

### **Matthew 11:28**

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” (verse from the weekend services)

### **Prayers of thanksgiving:**

- That God has blessed Mike Larsen with a new job.
- For the United States of America; that God would bless, heal and protect it.

### **Please pray for:**

- For many to participate in the upcoming virtual Vacation Bible School (July 20-24).
- Sufficient donations of materials needed for the craft kits for the VBS program.
- The preparations for the Easter in July service as in-person worship resumes on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Our country - the pandemic, the civil unrest and the approaching campaign and election.
- Members to prayerfully consider joining in the Lord's service to fill openings on the various boards and committees at church.
- Healing for: Ian Thompson (recent surgery); Dale Foltman; Joan Koch's brother, Bill - cancer; John Light's girlfriend – in a nursing home due to health issues; Dale Curtice; David West; Joan Erickson; Debbie Holseid; Gretchen Versteeg; Michael Sturgeon; Doug Burke; Pat Davison; Kathryn Sprecher; and Pastor Jim Stogdill.
- The following Mount Olive school children and their families: Nate (Kelly and Cory Nydene); Juniper (Tracy and Noe Ponce); Gionni (Shannon Burton); Henry (Heather and Mark Caseill); Titus, Nina and Dominic (Rebecca and Ralph).

## **REQUESTS FROM VARIOUS PRAYER CALENDARS**

### **Sunday, July 5**

- **Mount Olive** – Online worship service
- **LCMS** – 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.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Kenya – Pray that Somali refugees will be increasingly open to the gospel.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Our God and King, as once Your people received You in joy, open our hearts to rejoice in Your coming so that we may meet You in Your Word and Sacrament, for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Help us to bless and extol Your name before the nations and to declare Your salvation to the generations to come, proclaiming that You are merciful and gracious and abounding in steadfast love.

### **Monday, July 6**

- **Mount Olive** – For church leadership as they faithfully serve the congregation and school.
- **LCMS** – 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.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Myanmar – Pray that hostile neighbors in war zones will not target believers.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Our merciful God and Lord, You are good to all Your creation. Continue to bless Your Church and to provide for her faithful pastors who will preach and teach Your Word and church workers who will serve us in Your name. Make bold our witness before the nations, and help us to act in love toward our neighbors.

### **Tuesday, July 7**

- **LCMS** – For parents who support our Lutheran schools with their time, talents and treasures. Give thanks for their dedication to the mission of the school.

- **Persecuted Christians** – Eritrea – Pray for the continued development and success of a Bible school for Eritrean believers.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Our Creator and Lord, from You all things come and to You are all things directed. Provide for our nation faithful leaders who will hear and heed Your law, protect and defend the citizens, preserve the precious gift of liberty, and inspire us to use our freedom honorably. Make us mindful of the heritage our forebears have given to this land, and guide us to be faithful in our stewardship of all the resources You have provided.

### Wednesday, July 8

- **LCMS** – 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.
  - **Persecuted Christians** – Malaysia – Pray that missionaries will be able to get visas to live and work in Malaysia.
  - **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Our wise and giving God, You are the God of truth and in You is no falsehood or deception. Help us to delight in Your Law, to love what is good and true and right, and to seek after these things. Help us to wage war against the old Adam within us, restore us when we stray from Your Word, and forgive us when we give into the devil’s temptations.
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### Thursday, July 9

- **LCMS** – For church members who tell the story of their Lutheran school, that their recommendation might lead more students through the school’s doors.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Saudi Arabia – Pray that those imprisoned for their faith will feel Christ’s presence.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** - Our loving Father, You have hidden Your greatness from our wisdom and made Your ways known to children. Guide us to bring our children to the waters of Baptism, to raise them up in the fear and admonition of the Lord, and to know perfect rest and peace within Your loving arms.

### Friday – July 10

- **LCMS** – For the many non-Christians and exchange students who are coming to our schools. Pray that God would work through the Gospel that they will have faith in Jesus.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Maldives – Pray that Maldivians living outside the country will come to know Christ.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** - Our gentle God and Lord, You have invited us to come to You with the heavy burdens of this life, that we may find rest and peace in Your mercy. Grant relief to those who struggle, supply to those in need, hope to those who fear, and peace to those who are anxious, that we may be delivered from all adversity and brought to everlasting life, where we shall join the saints of old in Your presence forevermore.

### Saturday, July 11

- **Mount Olive** – Online worship service
- **LCMS** – For first-year teachers, that they may apply their gifts to demonstrate grace and mercy. Pray that God would give them strength and patience.
- **Persecuted Christians** – China – Pray for a Uyghur believer who was kidnapped two years ago.
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