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I love this time of the church year. We finish up Epiphany and prepare for Lent with the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain with Moses and Elijah.

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.~ Mark 9:2-9

This was such a powerful event that it practically dumbfounded the disciples. Even the normally vocal Peter could only muster a "Maybe we should camp and hang out for a while with these guys."

And even as Peter was commenting, a cloud came and overshadowed them, saying, *"This is My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him!"*

That would get your attention, wouldn't it?

I'm sure the disciples had a bit of an idea of who Jesus was, but this revelation blew their expectations out of the water. I wonder if they realized that the best was yet to come; that He would change their lives for eternity.

How about you? Most of you reading this are Christ followers. You know and confess Jesus as your Savior. Do you realize that the best is yet to come, that Jesus is even more than we could ever hope for?

His mercy and forgiveness fundamentally change our lives forever. 2 Corinthians describes it this way: *"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."* We have been renewed by Jesus. All that old junk, those old hurts, those terrible sins which haunt us have been dealt with once and for all by Jesus on the cross and by His resurrection from the dead.

It's even better that we could ever hope for or imagine. His mercy is life-altering. We are no longer slaves to sin. Satan, as powerful of a force as he is, can no longer claim mastery over us. Even death has been defeated by Jesus.

Our lives are fundamentally changed. Christ is with us - Christ is for us. He will never leave us. His mercy for us has no end.

And to think - the best is yet to come!

In Christ,

Rev. Monte Meyer
Mission & Ministry Facilitator - Parish Life and Nurture

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23RD CONVENTION OF THE MINNESOTA NORTH DISTRICT - LCMS

April 9-11, 2018

Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center, Alexandria, Minnesota
"Here We Stand: On Christ Alone. . .Our Cornerstone"
Acts 4:11 & 12

DEVOTIONAL LEADER:
Rev. Daniel Deardoff, Sr.
Brandon, SD

ESSAYIST:
Rev. Roger Zieger
Berlin, Germany

SYNODICAL REPRESENTATIVES:
Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison
President—LCMS

Rev. Nabil Nour
Regional Vice President—LCMS

HOST CIRCUIT:
Alexandria Circuit
Rev. Terry Finnern, Circuit Visitor

HOST CONGREGATION:
Zion Lutheran Church, Alexandria

The 2018 LCMS Minnesota North District Convention is scheduled for Monday, April 9, to Wednesday, April 11, in Alexandria, MN, at the Arrowwood Resort and Conference Center. The convention will open at 1:00 pm on Monday and close at 12:00 pm Wednesday. The convention worship service will be held Monday, April 9th at 7:30 pm at Zion Lutheran Church, Alexandria. Floor committees will meet on Monday morning with open hearings beginning at 10:30 am.

Conventions are held every three years by each of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's 35 districts. The schedule includes time for conducting business, electing officers and sharing information. The conventions also offer opportunities for worship, nurture, inspiration and fellowship.

Pastors, teachers, commissioned ministers, and lay delegates elected by congregations are required to attend. General sessions are open to anyone who wishes to attend as an observer, and guests are also invited to the worship services.

To learn more, register and reserve lodging, please visit our website.

www.mnnlcms.org

Installation at Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church, Two Harbors

Rev. John Bonk was installed on December 10, 2017, at Shepherd of the Lake, Two Harbors.

Pictured are: Rev. Rob Franck, Rev. Daniel Preus, Rev. Mark Palmer, Rev. John Bonk, District President Rev. Dr. Don Fondow (installer), Rev. Dean Rudloff, Rev. Tom Brinkley, Rev. Kirk Schield, Rev. Matthew Kohl

CROSS
Congregations Reaching Out To Support Schools

C.R.O.S.S. – The Blessings of our Lutheran Schools

St. Paul's Lutheran School in Perham has once again been blessed with the wonderful opportunity to educate children not only academically, but also in their faith and knowledge of our Lord. Many students who walk through our doors each day come from active church going families, some students belong to a church but do not regularly attend, and for some children St. Paul's Lutheran School is their only opportunity to hear the saving message of the cross. What a blessing it is to share the gospel everyday through Scripture, prayer and song as we teach all the academic subject areas and values through a Biblical perspective.

