

**Mount Olive Prayer List (Pastor Kleckner)**  
**Week of January 1/24/2021**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving:**

- For the celebration of **Lutheran Schools Week**, January 24-30, at Mount Olive Lutheran School as well as at Lutheran schools around the country.
- For the safe removal of **Mount Olive's 'old rugged cross' and tower** which needed to be taken down due to deterioration and storm damage. The plan is to build a new one in the next few months.
- For **Dale Curtice's** great niece, **LilyBella Grace**, who was born on January 6<sup>th</sup>.
- That **Becky Pillack** has found a new home and hopes to close on it in March.

**Prayers for healing and protection:**

- For **everyone** who continues to suffer in health, economics or otherwise from the COVID-10 pandemic.
- For the **pastoral staff of Shepherd of the Valley** who are grappling with COVID-19.
- For **Ryan**, a relative of Lori and Ken Discher, who recently suffered two cardiac arrests and a collapsed lung. He will soon be undergoing implantation of a pacemaker and defibrillator. May the Lord restore him to full health without ongoing complications and that he and his family (wife and three children) might have comfort and peace until the day of healing arrives.
- For **Ernest Yonkers**, the father of Pastor James Yonkers and the grandfather of Jamie Yonkers, who is continuing to suffer from cancer and has now entered into home hospice care.
- For the **Rev. Dr. David P. Meyer**, the father of Mount Olive's Dr. David Meyer, who is suffering with stage 4 melanoma.
- For **Lucas McNeeley; Dale Foltman; Dale Curtice** and his friend, **Bill Nelson**; Joan Koch's brother, **Bill**; John Light's **girlfriend**; **David West; Joan Erickson; Debbie Holseid; Gretchen Versteeg; Michael Sturgeon; Kathryn Sprecher; Sandi Jones; Matthew Wallace.** and **Ken and Lori Discher's** relative undergoing chemo treatments.

**Other Prayers:**

- That Jesus would grant His resurrection peace and comfort to **anyone** who has **lost a loved one in death** to COVID-19 or other diseases, injuries, or conditions, including the **family and friends** of **Alvin Coles**.
- That the Lord would guide and protect all of the **administrators, teachers, students,** and their **families of Mount Olive Lutheran School**, including especially **Andria Cortum** and **Carsen; Crystal and Steve Duncan** and **Steven, Mary and Jeff Dunlap** and **Eli; Katrina Fettkether** and **Alex**. We thank the Lord for the blessings with which He has filled these families' lives, and we ask that He would supply all of their needs.
- That the Lord would protect and provide for **all the members of the Mount Olive Lutheran faith community**, church and school, as well as members of the broader community, who continue to "shelter in place" during the pandemic.
- That the Lord would **quickly bring an end to the pandemic**, whether He does that miraculously or medically, and toward the latter that He would bless the production, delivery and administration of the COVID-19 vaccines.
- That the Lord **would bring about honesty and justice in our nation** racially, ethnically, economically, sexually, religiously, and politically in the ongoing governance of our country.
- That the Lord would **bless and guide** President **Biden** and Vice President **Harris** and the establishment and work of their new administration.
- That the Lord would protect **against persecution and death all who call upon the name of Jesus**.

**Prayers for Mount Olive and its Ministries:**

- That the Lord would help **each of us** see where He is at work in the networks of people around us so that through each of us, living as God's beloved, redeemed children, the Good News of the Gospel – Forgiveness and Eternal Life – can be shared and more people moved to become members of the Lord's family – forever!

## Prayers from Various Prayer Calendars

### Sunday, January 24

- **LCMS** – For discernment, that we heed God’s call to serve in His name, around the world and right here at home.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Colombia – For those sharing the gospel with people in guerilla-controlled territory.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Lord God, You desire not the death of a sinner but that all would repent and believe the Gospel. In the epiphany of Your Son, Your time of salvation and Your kingdom have come near. As this world passes away, give faithfulness and urgency to Your Church to proclaim the Gospel to all people.

### Monday, January 25

- **LCMS** – God would bless His work in urban areas and protect those He sends to these often difficult situations.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Lebanon – Pray for those ministering to Syrian refugees in the Bekaa Valley.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Lord of the harvest, send faithful preachers of Your Gospel in our time. Increase the spirit of generosity to all who support the missionaries, seminaries, colleges and other institutions of our Church for the spread of the Gospel and the service of the Church.

### Tuesday, January 26

- **LCMS** – That we would not become complacent in the work God has called us to do in our own communities.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Tanzania – For the Tanzanian church to support evangelistic efforts to the unreached.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Lord, give constancy and contentment to Your people in their God-given stations. Give comfort and faithfulness to the married, and strengthen them to pass on the faith to the next generation. Show kindness also to the unmarried and assure them of the holiness of their place in life, that they would be freed from anxiety and attend to holiness in body and spirit, undividedly devoted to You.

### Wednesday, January 27

- **LCMS** – For mission work in rural areas, that congregations are equipped to respond to changing demographics.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Malaysia – Pray for boldness as believers witness to their friends and neighbors.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Almighty God, preserve our nation with its rulers. Call to repentance those who have forgotten You. Spare Joseph, our president; Kim, our governor; and all who serve for the good of this people. Do not let disaster befall us, but preserve us in peace and quietness.

### Thursday, January 28

- **LCMS** – That congregation members might be welcoming to every person the Lord brings to their church.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Mali – Pray for the continued spread of the gospel despite increasing threats.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** - Merciful Father, turn us from every distracting anxiety and the dealings of this world that would draw our hearts away from Your blessed Gospel and its end, eternal life. Give us confidence in the resurrection and the peace of a clean conscience by the forgiveness of sins in Jesus’ name.

### Friday – January 29

- **LCMS** – That God would strengthen our faith so that His Word has free course in our congregations and homes.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Oman – Pray for local believers who lost their jobs because of their faith.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – Gracious Lord, in Your Holy Sacrament You deliver the Gospel proclaimed by Your Son and won by His death in His true body and blood. Work repentance and faith through it and unite Your people in a sincere confession of Your divine truth.

### Saturday, January 30

- **LCMS** – For those who turn away from their Savior. That the Holy Spirit would transform their hearts and minds.
- **Persecuted Christians** – Qatar – Pray for missionaries deported from the country because of their bold witness.
- **Weekly Prayers of the Church (LCMS)** – All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**