025 Attendance: Per-Sunday Average



Average by Month

2025 Communed: Per-Sunday Average



Average by Month

OFFERING REPORT

Offerings for the month of September were:

October 5	\$ 3,962
October 12	\$ 800
October 19	\$ 5,640
October 26	\$ 1,708
Online Offerings	\$ 6,556



This weekly average (\$4,666) compares to our 2025 weekly budget needs of **\$5,018**.

COUNTER SCHEDULE

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

Nov. 2 Katherine Moore and Polly Cowley
Nov. 9 Polly Cowley and Cindy Stahly
Nov. 16 Mark and Mary Bunge
Nov. 23 Mark and Mary Bunge
Nov. 30 Marc and Jan Ertle

Dec. 7 Marc and Jan Ertle
Dec. 14 Sam and Lynn Kelley
Dec. 21 Sam and Lynn Kelley
Dec. 28 Polly Cowley and Cindy Stahly



From our Treasurer

Just a quick update. To date we have been blessed with continued financial stability. Our contributions are above where we were at this time last year and we are also ahead of the budget needs for 2025. In addition to the general fund, we have received donations in support of our Deacons Fund and several external organizations that we support with money from our budget commitment.



The Church Council is putting the final touches on the 2026 budget. I encourage all to attend the December 7th Voters meeting to review and approve the 2026 budget.

As always please keep the financial status of our congregation in your thoughts and prayers.

Stained-Glass Window Update



The arched window representing Holy Communion is currently in production and is scheduled to be completed next week or by November 7. The third window, which will be the arched window in the north sanctuary wall is in the design process now. This window is to represent the “Water and the Word” using images of an open Bible and a shell for baptism. We hope to have the first round of designs sometime next week. Both windows will be installed on the same day, maybe by Christmas.

Update from our Quilting Group

Since April, we have made and donated 42 double and 38 baby-child quilts to Orphan Grain Train. This makes a grand total of 1,902 quilts given. We hope to reach a total of 2,000 quilts this coming year.

There are now squares to be sewn together into tops in the quilt box next to the LWML table in the narthex. There are directions in the squares packages.

Recently, we were given 27 quilt tops which needed to have the batting and backing fabric added to make a finished quilt. These tops had been given to Orphan Grain Train and we were asked if we would finish them. Of course, our ladies said yes. The sizes vary from our standard sizes so you will know when see them on the stairway.

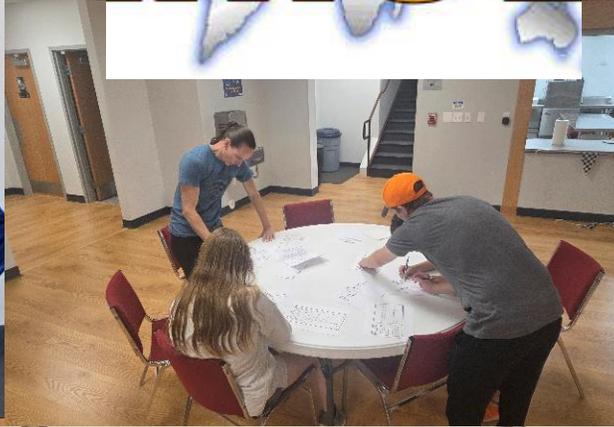


Our last day for this year will be November 19th and will start again January 7th.

See Diane Oehlkers (303-666-9627) if you would like to know more or would like to help.

Amazing Race

A fun day was had by all for our second Amazing Race.



ULC Meal

CU Students enjoyed a meal provided by our members.



University Lutheran Chapel



Youth Group to Anderson Farms



Congregational Reformation Dinner

A wonderful "German themed" dinner was provided by the Board of Deacons. Thank you to Laura for providing a few educational and fun games. It was a great time for fun and fellowship.



Reformation
Festival



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. The 2026 calendar will be available soon.

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 – 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 Apocrypha.

