



The Eternal Light

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WORD IS . . .

ISAIAH 40: 8

The grass
wITHERS, the
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but the
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stand forever.

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A WORD FROM PASTOR THORSON

Service

We've all heard the saying, "April showers bring May flowers." Traditionally, this pointed not only to Spring but also to the fact that hardship and difficult times can lead to something good when we endure them. As Christians, we know this can be true, but sometimes despite enduring through trial and hardships, despite weathering tough days things don't always get better. The bills don't always get easier to pay. Addiction doesn't always let our loved ones go. Cancer sometimes seems to win. Take a moment to read Isaiah 40: 1-8. Here we read the words that the Lord gives to comfort his people while they were hurting and enduring exile, death, and seeming separation from their God. Focus in on verses 7 and 8. After telling Isaiah to let the people of Israel know that their warfare was over and their sins had been forgiven, he gets to remind them that they are like flowers that fade. A once great nation gets to come home after military defeat only to hear that they are as temporary as grass that withers and flowers that all too soon lose their beauty and fragrance. Nevertheless, the Lord is comforting them with these words.

[T]he Word of our God stands victorious



By the mouth of Isaiah, God invites His people to remember what is truly lasting. It isn't their warfare or their pain. It certainly isn't their own fleeting lives. What truly lasts and will truly sustain them is God's Word. As we endure the hassles and hardships that a sinful world heaps upon us, these verses are there to remind us that God's Word, His prophecies and promises, His faithfulness and forgiveness is what will last and see us all the way to the last. Getting back home to rebuild palace and temple wasn't the enduring gift God gave to His children. That was only a short time of rest. Instead, God wanted them to know it was His Word that would see them through fights, slavery, sin, and even death. It is now time for us to learn what this means, too. It won't be the flowery reprieves

of life that see us to our final home. Those will fade. It might even be the case that for some of us there will be no green grass to rest on in this life. It might be that Satan, the world, and our sinful flesh battle with us fiercely from birth to death. Even then, in our thorniest moments, the Word of our God stands victorious over all of it, because that Word took on flesh and died on the cross. That Word stands with us even as we struggle and suffer in this life and will see us through it all to our eternal rest. Rejoice! Though flowers may fade the Word of our God, our Lord Jesus Christ, stands forever!

In Christ,

Pastor Paul D. Johnson

Upcoming Events

May 15 – 9:30 Memorial Project Committee Meeting

May 25 – Memorial Day – Church office will be closed

OFFERING REPORT

Offerings for the month of April were:

April 5	\$ 4,195
April 12	\$ 1,176
April 19	\$ 6,898
April 26	\$ 741
Online Offerings	\$ 7,491



This weekly average (\$5,125) compares to our 2026 weekly budget needs of **\$5,349**.

