



Pray For Us Calendar

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MERCY MINISTRIES — NOVEMBER 1–30 This month, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) celebrates the mercy work that is being carried out by LCMS members at home and abroad. Thanks to the abundant grace we have received through Jesus Christ's sacrificial death and resurrection, we have been freed to love, serve and speak up for our neighbors who are hurting and in need. Please join the Synod in praying for the work of Life Ministry, Health Ministry, Deaconess Ministry, Disaster Response, Gospel Seeds, Specialized Pastoral Ministry and Ministry to the Armed Forces.

Remember God's work through the Synod's mercy ministries as you pray:

- 1.** for the unborn, the elderly and all those whom our sinful world considers "burdens." Ask God to protect vulnerable people and give everyone an appreciation for life at all of its stages.
- 2.** for upcoming Mercy Medical Teams that will travel to Madagascar, Tanzania and Kenya. Pray for the safety of team members, and ask that their efforts would be a blessing to the people they serve.
- 3.** that God would soften hearts that are hard to the suffering of others. Ask Him to give all people compassion and a willingness to help and serve their neighbor.
- 4.** that the Jan. 22 March for Life in Washington, D.C., and the Jan. 23 Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco would be an encouragement to those who attend and a positive witness to those they encounter.
- 5.** for Stephanie Neugebauer, the new director of LCMS Life and Health Ministries. Ask God to guide her words and actions as she serves the Synod in this role.
- 6.** with thanksgiving for the Synod's 1,000-plus parish nurses, who use their many skills to care for the health and well-being of LCMS members.
- 7.** that God would call even more Lutheran registered nurses to serve their churches and communities as parish nurses.
- 8.** with thanksgiving for the dedicated volunteers who join the Synod's Mercy Medical Teams. A group from Iowa District West recently provided much-needed medical care to 2,231 Pokot people in western Kenya in just one week!
- 9.** for God to provide even more skilled volunteers for Mercy Medical Teams. Doctors, nurses, pharmacists and other types of medical professionals, as well as pastors and hard-working laity, are needed.
- 10.** with thanksgiving for women around the world who heed the call to serve God's Church as deaconesses. Pray that His kingdom would be served through their acts of mercy with the compassion and love of Jesus.
- 11.** for safe travels for Deaconess Grace Rao, director of LCMS Deaconess Ministry, as she visits deaconess students around the world to provide training and encouragement.
- 12.** with thanksgiving for Deaconess Carol Halter, who has served the Chinese people in Hong Kong since 1981. Please ask God to bless her efforts, especially her ministry to Hong Kong's "street sleepers" — the homeless and formerly homeless who now live in government housing.
- 13.** that deaconesses would not grow weary or become indifferent to the suffering around them. Instead, ask that God would refresh them each day to love and serve others.
- 14.** with thanksgiving for the seven new deaconesses who graduated in April from a special two-year training program of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind., assisted with the training by sending professors to provide intensive courses to the students.



Sweet Rose and Arnie Suan look at baby clothes in the boutique during a tour of the new Iowa Life Care Clinic in Creston, Iowa. The clinic is a former Planned Parenthood facility.

INVOLVEMENT IDEAS

- A new curriculum is available from LCMS Life Ministry that brings the miracle and sanctity of human life into the middle-school and high-school classroom through the use of ultrasound technology. Visit lcms.org/life to learn more or order this free resource.
- Did you know that LCMS Disaster Response offers free hymns specifically for the church in times of disaster? Visit lcms.org/disaster to download these hymns for use in your congregation.
- Visit lcms.org/focus/chaplains to learn about the work of LCMS military and institutional chaplains.