This year at St. Paul's Lutheran School we have been blessed with 96 students in preschool through 6th grade. We have 6 full-time teachers, 3 part-time teachers, and additional support staff and volunteers who make up our school ministry team. With the gifts from the C.R.O.S.S. initiative we have been able to purchase curriculum, classroom items and technology resources.

The C.R.O.S.S. Appeal initiative continues to be a blessing to all seven Lutheran Day Schools in the Minnesota North District. Through your partnership of financial and prayer support our schools are able to make a difference in the lives of His children. We would like to thank all the individuals, congregations, and organizations who have so generously donated to C.R.O.S.S.

For more information about St. Paul's Lutheran School, visit our website at www.stpaulsschoolperham.org or visit us on Facebook!

Gifts to the C.R.O.S.S. Appeal can be made payable to and sent to: Minnesota North District-LCMS, PO Box 604, Brainerd, MN 56401 Earmark them for: CROSS

PARISH NURSES

There are a number of upcoming opportunities for parish nurses and those interested in becoming parish nurses:

MN North District Parish Nurses will be hosting a MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE on June 10, 2018 at Concordia Lutheran Church in Fair Haven, MN. Our keynote speaker, Jim Otremba, will be sharing resources for stress management. Continue to watch the E-news for further information.

Every year the LCMS along with Concordia University, Wisconsin, sponsors a parish nursing conference. This year's conference, Steadfast Servants: Working Together for Christ, is scheduled for May 23-24, 2018. You can find registration information HERE. Let me know if you are interested in attending. I will be traveling on Monday and Friday.

There are a number of ways to complete the Parish Nurse course. The FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH COMMUNITY NURSING CLASS will be held in St. Cloud on April 16-20, 2018. Click HERE for registration and scholarship information. Also, the CHIRSTIAN CAREGIVING 4 day intensive course will be offered at Concordia University, Wisconsin on June 4-7, 2018. Registration information can be downloaded HERE. Check with your licensor to see if these courses are eligible for continuing education credit.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or are interested in any of these opportunities.

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MISSION AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES IN MARCH – SIGN UP NOW!

EVERY ONE HIS WITNESS

LUTHERAN EVANGELISM™
CORE MODULE
BY MARK A. WOOD

SATURDAY, MARCH 10TH
9:30am - 3:30 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church, Staples, MN
To register call the church at 218-894-2372.
Please register by March 2nd.

ENGAGING YOUR COMMUNITY

with Pastor Jeffrey Lee
Saturday, March 17th - 9:00 am
Trinity Lutheran Church, Sabin, MN
Email Pastor Lee to Register: jeffrey.lee@mnnlcms.org

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Are You Saving Enough To Retire Comfortably?

Lutheran Church Extension Fund's (LCEF) Individual Retirement Accounts Can Help.

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CONTRIBUTIONS MAY BE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.*

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CONTRIBUTIONS GROW TAX FREE.*

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Click HERE to download the Newsletter

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

Relief for Human Need Worldwide

Orphan Grain Train Collection of New Socks and Undies

All congregations in the Minnesota North District are invited to collect New Socks and Undies for Orphan Grain Train.

These items will be taken to Texas border missions and other places where new items are allowed. **All sizes of undies and socks (for men, women, and children) are being collected**, but children's socks (**for age 3 to 6th grade**) are very much needed, as children in Mexico cannot go to school without socks and shoes.

Please send New socks and undies with your pastor when he attends the 23rd Convention of the Minnesota North District - LCMS on April 9 -11, 2018, at Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center, Alexandria, MN Drop Off Point: Orphan Grain Train Booth

Money to help with shipping costs is also welcome. Monetary donations can be mailed to Orphan Grain Train, PO Box 61, Morris, MN 56267, or brought to the OGT Booth. Questions? Contact Gene Pasche, Chairman of MN North, Orphan Grain Train, at 320-589-2796.

