

# St. Paul Lutheran Church

## News & Views



January 2024



Mission  
Of The  
Month

**Summer  
camp**

AND  
**Taylor  
Summer  
Recreation**

Readers for January:

- Jan 7th - Kathy Paulsen
- Jan 14th - Randall Pick
- Jan 21st - Terry Richter
- Jan 28th - Katie Safarik



**Shepherd's  
Heart  
Donation**



Church Financial Summary

	December thru 12/24	December thru 12/24
Monthly Budget	\$23,406	\$280,872
Monthly Contributions	\$32,532	\$253,890

Monthly Contributions does not include funds received for dedicated purposes, only those funds received for budgeted operations.

**Donations in Actions**

From **LAMP** (October Mission of the Month)

*"May the Lord reward you for your kindness. Thank you for your faithful support of LAMP's ministry"*

From **Dickey Museum**

*"We are grateful for your support of the Dickey House Project. This project would not be possible without support from those who share our vision and belief of preservation of historic places."*

# St. Paul Lutheran Child Development Center *January*



## *St Paul CDC January Newsletter*

As we welcome the new year, we want to extend our thanks and gratitude for all that we were blessed with in 2023. Thank you to Pastor George and the wonderful members of St. Paul Lutheran Church. The monetary gifts that were given to help make the Christmas' of several of our families was overwhelming. They received presents for all members of their family, food gift cards, snack baskets and lots of misc. items to make the holidays brighter. Reduced several to tears as they told how wonderful it was to bring their children somewhere that people actually cared. We were proud to tell them that due to the support that we receive from Pastor George, the congregation, St. Paul School Board, and St. Paul Council we were able to pass it along. We appreciate all that you do for our families and we are so proud to be part of this church.

All the school age children will return to school on the 8<sup>th</sup>. A special prayer for the teachers that will be trying to reach & teach these kids after a long break.

Ms. Rita is looking at dates for the first garage sale of 2024 and they will be posted as soon as it has been decided.

God bless you and prayers for a blessed New Year for all,

St. Paul CDC

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**Church Statistics for November**

Sunday Worship  
 Average Attendance thru 12/24  
**116**



Please remember that the deadline for the monthly newsletter is the 20th of each month by 5:00 pm.

**St. Paul Church takes pictures and videos which will be posted on our social media, web pages and printed material.**

Dear St. Paul Lutheran Church Family,

I hope all of you had time to reflect on the new ways Jesus is coming into your life during this Christmas Season. My special thanks to all who helped with making our Christmas worship celebrations so wonderful: our musicians, altar guild, support staff, ushers, and readers. I am so grateful for your assistance. Shepherd's Heart also thanks you for your food and monetary donations for the Christmas food distributions.

As we look forward to serving Jesus in Taylor in new ways in 2024, we need to remain grounded in our daily reading of scripture. The Lutheran Bible Translators 2024 Bible Reading Guide is included for your use. The Lutheran Bible Translators are working in various countries to translate God's Word into native languages. You can read about their work at: [lbt.org](http://lbt.org). Their stories make for great dinnertime discussions.

In 2024, we will have the opportunity to directly participate in mission work in Tanzania through the efforts of Cheryl Kruckemeyer. I encourage you to keep checking the website of the World Mission Prayer League: [wmpl.org](http://wmpl.org) for their stories and prayer needs. Please remember Cheryl and all our missionaries in your daily prayers. You can also follow the activities of Lutheran World Relief at: [lwr.org](http://lwr.org).

December was a difficult month for the Safarik, Filter, Lantzsch, and Spinn families. Please continue to pray for these families as we remember the faithful lives of Bret, Judy, Edward, and James.

My personal thanks to Loren Dittmeyer for all his many years of maintenance work on the buildings of the St. Paul Lutheran Church campus. Loren has resigned from his position on the Church Council effective December 31. We give thanks for a most faithful servant of the Lord Jesus.

As we begin a new year of Parish Education, my thanks to Bo Stiles as he continues the Sunday Adult Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall Conference Room, to all our Sunday School Teachers and students, as well as our Confirmands as we begin Sunday School and Confirmation on January 7.

Steve and Elizabeth Morgan have several activities planned for our youth during January. Watch the bulletin and emails for further information. We had a great outing to the Living Nativity.