15. *for the deaconesses and deaconess students in the Dominican Republic, who go out into the community to love people and share the Word of God each week.*

16. *for the Synod's domestic disaster-response ministry. Pray that the Lord would continue to use His people to reassure the suffering that He is present with them in their time of need.*

17. *for the Synod's international disaster-response ministry. Thank the Lord that He uses all things for good. Through disaster response, the LCMS and her partners have been able to share the Gospel with people around the world.*

18. *with thanksgiving for the thousands of volunteers who have been trained to serve on Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT). LCMS Disaster Response trains these LCMS members to respond to their communities with tangible acts of love and mercy following a disaster.*

19. *that the Lord would raise up even more volunteers who are willing to serve their communities through LERT.*

20. *for the victims of recent tornadoes in the Midwest. Pray that through LCMS districts, congregations and members, communities would be restored and transformed through acts of mercy and a bold witness to the Gospel.*

21. *with thanksgiving for the rededication of St. John's Lutheran Church, New Minden, Ill., in August. Recovery work is finally complete after a tornado caused extensive damage to the church in 2013.*

22. *that no matter what comes our way — whether hurricane, tornado, fire or other tragedy — the Lord would comfort us with His promise to never leave us or forsake us.*

23. *for the "Planting Gospel Seeds While Serving Human Needs" program, that it would help LCMS congregations build closer relationships with their neighbors and make new disciples for Christ!*

24. *that LCMS congregations would be wise, passionate and creative as they look for tangible ways to serve their communities — whether that's through a food pantry, an after-school program or another outreach program.*

25. *that LCMS members would take seriously God's call to love their neighbors in word and deed. Ask the Holy Spirit to stir up zeal in their hearts to serve His Church with their time, talents and treasures.*

26. *with thanksgiving for the 562 ordained or commissioned ministers of the Gospel who serve in LCMS Specialized Pastoral Ministry.*

27. *for LCMS pastoral counselors, clinical pastoral educators and chaplains who provide care in hospitals, prisons, police and fire agencies, and other institutions. Ask the Lord to give them strength as they serve people in the midst of some of life's most difficult moments.*

28. *that military chaplains would continue to have the freedom to boldly share the Word of God with servicemen and women.*

29. *for the safety and well-being of the Synod's military chaplains, who eat, sleep, train, work and exercise with their flock, both in combat and in garrison, bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to distressed service members.*

30. *for those who care for the spiritual and emotional needs of LCMS missionaries. These people, based both on the international mission field and in the U.S., help missionaries deal with the ups and downs of life abroad.*



(L-R) The Rev. Brian Bucklew, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Delmont, S.D.; the Rev. L. Scott Spiehs, LCMS South Dakota District disaster response coordinator; and the Rev. Michael Meyer, manager of LCMS Disaster Response, walk next to Zion Lutheran Church. A May 2015 tornado destroyed the church and nearby buildings.

MISSIONARY & PERSONNEL BIRTHDAYS

Download the prayer cards of missionaries and other personnel from lcms.org/prayercards.

- Nov. 1** Rebecca Krey, Dominican Republic
- Nov. 2** Mary Nurre, Asia
- Nov. 6** James Neuendorf, Dominican Republic
- Nov. 7** Christopher Ahlman, Germany
- Nov. 9** Peter Haugen, Macau
- Nov. 11** Karin Semler, Asia
- Nov. 14** Kristin Kappelmann, Southeast Asia
- Nov. 19** Gail Horvath, Southeast Asia
- Nov. 20** Michael Paul, Taiwan;
Brittany Baumgartner, Dominican Republic;
Kristin Lange, Germany
- Nov. 22** Shelee Warner, Spain
- Nov. 23** Stefanie Rabe, Ethiopia
- Nov. 24** Freeman Rohlfing, Czech Republic
- Nov. 26** Daniel Jastram, Japan
- Nov. 29** Sean Harlow, Asia Pacific

MILITARY CHAPLAINS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER:

Chaplain Mark Bowditch, Robins AFB, Ga.; Chaplain Thomas Elbert, Kirkland AFB, N.M.; Chaplain Mark Sedwick, Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Chaplain Christopher Sutton, Kingsville, Texas; Chaplain William Schneider, Lawton, Okla.; Chaplain Robert Kraft, Fort Sill, Okla.; Chaplain Brandt Klawitter, Germany; Chaplain George Shaffer, Fort Stewart, Ga.; Chaplain Daniel Berteau, St. Louis, Mo.