SHEPHERD'S CANYON RETREAT

Shepherd's Canyon Retreat Ministry offers week-long counseling retreats for men and women in ministry who are in the midst of various stages of burnout, stress, depression, and conflicts of all kinds. Each retreat can accommodate up to eight individuals. All Shepherd's Canyon Retreats are held at Standing Stones Conference & Retreat Center in Wickenburg, Arizona. Learn more about upcoming retreats at the Shepherd's Canyon WEBSITE.

March 6-13	August 6-13
April 10-17	September 10-17
May 7-14	October 8-15
May 28-June 4	November 5-12
July 9-16	December 3-10

DOXOLOGY

The Lutheran Center for Spiritual Care and Counsel

The Classic program curriculum:

- Provides resources, insights, teaching, admonition, encouragement, new tools and strategies needed to move beyond "survival functioning in pastoral ministry" to joyful service in the pastoral life and calling.
- Provides opportunities for immediate and ongoing care to nurture and encourage pastors whose personal lives may have been burdened by stress and isolation or wounded by sin, depression, conflict, fear, or hopelessness.
- Yields critical insights to enhance the practice and pedagogy of spiritual care and counsel.
- Benefits from team casuistry and the support and experience of fellow pastors enrolled in this renewal experience.

Learn more by visiting the Doxology WEBSITE

MAIN STREET living - NORTH FARGO—MOORHEAD

MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH is a locally produced TV program that includes a 30 minute worship service led by participating pastors of the North Dakota and Minnesota North Districts of our LCMS, along with a 30 minute children's program called "Kid's Crossing". It is broadcast each Sunday at **10:00am** on KVRR Fargo-Moorhead Channel 15.1, KBRR Thief River Falls-Grand Forks Channel 10.1, KJRR Jamestown Channel 7.1, KNRR Pembina Channel 12.1, cable and satellite systems carrying these stations, and archived on www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com.

Introducing our Volunteer Board of Directors: This month we introduce our MSLN President, **Ken Koehler.** Ken grew up on a farm near Hankinson, ND. After graduating from NDSU he spent several years working for International Harvester Company, before attending Concordia College in St. Paul, where he received his Director of Christian Education degree. Ken then served as the DCE & Youth Director for 40 years at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in West Fargo, ND, retiring in June 2015. Ken continues to live in West Fargo, volunteering time with MSNL, Grace Lutheran School, Fargo, and various other ministry related activities.

Please continue to help spread the word to your extended family and friends! In addition to viewing the TV program at 10:00 am each Sunday morning (on the FOX TV and/or cable station in their area), please let them know that they can watch all of the archived programs at any time on line at www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com.

To add your much needed financial support, checks may be sent to "Main Street Living North", 821-5th Ave. S., Fargo, ND 58103, or donate by Credit Card or your PayPal account at: www.mainstreetlivingnorth.com. Thank you and God's blessing in Christ!

"Main Street Living North" TV Programs for March 2018:

March 4: **Rev. Craig Fenske, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, ND,** presents today's message: **"Zealous for You"** based on John 2:13-22. Hymns are: *"Today Your Mercy Calls Us", "I am Trusting Thee Lord Jesus", and "Amazing Grace".*

March 11: **Rev. Kevin Mann, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Henning, MN,** presents today today's message: **"Look to the Son!"** based on John 3:14-21. Hymns are: *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross", "God Loved the World So That He Gave", and "Amazing Grace".*

March 18: **Rev. Jacob Swenson, St. John Lutheran Church, Hillsboro, ND and Trinity Lutheran Church, Hope, ND,** presents today's message: **"On the Mount of the Lord It Was Provided"** based on Genesis 22:1-14. Hymns are: *"Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed", "I Lay My Sins on Jesus", and "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness".*

March 25: **Rev. Stephen Meltzer, St. John Lutheran Church, Wadena, MN,** presents today's message: **"Come and Die with Jesus"** based on John 12:12ff. Hymns are: *"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus", "All Glory Laud and Honor", and "Lift High the Cross".*

MAIN STREET living - NORTH DULUTH - IRON RANGE

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MISSIONARY MINUTES

Rev. Dr. Daniel and Dr. Joan Jastram serve as career missionaries through the LCMS in northern Asia, based in Tokyo, Japan. (son of sainted pastor—Rev. Robert Jastram and Mrs. Phyllis Jastram). In this role, Rev. Jastram helps develop and implement a strategic mission plan for this area. He coordinates theological education opportunities and also supervises and evaluates theological educators throughout northern Asia. When needed, Pastor Jastram teaches courses at Japan Lutheran Theological Seminary, Tokyo. Before her missionary service in Asia, Dr. Joan Jastram worked as a clinical psychologist and plans to continue in this capacity.