**The LCMC Blue Bonnet Conference Epiphany Worship Service will be held at St. John Ev. Lutheran Church, 17701 Cameron Road in Pflugerville on Saturday January 6 at 5:30 PM.** A meal and fellowship will follow the worship service.

I invite you to join with fellow members of the LCMC around the world with the shared purpose to pray on January 2-4. You will find a variety of prayer resources at LCMC.net ([www.lcmc.net/3dop-resources/538](http://www.lcmc.net/3dop-resources/538)), along with a prayer guide included in this newsletter.

Thank you all for your wonderful Christmas expressions of appreciation for Elaine and my ministry with you. I am looking forward to sharing our outreach brochures within the new housing developments opening during 2024. Please join me in greeting our new residents as you meet them shopping in HEB, Walmart, and our downtown businesses. We should have a major influx of new residents as the Samsung facility comes on-line during 2024.

Blessings,

*Pastor George*





# Mission Moment

by Pastor Bryce Formwalt  
Director of Mission Growth



## Advent: More Than a Countdown

As a kid, I LOVED Advent! Why? Because it was a countdown to the best day of the year in the minds of most kids: Christmas! Why? Because Christmas meant PRESENTS! What kid doesn't love getting to unwrap Christmas presents?!? As I have grown and matured (hopefully) I have come to realize that Advent is so much more than a countdown... it is an invitation to give the best gift of all: God's grace through Jesus.

Entering the season of Advent, we are reminded of the extraordinary gift of God's grace given in the advent or arrival of Emmanuel (God with us), Jesus. As we anticipate the Christmas celebration and reflect upon the gift of God's grace in sending His son, I can't help but take note of what I think is often overlooked: our call to share that grace with others. Advent is a season of intentional love and outreach in Jesus' name.

Our call to share Christ's love is rooted in our identity as recipients of a grace that knows no bounds. It is God's grace that forgives our sins, heals our brokenness, and transforms our lives. Grace is a free gift of God that can never be earned or deserved. Jesus reminds his followers Matthew 10:8 (CSB): *"Freely received, freely give."* As followers of Christ this Advent season, we are called not only to celebrate this grace but to be conduits of it, sharing the transformative love of Christ with the world we live in.

In the hustle and bustle of this season, be attentive to the opportunities that God gives you to be instruments of God's grace for others. How can you joyfully demonstrate the love of Jesus in your interactions with friends, family, neighbors, co-workers and even strangers? It could be as simple as extending a helping hand to a neighbor, showing kindness to a stranger, or speaking a word of encouragement. It may be through sharing the story of Christ's birth, offering a listening ear to someone going through a tough time, or extending forgiveness in Jesus' name. Pray each day for God to give you eyes to see the opportunities and the courage and power of the Holy Spirit to embrace them. I believe God will indeed answer your prayer and give you both!

This Advent, I pray that our lives can be a testament to the transformative power of grace, as we actively and intentionally extend God's love to a world in need. In 1 Peter 4:10 (CSB) we read, *"Based on the gift each one has received, use it to serve others, as good managers of the varied grace of God."* Our faith calls for us to respond to God's grace by not just receiving it but also stewarding it by sharing it generously with a world that so desperately needs it.