COUNTER SCHEDULE

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

May 3 – Polly Cowley and Kristen Burkett

May 10 – Sam and Lynn Kelley

May 17 – Sam and Lynn Kelley

May 24 – Polly Cowley and Kristen Burkett

May 31 – Mark Bunge and Ron Bredehoft

June 7 – Katherine Moore and Ron Bredehoft

June 14 – Mark and Mary Bunge

June 21 – Mark and Mary Bunge

June 28 – Marc and Jan Ertle

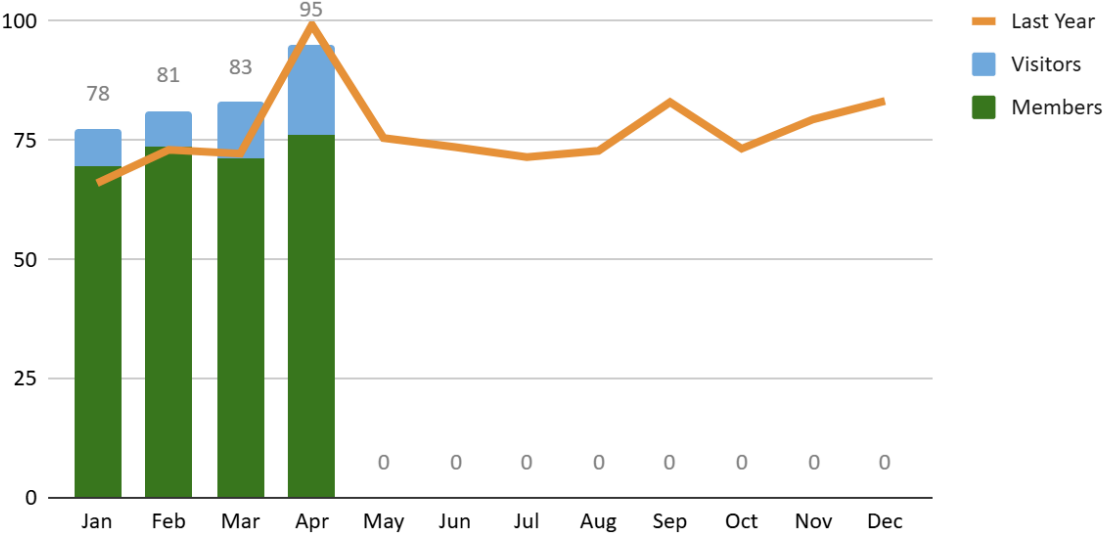


Attendance Graphs!

Members of Eternal Savior.

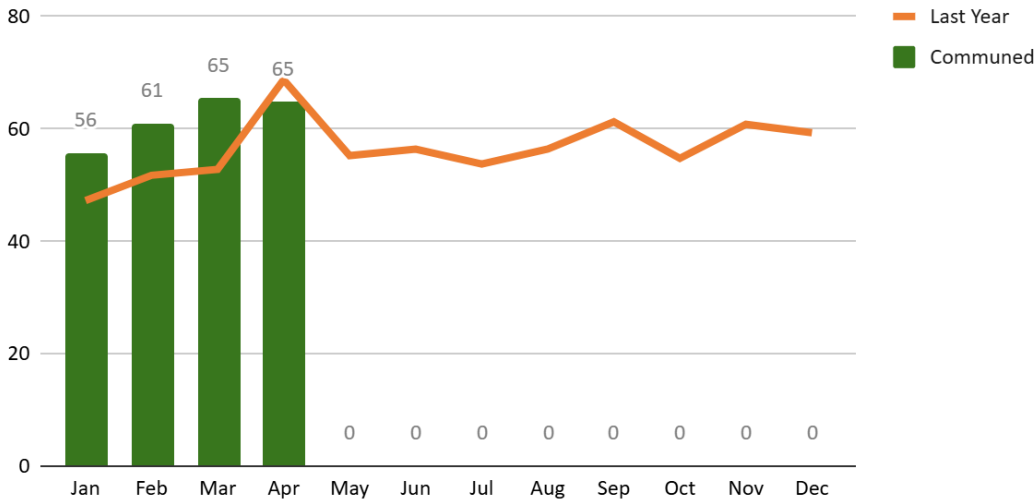
These are graphs showing our attendance and communion for 2026.

2026 Attendance: Per-Sunday Average



Average by Month

2026 Communed: Per-Sunday Average



Average by Month

Miscellaneous Items

THE TIME IS NOW!!

Do not miss out on saving Money! Do not miss out on meeting 14 ministry exhibitors, hearing 7 amazing guest speakers, and learning from the Bible studies by our 2 engaging pastoral counselors! Do not miss out on the opportunity to support missions through the gifts from the Heart ingathering, BINGO for Mites, and two active service projects! Do not miss out on spending a weekend with your sisters in Christ!

If you have any questions, contact us at registrar@lwmlrmd.org

The early registration deadline is April 1st. Hotel rooms must be reserved by May 12th. Go to <https://www.lwmlrmd.org/convention/>



New Banner

Thank you to Robin Warnken and Cindy Stahly for providing us with a new Maundy Thursday banner.

Bible in a Year Challenge Addition

One person not in attendance at the celebration of completing the Bible in a Year and we wanted to recognize her.

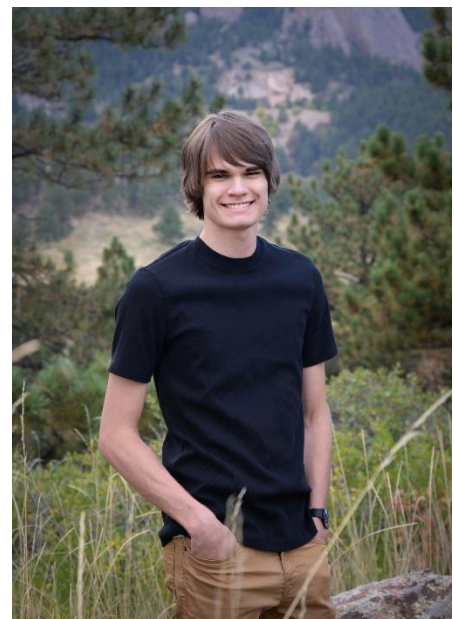


Thank you to Kyle Martz for adding the stones and mulch around the bottom of our pine tree. This will allow water to be better absorbed and for the tree to thrive.