SERVING IN NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 2

Organist /Pianist	Linda Innes
Acolyte	Dylan Mayer
Usher(s)	Tom and Cindy Stahly
Greeter(s)	Bob and Brenda Vieyra
Counter(s)	Katherine Moore and Polly Cowley
Elder(s)	Marc Ertle, Keith Cowley
Altar	Brenda Vieyra
A/V Booth	Andersons
Snow/Lawn	Kyle Martz
Flowers	OPEN

Sunday, November 9

Organist /Pianist	Linda Innes
Cantor	Tom Stahly
Acolyte	Trinity Anderson
Usher(s)	Levi Hinrichs, Roger Landowski
Greeter(s)	Cheryl and Ryan Lambrecht
Counter(s)	Katherine Moore and Cindy Stahly
Elder(s)	Ryan Lambrecht (r), Kirk Anderson
Altar	Brenda Vieyra
A/V Booth	Mayers
Snow/Lawn	Kyle Martz
Flowers	OPEN

Sunday, November 16

Organist /Pianist	Linda Innes
Acolyte	Eva Lambrecht
Usher(s)	Levi Hinrichs, Roger Landowski
Greeter(s)	Kirk and Melisa Anderson
Counter(s)	Mark and Mary Bunge
Elder(s)	Eric Olson, Wayne Thomas
Altar	Brenda Vieyra
A/V Booth	Tom Stahly and Micah Anderson
Snow/Lawn	Kyle Martz
Flowers	OPEN

Sunday, November 23

Organist/Pianist	Valerie Iglar
Cantor	Pam Mayer
Acolyte	Aliyah Thorson
Usher(s)	Kirk and Micah Anderson
Greeter(s)	Cindy Griffin
Counter(s)	Mark and Mary Bunge
Elder(s)	Wayne Thomas (r), Marc Ertle
Altar	Jan Ertle
A/V Booth	Laura Raben
Snow/Lawn	Tom Stahly
Flowers	Hire

Thursday, November 27 -Thanksgiving Service

Organist/Pianist	Linda Innes
Acolyte	
Usher(s)	Roger Landowski
Elder(s)	Keith Cowley
Altar	Jan Ertle/Mary Bunge
A/V Booth	Keith Cowley
Flowers	OPEN

Sunday, November 30

Organist /Pianist	Valerie Iglar
Acolyte	Cole Mayer
Usher(s)	Kirk and Micah Anderson
Greeter(s)	Keith and Polly Cowley
Counter(s)	Marc and Jan Ertle
Elder(s)	Ryan Lambrecht, Keith Cowley
Altar	Jan Ertle
A/V Booth	Pete and Levi Hinrichs
Snow/Lawn	Tom Stahly
Flowers	Innes

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

A congregational dinner was held Saturday, October 25th. Dinner was provided and served by the Deacons. It featured traditional German dishes to celebrate and remember the Reformation. We hope it was a fellowship enjoyed by all.

FOOD PANTRY: SISTER CARMEN

Sister Carmen Food Pantry continues to appreciate our ongoing generosity. A list of needed items is on the donation bin and listed in the bulletin. To date this year, 1,239 pounds of items have been donated. In September, 157 pounds of donations were delivered. We thank you for your continued support of this outreach to the community.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS

The Sunday School children are considering this school year's donation to benefit "Worship Anew" which is online worship services for aging adults.

UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHAPEL Mission

Our first ULC meal for this semester was provided October 12th and a second is tentatively planned for December 7th. As in the past, sign-up sheets for any dishes you wish to donate will be posted in the narthex prior to the meals. We thank you for your interest in providing food for these meals and extend an invitation to help us serve the dinners. Contact the Deacons with any interest you might have.

DEACONS FUND STATUS

\$2,828.05

NEXT MEETING

November 16th, 2025

LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICES SUPPORT

LFS has provided us with a list of items needed for a Thanksgiving Drive. They have requested pots and pans, rice cookers, electric kettles and gift cards to Wal-Mart and King Soopers. There is a flyer in the narthex with more information. All donations need to be at church by November 9th.

Lutheran Family Services is also hosting an Amazon gift drive to provide needed school supplies to refugee kids and their teachers. If anyone wants to donate to this cause, a congregational email from Mary with a link to the Amazon wish list was sent in August. We hope to have a similar request from LFS to help with Christmas gifts and will let you know when we hear their plans.

