

I Peter 2:9-10

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.
(sermon text from the weekend services)

Prayers of thanksgiving:

- For Rev. Bob Zirkelbach and his years of service as Mount Olive's business manager and for Rene Shepard, a member of our school community, who will be the new business manager.
- For Dale Curtice's sister, Denise, his Aunt Ethel and his friend Jeff on their birthdays and his friend Bill and his wife Gail on their wedding anniversary.
- For Dale Curtice's Aunt Henrietta's recovery from a stroke.

Please pray for:

- Healing for Dale Curtice's Uncle, Dean, on his third knee replacement. Please also pray that Dean would again see the importance of attending church.
- Beth Larson – Two of her daughters are moving – one in Tennessee and the other in Texas. Pray for calm in this time of uncertainty.
- The CoViD-19 pandemic, including its removal, the safety and health of those not yet infected with the coronavirus, especially frontline health workers like Linda Light's niece, a nurse at St. Luke's in Cedar Rapids; the healing of those who have CoViD-19, including Jose and a worker at the Genesis Care Center where Dale Curtice's mother resides; and granting comfort, peace, and the certain hope and joy of the resurrection to come when Jesus returns to those who have lost loved ones to the disease.
- The provision of help and aid to all whose lives have been upended by the restrictions imposed in the pandemic, including the provision of employment to those who have been laid off or furloughed during this time.
- Those who struggle on Mother's Day due to death, infertility or difficult/severed relationships.
- Healing for all those with illnesses and injuries other than CoViD-19: Ian Thompson; Dale Foltman (Donna's husband); Joan Koch's brother, Bill, suffering with cancer; John Light's girlfriend who has entered a nursing home with numerous health issues; Dale Curtice; David West; Joan Erickson; Debbie Holseid; Gretchen Versteeg; Michael Sturgeon; Doug Burke; Pat Davison; & Kathryn Sprecher.
- The following Mount Olive school children and their families:
 - Arlo (Marisa Muniz)
 - Dominic and Jeice (Paige Beck)
 - Nicole (James and Anita Behrens)
 - Julia, Prince, Princia and Azael (Lydia and Sam Kayina)
 - Donovan (Leora and Andrew Borell)

REQUESTS FROM VARIOUS PRAYER CALENDARS

Sunday, May 10 (Mother's Day)

- **Mount Olive** – Online worship service
- **LCMS** – For Luther Seminary in Seoul, South Korea, that the Lord would preserve those who teach and those who learn to hold fast to His Word in all circumstances.

- **Persecuted Christians** – Nigeria – Pray for teens attending a summer camp for children whose parents were killed by Boko Haram.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Almighty Father, everlasting God, Your Son has revealed You to us as a merciful Lord. Give to us Your Holy Spirit, that we may believe in Him whom You have sent and do the greater works He has told us we will do in His name.

Monday, May 11

- **Mount Olive** – For church leadership as they faithfully serve the congregation and school.
- **LCMS** – For the ministry carried out through the Westfield House of Theological Studies in Cambridge, England, as this ministry trains church leaders for England and many other church bodies around the world.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Central African Republic – Pray for Christian refugees in Djemah who remain vulnerable after fleeing rebel attacks.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Lord God, You have promised to build up Your Church to be a holy priesthood, that Your people might offer the spiritual sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving acceptable to You. Bless Your Church and bring all congregations back together again. Bless all pastors who proclaim Christ to us. Bless all church workers and those preparing for full-time church vocations, that Your Church may be supplied with faithful leaders and servants of Your Word.

Tuesday, May 12

- **Mount Olive** – Overflowing Abundance Bible Study – Join LWML friends from around the world as they unite together online in Bible study. Please check the Mount Olive website for further information.
- **LCMS** – For the Lutheran Center for Theological Studies (CLET) in Togo, that theological training for men from French-speaking countries in West Africa might continue.
- **Persecuted Christians** – India – Pray for workers taking the gospel to members of the Jain religion an unreached group.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Holy God, Your power brought all things into being and still You preserve what You have made. Bless our president, the Congress of these United States, our governor, and all elected and appointed civil servants so that they may honor You and Your purpose, establishing order and justice, encouraging virtue and protecting all life. Give wisdom and moderation to them in their leadership for the well-being of the nation.

Wednesday, May 13

- **Mount Olive** – That God would show each of us ways to pray for and reach out to others in Jesus' name.
- **LCMS** – For Concordia Reformer Seminary, Dominican Republic, that the students there might share the Gospel throughout Latin and South America.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Kyrgyzstan – Pray that Kyrgyz and Uzbek believers in southern Kyrgyzstan will unite in Christian love.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Gracious God, You have established the home and blessed those who show us Your love. Bless all mothers and the children in their care. Bless all families and make their homes places of blessing and love, where Your Word is spoken, forgiveness reigns and love is displayed. Give us good examples to inspire youth to all that is good and pure, and to seek after these things.

Thursday, May 14

- **Mount Olive** – That all of Mount Olive Lutheran Church and School’s financial needs would be met.
 - **LCMS** – 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, that God would guide this program to strengthen the formation of pastors and deaconesses around the world.
 - **Persecuted Christians** – Jordan – Pray that churches will operate without fear and boldly evangelize their neighbors.
 - **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** - Heavenly Father, You have given us the wisdom of faith that through the Spirit we might know Your Son to be the way, the truth and the life. Bless all those who teach and all who learn, that the goal of our knowledge may be to know Christ and to make Him known. Do not let Your Word be bound, but let it have free course among us. Preserve those in isolation from idleness, and instead let our minds be renewed in Scripture and prayer.
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Friday – May 15

- **Mount Olive** – Our Mount Olive teachers and students as they finish out the current academic year online today.
 - **LCMS** – For LCMS professors and pastors who travel overseas to teach seminars and intensive courses for our current and emerging church partners, that God would grant them safe travel and fruitful labors.
 - **Persecuted Christians** – United Arab Emirates – Pray for God’s blessing on all outreach activities taking place in the country.
 - **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Eternal Father of an eternal mercy, You have raised up witnesses in every age and blessed us with those who endured suffering and even death in faithfulness to Christ. We give You thanks for these faithful saints and martyrs, and we pray You to make us strong when we face the day of test, that at length we may be brought with them into the joy of Your presence and the glory of everlasting life.
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Saturday, May 16

- **Mount Olive** – Online worship service
- **LCMS** – For the international students who come to the Synod’s seminaries, that God would grant safe travels and comfort while away from family and friends.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Malaysia – Pray that front-line workers will find creative ways to distribute Bibles and Christian literature.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Compassionate Father, You are not aloof from the needs of this body and life, and You have called us to love our neighbor in need and give aid to the poor. Give us courage and faith, that we may not fear sharing the resources You have supplied with those who live in want, especially the widow, the orphan and the unemployed. Let love be perfected among us to drive out selfish fears.

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.

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