Congratulations to our High School Graduate!

Noah Mayer

Noah is set to graduate from Centaurus High School in May with an IB Diploma, National Honor Society recognition, and the Seal of Biliteracy in English and Spanish. This fall, he will be attending CU Boulder for Electrical and Computer Engineering. He plans to focus on embedded programming, which involves writing code for physical devices.



Easter Celebration

We had a wonderful Easter Celebration with a delicious breakfast provided by the Youth, many musical offerings and a joyful Easter Egg Hunt.



Congratulations to our Confirmands!
Cole and Dylan Mayer



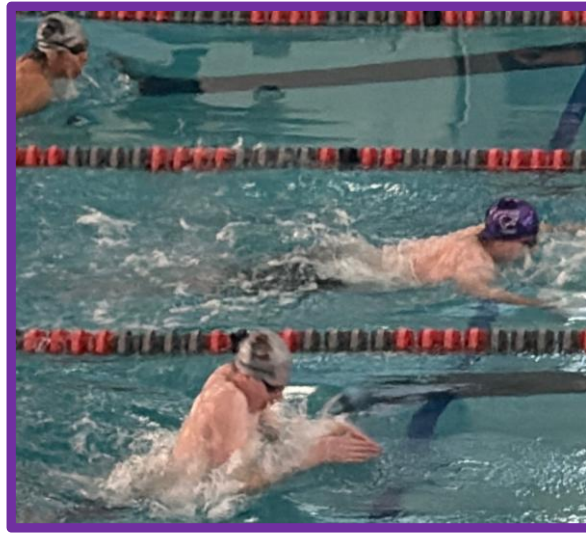
Sharing God's Gifts in Our Community

We thank God for the talents and abilities He gives us! Below we share news of recent events involving our members, as well as upcoming public events that the congregation is invited to join as your interest and calendar guides.

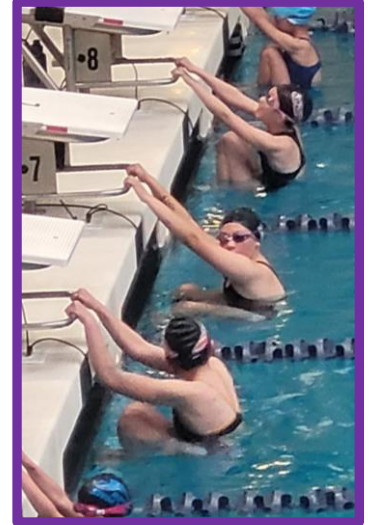
Recent Community Events



Luke sets a personal record in the mile at his last track meet of the season in Johnstown on April 25th.



Levi's breast stroke powers him down the lane, earning him a second state cut in the 200m Individual Medley. Meet was held April 25 at Broomfield Community Center pool.



Kaya (lane 7) is in the blocks and ready for the starter's whistle at her April 25 swim meet.



Field day is huge fun for Anja as she makes a great landing after clearing one of the obstacles on the course at Mead Elementary School 5th grade field day! April 30, 2026.



In addition to snacks, the parent tunnel is an essential part of Charlie celebrating a great soccer game. April 11 at Columbine Mine Park in Erie.