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January 2024

St. Paul Lutheran Church, LCMC†

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
31	10:00am Lessons and Carols - Sanctuary 11:00am Sunday School and Adult Education (No Brunch) 12:15pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM	1	6:00pm Scout Den Meeting K-3rd Fellowship Hall	2	LCMC THREE DAYS OF PRAYER (www.lcmc.net/3dop-resources/538) 1:30pm LCMC Pastors Text Study	3	LCMC THREE DAYS OF PRAYER (www.lcmc.net/3dop-resources/538) 9:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study	4	LCMC THREE DAYS OF PRAYER (www.lcmc.net/3dop-resources/538) 9:30am LCMC Pr Cluster Mtg - St Paul Hosting In St Paul House 9:30am Ruth Circle	5		6	Pastor's Day Off
7	10:00am Worship with Holy Communion - Sanctuary 11:00am Brunch, Sunday School and Confirmation and Adult Education 12:15pm Bunch for Lunch 12:15pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM	8	6:00pm Scout Den Meeting K-3rd Fellowship Hall	9	1:30pm LCMC Pastors Text Study 7:00pm Scout Committee Mtg - FH Conf Rm	10	9:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study	11		12		13	Pastor's Day Off
14	9:00am Handbell Practice 10:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:00am Brunch, Sunday School and Confirmation and Adult Education 12:15pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM 5:00pm Taylor 4H - Cooking Class (Fellowship Hall)	15	6:00pm Scout Den Meeting K-3rd Fellowship Hall	16	1:30pm LCMC Pastors Text Study 7:00pm Council Meeting - St. Paul House	17	9:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study	18	9:30am LCMC Pr Cluster Mtg	19		20	Newletter Articles Due Pastor's Day Off
21	10:00am Worship with Holy Communion - Sanctuary 11:00am Brunch, Sunday School and Confirmation and Adult Education 12:15pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM	22	6:00pm Scout Den Meeting K-3rd Fellowship Hall	23	1:30pm LCMC Pastors Text Study	24	9:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study	25		26		27	Pastor's Day Off
28	9:00am Handbell Practice 10:00am Worship - Sanctuary 11:00am Brunch, Sunday School and Confirmation and Adult Education 12:15pm Radio - KRXT 98.5 FM	29	6:00pm Scout Den Meeting K-3rd Fellowship Hall	30	1:30pm LCMC Pastors Text Study	31	9:30am Folding Bulletins 1:30pm Prayer Time 2:00pm Pastor's Bible Study	1	9:30am LCMC Pr Cluster Mtg 9:30am Ruth Circle	2		3	Pastor's Day Off

**We Remember in Prayer**

**Our Members:**

Inez Sladek, Kenneth George, Pr. Michael Domenech, Kent Safarik.

**Our Shut Ins:** Grace Bulgerin, Lydia Dowling, Mary Miller, Lorene Prinz, Geraldine Steger, Joanne Rummel, Pastor Walter Miller, Lomis Weber, Carol Lantzsch, Lisa Cox, Dorothy Grimm, Geraldine Cox, Carolyn Jacobson, Ella Kuhl.

**Our family, friends, and loved ones:**

Christi Williams, Melissa Balderas, Andrea Ripple, Mary Perez, Iris Rangel and family, Wayne Ging, Kelly Clines Thompson, Angela Boehme, Rob Randig, Lindy Peterson, Laurie Kirven, Gayla Lantzsch, Fred Bittner, Tommy Harrison, Rhonda Aikey, Walter Moldenhaurer, Calvin Pierce, Tanuya Ellard, Sandra Milburn, Lonnie Lopez, Ben McCuk, Kelley Bachmayer, Terry Norman, Joe & Arlene Wold, Jennifer Thomson, Adam Eubank, James Slade, Julius Lucas, Betsi Schaefer, Jessica Hall, Brandi Oliver, Irene Bucanek, Donald Washington, Raul Bentley, Janie Luna, Alma Russell, Michael Vinson, Kristina Neitsch, Ali Vela, Johnell Griffin, Brayden Painter.

If someone needs to be removed from the prayer list please call the church office

***Assisted Living/Nursing Home:***

**SPJST Assisted Living:**

Geraldine Cox  
Grace Bulgerin  
Carol Lantzsch  
Lydia Dowling

**Taylor SPJST Nursing Home:**

Geraldine Steger  
Pastor Walter & Mary Miller

**Poet's Walk:**

Joanne Rummel

**Will-O-Bell (Barlett):**

Ella Kuhl

**Brookdale Assisted Living:**

Carolyn Jacobson

**Trinity Care Center (Round Rock):**

Lorene Prinz

**80th Birthdays & Above**

Gladys Townsend 1/20/36 88 Yrs



25th Anniversary:  
None

30th Anniversary :  
None

40th Anniversary:  
None

50th Anniversaries & Above  
Larry & Katy Safarik 1/22 58 Yrs



**Annual Christmas Program**

The youth of St. Paul Lutheran Church Sunday School and Confirmation class presented their annual Christmas program. This years program was titled "A Night in Bethlehem!"

