



# Pray For Us Calendar

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**TEACHING THE FAITH — MAY 1-15** The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) believes education should address the whole person — body, mind and spirit — beginning in early childhood and continuing through adulthood. This month, the LCMS celebrates the many ways that God's children are instructed, encouraged and strengthened in the faith. By teaching the faith, we nurture the faithful and reach the lost.

*Remember how God works to grow the faith of His people as you pray:*

1. with thanksgiving for the gift of faith we received at Baptism. Ask the Lord to continue to strengthen that faith — and the budding faith of our children — until we depart this life and are united with the Lord in heaven.
2. with thanksgiving for the Bible, the Book of Concord and the many teaching tools that God gives us, that we might learn about Him and our life in Christ. Pray that God would instill in each of His followers a sincere desire and passion for seeking Him.
3. for Christian parents, that they would make teaching the faith to their children a priority. Please pray that they would set aside time to worship together, talk about faith issues, study the Bible and have family devotions.
4. for Christian families, that the Lord would send them the assistance and tools necessary to overcome every challenge — big or small — that might drive them apart or away from Him.
5. for strong Christian marriages, that husbands and wives would cling to each other despite life's challenges and raise their children to walk in the way of the Lord.
6. that family members would treat each other with kindness and patience, so that each member might be built up in the family of God.
7. for our children and young people, who face daily assaults on their Christian beliefs. Ask that God would strengthen and encourage them to stand firm while engaging others with the Gospel.
8. for our churches, that they would provide useful education and programs to help equip people at every stage of life — teens, husbands and wives, parents, caretakers of aging parents, and more.
9. that church members would eagerly volunteer their time and talents to support the congregation's educational programs, such as vacation Bible school, holiday events and groups for young families.
10. that God would continue to provide faithful church workers to serve as role models and teach people about their identity as a baptized child of God.
11. that LCMS members would eagerly participate in Bible studies, small-group discussions and private study, so that they may grow in their faith every day.
12. with thanksgiving for faithful parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, teachers and other role models who help to "train up a child in the way he should go" (Ps. 22:6).
13. for the Concordia University System and the Synod's two seminaries, that the Lord would bless their work in training new generations of workers to serve the Church.
14. for the Synod's directors of Family Life Ministry, that God would bless their efforts to support healthy relationships in the families of our congregations.
15. that we might have hearts that are willing and eager to serve the Lord in every way.



*A family worships together at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Holdrege, Neb.*

## INVOLVEMENT IDEAS

- Does your congregation pray for members of the military, honor veterans and seek to minister to people connected to the military? If so, you are already an Operation Barnabas congregation! Email [lcmschaps@lcms.org](mailto:lcmschaps@lcms.org) to connect your congregation with the Operation Barnabas network.
- Read about five resolutions every Lutheran should keep in 2017 (and beyond) at [blogs.lcms.org/2017/five-resolutions-every-lutheran-keep](http://blogs.lcms.org/2017/five-resolutions-every-lutheran-keep).
- Are you looking for articles that foster personal growth in faith and help interpret the contemporary world from a Lutheran Christian perspective? Consider getting a print or digital subscription to *The Lutheran Witness*. Visit [cph.org/witness](http://cph.org/witness) to learn more.

**MINISTRY TO THE ARMED FORCES — MAY 16-31** Since the Civil War, LCMS pastors have served as military chaplains. Today, the Synod's Ministry to the Armed Forces (MAF) supports more than 160 active, Reserve, National Guard and Civil Air Patrol chaplains. MAF recruits, interviews and endorses all military chaplains and continues to support them throughout their entire careers. MAF also provides a network of care for our nation's military members, families and veterans through Operation Barnabas.

*Remember God's work through LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces as you pray:*

**16.** *that God would bless and guide the work of Chaplain Craig Muehler, MAF director, and Chaplain Steven Hokana, MAF assistant director.*

**17.** *for LCMS military chaplains serving on active duty for the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard. All of our military chaplains are pastors endorsed by the LCMS to serve in the chaplain corps of our nation's armed forces.*

**18.** *with thanksgiving to God for providing LCMS chaplains to serve members of the armed forces. Please pray that military chaplains would have every opportunity to share the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ.*



*Air Force Capt. Joseph Eggleston, chaplain of the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing, visits security personnel.*

**19.** *that God would preserve our chaplains' freedom to proclaim the Gospel to our servicemen and women who are lost and hurting.*

**20.** *for our LCMS Reserve and National Guard chaplains, especially those who have been mobilized for active-duty assignments. Pray for those deployed, their families and their home parishes.*

**21.** *for those who suffer from battle stress and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Pray that God would bring healing to those who have served or who are currently serving.*

**22.** *for Operation Barnabas, which seeks to assist veterans and military families during and after deployment.*

**23.** *for all congregations that reach out to members of our military through Operation Barnabas, that they would help to meet physical, psychological and spiritual needs through the training they have received and the Lord's provision.*

**24.** *for increasing opportunities for LCMS chaplains to spread Christ's message of salvation, hope and restoration to those they serve.*

**25.** *for all chaplains returning home, that they would receive a hero's welcome for their sacrifice to this country.*

**26.** *for all chaplains who are sick or have sick family members. Pray that, as it pleases God, He restores them to health or gives them the grace to accept this tribulation with courage and hope.*

**27.** *for all chaplains in harm's way, that God would not let their hearts despair nor their faith fail them, but sustain, guide and comfort them.*

**28.** *for all members of the military who were disabled during their duty, that our heavenly Father would mercifully guide, aid and strengthen them to find fulfillment in their lives.*

**29.** *with thanksgiving for all those who have given their lives in service to our country. Give thanks and ask the Lord to continue to guide and bless our country.*

**30.** *for all military chaplains upon their return, that they would find gainful employment and receive the care they need to heal their minds, bodies and souls.*

**31.** *for all those who minister to the armed forces, that by God's gracious working, they may honor Christ and advance the good of those committed to their care.*

#### MISSIONARY & PERSONNEL BIRTHDAYS

Download the prayer cards of missionaries and other personnel from [lcms.org/prayercards](http://lcms.org/prayercards).

- May 1** Barbara Bush, Macau
- May 3** Hans Trinklein, South Korea
- May 4** Gema Schuller, Puerto Rico
- May 6** Stephanie Schulte, West and Central Africa
- May 9** Todd Roeske, Philippines
- May 10** Dorothy Glenn, Ferguson, Mo.
- May 12** Krista Young, Ethiopia
- May 13** Kim Roeske, Philippines
- May 15** Stuart Freese, Burkina Faso
- May 16** Gabriel Fickenscher, Slovakia; Kristie Kolb, Asia
- May 19** Jamielynn Tinkey, Dominican Republic
- May 23** Johanna Heidorn, Asia; Jeffrey Kuddes, Kenya; Susan Moss, Sierra Leone
- May 25** Jacob Gaugert, Togo
- May 30** Sarah Sovitzky, Eurasia
- May 31** David Bush, Macau; Joel Young, Ethiopia

#### MILITARY CHAPLAINS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN MAY:

Chaplain Marc DiConti, Whidby Island, Wash.; Chaplain Donald Ehrke, Fort Hamilton, N.Y.; Chaplain Glenndon Genthner, Camp Lejeune, N.C.; Chaplain Charles Varsogea, Camp Pendleton, Calif.; Chaplain Matthew Franke, U.S. Air Force Lackland AFB, Texas.