Sharing God's Gifts in Our Community

Upcoming Events

Date/Time		Event	Location	Participating Members
5/1	6:30PM	Play/Musical – Finding Nemo vancoevents.com/us/DQFM	Mead High School Auditorium 12750 County Road 7, Longmont	Anja T. (playing the role of “Bloat”, the blowfish!)
5/1	3:00PM	Conference Swim Meet	Veteran’s Memorial Aquatic Ctr 5310 136 th Avenue, Thornton	Levi H.
5/2	1:30PM			
5/2	2:00PM	Play/Musical – Finding Nemo vancoevents.com/us/DQFM	Mead High School Auditorium 12750 County Road 7, Longmont	Anja T. (playing the role of “Bloat”, the blowfish!)
5/2	9:00AM	Little Kickers Soccer	Columbine Mine Park 1936 Skyline Drive, Erie	Charlie B.
5/3	2:30PM	Lutheran Chorale Spring Family Concert	Mt. Zion Lutheran Church 500 Drake Street, Denver	Linda T.
5/3	6:30PM	Lutheran Chorale Spring Family Concert	Wheat Ridge Ev. Lutheran Church 8600 W 38 th Ave. Wheat Ridge	Linda T.
5/4	6:00PM	Spring Band Concert	Meadowlark School 2300 Meadow Sweet Lane	Dylan M.
5/4	6:30PM	Spring Orchestra Concert	Mead Middle School 620 Welker Ave., Mead	Aliyah T.
5/4	7:00PM	Coal Creek Community Chorus Spring Concert	Ascent Community Church 550 S McCaslin, Unit A, Louisville	Connie H. Keith C.
5/5	6:00PM	Spring Orchestra Concert	Meadowlark School 2300 Meadow Sweet Lane	Cole M.
5/5	7:00PM	Year-End Band Concert	Erie High School 3180 County Road 5, Erie	Anna L.
5/8	5:00PM	Colorado 4A State Swim Championship Prelims	Arvada Aquatics Center 7904 Carr Dr., Arvada	Levi H.
5/9	9:00AM	Little Kickers Soccer	Columbine Mine Park 1936 Skyline Drive, Erie	Charlie B.
5/9	1:00PM	Colorado 4A State Swim Championship Finals	Arvada Aquatics Center 7904 Carr Dr., Arvada	Levi H.
5/11	5:30PM	Spring Orchestra Concert	Soaring Heights PK-8 3280 County Road 5, Erie	Eva L.
5/12	5:30PM	Spring Band Concert	Soaring Heights PK-8 3280 County Road 5, Erie	Kaya L.
5/15 (see Ashley)		Redtails Swim Club at North	Arvada Aquatics Center	Levi H.
5/16 (see Ashley)		Jeffco Invitational	7904 Carr Dr., Arvada	
5/16	4:00PM	Centaurus High School Graduation	CU Events Center 950 Regent Drive	Noah M.
5/22	3:00PM	Louisville Singing Seniors Concert	Juniper Village at Louisville 1078 S 88 th St, Louisville	Connie H. Robin W.
Monday’s	6:30PM	Bowling	Coal Creek Bowling Center, 1455 Coal Creek Dr, Lafayette	Kirk A.

Have photos from a recent event, or have an upcoming event you’d like to share with others?

Send email with photos or event logistics to eslc.walther@gmail.com or text to Keith Cowley (720-480-3594)

*Please obtain permission from participants (or parents) before sharing photos.

*Please share only events/activities where the public is invited to attend.

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. 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!

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.

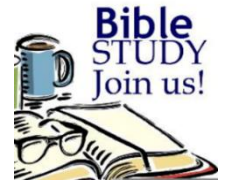
Sign Up to Receive Text Messages - Eternal Savior is building a text message list for urgent communications. i.e., Service is cancelled due to a blizzard. If you would like to receive notifications like that via text message, please text **ETERNALSAVIOR** (one word, no space) to 84576. Contact Laura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

***** The 2026 flower calendar is available on the bulletin board.** 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.

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 John.

**Keeping
Current**

SERVING IN MAY

Sunday, May 3

Organist /Pianist	Linda Innes
Acolyte	Dylan Mayer
Usher(s)	Keith Cowley & Levi Hinrichs
Greeter(s)	Nancy Hire
Counter(s)	Polly Cowley & Kristin Burkett
Elder(s)	Eric Olson & Ron Bredehoft
Altar	Jan Ertle
A/V Booth	Kirk & Micah Anderson
Snow/Lawn	Tom Stahly
Flowers	OPEN

Sunday, May 10

Organist /Pianist	Linda Innes
Cantor	Keith Cowley
Acolyte	Cole Mayer
Usher(s)	Keith Cowley & Levi Hinrichs
Greeter(s)	Cheryl and Ryan Lambrecht
Counter(s)	Sam and Lynn Kelley
Elder(s)	Bob Hartwig (r) & Wayne Thomas
Altar	Jan Ertle
A/V Booth	Andersons
Snow/Lawn	Tom Stahly
Flowers	OPEN

Sunday, May 17

Organist /Pianist	Linda Innes
Acolyte	Aliyah Thorson
Usher(s)	Kirk and Micah Anderson
Greeter(s)	Terri Nagel
Counter(s)	Sam and Lynn Kelley
Elder(s)	Marc Ertle and Tom Stahly
Altar	Jan Ertle
A/V Booth	Laura Raben
Snow/Lawn	Bob Vieyra
Flowers	Innes

Sunday, May 24

Organist /Pianist	Valerie Iglar
Cantor	Cindy Griffin
Acolyte	Eva Lambrecht
Usher(s)	Kirk & Micah Anderson
Greeter(s)	Keith and Polly Cowley
Counter(s)	Polly Cowley & Kristin Burkett
Elder(s)	Wayne Thomas (r), Bob Hartwig
Altar	Mary Bunge
A/V Booth	Hinrichs
Snow/Lawn	Bob Vieyra
Flowers	OPEN