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*Join Pastor George on Monday January 15th, 9am at City Hall  
for the MLK March and Celebration.*





# Lutheran Bible Translators DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE 2024

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
1 - MATTHEW 1	1 - MATTHEW 28	1 - LUKE 21-22	1 - ACTS 23	1 - 1 CORINTHIANS 11	1 - EPHESIANS 6
2 - MATTHEW 2	2 - MARK 1	2 - LUKE 23-24	2 - ACTS 24	2 - 1 CORINTHIANS 12	
3 - MATTHEW 3	3 - MARK 2-3		3 - ACTS 25	3 - 1 CORINTHIANS 13-14	2 - PSALM 63-65
4 - MATTHEW 4		3 - PSALM 24-26	4 - ACTS 26	4 - 1 CORINTHIANS 15-16	3 - PHILIPPIANS 1
5 - MATTHEW 5	4 - PSALM 12-14	4 - JOHN 1-2	5 - ACTS 27	5 - PSALM 51-53	4 - PHILIPPIANS 2
6 - MATTHEW 6	5 - MARK 4	5 - JOHN 3-4	6 - ACTS 28	6 - 2 CORINTHIANS 1	5 - PHILIPPIANS 3
	6 - MARK 5	6 - JOHN 5		7 - 2 CORINTHIANS 2	6 - PHILIPPIANS 4
7 - PSALM 1-2	7 - MARK 6	7 - JOHN 6-7	7 - PSALM 39-41	8 - 2 CORINTHIANS 3	7 - COLOSSIANS 1
8 - MATTHEW 7	8 - MARK 7	8 - JOHN 8-9	8 - ROMANS 1-2	9 - 2 CORINTHIANS 4	8 - COLOSSIANS 2
9 - MATTHEW 8	9 - MARK 8	9 - JOHN 10	9 - ROMANS 3	10 - 2 CORINTHIANS 5	
10 - MATTHEW 9	10 - MARK 9-10		10 - ROMANS 4	11 - 2 CORINTHIANS 6-7	9 - PSALM 66-68
11 - MATTHEW 10		10 - PSALM 27-29	11 - ROMANS 5	12 - PSALM 54-56	10 - COLOSSIANS 3
12 - MATTHEW 11	11 - PSALM 15-17	11 - JOHN 11-12	12 - ROMANS 6	13 - 2 CORINTHIANS 8	11 - COLOSSIANS 4
13 - MATTHEW 12	12 - MARK 11	12 - JOHN 13-14	13 - ROMANS 7-8	14 - 2 CORINTHIANS 9	
	13 - MARK 12	13 - JOHN 15		15 - 2 CORINTHIANS 10	12 - 1 THESSALONIANS 1-2
14 - PSALM 3-5	14 - MARK 13	14 - JOHN 16-17	14 - PSALM 42-44	16 - 2 CORINTHIANS 11	13 - 1 THESSALONIANS 3