EMERGENCY FAMILY ASSISTANCE SUPPORT

Requested monthly supplies continue to be delivered to EFAA. In August and September combined, \$260 of requested supplies were purchased and delivered along with our many congregational donations. As with Sister Carmen, there is a donation bin in the narthex. 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	

November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:00 Worship and Communion 10:30 Sunday School/Bible Study 11:30 Church Council 1:30 Confirmation	3	4 6:00 Bell Rehearsal 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	5 9:30 Quilting	6 10:30 Bible Study 7:00 Elders	7	8
9 9:00 Worship and Communion 10:30 Sunday School/Bible Study 1:30 Confirmation	10	11 6:00 Bell Rehearsal 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	12 9:30 Quilting	13 10:30 Bible Study	14	15
16 9:00 Worship and Communion 10:30 Sunday School 11:40 Deacons 1:30 Confirmation	17	18 6:00 Bell Rehearsal 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	19 9:30 Quilting	20 10:30 Bible Study	21	22
23 9:00 Worship and Communion 10:10 Trustees 10:30 Sunday School/Bible Study	24	25	26	27 9:00 Thanksgiving Service	28	29
30 9:00 Worship and Communion 10:30 Sunday School/Bible Study 1:30 Confirmation						

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

PASTOR PASE ZAMUNU

Inspiring a Translation Culture

Pastor Pase Zamunu, Zaka Circuit President, preaches with authority.

Anyone listening is riveted. His passion for God's Word spills over into his mission: he dreams all seven languages in his circuit would have Bible translation (currently, three do).

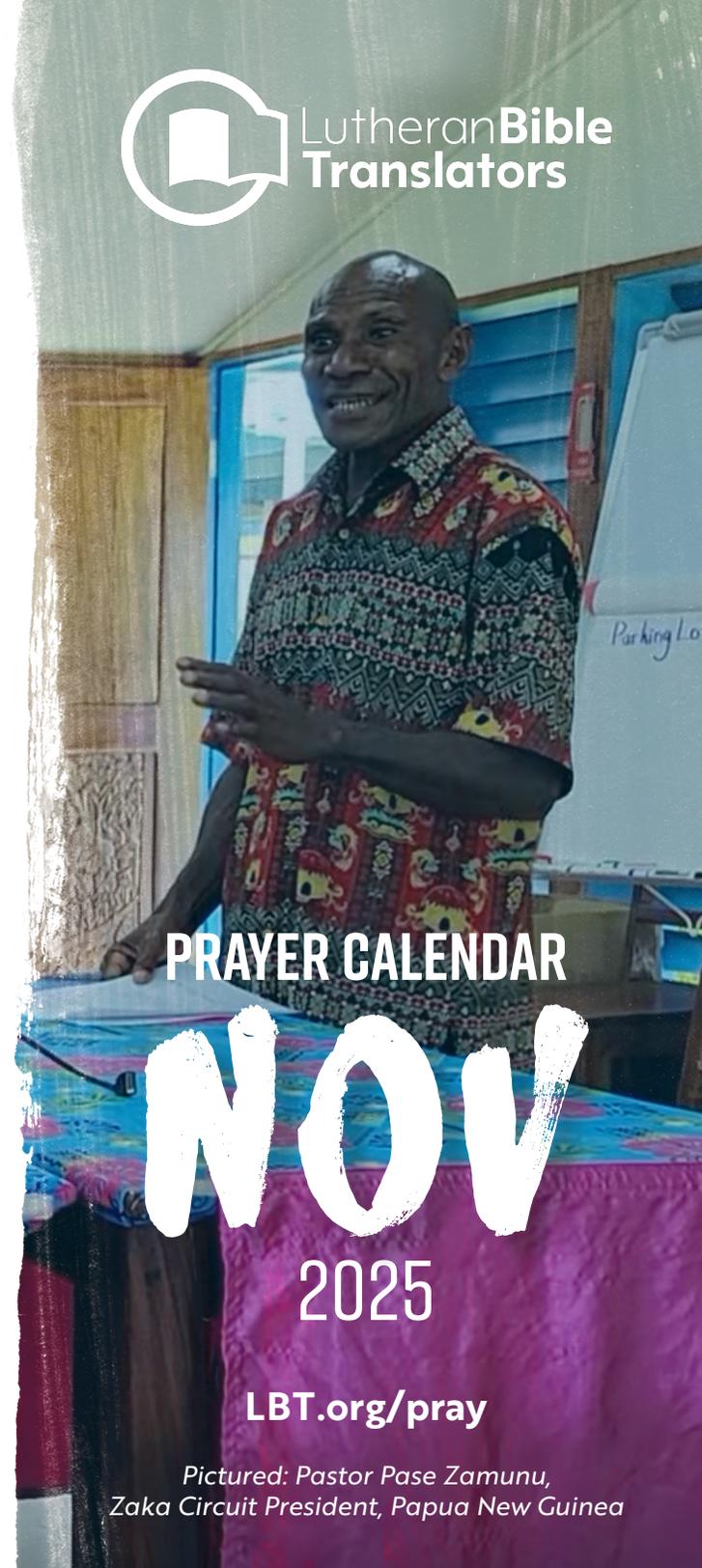
At a recent workshop in Papua New Guinea, he shared about his work with translation and LBT. Leadership surrounded him asking questions, "How did you start? How did you get LBT on board? What are the steps?" He is thrilled to see other church leaders pursuing translation, and for the Zaka circuit to be a possible mentor group.

