



Pray For Us Calendar

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TAIWAN – DECEMBER 1-15 The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod began work in Taiwan in 1951. Today the island has a Lutheran church body, a Lutheran school and a Lutheran seminary.

Remember the Lord's work in Taiwan as you pray:

1. for the China Evangelical Lutheran Church Taiwan (CELC), a partner/sister church of the LCMS. Pray for the continued growth of this church body, which has approximately 2,000 members in 20 congregations throughout the island.
2. for China Lutheran Seminary in Hsinchu, Taiwan. Pray that this seminary — the only Lutheran seminary in the world to provide all the instruction in Mandarin Chinese — would continue to train pastors and laypeople who are faithful to God's Word to lead churches across Asia.
3. for the ministry of the Rev. Stephen and Maggie Oliver. Stephen serves as a missionary to Taiwan, where he teaches at China Lutheran Seminary.
4. with thanksgiving for the LCMS missionaries who are currently serving the Taiwanese people as English-as-a-Foreign-Language teachers at Concordia Middle School.
5. that the hearts and minds of the 2,300 students of Concordia Middle School would be open to receiving the Gospel and that these students would share this message with their family and friends.
6. for GEO missionaries Matthew Fick, Amanda Groshek, Graham Guenther and Rachel Sekki. Ask the Lord to bless their service and the relationships they build with their students and students' families.
7. for GEO missionaries Andrew and Noel Schaff, Michael Vogel and Mark Wolfram. Ask God to use them as His instruments in their classrooms, Bible studies and other activities.
8. for the Wasmund family, as Matt and Dee Dee guide and support the GEO missionaries serving in Taiwan.
9. with thanksgiving for Zach Eshelman and Anna Gruen, who joined the missionary team in Taiwan earlier this year. Pray that they would adapt to their new environment and be faithful witnesses to the people of Taiwan.
10. for the Concordia English Language Academy (CELA), an after-school program for elementary school students that takes place on the campus of Concordia Middle School. CELA provides opportunities for children to learn about Jesus while also improving their English language skills.
11. that the Holy Spirit would work in the hearts of the Taiwanese teachers and staff of Concordia Middle School. Although some staff members are Christians, many are not.
12. for the ministry of the Rev. Michael Wu, a Taiwanese national who is currently serving in Macau, a Special Administrative Region of China. Michael is involved in the training of lay leaders in the church.
13. for the ministry of Friday Night Bible Study. At the end of the work week, LCMS missionaries gather with members of the community for Bible study, prayer and fellowship.
14. that many Taiwanese people would hear the Christmas story of Jesus' birth this holiday season.
15. that God would raise up even more missionaries to serve the Taiwanese people. Less than 5 percent of Taiwan's population is Christian.



Photo: Some of the 2,300 students of Concordia Middle School on the island of Taiwan. The LCMS began witness and mercy work in Taiwan in 1951.

Involvement Ideas

- Pray for the missionaries serving in Taiwan. To learn more about them, download their prayer cards at www.lcms.org/prayercards.

- Visit www.lcms.org/taiwan to learn about the history of LCMS ministry in Taiwan.

- Visit the LCMS Missionaries Facebook page at www.facebook.com/LCMSMissionaries for up-to-date information about the missionaries in Taiwan and around the world.

- Learn more about LCMS Campus Ministry and the Unwrapped conference by visiting www.lcms.org/campusministry.

- Use LCMS Campus Ministry's "StudentConnect" service to learn more about Lutheran student ministries in your area. Visit <http://lcmscampusministry.org/StudentConnect.php> to learn more.

- Visit LCMS Campus Ministry on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pages/LCMS-Campus-Ministry/234872823004 for the latest news.



LCMS CAMPUS MINISTRY – DEC. 16-31 LCMS Campus Ministry seeks to reach the 18 million students pursuing postsecondary degrees on college campuses across the United States with the saving message of Jesus Christ.

Remember God's work through LCMS campus ministries around the United States as you pray:

16. for all the dedicated staff and volunteers involved in campus ministry around the country, who create a welcoming environment where students can learn about the saving love of Jesus Christ.

17. that Lutheran college students might be strengthened by campus ministry programs, so that they can grow in their faith despite the difficulties and temptations of college life.

18. with thanksgiving for the Revs. Marcus Zill, Ian Pacey and Jay Winters, who earlier this year accepted the task of developing a network of support for campus ministries through the LCMS Office of National Mission. Please pray that these men can find new ways to strengthen the ministry taking place on college campuses around the nation.

19. that God would bless the work of campus ministries in reaching international students who come to study in the United States. For some of these students, this may be their first opportunity to hear the Gospel message.