15 - MATTHEW 13	15 - MARK 14	15 - JOHN 18-19	15 - ROMANS 9-10	17 - 2 CORINTHIANS 12	14 - 1 THESSALONIANS 4-5
16 - MATTHEW 14	16 - MARK 15	16 - JOHN 20-21	16 - ROMANS 11	18 - 2 CORINTHIANS 13	15 - 2 THESSALONIANS 1
17 - MATTHEW 15	17 - MARK 16		17 - ROMANS 12	19 - PSALM 57-59	16 - PSALM 69-71
18 - MATTHEW 16		17 - PSALM 30-32	18 - ROMANS 13	20 - GALATIANS 1	17 - 2 THESSALONIANS 2
19 - MATTHEW 17	18 - PSALM 18-20	18 - ACTS 1-2	19 - ROMANS 14	21 - GALATIANS 2	18 - 2 THESSALONIANS 3
20 - MATTHEW 18	19 - LUKE 1-2	19 - ACTS 3-4	20 - ROMANS 15-16	22 - GALATIANS 3	19 - PROVERBS 1
	20 - LUKE 3-4	20 - ACTS 5-6		23 - GALATIANS 4	20 - PROVERBS 2
21 - PSALM 6-8	21 - LUKE 5-6	21 - ACTS 7-8	21 - PSALM 45-47	24 - GALATIANS 5	21 - PROVERBS 3
22 - MATTHEW 19	22 - LUKE 7-8	22 - ACTS 9-10	22 - 1 CORINTHIANS 1	25 - GALATIANS 6	22 - PROVERBS 4
23 - MATTHEW 20	23 - LUKE 9-10	23 - ACTS 11-12	23 - 1 CORINTHIANS 2	26 - PSALM 60-62	
24 - MATTHEW 21	24 - LUKE 11-12		24 - 1 CORINTHIANS 3	27 - EPHESIANS 1	23 - PSALM 72-74
25 - MATTHEW 22		24 - PSALM 33-35	25 - 1 CORINTHIANS 4	28 - EPHESIANS 2	24 - PROVERBS 5
26 - MATTHEW 23	25 - PSALM 21-23	25 - ACTS 13-14	26 - 1 CORINTHIANS 5-6	29 - EPHESIANS 3	25 - PROVERBS 6
27 - MATTHEW 24	26 - LUKE 13-14	26 - ACTS 15-16	27 - 1 CORINTHIANS 7-8	30 - EPHESIANS 4	26 - PROVERBS 7
	27 - LUKE 15-16	27 - ACTS 17-18		31 - EPHESIANS 5	27 - PROVERBS 8
28 - PSALM 9-11	28 - LUKE 17-18	28 - ACTS 19-20	28 - PSALM 48-50		28 - PROVERBS 9
29 - MATTHEW 25	29 - LUKE 19-20	29 - ACTS 21	29 - 1 CORINTHIANS 9	26 - PSALM 60-62	29 - PROVERBS 10
30 - MATTHEW 26		30 - ACTS 22	30 - 1 CORINTHIANS 10	27 - EPHESIANS 1	
31 - MATTHEW 27		31 - PSALM 36-38		28 - EPHESIANS 2	30 - PSALM 75-77

