



The Eternal Light

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WORD IS . . .

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A WORD FROM PASTOR THORSON

What should we do now?

In light of our Biermann study on Sunday mornings, we're going to shift the focus of things a little with this newsletter. What do you want your church to work toward here and now? What do you want our overall goals to be? What do you want your church to do this year, or for the next five? These are questions that we should always be asking ourselves. These are questions that we should always be looking to answer. These goals can be big or small, easily accomplished or require growth and dedication to complete, but the church should always be looking to *do* something.

"Our Lord had mercy on us, died for us, forgave us and gave us new life so that we could share it with others through our acts of love in doing good."

In Ephesians chapter two, Paul reminds the Ephesian Christians, and us, that we are God's workmanship, his creations, made to do good in His world. Believe it or not, that means that we should be setting goals. Sometimes, we as churches get into routines and start acting like that is all there is. I don't want that to happen. As pastor, it is my job to equip you to do the good works God has prepared beforehand. You read that right: I equip you to do good works. Of course, I participate in them and even take the lead in some cases, but I am not always the one that does them. And I am certainly not the only one who *can* do them. We have all been called to work together as the church to do these good works, using our individual talents to add to the success of our goals. We don't do this for pats on the back, either. Instead, Paul informs us that we do these good works because of Christ. For, at one time, we were enemies of God; and yet, our Lord had mercy on us, died for us, forgave us, and gave us new life so that we could share it with others through our acts of love in doing good.

EPHESIANS 2: 10

**FOR WE ARE HIS
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So, what do *you* want the church to do? Is there something you would like to see us do in the community or for our church community? If you see a need that the church can take care of, bring it to me or the rest of the church leadership. If it's something that you personally can take care of, go for it! I would love to hear the stories of my members filling their role from Ephesians 2. Ask what needs done, and if you can do it, or you think the church can do it, we can try. We can't do everything, but never forget that God has created *you* to do good works. What do you want to do? I look forward to hearing your ideas and helping you carry them out. God's peace.

In Christ,



Upcoming Events

June 6 – Work Day to dig Sump Pump hole 9:00a.m.

June 15 -19 – Vacation Bible School 9-11:30a.m.

June 21 – Church Picnic and Manly Man Dessert Competition 11:30a.m.

OFFERING REPORT

Offerings for the month of May were:

May 3	\$ 3,656
May 10	\$ 7,334
May 17	\$ 1,615
May 24	\$ 5,621
May 31	\$ 2,351
Online Offerings	\$ 6,308



This weekly average (\$5,377) 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.