20. for the guidance and development of campus ministry programs throughout the world, especially in the nations of Africa.

21. for *Unwrapped*, the national LCMS campus ministry conference taking place Jan. 2-5, 2013. This is the first time in 10 years that members of the LCMS will come together from all over the Synod to address this vital ministry.

22. for all those who will be attending *Unwrapped* in early January. Please pray for safe travel for participants and that God would use this experience to equip them to do His work in their diverse communities.

23. that God would guide the leaders and speakers at *Unwrapped*, so that through their words God's message might be shared with those in attendance.

24. for all the recent college graduates that have been impacted by campus ministry programs. Please pray that the seeds of faith that have been planted will continue to grow as these students move to new places and embark on the next phase of their lives.

25. with thanksgiving for the Christmas season, which offers a time of rest to college students following their final exams. Please pray that students would be refreshed so that they can return to their studies with renewed dedication.

26. for the partners of LCMS Campus Ministry, including Lutheran Student Fellowship and International Student Ministry, Inc. Pray that these organizations would work together to magnify their impact on college campuses.

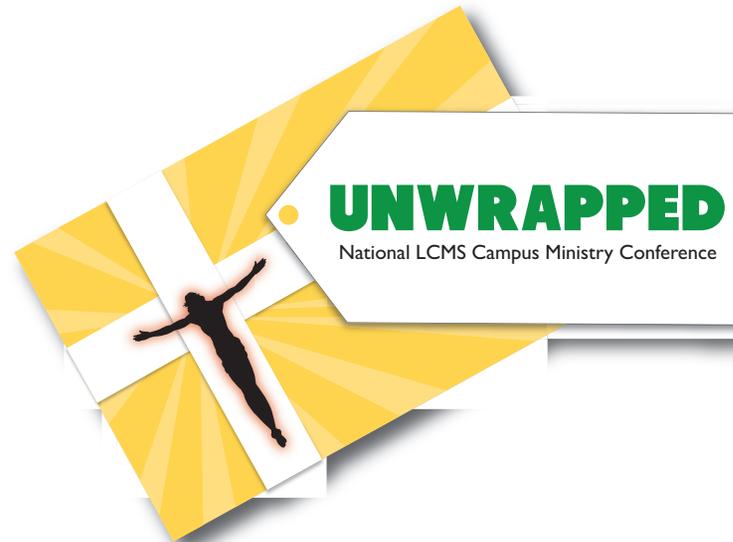
27. that God would bless and guide the work of all students involved in mission work and volunteer opportunities both at home and abroad, that this time would be a blessing to them and others.

28. for campus congregations that are struggling with financial needs. Pray that God would provide the necessary support for their continued mission and ministry.

29. that God would guide the LCMS Office of National Mission as it seeks to develop a new structure for campus ministry support in the Synod in the coming years.

30. for the Lutheran Campus Initiative, a program started in 2011 that equips recent college graduates to serve as missionaries to current college students.

31. that campus ministries would prepare and inspire Lutheran college students to share their faith in Jesus Christ with their unchurched peers.



Missionary & Personnel Birthdays

Download missionary and other personnel prayer cards from the LCMS website at www.lcms.org/prayercards.

- Dec. 6** Alan Ludwig, Russia
- Dec. 7** Martin Schmidt, Asia
- Dec. 8** Ivan Rasch, Africa
- Dec. 9** John Hinkle, Macau; Valerie Pritchard, Asia
- Dec. 10** Eva Rickman, Dominican Republic
- Dec. 12** Kim Myers, Macau
- Dec. 14** Brogan Albers, Macau; Ted Krey, Dominican Republic
- Dec. 15** David Fiala, Slovakia; Ryan Volkman, Czech Republic
- Dec. 19** Serena Derricks, Macau
- Dec. 20** Julie Muhly, Russia; Rick Steenbock, Germany
- Dec. 24** Megan Doods, Kenya
- Dec. 28** Kristin Matasovsky, South Africa
- Dec. 29** Carol Halter, Hong Kong; Noel Schaff, Taiwan
- Dec. 30** Shary Frahm, Cambodia

Military chaplains with birthdays in December:

Chaplain Joseph Watson; Chaplain Carl Rau; Chaplain Philip Houser; Chaplain Kenneth Fosse; Chaplain Jonathan Smith; Chaplain Michael Benke; Chaplain Gary Williams; Chaplain Christopher Otten; Chaplain Norman Barnette; Chaplain Richard Graves; Chaplain Steve Thomas; Chaplain Ronald Cox; Chaplain John Cantele; Chaplain Patrick Pooch; Chaplain William Brunold