To see the LCMS Prayer and Giving Information, Click HERE. Click HERE for the Jastram's latest newsletter.

Rebecca Wagner, LCMS Missionary serving as International Ministry Coordinator at the University of Minnesota and University Lutheran Chapel in Minneapolis. To read Rebecca's newsletter click HERE. For Rebecca's LCMS Prayer & Giving Information go to: www.lcms.org/wagner.

Support for any of these missionaries can be sent to: Minnesota North District—LCMS, PO Box 604, Brainerd, MN—earmarked for the specific mission or missionary.

Rev. Eddie & Melissa Hosch III serve the LCMS as career missionaries in Lima, Peru. Pastor Hosch plants new churches and mission centers in Lima. He works with and teaches new believers to develop into self-sustaining congregations of Word and Sacrament ministry that reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pastor Eddie and Melissa have two children—Alexandria and Joseph—who join them on the mission field. (Pastor Hosch formerly served as pastor of Gethsemane, Snellman, MN)

To see the Hosch's LCMS Prayer & Giving Information, Click HERE. For the Hosch's latest newsletter, Click HERE.

A Project 24 Boarding Facilities provide a Christ-centered, loving, caring and safe environment for vulnerable children. Together with the North Dakota District—LCMS, the MN North District—LCMS continues to support the Project 24 boarding facility located at Lenkinshon, Kenya. Funds collected to date are $108,194. Visit the Project 24 website HERE.

The Puerto Rico FORO continues in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico where disaster response continues to be a focus. The work of Rev. Richard and Gema Schuller at Ponce continues and services at Fuente de Vida in Ponce have started every Sunday at 3 PM! For the latest, click HERE.

Rev. James Kollie serves as pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School in Cotton Tree, Liberia. Pastor Kollie is pictured on the left with a large Orphan Grain Train shipment of supplies. On the right, Good Shepherd students participate in a parade of celebration. Funds collected to date for Good Shepherd School: $108,808; for Pastor Kollie's education: $49,950; for Jamesetta's education: $7,470; and for Gifty's education: $19,340. Support should be earmarked specifically and send to: Minnesota North District, PO Box 604, Brainerd, MN 56401

A Short Term Agricultural Mission in East Africa - Delano & Linda Meyer

Dear Friends,

Linda and I have recently completed two day teaching sessions in four congregations of the Lutheran Church of East Africa in the Kilimanjaro region of Tanzania.

The groups attending were not large, but were very responsive and interested in all subjects we taught about agriculture and Christian family living.

Since we had taught at three of these congregations a few years ago, we asked whether they had tried anything we had taught in the past and what were the results. In two congregations members responded that they had begun using agricultural lime on their fields with good results. At three congregations people reported doing a better job of marketing and were selling at better prices.

Reverend Abraham in Kileo said he recalled our teaching about how drunkenness destroys families. He also reported that marriage unfaithfulness and witchcraft are big problems in Kileo. People under the fear of witchcraft will spend a major portion of their harvest income buying protection from fetish priests. Others fear being killed by someone who will use witchcraft against them. We reminded them Christ overcame Satan and by trusting Christ we need not fear the devil.

In tropical agriculture there is always the threat of diseases that affect

crops. Linda in the first picture is teaching about crop rotation as an important first step to avoid nematodes, stem borers and diseases. In this session four volunteers are each holding a picture of a different crop. Two pictures are of legume crops (red beans and pigeon peas) that do well here, and one was of corn (maize) and one of millet. By rotating between nitrogen-fixing legumes and maize, sorghum/ millet the farmers break the cycle of pests and diseases.