June 7 – Katherine Moore and Ron Bredehoff

June 14 – Mark and Mary Bunge

June 21 – Mark and Mary Bunge

June 28 – Marc and Jan Ertle

July 5 – Marc and Jan Ertle

July 12 – Sam and Lynn Kelley

July 19 – Sam and Lynn Kelley

July 26 – Polly Cowley and Kristin Burkett

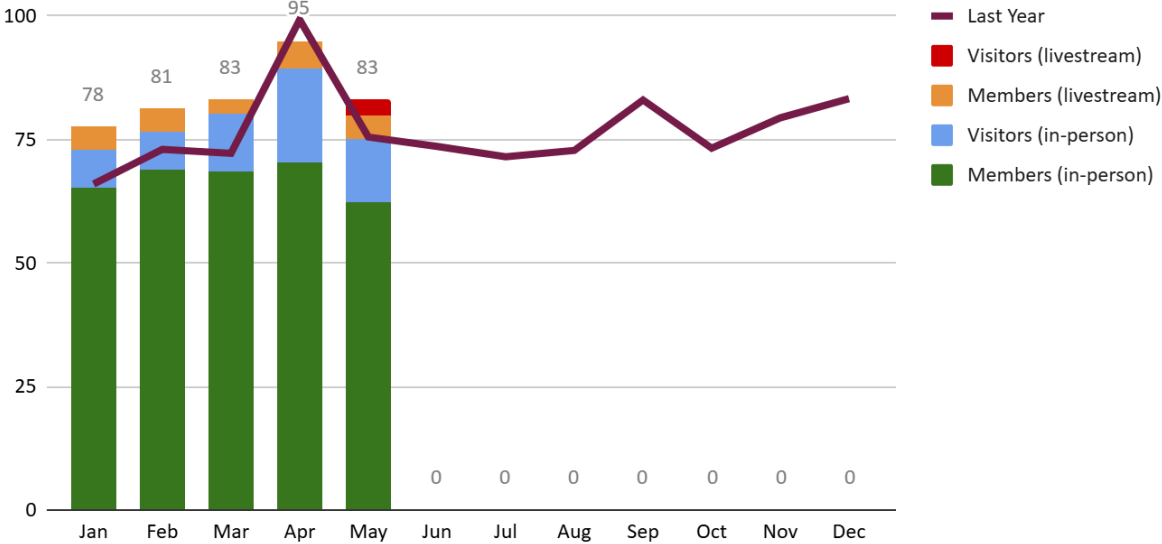


Attendance Graphs!

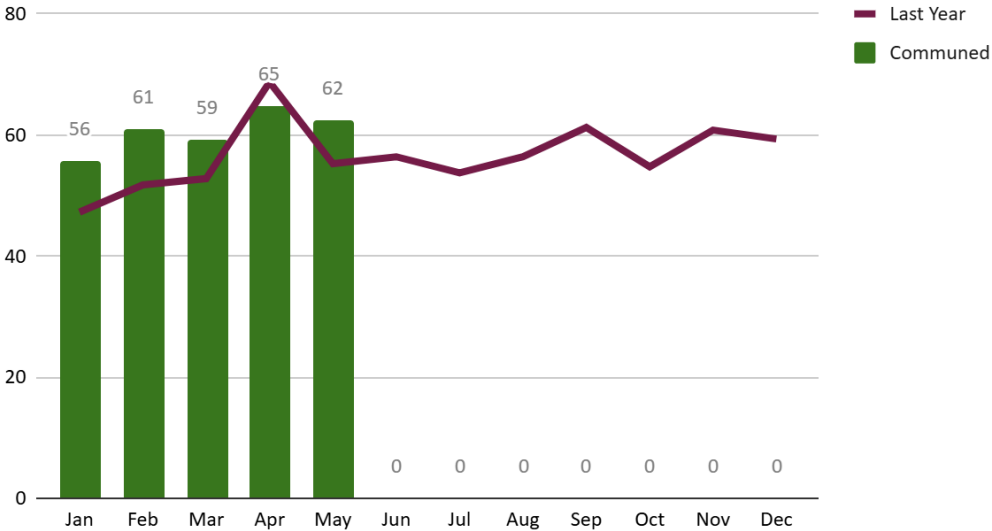
Members of Eternal Savior.

These are graphs showing our attendance and communion for 2026.

2026 Attendance: Per-Sunday Average



2026 Communed: Per-Sunday Average



Report from Our Treasurer

In the last message I shared with you I stated that our current year contributions were less than 2025's, which we used to determine the 2026 budget. This, in fact, is still true.

However, we have covered all of our expenses and still have a healthy balance in our General Fund. Historically the summer season challenges our financial situation, but we are thankful for the blessings we have received. Please keep the financial status of our congregation in your thoughts and prayers.

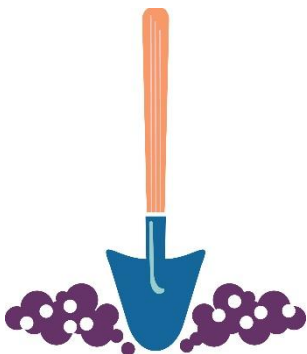


A Request for Help from the Trustees

As some of you are aware, we have an issue with rainwater and snow melt seeping into the northwest corner of the basement through the electrical conduit. We have computer equipment, electrical breaker boxes, and phone lines in this room. This excessive water has also impacted some of our carpet.

We would like to attempt to remedy this ongoing problem, so we have scheduled a workday on June 6. The plan is to dig a large and deep hole outside so we can access the conduit, clean it and reseal it. We will then install a sump pump in the hope of alleviating the seepage.

If you have the time, bring your shovels and gloves and prayers. We will supply drinks but bring a lunch if you wish. This project will start at 9am on Saturday, June 6th.



If we are unable to complete this project in one day, we will schedule another work day to finish it.



“Glorious Day”



We had a touch of a contemporary service when we had a small group perform “Glorious Day”!