Sunday, May 31

Organist /Pianist	Valerie Iglar
Acolyte	Trinity Anderson
Usher(s)	Roger Landowski & Keith Cowley
Greeter(s)	Bob and Brenda Vieyra
Counter(s)	Mark Bunge & Ron Bredehoft
Elder(s)	Eric Olson & Ron Bredehoft
Altar	Mary Bunge
A/V Booth	Mayers
Snow/Lawn	Bob Vieyra
Flowers	Griffin

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

The annual picnic is set for June 21st. There will be games and fellowship as well as the Manly Man Dessert Silent Auction. Watch for details in the bulletin.

Faith Day is back with the Colorado Rockies on Sunday August 2nd at 1:10pm. Come watch the Rockies take on the KC Royals, enjoy some Christian fellowship, and stay after the game for a concert by Crowder. The Deacons have reserved outfield box tickets at a discounted price of only \$21 per ticket. Anyone interested in going please sign up on the bulletin board or email Melisa Anderson no later than July 12. Feel free to contact Melisa with any question.

FOOD PANTRY: SISTER CARMEN

Sister Carmen Food Pantry continues to appreciate our ongoing generosity. Thank you to all who donate so generously. A list of needed items is on the donation bin in the narthex. 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. Currently, there is \$79.65 available in the Sunday School fund for this project.

LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICES SUPPORT

There are currently no drives organized for LFS but we are in regular communication with them and will make you aware as their needs arise.

LWML GATHERING DONATIONS

The board of Deacons is helping to collect items for the LWML gathering. Items can be placed in the labeled bin in the narthex by the end of May. For more information see the flyer on the bulletin board or reach out to Melisa with questions.

Hygiene Kits: bath towel, wash cloth, bar of soap, plastic soap box holder, toothbrush, sturdy comb, band-aids, small package facial tissues, and a nail clipper.

Art Kits: Watercolors with brushes, fine tip markers, colored pencils, pencil sharpener, eraser, molding clay or play dough, unlined sketch pad.

Lutheran Valley Retreat Wish List items: New or gently used Sleeping bags (20 degrees), climbing shoes (new or gently used), Ziplock bags (gallon or sandwich size), board/card games, large tarps (16x20), and tape.

UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN

CHAPEL Mission

There is an ongoing need for ULC meals. Anyone from the congregation is welcome to provide a meal. The meals follow the 5pm Sunday evening services. If you are interested, contact a Deacon and we can provide you the necessary details to plan, deliver and serve the meals and let you know what dates are available.

We thank you for any interest that you might have in providing a ULC meal. Contact the Deacons with any interest you might have.

EMERGENCY FAMILY ASSISTANCE SUPPORT

Requested monthly supplies continue to be delivered to EFAA. The EFAA is grateful for our donations and look forward to receiving them monthly. 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	

DEACONS FUND STATUS

\$3,706.62

NEXT MEETING

May 17th, 2026

May 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:00 Worship and Communion 10:30 Sunday School/Bible Study 11:40 Church Council	4	5 6:00 Bell Rehearsal 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	6 9:30 Quilting 6:30 Elders	7 10:30 Bible Study	8	9
10 9:00 Worship and Communion 10:30 Sunday School/Bible Study	11	12 6:00 Bell Rehearsal	13 9:30 Quilting	14 10:30 Bible Study	15 9:30 Memorial Project Meeting	16
17 9:00 Worship and Communion 10:15 Altar Guild meet w/ Pastor 10:30 Sunday School/Bible Study 11:40 Deacons	18	19	20 9:30 Quilting	21 10:30 Bible Study	22	23
24 9:00 Worship and Communion 10:10 Trustees 10:30 Sunday School/Bible Study	25 Memorial Day – Church Office Closed	26	27 9:30 Quilting	28 10:30 Bible Study	29	30
31 9:00 Worship and Communion 10:30 Sunday School/Bible Study						