In the second picture Delano and Gerald are teaching about money management outdoors at the Lutheran Church, Kahe. The picture is of the farmer selling to the merchant. The idea is to inspire members to be tough business men and women that wisely watch markets and sell at the better prices.

Gerald faithfully translated for us and wants to continue working with the church promoting ideas we have taught. Bishop Angowi had previously mentioned they would form an agricultural committee to encourage their members.

For the first 3 weeks of February we, together with Jacque Breman, will be working with the Confessional Lutheran Church of Malawi teaching about agriculture. Please continue to pray for us and the participants.

Blessings in Christ our Lord,

Delano and Linda Meyer

Rev. Wowa in the gown and cross District President, Rev. Don Fondow sent along with the Meyers.

BIBLE BOWL

The 2018 MN North and MN South District Bible Bowl will be held on April 14, 2018 at Concordia University, St. Paul. The topic will be The Book of Genesis.

Bible Bowl instructions can be found on the district website under the News and Announcements tab.

Call Update

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CALLS ACCEPTED

PERHAM, St. Paul's – Rev. Andrew Ratcliff, Seward, NE, accepted the Call.

VERGAS (Loon Lake), St. Paul—Rev. Del Stohs, Perham (present Vacancy Pastor) has accepted the Call. Installation 4/8/18.

CALLING CONGREGATIONS

ALEXANDRIA, Zion (Sr. Pastor)

BROWNS VALLEY/CLAIRE CITY, SD, Zion/Zion (Vacancy Pastor—Rev. Larry Johnson)

CARLOS, Trinity (Vacancy Pastor – Rev. Roger Lange) Calling a Seminary Candidate

CHISHOLM, Grace (Vacancy Pastor – Rev. Brad Felix)

ELBOW LAKE/HOFFMAN, Christ/Zion (Vacancy Pastor—Rev. Bill Aufdenkamp)

EVERGREEN, St. Paul (Frazee) (Vacancy Pastor—Rev. Jared Nies) Calling a Seminary Candidate

FRAZEE, Bethlehem (Interim Pastor Rev. John Beck)

GRAND MARAIS, Life in Christ (Vacancy Pastor – Rev. Daniel Preus)

HINCKLEY, St. Paul (Vacancy Pastor—Rev. Vern Dorn) Called Rev. Scott Busacker, Harvel, IL.

LEAF VALLEY/S. EFFINGTON, Ebenezer/St. James

MOORHEAD, Our Redeemer (Vacancy Pastor—Rev. Brett Hartwig) Rev. Greg DeMuth declined the Call.

MORRIS, Zion (Vacancy Pastor—Rev. Jack Baumgarn) Called Rev. Kevin Olson, Hammond, IN.

PARK RAPIDS, St. John's (Assoc.) – Calling a Seminary Candidate

PEQUOT LAKES, Gloria Dei

SILVER BAY, Faith (Vacancy Pastor—Rev. Dean Rudloff)

SPARTA/HAVELOCK (Montevideo), Trinity/St. John (Vacancy Pastor - Rev. Kent Borglum)

OTHER CALLS AND CHANGES

Rev. Greg DeMuth (First, Grand Rapids) has accepted the Call to Immanuel, Brookfield, WI