Memorial Project Update

Last month we forwarded our plans to the City of Lafayette. Since then, we have had several issues arise, which would have greatly increased the cost of the project, maybe even beyond our means. Then a week or so ago things again took a turn for the better.

Our engineered plans are being redrawn to reduce our concrete costs and the structure company will cover all the needed upgrades required by the city. By mid-June these new plans will be forwarded to the city and we will then see if anything else comes up.

Please keep the work of this committee in your thoughts and prayers.



New Stole for Pastor



Cindy Stahly and Robin Warnken made a new pastoral stole to be used for Pentecost. The stole is reversible and can be used for Reformation as there are Luther's Seal near the bottom on each end. The fabric used for the stole was gifted to our church from a sister LWML group from New Mexico that Cindy and Robin met at a retreat in Glorieta, NM.

Youth Group

Our youth group worked on weeding and sifting goat heads from the volleyball court. Then they had a few rounds of Kerplunk.



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 (1 of 3)



Anja and the Mead Elementary 5th grade cast enjoy the curtain call following a delightful performance of "Finding Nemo" on May 2 at Mead High School. Anja sang and danced the part of "Bloat" the blowfish. Following the performance the Thorson family gathered to celebrate and appreciate Anja's outstanding performance!



Dylan (back right) was a featured soloist during his Spring band concert at Meadowlark School on May 4. Cole and the cousins enjoyed the trombone solo so much, they all wanted to get a photo with Dylan after the concert!



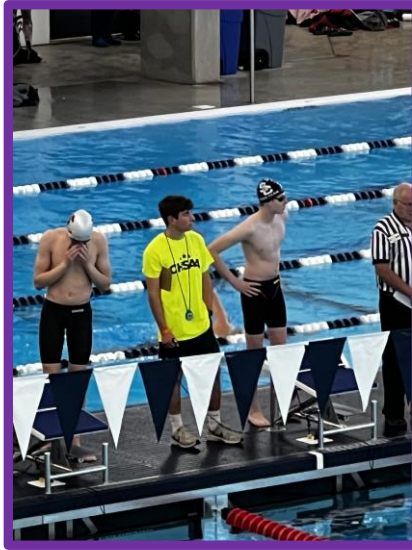
Aliyah very much enjoyed playing her violin for numerous Star Wars pieces as part of the Mead Middle School orchestra concert, on "May the 4th", of course. John Williams would be proud of this group!

Sharing God's Gifts in Our Community More!

Recent Community Events (2 of 3)



Linda enjoyed a great day of singing on May 3. The Lutheran Chorale offered two performances of its Spring Family Concert.



Levi (3rd from left) checks the leader board as he gets ready to take the blocks in the 200m Individual Medley at the 4A State Championship Prelims on May 8.



Charlie loved chasing the ball as the Marshmallows wrap up their Little Kickers season on May 16.



Eva contributed beautiful tones of the string bass at the May 11 Soaring Heights PK-8 orchestra Spring concert.



Anna (flute, center) and the Erie High School Band worked hard to bring beautiful music to the year-end band concert on May 5.



Kaya enjoyed playing her clarinet along with other band members at the Soaring Heights PK-8 Spring band concert on May 12.



Cole (violin, left front) and a small ensemble of chamber orchestra members demonstrate their advanced skills at the May 5 Meadowlark School Spring orchestra concert; performing "In the Hall of the Mountain King" from Peer Gynt.

Sharing God's Gifts in Our Community

More!

Recent Community Events (3 of 3)



Keith and Connie load up ESLC's loaned folding chairs after the opening rehearsal for the Coal Creek Community Chorus summer session on May 18.



Congratulations to Noah! Graduating with honors from Centaurus High School on May 16 with the love and support of a great family! We wish him the best at CU Boulder this fall.



On May 22, Kyle hosted a community hot dog and ice cream party to celebrate the last of day of school. Everyone gathered at Dinosaur Park in Erie loved it!



"I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing" was one of several upbeat tunes performed by the Louisville Singing Seniors at Juniper Village in Louisville on May 22. (Robin, left front. Connie in back at piano, not visible in photo)



Keith (back row, 4th from left), and Connie (4th row, 2nd from left) sings songs of "Raising Voices and Spirits" with the Coal Creek Community Chorus at its Spring concert on May 4th in Louisville.