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

Oral Bible Storytelling Workshops Help Scripture Engagement Flourish in Tanzania

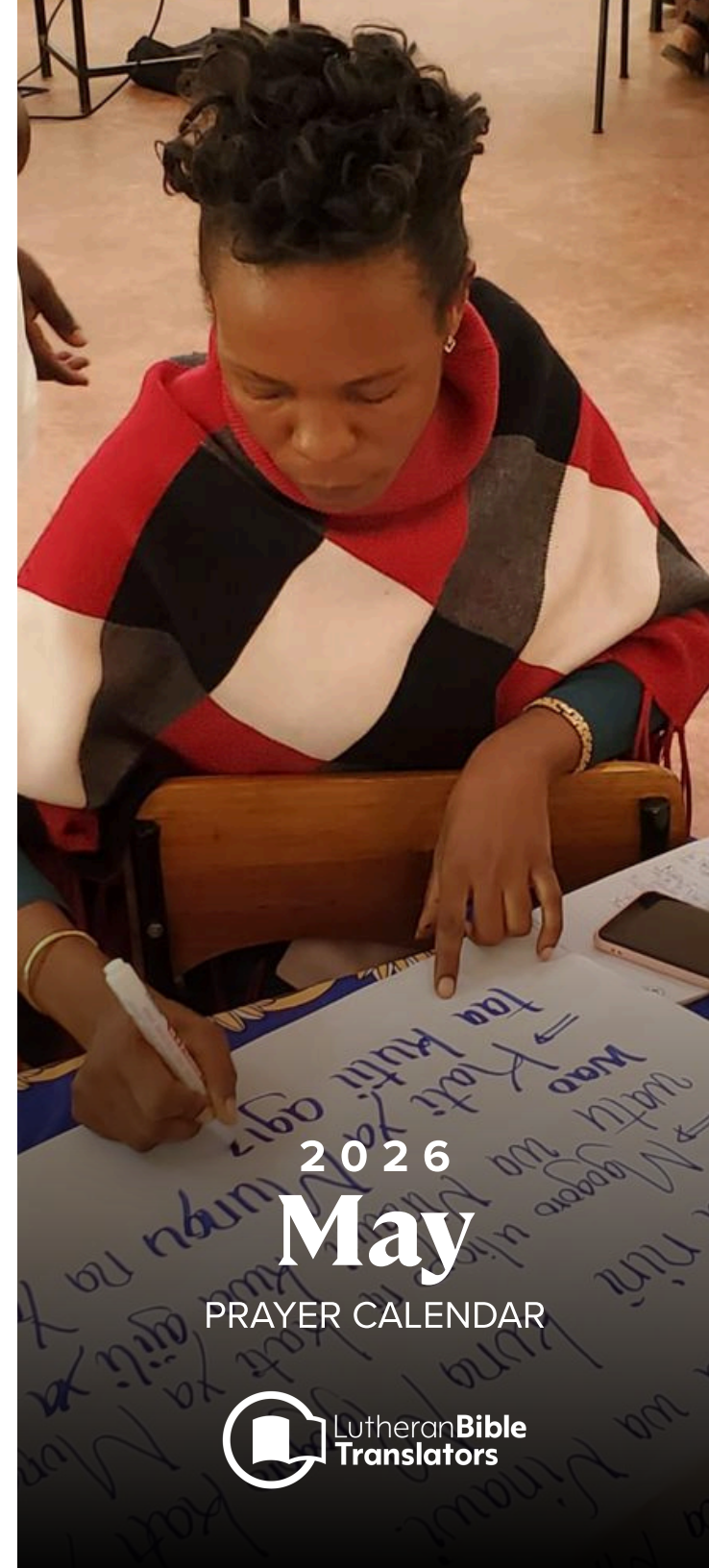
Six language communities in Tanzania are experiencing God's Word through Oral Bible Storytelling! In partnership with two Tanzanian church dioceses and Seed Company, LBT provides training workshops for local leaders.

The two-week workshops are the culmination of a multi-month mentoring and preparation process that takes place on Zoom, which includes story selection, discussions with exegetes in training to prepare the background information for the texts, and equipping Tanzanians to lead the workshops with the support of OBS experts and a consultant.

...equips them to share Bible stories with their communities in their own languages.

During the workshops, participants go through a type of translation process that equips them to share Bible stories with their communities in their own languages. In May, they will explore the book of Jonah.

 Lutheran Bible Translators
PO Box 789
Concordia, MO 64020



2026
May
PRAYER CALENDAR

 Lutheran Bible Translators

1. Pray for the Yala team as they work toward preparing supplementary materials and cleaning up the text for typesetting. *(Nigeria)*

2. Pray for wisdom for Martin Weber as he encourages the Kwanjas to move forward with their Old Testament translation. *(Cameroon)*

3. Pray for all students taking finals and for safe travels and smooth transitions into summer break.

4. Praise God for successful installation of the solar printer for the Waria Project. Pray for leaders training how to share printed Scripture. *(PNG)*

5. Pray the Multiethnic Symposium in St. Louis Seminary is an opportunity for many to celebrate the diversity and unity found in Christ.

