



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 2,111 LCMS schools, which include 1,190 early childhood centers, 842 elementary schools and 85 high schools.

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

- 1.** 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.
- 2.** for the children attending Lutheran schools, that their eyes, ears, hearts and minds would be open to God's Word.
- 3.** for Lutheran school principals, who lead stakeholders and congregations 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 Lutheran school teachers, that they would correctly divide and deliver Law and Gospel to students through real-life applications each day.
- 5.** for parents who support our Lutheran schools with their time, talents and treasures. Give thanks for their dedication to bring their children up in the faith and to support the mission of the school.
- 6.** 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.
- 7.** for church members who tell the story of their Lutheran school, that their recommendation might lead more students through the school's doors.
- 8.** for comfort and healing for school faculty and students during times of injury, illness and loss.
- 9.** 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.
- 10.** for the many non-Christians and exchange students who are coming to our schools. Most 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.
- 11.** 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.
- 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 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.
- 14.** 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.
- 15.** for God to raise up wise and gifted leaders who are willing to serve in the role of administration at Lutheran schools.



Principal Tiffany Venegas greets students at the Renaissance School, part of Lutheran Urban Mission Initiative, Inc., in Mt. Pleasant, Wis.

INVOLVEMENT IDEAS

- Make plans to join LCMS college students and campus-ministry workers at "Liberty," the 2017 National LCMS Campus Ministry Conference planned for Jan. 4-6 in College Park, Md. Visit calendar.lcms.org/event/2017-lcms-campus-ministry-conference to learn more.
- Tune in to Worldwide KFYO every Wednesday at 2 p.m. for "The Student Union," a program for college students and those involved in ministry to them. Visit kfyo.org to listen online or access archived programs.
- LCMS School Ministry offers more than 70 webinars on the best practices of the Synod's top schools through the Lutheran School Portal. Visit luthed.org to learn more.

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

17. *for the more than 200 LCMS U chapters around the country,* that they would receive the support they need to effectively reach out to America’s college students.

18. *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.

19. *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.

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

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

22. *that young people would hunger for the absolute truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, instead of the relative empty truths of this world.*

23. *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.

24. *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.

25. *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.

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

27. *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.

28. *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.



29. *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.

30. *for “Liberty,” the National LCMS Campus Ministry Conference, which is planned for Jan. 4–6, 2017, in College Park, Md. (which is in the metro Washington, D.C., area).* Pray for those preparing to lead the event and for those planning to attend, that all would be blessed by the experience.

MISSIONARY & PERSONNEL BIRTHDAYS

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

- Sept. 3** Nancy Hasskarl, Cayman Islands
- Sept. 13** Cherie Auger, Latin America; Frederick Reinhardt, Kenya
- Sept. 15** Joel Fritsche, Dominican Republic; Jennifer Wolf, Kenya
- Sept. 16** Terry Umphenour, Asia
- Sept. 19** Charles Hoffman, South Korea
- Sept. 23** Rex Rinne, Czech Republic

MILITARY CHAPLAINS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN SEPTEMBER:

Chaplain William Sager, Belgium; Chaplain Graham Glover, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Chaplain Brad Boyer, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.; Chaplain Vincent Shaw, Offutt AFB, Neb.; Chaplain Joel Giese, Wheeler Airfield, Hawaii; Chaplain Jonathan Shaw, Germany; Chaplain David Jacob, West Point, N.Y.; Chaplain Gregory Jans, Travis AFB, Calif.