Dylan and Cole are all smiles as they are recognized at Meadowlark School's 8th Grade Continuation Ceremony on May 21. The boys are looking forward to attending Centaurus High School this fall.

Sharing God's Gifts in Our Community

Upcoming Events

Date/Time	Event	Location	Participating Members
6/12 – 6/14	Rushmore Classic Swim Meet	Roosevelt Swim Center 125 Waterloo Street Rapid City, SD	Kaya L.
6/15 1:30PM	Louisville Singing Seniors	Waneka Assisted Living Center 225 Waneka Parkway Lafayette, CO	Connie H. Robin W.
6/20 4:30PM	Sound of the Rockies Concert	Bethany Lutheran Church 4500 E Hampden Ave Cherry Hills Village, CO	Bob H.
7/25 6:30PM	Timberliners Summer of Song	Boulder Public Library 1001 Arapahoe Ave. Boulder, CO	Bob H.

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!

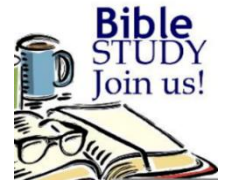
Please be responsible!!! For everyone who has access to the church building, it is your responsibility when you leave to make sure that all lights are off, the heat/air-conditioning/fans are turned back or off and all of the **doors are locked and secure!!** Please do double checks before you leave.

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 a video study by Dr. Joel Biermann on “A Case for Character”.



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 JUNE

Sunday, June 7

Organist /Pianist	Linda Innes
Acolyte	Cole Mayer
Usher(s)	Roger Landowski & Katherine Moore
Greeter(s)	Jeanie Fink
Counter(s)	Katherine Moore & Ron Bredehoft
Elder(s)	Tom Stahly & Marc Ertle
Altar	Mary Bunge
A/V Booth	Tom Stahly & Micah Anderson
Snow/Lawn	Kyle Martz
Flowers	OPEN

Sunday, June 14

Organist /Pianist	Linda Innes
Cantor	Tom Stahly
Acolyte	Dylan Mayer
Usher(s)	Tom and Cindy Stahly
Greeter(s)	Kirk and Melisa Anderson
Counter(s)	Mark and Mary Bunge
Elder(s)	Wayne Thomas (r) & Bob Hartwig
Altar	Jan Ertle
A/V Booth	Laura Raben
Snow/Lawn	Kyle Martz
Flowers	Erlewine

Sunday, June 21

Organist /Pianist	Valerie Iglar
Acolyte	Aliyah Thorson
Usher(s)	Tom and Cindy Stahly
Greeter(s)	Nick and Kristin Burkett
Counter(s)	Mark and Mary Bunge
Elder(s)	Tom Stahly & Ron Bredehoft
Altar	Jan Ertle
A/V Booth	Andersons
Snow/Lawn	Sam Kelley
Flowers	Martz

Sunday, June 28

Organist /Pianist	Valerie Iglar
Cantor	Pam Mayer
Acolyte	Eva Lambrecht
Usher(s)	Keith Cowley & Levi Hinrichs
Greeter(s)	Cindy Griffin
Counter(s)	Marc and Jan Ertle
Elder(s)	Wayne Thomas (r), Marc Ertle
Altar	Mary Bunge
A/V Booth	Hinrichs
Snow/Lawn	Sam Kelley
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

June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 9:30 Quilting 6:30 Elders	4	5	6
7 9:00 Worship and Communion 10:30 Sunday School/Bible Study	8	9	10 9:30 Quilting	11 10:30 Bible Study	12	13
14 9:00 Worship and Communion 10:30 Sunday School/Bible Study 11:40 Church Council	15 ←	16 VACATION	17 BIBLE	18 SCHOOL	19 →	20
21 9:00 Worship and Communion 10:30 Sunday School/Bible Study 11:30 Church Picnic	22	23	24 9:30 Quilting	25 10:30 Bible Study	26	27
28 9:00 Worship and Communion 10:10 Trustees 10:30 Sunday School/Bible Study 3:00 Youth Group	29	30				

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

Experiencing Jonah

How storytellers in Tanzania are immersing their community in Scripture

Kara storytellers open in rhythm and lyrics, musically narrating Jonah's attempt to flee God's command to go to Ninevah. The audience joins in singing the catchy melody. The mood shifts when storytellers representing the people of Ninevah don grain bags symbolizing Ninevah's repentance. Immersed in the drama, the audience nods along in connection and reflection.