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
1 - PROVERBS 11	1 - ECCLESIASTES 11	1 - PSALM 102-104	1 - ISAIAH 6	1 - ISAIAH 33	1 - PSALM 134-136
2 - PROVERBS 12	2 - ECCLESIASTES 12	2 - HEBREWS 13	2 - ISAIAH 7	2 - ISAIAH 34	2 - ISAIAH 59
3 - PROVERBS 13	3 - 1 TIMOTHY 1	3 - JAMES 1	3 - ISAIAH 8	3 - ISAIAH 60	3 - ISAIAH 60
4 - PROVERBS 14	4 - PSALM 90-92	4 - JAMES 2	4 - ISAIAH 9	3 - PSALM 122-124	4 - ISAIAH 61
5 - PROVERBS 15	5 - 1 TIMOTHY 2	5 - JAMES 3	5 - ISAIAH 10	4 - ISAIAH 35	5 - ISAIAH 62
6 - PROVERBS 16	6 - 1 TIMOTHY 3	6 - JAMES 4	6 - PSALM 117-118	5 - ISAIAH 36	6 - ISAIAH 63
7 - PSALM 78-80	7 - 1 TIMOTHY 4	7 - JAMES 5	7 - ISAIAH 11	6 - ISAIAH 37	7 - ISAIAH 64
8 - PROVERBS 17	8 - 1 TIMOTHY 5	8 - PSALM 105-107	8 - ISAIAH 12	7 - ISAIAH 38	8 - PSALM 137-139
9 - PROVERBS 18	9 - 1 TIMOTHY 6	9 - 1 PETER 1	9 - ISAIAH 13	8 - ISAIAH 39	9 - ISAIAH 65
10 - PROVERBS 19	10 - 2 TIMOTHY 1	10 - 1 PETER 2	10 - ISAIAH 14	9 - ISAIAH 40	10 - ISAIAH 66
11 - PROVERBS 20	11 - PROVERBS 21	11 - 1 PETER 3	11 - ISAIAH 15	10 - PSALM 125-127	11 - NEHEMIAH 1
12 - PROVERBS 21	12 - PROVERBS 22	12 - 1 PETER 4	12 - ISAIAH 16	11 - ISAIAH 41	12 - NEHEMIAH 2
13 - PROVERBS 22	13 - PROVERBS 23	13 - 1 PETER 5	13 - PSALM 119:1-88	12 - ISAIAH 42	13 - NEHEMIAH 3
14 - PSALM 81-83	14 - 2 TIMOTHY 4	14 - 2 PETER 1	14 - ISAIAH 17	13 - ISAIAH 43	14 - NEHEMIAH 4
15 - PROVERBS 23	15 - TITUS 1	15 - PSALM 108-110	15 - ISAIAH 18	14 - ISAIAH 44	15 - PSALM 140-142
16 - PROVERBS 24	16 - TITUS 2	16 - 2 PETER 2	16 - ISAIAH 19	15 - ISAIAH 45	16 - NEHEMIAH 5
17 - PROVERBS 25	17 - TITUS 3	17 - 2 PETER 3	17 - ISAIAH 20	16 - ISAIAH 46	17 - NEHEMIAH 6
18 - PROVERBS 26	18 - PSALM 96-98	18 - 1 JOHN 1-2	18 - ISAIAH 21	17 - PSALM 128-130	18 - NEHEMIAH 7
19 - PROVERBS 27	19 - PROVERBS 27	19 - 1 JOHN 3-4	19 - ISAIAH 22	18 - ISAIAH 47	19 - NEHEMIAH 8
20 - PROVERBS 28	20 - PROVERBS 28	20 - 1 JOHN 5	20 - PSALM 119:89-176	19 - ISAIAH 48	20 - NEHEMIAH 9
21 - PSALM 84-86	21 - HEBREWS 2	21 - 2 JOHN	21 - ISAIAH 23	20 - ISAIAH 49	21 - NEHEMIAH 10
22 - PROVERBS 29	22 - HEBREWS 3	22 - PSALM 111-113	22 - ISAIAH 24	21 - ISAIAH 50	22 - PSALM 143-145
23 - PROVERBS 30	23 - HEBREWS 4	23 - 3 JOHN	23 - ISAIAH 25	22 - ISAIAH 51	23 - NEHEMIAH 11
24 - PROVERBS 31	24 - HEBREWS 5	24 - JUDE	24 - ISAIAH 26	23 - ISAIAH 52	24 - NEHEMIAH 12
25 - ECCLESIASTES 1-2	25 - HEBREWS 6	25 - ISAIAH 1	25 - ISAIAH 27	24 - PSALM 131-133	25 - NEHEMIAH 13
26 - ECCLESIASTES 3-4	26 - PSALM 99-101	26 - ISAIAH 2	26 - ISAIAH 28	25 - ISAIAH 53	26 - ESTHER 1-2
27 - ECCLESIASTES 5-6	27 - HEBREWS 7	27 - ISAIAH 3	27 - PSALM 120-121	26 - ISAIAH 54	27 - ESTHER 3-4
28 - PSALM 87-89	28 - HEBREWS 8	28 - ISAIAH 4	28 - ISAIAH 29	27 - ISAIAH 55	28 - ESTHER 5-6
29 - ECCLESIASTES 7-9	29 - HEBREWS 9	29 - PSALM 114-116	29 - ISAIAH 30	28 - ISAIAH 56	29 - PSALM 146-148
30 - ECCLESIASTES 9	30 - HEBREWS 10	30 - ISAIAH 5	30 - ISAIAH 31	29 - ISAIAH 57	30 - ESTER 7-10
31 - ECCLESIASTES 10	31 - HEBREWS 11	31 - ISAIAH 6	31 - ISAIAH 32	30 - ISAIAH 58	31 - PSALM 149-150