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Pastor Pase's family also shares his vision; his wife, Egnés Zamunu, serves as the head translator for the Zia Bible Translation Project. Pray God continues to use this family to leave a legacy that bears perpetual fruit.



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PRAYER CALENDAR

NOV

2025

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

*Pictured: Pastor Pase Zamunu,
Zaka Circuit President, Papua New Guinea*

- 1 On this All Saints Day, praise God for the noble apostles and martyrs of the faith who gave up the things of this world for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- 2 Pray for God's provision of safety, good communication, and restfulness for David Federwitz as he travels to Liberia, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, and Ghana.
- 3 Pray for wisdom and direction for LBT personnel and international partners following the Bible Translation Conference in Thailand.
- 4 Pray for good internet connections, reliable power, good health, and wisdom from the Holy Spirit as Jim Kaiser and the Kono translation team check some of the prophetic Old Testament. (Sierra Leone)
- 5 Pray for successful checking sessions on Numbers with the Kukele translation team during the first two weeks of November. (Nigeria)
- 6 Pray God strengthens the Kerewe team as they translate and share Scripture. May he use their efforts to bring many hearts to Him. (Tanzania)
- 7 Pray God will bring forward the right leaders during the LBT Board of Directors fall election.
- 8 Pray missionaries will be granted required permissions with paperwork, passports, and visas to travel and work.
- 9 Pray for grace, peace, and strength for all spouses who take on extra duties with family and household for the sake of Bible translation.
- 10 **Answered Prayer:** Praise God for successful checking sessions on Leviticus with the Gokana Translation team during October! (Nigeria)
- 11 Pray for open and generous hearts and strong partnerships to be formed between missionaries and supporters so missionaries can reach the funding goals necessary to begin or continue their ministry.
- 12 Pray for the checking with the Wayeyi team to be very productive. (Botswana)
- 13 Pray for missionaries overseas to develop personal friendships and relationships with both locals and fellow expats, as these are critical to their establishment.
- 14 Praise God for the individuals, churches, and schools passionately sharing His Word and fueling Bible translation ministry.
- 15 Pray for Splash and the members of the Khwedam Panoramic Bible team, that their efforts for a joyous dedication come to fruition. (Botswana)
- 16 Pray for smooth technology, wisdom, and humbleness during the consultant check with the South Gumuz team for the book of Numbers. (Ethiopia)
- 17 Pray for safe travels for people attending the Komba Bible dedication, may the dedication be filled with joy and praise as people gain access to the full Bible. (Ghana)
- 18 Pray for solid internet connections, reliable power, good health, and wisdom from the Holy Spirit as Jim Kaiser and the Mende translation team continue checking Isaiah. (Sierra Leone)
- 19 **Answered prayer:** Praise God for the incredible schools and congregations who are participating in Bible Translation Chapel and the God Speaks churchwide challenge! Pray He blesses these new partnerships.
- 20 Pray for all missionaries undertaking the language learning process to be equipped to use local languages for communication, relationship, and survival.
- 21 Pray God's blessings on the National Council of the Lutheran Church of Nigeria.
- 22 Praise God for the Komba Bible Dedication happening today! Pray the Holy Spirit works through His Word to bring life and hope. (Ghana)
- 23 Pray for members of the development team traveling to California to make great connections at the California-Nevada-Hawaii and Pacific Southwest District Educators Conference.
- 24 Pray for safety for Nathan Federwitz as he continues to train and prepare to serve as a pilot in Papua New Guinea
- 25 Pray for the students and staff of the Linguistics and Bible Translation Department in the Theological College of Northern Nigeria preparing for exams early in December.
- 26 Pray missionary Amy Formella's love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that she may be able to discern what is best, especially as she celebrates her birthday tomorrow.
- 27 On this Thanksgiving Day, thank God for all the supporters of Bible translation mission: local partners, prayer partners, missionaries, donors, and advocates.
- 28 Pray for Joanna, daughter of Linus Otronyi, to grow in grace, wisdom, stature, and love for Jesus, especially as she celebrates her 6th birthday today.
- 29 Praise God for the ministry and partnership of the Bible Society of Ghana, especially as they celebrate their 60th anniversary today.
- 30 As we light the candle of hope on the first Sunday of Advent, pray that Scripture brings hope, life, and transformation to all people.