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This multi-sensory approach developed by the Kara storytelling team at a recent Oral Bible Storytelling workshop is being used throughout their fishing community. Blending entertainment and deep spiritual reflection helps community members see, hear, and truly understand the Word of God. This is just one example of how the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania is driving country-wide momentum for Scripture engagement.



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2026
June
PRAYER CALENDAR



- 1.** Pray God's handiwork will shine through Director of Collaborative Innovation Eshinee Veith, especially as she celebrates her birthday tomorrow.
- 2.** Pray for Pontsho Mosweu, Assistant Project Coordinator for the Shekgalagari Bible translation project, especially as she celebrates her birthday today. *(Botswana)*
- 3.** Pray for *Shi believers who are learning new skills to teach Sunday School to children in 7 villages to overcome the challenge. *(SE Asia)*
- 4.** Pray for safe travel, and consistent power and internet for the Themne and Bandi teams for in-person checking sessions in June. *(Liberia)*
- 5.** Pray for Mr. V's safety as he visits *Khon churches to lead reading practice, and for many elders and members to grow in reading fluency. *(SE Asia)*
- 6.** Pray for the Kerewe team as they translate the book of Numbers. *(Tanzania)*
- 7.** Pray for peace, stability, and security in the Dhirayta area so Bible Translation and Scripture Engagement work may continue as planned. *(Ethiopia)*
- 8.** Pray for electricity, health, internet, and wisdom for Jim Kaiser and the Kono translation team during online checking sessions. *(Sierra Leone)*
- 9.** Praise God the *Shi Bible storying team shared Bible stories, songs and fellowship with people from a related language group, leading to several baptisms. *(SE Asia)*
- 10.** Pray for Seminary families moving for vicarage and pastoral placements, especially Matthew and Sarah Rudowske (Creative Coordinator) as they navigate the transition with 6-month-old Ingrid.

- 11.** Pray for workers and leaders in the Kono literacy project, and for the Kono people to accept and support the work. *(Sierra Leone)*
- 12.** Praise God thirty churches are using new national language Sunday School lessons, pray children will invite friends from non-Christian families. *(SE Asia)*
- 13.** Pray for safe and uncomplicated travel for all LBT personnel traveling this summer for conferences, furloughs, vacations, and meetings.
- 14.** Pray for comfort and strength for the Dhirayta Scripture Engagement worker and his family following the loss of his mother. *(Ethiopia)*
- 15.** Pray for the Kissi literacy coordination to receive new mobility because the old motorcycle is no longer functioning. *(Sierra Leone)*
- 16.** Pray blessings over Sarah Rudowske as she celebrates her birthday.
- 17.** Pray God will provide the Sumbwa project trained people to serve as translator and back-translator for the work of Bible translation. *(Tanzania)*
- 18.** Pray for the Lord to give peace at all times in every way to Maya Rudowske, especially as she celebrates her birthday today.
- 19.** Pray for wisdom for the *Shi team as they learn new skills to begin Bible translation in 2026. *(SE Asia)*
- 20.** Pray God gives Jennifer Kunkel pure, peaceable, and sincere wisdom, especially as she celebrates her birthday today.
- 21.** Pray Elijah Wagner continues to grow in faith and love for Jesus on his birthday and as he prepares for high school.

- 22.** Pray for good electricity, internet, health, and wisdom for Jim Kaiser and the Mende team during online checking sessions. *(Sierra Leone)*
- 23.** Pray God enables trained Sukuma storytellers to train more Bible storytellers so many people may be reached with the Word of God. *(Tanzania)*
- 24.** Pray God will help the Kpelle Literacy Association as they operate the income-generating cassava farm, assisting them in pursuing their goals. *(Liberia)*
- 25.** Praise God the *Shi team has completed and distributed recordings of 108 oral Bible stories! *(SE Asia)*
- 26.** Pray God will provide the Kara team trained personnel who are committed to serve Christ through back translation. *(Tanzania)*
- 27.** Pray God will open doors of opportunity for the Kissi literacy project to raise funds to purchase office furniture. *(Sierra Leone)*
- 28.** Praise God for new *Shi literacy resources. Pray many believers will be equipped to learn and motivated to practice. *(SE Asia)*
- 29.** Pray Jo Ann Megahan will experience the fullness of joy through the presence of God, especially as she celebrates her birthday tomorrow.
- 30.** Pray for translation teams completing Scripture drafts, for accuracy, unity, and faithfulness as God's Word is prepared for publication.