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Translators

[www.lbt.org](http://www.lbt.org)

## Day Three: For Our International Partners

*"Thank You, Lord, that You have bound us together with these sister churches and leaders and partner networks. We pray that You will give them protection and provision. We pray that You will show us how we can come alongside them, encourage them, and serve with them. Lord, grant our brothers and sisters Your favor in their cities, communities, and countries. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen."*

We are blessed as an association to not only have sister churches here in the United States but also sister churches and partner networks in fifteen other countries around the world. Together we are involved in the mission of the gospel that God has called us to and equips us for through the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit.

In Acts 1:8 Jesus says: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." It is with and through our international partners that we are being empowered by God to live out this reality of being witnesses of what God has done in and through the life, death, and resurrection of His Son, our Lord, and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is with and through our international partners we are enabled by God to live these lives of witness locally, regionally, and throughout entire countries.

Let us pray for God's protection and provision for our sisters and brothers in other nations. Let us pray for God's leading in how He would have us reach out to them and partner with them in the coming year. Let us pray for God's provision of food, medicine, clean water, and safety where these are needed. Let us pray for the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit to fill our sisters and brothers afresh and grant them God's favor as they give witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ in their cities, communities, and countries.

- LUTHERAN CONGREGATIONS IN MISSION FOR CHRIST 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL -

# Three Days of Prayer

JANUARY 2-4, 2024 • EVERY CONGREGATION



**L**ike last year, I am encouraging us all to use the Lord's Prayer as an outline to pray prayers while providing space for us to pray according to each petition for the churches or people we are focused on that day. Pray each petition one at a time, then pause and pay attention to what comes to mind. Then, pray out of those thoughts or impressions. For instance, pray "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name," and pause. Then pray words and thoughts of thanks to God for being your Father, for His love, and for His goodness toward you. Glorify His name in prayer. Then pray the second petition, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," and pause. Think of how you would love to see God's love and power break in on those you are praying for, and then pray for them. Pray for relationships, emotions, or bodies to be healed. Pray for someone to become aware of God's love for them. Pray for peace in someone's life or in a region. Continue to pray each petition one at a time, pausing to listen to thoughts, scriptures, and impressions that come to mind, and then pray for that church or that person. No matter how you structure this time of prayer, let's come together as an international association of congregations across the U.S. and around the world to pray.

## Day One: For Our Congregations and Leaders

*"Lord, we pray that You bless our congregations and leaders with Your favor and with Your provision and power to carry out the ministry and mission You have in store for us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."*

What can God do through almost 1,000 congregations in the United States and overseas? How many people can He impact with His love and His power through the tens of thousands of members in the churches of LCMC? Wouldn't it be wonderful if our testimony in the years to come, is that God was at work in and through our association, drawing millions of people to faith in Jesus as Savior and Lord? Discipling millions of people to live as followers of Jesus? Filling millions of people with the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit? Healing millions of people physically, emotionally, and relationally as well as setting others free from whatever held them captive.

I do not believe this is hyperbole. This is in fact what God can do in and through our association in the coming years. It is what can happen as the Holy Spirit empowers us to live lives of witness (Acts 1:8), serve as ambassadors for the kingdom of God who have a message of life to proclaim (2 Corinthians 5:20)

and God-stories to share (1 Peter 3:15). With that in mind, let us pray for God's provision and empowerment upon the members, leaders, and churches of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ.

Let us pray for new congregations in LCMC to be welcomed and connected in relationships with other congregations and leaders in the association and in their regions of the country. Let us pray for provision: Provision of people. Provision of just the right relationships in our communities at just the right time. Provision of finances for ministry and mission. Provision of favor with community leaders and with those who do not yet know Jesus as Savior and Lord. Provision of training resources to equip God's people for what the Lord wants to do in us and through us. Provision of spiritual gifts that can help us impact others with God's love and God's power. Provision of the joy and boldness to share our God stories that come through the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit being stirred within us.

## Day Two: For Those Who Don't Yet Know Jesus as Savior and Lord, and For the Prodigals

*"Lord, give us Your heart for those who don't yet know you as Savior and Lord, and for the prodigals. Create in us a boldness to love them and serve them and to share our God-stories with them as opportunities arise. Open our eyes to be aware of everyday encounters in which we can minister Your love and Your power to those in need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen."*

We know that our Lord Jesus came to seek and to save the lost (Luke 19:10, ESV). And we know that our Heavenly Father is a father who joyfully welcomes home the prodigals. Today, let's pray that God will bring us together as one across our association in praying that millions might be drawn to a relationship of love for and faith in Jesus as Savior and Lord.

Let's also pray that the Lord might bring home the prodigals who have walked away from a life of faith in the Him. Lord, bring home our spouses, bring home our sons and daughters and grandchildren. Lord, bring home our friends and neighbors. Let's pray that God might set them free from any woundedness or deception that has driven them away from their relationship with Him. Let's pray that they might experience God's love and acceptance and affirmation as His beloved daughters and sons.