



# Pray For Us Calendar

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

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**INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION — MAY 1-15** Theological education is one of the six mission priorities of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), and it forms an integral part of LCMS mission work around the world. The Synod's theological education efforts take various forms in different contexts to effectively meet people's specific needs around the world.

*Remember God's work through international theological education as you pray:*

- 1.** for the Synod's Global Seminary Initiative (GSI), which helps to fill the need for trained church leaders who are native to the region and cultures in which they serve. Pray that God would guide this program to strengthen the formation of pastors and deaconesses around the world.
- 2.** for the safety and well-being of LCMS professors and pastors who travel overseas to teach seminars and intensive courses for our current and emerging church partners.
- 3.** for the international students who come to the Synod's seminaries to study, that God would grant them safe travels and comfort while away from family and friends.
- 4.** that Lutheran pastors all over the world would have access to the necessary books and resources to equip them for the proper teaching of Law and Gospel.
- 5.** with thanksgiving for the Synod's generous donors, who make it possible for the LCMS to support theological education in many different locations around the world.
- 6.** for the health and safety of LCMS missionaries who live and work in foreign lands to help strengthen the theological education taking place there. Give thanks to God that these faithful families have heeded His call to serve their brothers and sisters in Christ in this way.
- 7.** for the ministry carried out through the Westfield House of Theological Studies in Cambridge, England. This ministry touches future pastors of England and also provides training for leaders from many other church bodies in other parts of the world.
- 8.** for the Lutheran Center for Theological Studies (CLET) in Togo, which provides theological training for men and women from French-speaking countries in West Africa.
- 9.** for projects that translate Christian materials into the heart language of different people groups. Pray especially for the ongoing work of translating Luther's Works into Chinese that is taking place in Hong Kong.
- 10.** that God would bless the work of all those He calls into the ministry around the world.
- 11.** for the new deaconess formation program in the Dominican Republic. Please ask God to bless the work of the LCMS deaconesses serving as missionaries in Latin America who are overseeing the creation of this program.
- 12.** for opportunities for fellowship and continuing education for Lutheran church workers in Europe, who are spread out over a large geographic area.
- 13.** for the seminaries of LCMS partner churches around the world. Pray that they would faithfully educate future leaders for their churches.
- 14.** with thanksgiving for the Gospel multiplication that happens when pastors are equipped to teach their flocks and train new leaders for the church.
- 15.** that God would continue to grow His Church on earth. Pray that the Lord would continue to raise up church planters and mission developers according to His good and gracious will.



Deaconess Amy Rast, associate director of deaconess formation at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind., teaches deaconess students at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania – South-East of Lake Victoria Diocese's Bishop Emmanuel Makala Training Center.

## INVOLVEMENT IDEAS

- Learn more about the Synod's Global Seminary Initiative at [lcms.org/makeagift/gsi](http://lcms.org/makeagift/gsi).
- Visit [lcms.org/lutheransengage](http://lcms.org/lutheransengage) starting in mid-May to read about our theological education efforts around the world. These articles are part of the May-June 2016 issue of *Lutherans Engage the World*.
- Do you know a high school student who is interested in the pastoral or deaconess ministry? Both seminaries offer summer programs for high school-age youth. Visit [www.csl.edu/admissions/visit-us/](http://www.csl.edu/admissions/visit-us/) or [admission.ctsfw.edu](http://admission.ctsfw.edu) to learn more.
- Learn more about the LCMS Joint Seminary Fund at [lcms.org/seminaryeducation/jointseminaryfund](http://lcms.org/seminaryeducation/jointseminaryfund).

**SEMINARY EDUCATION — MAY 16–31** God has blessed the LCMS with two excellent seminaries: Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. Through a combination of residential and distance-education programs, they form pastors, deaconesses and theological leaders to faithfully and accurately teach the Gospel. This month, the LCMS celebrates and gives thanks to God for His blessings on these two institutions.

*Remember God's work through the Synod's seminaries as you pray:*

**16.** *with thanksgiving for Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and its president, the Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer. Please pray that this institution would continue to be a place where pastors and deaconesses are properly prepared for service to the Church.*

**17.** *with thanksgiving for Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind., and its president, the Rev. Dr. Lawrence Rast Jr. Please ask that God would continue to guide this institution as it shapes future servants of the Church.*

**18.** *for the faculty members of the seminaries, that they would always be faithful to the truth and purity of God's Word in their duties.*

**19.** *for the support staff of the seminaries, that they would find fulfillment in their work as they lift up the needs of those who teach and those who learn.*

**20.** *for the pastoral candidates who received their first calls at the end of April. Please ask God to be with them during the transition from seminary to parish life.*

**21.** *for the deaconess candidates who recently received placements, that they would find joy in reflecting the mercy of God and teaching the faith wherever God has placed them.*

**22.** *for seminarians going on vicarage and deaconess students who received internship assignments. Pray that this hands-on experience would faithfully shape them to do Christ's work throughout their lives.*

**23.** *that the Lord would provide relief for all church workers who struggle with educational debt.*

**24.** *for those who will begin their seminary studies this summer and fall. Pray that God would bless their time of study with joy and diligence.*

**25.** *with thanksgiving for the many LCMS congregations, members and organizations that provide groceries and other items to the seminaries' food banks. Many seminary families rely on this vital assistance.*

**26.** *for pre-seminary programs that prepare young men to enter seminary. Pray that these programs would provide a solid foundation for future study.*

**27.** *for all congregations that requested but did not receive a new pastor, that they would not lose heart as they await God's gift of a shepherd, remembering that God is always faithful and will provide in His time.*

**28.** *for young people who are considering a career in church work. Ask the Lord to guide young people to seek His will for their lives.*

**29.** *that the Lord would continue to provide for the physical needs of seminary families, who often give up regular employment to follow His call into the pastoral ministry.*

**30.** *for specialized programs like Concordia Seminary's Deaf Institute of Theology and the Center for Hispanic Studies, that God would use them to equip theologically trained leaders to share His Word of grace with all people.*

**31.** *that God would continue to bless the LCMS Joint Seminary Fund, which collects approximately \$2 million each year to help decrease student educational costs.*



*Candidates for ministry attend worship April 29, 2014, during "Call Day" in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.*

## 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 Africa
- May 9** Todd Roeske, Philippines
- May 12** Krista Young, Ethiopia
- May 13** Kim Roeske, Philippines
- May 15** Delaine Baker, South Korea
- May 16** Gabriel Fickenscher, Slovakia;  
Kristie Kolb, Hong Kong
- May 23** Jeffrey Kuddes, French-speaking Africa
- May 25** Jacob Gaugert, Togo
- May 26** David Bickel, South Korea;  
Persephone James, Hong Kong
- May 30** Sarah Sovitzky, Czech Republic
- May 31** David Bush, Macau;  
Joel Young, Ethiopia

## MILITARY CHAPLAINS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN MAY:

Chaplain Marc DiConti, Whidby Island, Wash.; Chaplain Donald Ehrke, Pentagon; Chaplain Glenndon Genthner, Japan; Chaplain Charles Varsogea, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Calif.; Chaplain Matthew Franke, U.S. Air Force Lackland AFB, Texas.