*Pseudonyms used due to a sensitive situation



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

Pray For Us Calendar

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC — JUNE 1-30

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) officially began work in the Dominican Republic in 2004. Over the years, a group home was established to care for orphaned children with disabilities; congregations and mission plants were started; and a deaconess-training program was launched. The LCMS seminary in Santiago, Dominican Republic, trains students from around the Latin America region.

Remember God's work in the Dominican Republic as you pray:

- 1.** *for the seminary students who will enter the seminary this fall, that they would be able to acquire their student visas and other documentation needed to study in the Dominican Republic.*
- 2.** *for seminary students and their families, that they would have a smooth transition to life in a new place away from family and friends. Praise God for these dedicated students who are willing to leave home to obtain a solid theological education.*
- 3.** *that God would grant the seminary students determination and endurance, so that they might be diligent in their studies*

and make the most of their education.

- 4.** *for the women studying to be deaconesses, that the theological coursework and intensive practical experience would form them into capable and effective deaconesses.*
- 5.** *that God would grant strength to our deaconesses as they support the work of pastors by caring for the poor, the marginalized and the sick.*
- 6.** *with thanksgiving for all the faithful and generous people who have prayed or given of their time or treasures to make the seminary and mercy center a reality.*

7. *for the seminary professors, that they would be well-prepared to impart wisdom and knowledge to their students.*

8. *that the Spanish-language theological library at the seminary would be well used and a blessing to the students and faculty.*

9. *for the families of the professors, that they would adapt easily and find joy in a new country and culture.*

10. *for Lutheran congregations in Latin America, that they would be prepared to care for and support their pastors physically, mentally and spiritually.*

11. *for seminary students who are serving vicarages, that they would learn much from their experience and be better prepared for their future ministry.*

12. *for all the missionaries and leaders of the Dominican church, that they would discern God's*

will so that they can build a firm foundation for the church for generations to come.

13. *that God would raise up individuals and congregations to support our LCMS missionaries in the Dominican Republic.*

14. *that God would supply faithful and capable men and women to serve as missionaries, both in Latin America and around the world.*

15. *with thanksgiving for faithful men and women who have given up the comforts of home and family to faithfully serve on the mission field.*

16. *that many in the Dominican Republic would hear God's Word and believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Pray that they would attend worship each Sunday to receive the Word and Sacraments.*

JUNE Pray For Us Calendar

17. *that God would grant health and safety to all missionaries and their families.*

18. *that the Dominican Christians would continue to study God's Word and be strengthened to live faithfully and serve their neighbors in love.*

19. *with thanksgiving for the willingness of the Dominican people to hear and learn God's Word. By God's grace, the LCMS has established congregations and mission stations around the country.*

20. *that God would raise up many Lutheran school teachers and school administrators — especially from among the Dominican congregations — to meet the needs of the large number of eager students.*

21. *that the families of our Lutheran school children would also hear God's Word and be brought to faith.*

22. *with thanksgiving for the large and ever-growing number of students seeking education in our Lutheran schools in the Dominican Republic.*

23. *that the Lutheran mission churches in the Dominican*

Republic would continue to grow and mature through regular worship and Bible study.

24. *with thanksgiving for the many faithful Christians who regularly worship in our mission congregations.*

25. *with thanksgiving for Hogares Lutheranos El Buen Pastor (Good Shepherd Lutheran Home), which provides a safe and nurturing facility for young people with developmental disabilities.*

26. *that God would grant patience and endurance for the faithful workers who care for the group home's residents. Praise God that He has used these wonderful young people to teach the Dominican Lutheran church about His love and mercy.*

27. *with thanksgiving that the residents of Hogares Lutheranos El Buen Pastor have become active members of the local Lutheran church, where they are eager to hear God's Word and to serve in any way possible.*

28. *with thanksgiving for the willingness of faithful and gentle caregivers who serve the residents of Good Shepherd Lutheran Home.*



29. *for all the mission work throughout the Caribbean and Latin America.*

30. *with thanksgiving that we are one in Christ with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Latin America.*

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