Calendar of Events - 2018

February 16-18, 2018	Men's Retreat at Lutheran Island Camp
February 23, 2018	District Convention Nominations Deadline—see Convention mailing sent to each congregation or District website
March 3, 2018	Floor Committee Meetings at the District Office (10 a.m.)
March 10, 2018	Everyone His Witness seminar at Trinity, Staples, MN
March 17, 2018	Engaging Your Community seminar at Trinity, Sabin, MN
March 30-April 2, 2018	Easter—District Office Closed
April 8, 2018	MN North District Board of Directors Meeting at Alexandria
April 9—11, 2018	**23rd Convention of the Minnesota North District—LCMS at Arrowwood Resort, Alexandria, MN**
April 14, 2018	2018 Bible Bowl—at CSP. Topic: The Book of Genesis
April 17, 2018	LWML MN North District Board Meeting at Bemidji
May 28, 2018	Memorial Day—District Office Closed
June 4, 2018	MN North District Board of Directors Meeting at the District Office
June 9, 2018	Parish Nurse Conference at Concordia Lutheran Church, Fairhaven
June 18-20, 2018	LWML Minnesota North District Convention at the Sanford Center, Bemidji, MN
June 30-July 1, 2018	100th Anniversary Celebration Grace Lutheran Church, Hibbing
July 4, 2018	Independence Day—District Office Closed
July 10, 2018	LWML MN North District Board Meeting at the District Office
July 15 , 2018	100th Anniversary Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Elk River
August 27-28, 2018	Circuit Visitors Conference at the District Office
September 23-24, 2018	MN North District Board of Directors Meeting at the District office
September 16, 2018	100th Anniversary Trinity Lutheran Church, Appleton
October 9, 2018	LWML MN North District Board of Directors Meeting at the District Office
December 2-3, 2018	MN North District Board of Directors Meeting at the District Office

Churches Celebrating Anniversaries

June 30-July 1, 2018	100th Anniversary—Grace, Hibbing
July 15, 2018	100th Anniversary—Emmanuel, Elk River
September 16, 2018	100th Anniversary—Trinity, Appleton

Contact the District Office if your congregation will be celebrating an Anniversary.

In Our Prayers

The family of Orrin (Bud) Rinke (District Treasurer 1994-2015), who was called to glory on February 12.
Rev. David Johnson (Grace, Becker) and family, at the passing of his mother.
The family of Bernard Gueldner, Laborers for Christ servant, who was called to glory on January 25.
Rev. Rob and Gayle Franck (Mt. Olive, Duluth), at the passing of Gayle's father.
Rev. John Bumgardner (St. John, Red Lake Falls), undergoing tests.
Marvin Kading (District Board Member), dealing with health issues.
Mrs. Jan Meyer (wife of Rev. Del Meyer, em. New York Mills), recovering after surgery.
Rev. David Milz (St. John, Kimball), who recently had surgery.
Rev. Michael Breach (St. John, Wheaton), recovering after surgery.
Rev. Jack Baumgarn (em., Hawick), who is experiencing medical issues.
Mrs. Martha Buchholz (wife of sainted pastor Rev. Henry Buchholz), Richville, who is having health issues.
Rev. Larry Cain (em., Cromwell), who is suffering with health issues and pain.
Rev. Paul Cloeter (em., Sauk Rapids), who is recovering from shoulder surgery.
Rev. Gunard Heikkila (em., New York Mills), who is undergoing medical treatment.
Bonnie Felix (wife of Rev. Bradley Felix, Trinity Lutheran Church, Virginia & Grace, Chisholm), undergoing cancer treatment.
Mary Langemo Hughes (daughter of Rev. Martin & Carol Langemo, Princeton), who is suffering from hyperacusis.
Mrs. Muriel Meichsner (wife of Rev. James Meichsner, em., Sauk Rapids) at Good Shepherd Lutheran Home, Sauk Rapids.
Rev. Blake Rickbeil (St. Paul, Bertha), recovering aftersurgery.
The mother of Rev. Micah Schmidt (Living Branch, North Branch) who is ill.
Rev. Don Stauty (Gloria Dei, Virginia & Redeemer, Aurora), recovering after surgery.
Mrs. Melissa Martini-Tischer, wife of Rev. Steven Tischer (Zion, Princeton), diagnosed with sarcoidosis.
Mrs. Phyllis Volkert (wife of Rev. Robert Volkert, em., Palisade), suffering with spine issues.
Elaine Wagner (mother of Rev. Don Wagner, Trinity-Deer Creek), undergoing cancer treatment.