6. Pray for peace that surpasses all understanding to guard the heart and mind of Carl Grulke, especially as he celebrates his birthday today.

7. Praise God for opening doors for the Millers to support orthography and linguistic development for new translation programs in sensitive locations. *(SE Asia)*

8. Pray for the Limba literacy facilitators and for the work they are doing to bless their communities. *(Sierra Leone)*

9. Pray for Joan Weber and Jerome (local leader) as they continue working on the literacy primer for Jerome's Kwanja dialect. *(Cameroon)*

10. Pray for Bethuel Karau, Waria Cluster Project Coordinator, as he spends the month of May in program management training and resting with family. *(PNG)*

11. Pray for good health, reliable electricity and internet, wisdom, and guidance from the Holy Spirit for the Kono team's online checking sessions. *(Sierra Leone)*

12. Pray for the May sessions of Oral Bible Storytelling training in Tanzania as they work through their chosen book: Jonah.

13. Pray Nathan Federwitz will put on the full armor of God, standing firm in the Lord as he celebrates his birthday today.

14. On this Ascension Day, pray for the eyes of all to look to God, who opens his hands to satisfy their desires.

15. Pray for Michelle Miller's heart to be encouraged in the hope to which she has been called as she celebrates her birthday.

16. Praise God for the success of strategy training for partners in Liberia and Sierra Leone in April.

17. Pray Ali Federwitz be filled with gracious words, sweet to the soul and healing to the bone, as she celebrates her birthday.

18. Pray for the Holy Spirit to lead the ELC-PNG in discerning the right person to lead as Bible Translation and Missions Coordinator.

19. Pray for Bible translation students completing their studies to have smooth transitions to working in language projects.

20. Pray for wisdom for the Mende team as they continue translating the Old Testament and revising the New Testament. *(Sierra Leone)*

21. Praise God that the Kerewe team was able to creatively and effectively teach the new Kara team about discourse analysis. *(Tanzania)*

22. Pray for integrity, uprightness, and godly wisdom to surround Angela Tayloe, especially as she celebrates her birthday today.

23. Pray for safety and wisdom for the students in the Linguistics and Bible Translation Department in the Theological College of Northern Nigeria.

24. On this Pentecost and International Day for the Unreached, pray all people will know God speaks their language by 2033.

25. Praise the Lord for good internet connections for the literacy coordinators in Sierra Leone as they work remotely with Serena Derricks.

26. Pray the Yekora translators will be reinvigorated and receive support to overcome obstacles preventing progress to the translation work. *(PNG)*

27. Pray God will continue to strengthen Andrea Rains to use her gifts for His will as she celebrates her birthday today.

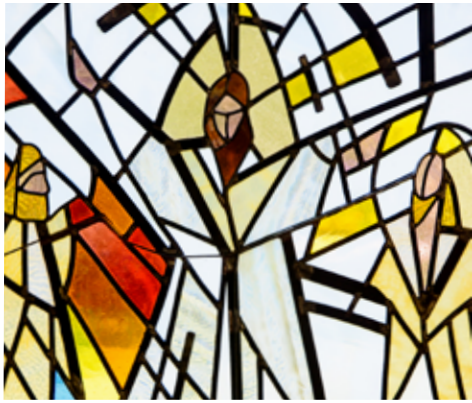
28. Praise God for the many rich learning opportunities that Dr. Mote Magomba has had during his first months as a consultant-in-training. *(Tanzania)*

29. Pray Linus Otronyi will grow deeper in faith and continue to bear fruit that honors God, especially as he celebrates his birthday.

30. Pray God will encourage, equip, inspire, and enable national team members as they translate His Word into their own languages.

31. Pray for Tiffany Smith's US travel this summer, especially as it is the first extended time away from her new husband.

*Pseudonyms used due to a sensitive situation



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

Pray For Us Calendar

LCMS MISSIONARIES ON HOME SERVICE — MAY 1-15

Every other year, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's (LCMS) international missionaries spend approximately two months in the United States on "home service." During this time, they reconnect with the individuals, congregations and groups who support their mission work. Home service also gives them a period of rest and renewal and the chance to spend time with their families.

