

Day 22 - The Bishops and staffs of the sixteen synods, caring for the pastors & leaders of ***over 1000 congregations*** (1/10th of the ELCA) called to declare the love of Jesus Christ to the Appalachian people

Day 23 - Rev. Allyn Itterly and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Pleasant Hills, PA as they pray their way to a revival of their ministries in the community (<http://www.poplutheranph.com/>)

Day 24 - Bishop Penrose Hoover and the people of the Lower Susquehanna Synod who are joining God as His hands in ministry (<http://www.lss-elca.org/>)

Day 25 - Bishop Herz-Lane and the Delaware-Maryland Synod as its people answer God's call to proclamation, education, service, fellowship, worship, and advocacy for justice and the environment (www.demdsynod.org)

Day 26 - Bishop Ralph Dunkin and the members of the WV/WMD Synod who are saved by grace and assembled by faith, (they) journey to make Christ known in the hills and hollers of the mountains they call home (<http://www.wv-wmd.org/index.html>)

Day 27 - The campus ministries that care for our children while they are away from home for schooling. And please move our youth to return to their home places and to make a difference for their neighbors

Day 28 - Bishop Herman Yoos and the members of the South Carolina Synod who are "marked with the cross of Christ forever, claimed, gathered, and sent for the sake of the world" (<http://www.sclutheran.org/>)

Day 29 - With grateful hearts we offer thanks for the adequate resources ELCMA enjoys that allow us to implement the new long range ministry plan, and we ask for the blessing of wisdom to follow Christ's lead and not our own egos (www.elcma.org)

Day 30 - The network of ELCMA, the ELCMA Council, Committees, Task Groups, Volunteers, Delegates and Staff who work faithfully to connect people and resources, needs and solutions, people and faith

Thank you for your partnership in the Appalachian ministry of the ELCA - ELCMA. We encourage you to copy & share this sheet. And we welcome a note telling us that you are praying for Christ's ministries in Appalachia.

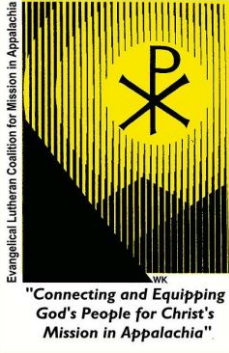
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God's love is being spread throughout Appalachia in a variety of ways. The Evangelical Lutheran Coalition for Mission in Appalachia (ELCMA) invites you, for the next thirty days, to remember all who labor in/for the Appalachian Region on behalf of the Kingdom. We pray especially for:

Day 1 - New mission start, Cross of Grace Lutheran Church, Jonesborough, TN and its pastor-developer Rev. Ed Wolff as they live out their mission to "*Be a disciple, Make disciples, Feed Christ's sheep*" (www.cross-of-grace.com) in a tourist area riddled with poverty and human needs

Day 2 - Rev. Charles Lockwood and Glade Run Lutheran Services, Zelienople, PA as they "build bridges to the future" for troubled young people in their service area (<http://www.gladerun.org/>)

Day 3 - Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson as he and other leaders make decisions that will directly impact the future of small and rural congregations and communities including most of the 1100 ELCA congregations in the Appalachian Region

Day 4 - The Jefferson Area Lutheran Social Ministry, the newest Lutheran social ministry in Northwestern PA Synod, which is building affordable elderly housing and moving toward opening a homeless shelter in the Punxsutawney while being called to also minister in nearby towns (wh200rev@verizon.net)

Day 5 - Youth coming to the Appalachian Transformational Immersion event to learn about the region who will be inspired to look at their role in changing the issues in *their own* neighborhoods

Day 6 - Pastor Minchan Park and Messiah Korean Lutheran Church in Norcross, GA as they labor to bring the gospel to Korean immigrants settling in the greater Atlanta area, especially in the La Grange area where an influx of Korean workers are gathering around a new manufacturing plant. Resources are small and the work is large (messiah@myself.com)

Day 7 - St. Luke's LC, Beckley WV and its pastor Rev. Wanda Childs, who reach out to their members and community through bible studies, vacation bible school, camping trips, and community meetings as well as word and sacrament. Looking beyond their neighborhood, they are planting small Lutheran seeds in neighboring areas (www.stlukeofbeckley.net)

Day 8 - All the underemployed, unemployed, uninsured working poor and their families. Help each of us to be instruments making a more just world

Day 9 - St. John Lutheran Church, Shenandoah, PA and Rev. Mindy Heppe who are doing a mighty outreach into their community with a very meager "crew".

Day 10 - The Regional Coordinators of Regions 6, 7, 8, and 9 connecting a richly diverse and geographically rugged area in both ministry and outreach

Day 11 - Bishop Robert Driesen, his staff and other members of the Upper Susquehanna Synod who are striving to grow as disciples of Jesus and to serve together to make Christ known. (www.uss-elca.org)

Day 12 - The Rev. Marie Meeks and members of Bethany Lutheran Church in Olean NY who are reaching out into their community in sensitive and replicable ways (bethany1706@verizon.net or 716/372-1914)

Day 13 - The Bonding Gardens project of ELCMA which is aimed toward families with children and seniors who are dealing with food insecurity. We pray that the number of sites will grow to include one in every synod (gardens@elcma.org)

Day 14 - Farmers, fishermen, factory workers, coal miners and loggers who struggle daily with issues of employment and environmental stewardship, and the potential loss of a way of life, in some cases

Day 15 - The many who work in the prisons scattered throughout the rural places in the mountains. Remind us to be light in the dark places and to bring hope and refreshments to our brothers and sisters serving there and incarcerated there

Day 16 -Rev. Julie Fraser, Gene Wisinski (CEO) and Bethesda Children's Home as they provide superior behavioral health services to children, youth, and families in the NWPAsynod (<http://www.bethesda-home.org/>)

Day 17 - Stop Abusive Family Environments (SAFE) in Welch WV, a community group that protects abused women and children, preparing them for healthy lifestyles and new beginnings (www.safewv.org)

Day 18 - The emerging authorized worshipping community, Mountain of Life, and the developers Mary and Darrell Golnitz in the north Georgia mountains of the Southeastern Synod as they reach out to the unchurched in their area in uncommon but effective ways (<http://web.mac.com/dgolnitz/Site/Welcome.html>)

Day 19 - All those suffering from unhealthy stress perhaps following natural disasters like floods, tornados, and hurricanes. Many other stressors like divorce, job loss, abuse, and loss of a way of life can trigger the symptoms of PTSD (volunteer@elcma.org)

Day 20 - All those affected by weather extremes, especially all the flooding throughout Appalachia. We also give thanks for all those who journeyed *from* Appalachia to lend a hand to others recovering and received so much in return

Day 21 - Appalachian work camps like those highlighted at:

<www.appalachianmissionopportunities.org> all of which welcome visitors to spend a week (or more) of service and learning in their communities