Those serving in the military & chaplaincy and part of our District family:
Chaplain Captain Vincent Bain—Military Chaplain LCMS, Fort Campbell, KY
Chaplain Lt. Aaron Bell, former Associate Pastor at Holy Cross-St. Cloud and son-in-law of Pastor Tom and Mary Brinkley (St. Matthew, Esko) – Active Duty Chaplain—US Navy Camp Pendleton
Joshua Bonk, son of Rev. John Bonk and Linda Bonk —US Army
Rev. Steve Breitbarth (em., Hibbing), police & fire chaplain
SFC Jonathan Fondow, son of Pres. Don & Connie Fondow, Park Rapids—US Army
Ensign Emily Geddes, granddaughter of Virginia Ansorge—US Navy
Dennis Gerold, husband of DCO Abby Dawkins Gerold, US Air Force
SSG Nathan Gregg, son-in-law of sainted Rev. Peter Holm and Mrs. Marlene Holm, Army Reserve
Timothy Milo, son of Rev. Frank & Sue Milo, Gloria Dei, Pequot Lakes—MN National Guard
Chaplain LCDR John Thomson – Active Duty Chaplain—US Navy Guam
1st Lt. Micah Uhrinak, son of Rev. Les & Susan Uhrinak, Crosslake—Air Force
Sgt. Nathaniel Vrudny, son of Rev. Matthew & Bonnie Vrudny, Walker, with the Army Reserve Engineering unit in Mankato.
Tanner Wagner, son of Rev. Don & Jolene Wagner, Trinity, Deer Creek, National Guard

Missionaries Rev. Eddie & Melissa Hosch as they serve as LCMS career missionaries in Lima, Peru. (former pastor at Gethsemane, Snellman)
Missionaries Rev. Dr. Daniel and Dr. Joan Jastram serving as career missionaries through the LCMS in northern Asia, based in Tokyo, Japan. (son of sainted pastor—Rev. Robert Jastram and Mrs. Phyllis Jastram)
Missionary Rebecca Wagner, LCMS Missionary serving as International Ministry Coordinator at the University of Minnesota and University Lutheran Chapel.
Agricultural Missionaries Delano & Linda Meyer and Jacques Breman serving in East Africa January—March 2018.
Missionaries Rev. Bernie and Elly Lutz on the safe return after a successful trip to Sudan.
Rev. Noah & Becky Rogness, at the birth of baby boy, Jonah August, born December 20, 2017.

Minnesota North District - LCMS

Prayer Calendar

March 2018

"Partners in Mission and in Prayer with…"

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Trinity Lutheran Preschool, Long Prairie – Michelle Hentges, Director	**2** Little Lambs Preschool, Montevideo – Liz Torgerson, Director	**3**
4	**5** Our Redeemer Children's Center, Moorhead – Angela Wheeler, Director	**6** Zion Lutheran Preschool, Mora – Susan Scheer-Dhein, Director	**7** Kids in Christ Lutheran Preschool, Morris – Julie Miller, Director	**8** Trinity Lutheran Preschool, New York Mills – Gary Bach, Director	**9** St. John's ABC Preschool, Park Rapids – Kim Neubauer, Director	**10**
11	**12** St. Paul's Lutheran School, Perham – Jolene Wagner, Principal	**13** Growing in Grace Preschool, Pine City – Jenine Preston, Director	**14** Prince of Peace Lutheran School Ass'n, St. Cloud – Rev. Dave Strohschein, Admin.	**15** Prince of Peace Lutheran Preschool, St. Cloud – Kim Essington, Director	**16** Crown Christian School, St. Francis – Rachel Schutte, Principal	**17**
18	**19** St. John Lutheran School, Thief River Falls – John Folland, Principal	**20** Jesus' Little Lambs Preschool, Vergas – Lois Wippich, Director	**21** Immanuel Lutheran School, Walker – Janna Kietzman, Principal	**22** Redeemer Lutheran Preschool, Willmar – Rachel Jeppesen, Director	**23** Rev. Ron Hobbie - St. John's Lutheran Church, Green Meadow (Ada)	**24**
25	**26** Rev. Ron Hobbie - Zion, Ada	**27** Rev. David Becker – St. John, Aitkin	**28** Rev. Dean Stolz – Immanuel, Iron Hub (Aitkin)	**29** Rev. Harvey Kietzman – St. John, Akeley	**30** Rev. Fred Kutter – Immanuel, Farming Twp. (Albany)	**31**

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