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

Pray For Us Calendar

THE LORD'S PRAYER — NOVEMBER 1-13

This month, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) gives thanks for God's abundant grace we have received through Jesus Christ's sacrificial death and resurrection. In all things we give thanks for His love and mercy.

Give thanks as you pray:

- 1.** Give thanks for the saints who have gone before us. Ask Him to empower Christians to follow their example of faith and good works.
- 2.** Give thanks for the saints on earth. Pray that His Church might continue in the true faith and proclaim the saving Good News.
- 3.** Thank God that He is our heavenly Father. Rejoice that God invites us to believe that He is our true Father and we are His true children.
- 4.** Thank God that His name is holy. Rejoice that all can trust in the Lord, for His Word is truth.

- 5.** Thank God for His Kingdom. Pray that the Lord of the Harvest would provide workers for the harvest field.
- 6.** Thank God for His will. Pray that His will is done. Not ours.
- 7.** Thank God that His will is done on earth as it is in heaven. Pray that God would keep us firm in His Word and faith until we die.
- 8.** Thank God for daily bread. Pray for all those who are hungry today.
- 9.** Thank God for forgiveness. Repent. Rejoice that your sins are forgiven by Christ.

10. Thank God for forgiveness. Pray for the strength to forgive those who have sinned against you.

11. Thank God that He leads us out of temptation. Ask God to lead you in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

12. Thank God that He delivers us from evil. Rejoice that Jesus has won the victory over sin, death and the power of the devil.

13. Thank God that He hears our prayers for Jesus' sake. Rejoice that God promises to hear our prayers as a loving Father.



NOVEMBER *Pray For Us Calendar*

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS AND THE APOSTLES' CREED — NOVEMBER 14-30

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Give thanks as you pray:

14. *Thank God that He is the God who saves. Pray that all might fear, love and trust in Him alone.*

15. *Thank God that His name is trustworthy. Call upon Him in every trouble, pray, praise and give thanks.*

16. *Thank God for Sabbath rest. Hold His Word sacred. Gladly hear and learn it.*

17. *Thank God for your parents. Thank Him for all those in authority. Pray for the strength to obey.*

18. *Thank God for your neighbor, that you might help in any need.*

19. *Thank God for Christian marriage. May all learn to love as Christ loves His Church.*

20. *Thank God for what He has provided for you. May all learn the secret of being content.*

21. *Thank God for the people in your life. May we speak well of them and explain everything in the kindest way.*

22. *Thank God for your home. Rejoice and be content in what He has provided for you.*

23. *Thank God for the people God has provided in your life.*

24. *Thank God for the Ten Commandments. Pray for strength to rejoice in His will and to walk in His ways to the glory of His holy name.*

25. *Thank God for creation.*

26. *Thank God for His Son Jesus Christ.*

27. *Thank God for the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ. Rejoice that Christ's death has purchased and won you from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil.*

28. *Thank God for the promise of Christ's return. The Church prays, Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.*



29. *Thank God for the Holy Spirit, who calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.*

30. *Thank God for St. Andrew, apostle. St. Andrew, Peter's brother, heard John's cry to "Behold the Lamb of God" and followed Jesus.*

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