Remember God's work through missionaries on home service as you pray:

- 1.** for the LCMS missionary families who will be on home service. Ask the Lord to keep them safe during their travels.
- 2.** for God's hand to guide and bless the details and logistical arrangements that are a necessary part of missionary home service, such as transportation and housing.
- 3.** for missionary families to be able to visit as many congregations and other groups as possible, while managing their limited time in the United States.

- 4.** for the Lord to guide missionaries as they prepare their presentations. Ask Him to help them to share their stories and ministry news with those who have so faithfully supported their ministry.
- 5.** for missionary families. Pray that God would give emotional, physical and spiritual strength as they travel, share with supporters and meet new friends.
- 6.** for missionary children. Pray that God would provide them with the opportunity to know that they are a vital part of their family's ministry.
- 7.** that many congregations all over the United States would

welcome missionaries into their churches for mission presentations, Sunday school, children's messages, celebration luncheons, Bible studies and other activities.

- 8.** that congregations and other groups would experience a revitalized interest in praying for missionaries and supporting their work, especially after visiting with them face-to-face and hearing about what God is accomplishing through them.
- 9.** that as missionaries share their experiences, the listeners would consider serving as a missionary themselves — in a short-term, long-term or career capacity.
- 10.** for the families of visiting missionaries, that they would enjoy their time together and mutually encourage one another.
- 11.** for God to comfort and sustain the missionaries who are not able to see family and friends in the United States this year. May the

Holy Spirit comfort them with His presence and assurance of God's calling to serve far from home.

- 12.** that missionaries would have an easy transition back to life in the United States — even for a short time during home service — with minimal effects of reverse culture shock.
- 13.** that the Lord would raise up supporters for missionaries who are struggling to finding the resources necessary for their ministry.
- 14.** with thanksgiving for the many forms of support and the joys the Lord provides to missionary families as they serve Him.
- 15.** that the conversations started during home service would continue long after the missionary has returned to the mission field. Pray that through ongoing communication, missionaries and supporters would encourage one another.

PARTNER CHURCHES — MAY 16-31

The LCMS has 38 partner churches around the world. A partner church is a church body with which the LCMS has full altar and pulpit fellowship. Many LCMS partner churches also are members of the International Lutheran Council, a worldwide association of confessional Lutheran church bodies. Some LCMS partner churches came into existence through LCMS-supported mission efforts, while others have historic roots that pre-date the LCMS or that are sourced in the mission efforts of other Lutheran church bodies.

Remember God's work in His Church as you pray:

16. *for all LCMS partner churches, some of which only have a handful of congregations.* Pray that they would never feel alone in their service to Christ and His Church.

17. *for LCMS partner churches in Latin America and the Caribbean.* Pray that God's Word would continue to spread throughout these countries to bring the Body of Christ together in fellowship and to be witnesses to His love.

18. *for LCMS partner churches in Africa.* Pray that God would strengthen Lutheran Christians in this region to carry out their work for His name's sake.

19. *for LCMS partner churches in Asia,* that God would guide and strengthen Lutheran Christians

in this region, especially in areas where it is difficult or dangerous to do His work.

20. *for LCMS partner churches in Eurasia.* Pray that God would continue to use His Word as a light to those in darkness and as a stronghold for the life of His Church.

21. *with thanksgiving for all the missionaries who serve partner churches,* that they would remain faithful in their tasks and be witnesses to the Gospel through acts of mercy.

22. *for those who serve in leadership positions in LCMS partner churches around the world,* as they guide, nurture and shepherd their people.

23. *for the laypeople of LCMS partner churches around the world,* that they would be fulfilled by God's Word and Sacraments.



24. *that God would continue to raise up faithful servants for His Church in locations around the world.*

25. *for the Lutheran church bodies around the world interested in fellowship with the LCMS.* Pray that God would guide the consideration process according to His will.

26. *in thanksgiving for those who pray continually for those who serve where spreading God's Word is difficult or dangerous.*

27. *for Lutheran churches around the world that are dealing with strife between their members.* Pray that the Lord would guide them to a peaceful resolution that would strengthen their witness to the community.

28. *for the Lutheran churches in Eurasia as they seek to minister*

to the refugees in their midst. Pray for safety for both the church workers and the refugees.

29. *for all projects currently going on in LCMS partner church bodies,* that each one would have the volunteers and resources necessary to carry out the work of the church as it shows mercy and provides physical and spiritual care for people around the world.

30. *for safe travel between and within countries in each world region.* Pray that pastors, missionaries, medical teams and all who travel to assist partner churches would be kept safe and healthy, that the Gospel might be proclaimed to the far corners of creation.

31. *for all those still living in darkness,* that the Gospel will be their light and life.

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