



Pray For Us Calendar

These prayer requests were submitted by coworkers in the Lord's mission.

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LUTHERAN SCHOOLS — SEPTEMBER 1-15 The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's (LCMS) School Ministry serves as a national voice for Lutheran schools, upholding the standards of Christ-centered schools that are academically strong and respectfully operated. Nationwide, there are 2,029 LCMS schools, which include 1,150 early childhood centers, 793 elementary schools and 86 high schools.

Remember God's work in Lutheran schools as you pray:

- 1.** for the children attending Lutheran schools, that their eyes, ears, hearts and minds would be open to God's Word.
- 2.** for Lutheran school teachers, that they would correctly divide and deliver Law and Gospel to students through real-life applications each day.
- 3.** for Lutheran school principals, who lead stakeholders to passionately embrace the witness our schools provide to the community. Pray that pastors, principals, directors and teachers would work together in God-pleasing unity.
- 4.** for pastors, who champion the Kingdom work happening in our schools. Pray that pastors would be excited to be an integral part of their school's ministry and the teaching of the children.
- 5.** for the ability of Lutheran schools to serve every child in their care. Ask that the Lord would provide the means to help schools serve children who have disabilities, who have experienced trauma or who come from families with limited resources.
- 6.** for Lutheran schools that are struggling to fill empty seats. Pray that God would revitalize their ministries, energize their staff members and bring more children through their doors.
- 7.** for parents who support our Lutheran schools with their time, talents and treasures. Give thanks for their dedication to the mission of the school.
- 8.** for daily opportunities for our teachers and staff to show God's mercy, love and forgiveness both inside and outside of the classroom. Pray that God would maintain our ability to practice our faith in Lutheran schools.
- 9.** for church members who tell the story of their Lutheran school, that their recommendation might lead more students through the school's doors.
- 10.** for courageous Lutheran schools willing to take calculated risks that will result in significant rewards for students. Give the leaders of these schools wisdom in their decisions.
- 11.** for the many non-Christians and exchange students who are coming to our schools. Many of them are hearing the Gospel for the very first time. Pray that Gospel seeds will be planted and watered and that they will come to know Jesus.
- 12.** for first-year teachers, that they may understand the mission of our schools and apply their gifts to demonstrate grace and mercy. Pray that God would give them strength and patience.
- 13.** for our early childhood centers that serve on the front lines to introduce young families to the saving love of Jesus. Pray that they are a faithful witness to the littlest of God's children and their families.
- 14.** for comfort and healing for school faculty and students during times of injury, illness and loss.
- 15.** for God to raise up wise and gifted leaders who are willing to serve in the role of administration at Lutheran schools.



A teacher works with a student at River Roads Lutheran School in St. Louis.

INVOLVEMENT IDEAS

- Tune in to Worldwide KFUE every Wednesday at 2 p.m. Central time for "The Student Union," a program for college students and those involved in ministry to them. Visit kfuo.org to listen online, or access archived programs at kfuo.org/category/the-student-union.
- Learn more about the Synod's network of Lutheran schools at lcms.org/school-ministry.
- Do you know a young adult who wants to serve God and others? The application period for the Lutheran Young Adult Corps opens in October. Learn more about summer and gap-year opportunities at lcms.org/young-adult-corps.

CAMPUS MINISTRY — SEPTEMBER 16–30 The challenges to Christians on our nation’s college campuses are increasing exponentially. On practically every campus, there are objections to the biblical worldview, doctrine, ethics and practices. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod’s (LCMS) campus-ministry arm, LCMS U, aims to encourage, support and help students, faculty and staff in their response to these challenges so they can boldly bear witness to Christ.

Remember God’s work through LCMS U as you pray:

16. for the 200-plus LCMS U chapters around the country, that they would receive the support they need to effectively reach out to America’s college students.

17. that more congregations and individuals would become involved with their local LCMS U chapters or be led by God to start new ones.

18. for the growth of LCMS U on urban college campuses and at community colleges, two fertile mission fields. Pray that the Lord would open doors to the spread of His Word in these places.

19. for all the dedicated staff and volunteers involved in campus ministry, that God would energize them for their work and use them to plant seeds of faith that will continue to grow.

20. for students starting their first year of college, that they would find Christian friends and make good decisions while living away from home for the first time.

21. for the parents of college students, especially those who have an empty nest for the first time. Pray that they would find joy and contentment in the midst of life’s changes.

22. that Lutheran college students would be bold witnesses to their faith in Jesus Christ, even when faced with pressure from peers and professors.

23. that young people would hunger for the certain truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and not be deceived by the half-truths and lies of Satan.

24. for the 800,000-plus foreign students studying at American colleges and universities. Many come from countries where the Gospel is not freely preached. Pray that their time in the U.S. would provide the opportunity for them to learn about Jesus.

25. for the international students who came to faith while studying abroad. Ask the Lord to provide opportunities and support so that they can continue to grow in their faith after they return home.

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

27. for the development of campus-ministry programs at institutions of higher education around the world.



Attendees review schedules at “Liberty,” the 2017 National LCMS Campus Ministry Conference, held Jan. 4–6 at the University of Maryland in College Park, Md.

28. for busy college students, who are pulled in many directions with the demands of school, work, friends, family and other activities. Pray that they would make their relationship with God a priority by setting aside time for group worship, Bible study and Christian service.

29. with thanksgiving for a new school year. Please pray that students and campus-ministry workers would return refreshed and with renewed dedication.

30. for recent college graduates, that they would find gainful employment as well as a church home where they can learn about God’s holy Word in all of its truth and purity.

MISSIONARY & PERSONNEL BIRTHDAYS

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

- Sept. 7** Joanna Johnson, Taiwan
- Sept. 13** Cherie Auger, Latin America; Frederick Reinhardt, Burkina Faso
- Sept. 15** Joel Fritsche, Dominican Republic
- Sept. 19** Charles Hoffman, South Korea
- Sept. 26** Karen Cecil, Germany

MILITARY CHAPLAINS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER:

Chaplain Graham Glover, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Chaplain Brad Boyer, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.; Chaplain Vincent Shaw, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Chaplain Joel Giese, Fort Bragg, N.C.; Chaplain Jonathan Shaw, Pentagon, Washington, D.C.; Chaplain David Jacob, Rock Island Arsenal, Ill.; Chaplain Gregory Jans, Travis AFB, Calif.

