Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A huge THANK YOU to all of you who made the commitment to come to Synod Assembly. Over 280 people gathered in Escanaba. This was a first for Synod Assembly as we needed to find a new venue with the construction going on at Northern Michigan University, the originally planned site.

Our theme was once again, Equipping the Saints for Ministry. The evaluations reflected a positive spirit and a willingness to try something new.

**Some of the positives:**

+ The Besse Center Theater at Bay College was very comfortable. The seats were cushy with lots of leg room. They were great hosts!

+ Everyone could see and hear. The sound system was good, and the large screen and stage made everything very visible.

+ Dedicated display time and breaks were great. People had time for conversation, not only with each other, but with the various ministry leaders. There was even a World Hunger Pie Walk!

+ Everything was on one level.

+ Worship was great! Thanks to the Synod Assembly worship planning team, Lucas Wickstrom, Dave Dagenais, the vocal and bell choirs, and the youth band that participated.

+ With the workshops in the afternoon, people could leave if they had to. They were open to anyone. You did not have to be a synod assembly registered voter or visitor.

+ Thanks to the Delta Conference churches who provided delicious snacks!

+ People got a chance to see several churches in Delta Conference: First, Gladstone for Holden Evening Prayer and breakfast and Immanuel, Escanaba for breakfast, in addition to Opening Worship at Bethany.

+ A more relaxed agenda allowed time for a keynote speaker, Dr. Dwight Zscheile. People really enjoyed his presentations.
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~The assembly passed the amended budget, and also accepted the new Compensation Guidelines.

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I look forward to seeing those who can come next year, when assembly is at Finlandia University in Hancock, Thursday – Saturday, May 14-16, 2020.

May God bless our efforts to serve in Jesus’ name.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Katherine Finegan

Pam Long     Rev. Doug Johnson   Louise Ingalls

+Thank you for your generosity! Our offering totals were:
- Unrestricted Endowment - $2061.33
- Walking Together Events - $2061.33
- World Hunger - $36,216.09
- Pie Walk - $145.06
- Coffee/chocolate sales - $502.50

Some of the negatives, with a few more positives:
- No snacks or beverages allowed in the Besse Theater.

+but the breaks were nice. Gave people a chance to talk to each other, snack, and stretch.

- The banquet at the Terrace Bay did not go so well. They were not as prepared as they should have been; understaffed, poorly prepared food, unorganized. We have requested a partial refund.

+The brownie dessert was very good and the program/choir was very nice.

- Some people preferred the workshops within the body of the assembly.

- While it was nice to see more of the churches, not everyone felt comfortable driving around Escanaba.

Some of the Business Highlights:

~We said Thank you to outgoing Synod Vice President Pam Long, to outgoing Synod Secretary Rev. Doug Johnson, and to the-soon-to-retire Synod Office Secretary, Louise Ingalls whose last day will be October 8th.

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+Rev. Renee MacLeod! She will serve Zion, Allenville and Bethel, Cedarville as interim pastor starting June 1, 2019.

+Pastor-Elect Brenda Greenwald! She has accepted the call as Minister of Word and Sacrament to St. Stephen’s, Stephenson and Gethsemane, Wallace starting June 3, 2019. Brenda will be ordained on July 14, 2019 in Colorado.

+Pastor-Elect Molly Eversoll! She has accepted the call as Minister of Word and Sacrament and will begin her ministry as Associate Pastor at Messiah, Marquette.

+Rev. Don Ludemann will be installed at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Harvey, MI on Sunday, June 23, 2019, at 3 p.m. ET. Clergy are invited to vest, the color of the day is red.

We hold in prayer the family of Pastor Erik Heskin, who died early Sunday morning, May 5, 2019. His funeral was on May 8th at Bethany Lutheran Church in Escanaba. Bishop Katherine Finegan and Rev. David Van Kley officiated.

We also hold in prayer Robert Charles and his family of the Eastern and Coastal Diocese in Tanzania on the death of his oldest son, Obrigado, who was 7 years and 10 months old. He died of malaria and a blood infection.

“So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.” Romans 14:8

The following people were honored at the Synod Assembly Friday banquet program:

**Minister of Word and Sacrament**

- 65 Years in Ministry: Rev. Ingmar Levin
- 55 Years in Ministry: Rev. Rell Spickerman
- 50 Years in Ministry: Rev. Paul Raappana
- 25 Years in Ministry: Rev. Maxine Gray

**Minister of Word and Service**

- 25 Years in Ministry: Lenora Tahtinen

**Retired Since 2018 Assembly**

- Rev. Micheal Laakko

**Lay School for Mission Graduates**

- Donna Ahlberg
- Matt Johnson
Thank you so much for the gift and the plaque presented to me at Synod Assembly in recognition of my 24 years of service to you, the people of the Northern Great Lakes Synod!

It has been my privilege and honor to serve this synod as office secretary. I will be retiring on October 8th and I will save my goodbyes until then, but for now I just want to say Thank You!

Sincerely,
Louise Ingalls

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**Retired Clergy & Spouses & Widows Gathering**

Mark your calendars now!

**July 10, 2019**

at

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**

**Florence, WI**

11 a.m.—2 p.m. CT

Elaine Johnson will prepare the meal!

An invitation will be mailed to you soon!

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**June 23**—Installation of Rev. Don Ludemann at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Harvey, MI, 3 p.m. ET

**July 10**—Retired Clergy & Spouses & Widows Gathering at Bethlehem in Florence, WI, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. CT.

**July 14**—Ordination of Brenda Greenwald in Colorado. She will serve St. Stephen’s, Stephenson and Gethsemane, Wallace.

**Sep-Nov**—Walking Together Events

**Oct. 6-8**—Fall Theological Retreat for Clergy, LLM’s, and Spouses at Mackinac Island.

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**Walking Together**

**Conf. 1:** Sun. Oct. 20—2-5:30 pm
All Saints, Wakefield

**Conf. 2:** Sun. Sep. 8—4-7pm
Holy Trinity, Chassell

**Conf. 3:** Sat. Oct. 26—9-11:30am
Prince of Peace, Eagle River

**Conf. 4:** Sat. Oct. 19—9-11:30 am
Bethany, Norway

**Conf. 5:** Thur. Oct. 17—5:30-8 pm
Gethsemane, Wallace

**Conf. 6:** Thur. Oct. 24—5:30 –8pm
Immanuel, Escanaba

**Conf. 7:** Sat. Oct 5—11:15am-2:30pm
Zion, St. Ignace

**Conf. 8:** Thur. Nov 7—5:30-8pm
Bethany, Ishpeming
There were people encouraged in seeing the church of Jesus Christ as much bigger than their own particular congregation. We truly need each other as we need the Lord. We need the blowing of the Spirit of Truth. We need the Advocating Spirit of the Living God. This Spirit encourages us in times of despair and inspires us to look beyond ourselves in service of the “neighbor”.

We were also reminded at the Synod Assembly by Dwight Zscheile, that a crucial part of being a Christian presence in our world is not merely serving others from a position of privilege, but “being with” others—even when we don’t feel like we’re in control. The Spirit of God takes us down all kinds of roads we might not have chosen on our own.

The Lord Almighty is at work in this world. The Holy Spirit is still inspiring people to look beyond themselves and spread the news that God is in our land.

Blessings to you this Pentecost season as the Holy Spirit leads you down paths of service and to places of vulnerability where you can humbly be in the presence of others whom God dearly loves.

“There, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory; blaze, Spirit, blaze set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!” ~ELW #671

~ Pastor Jim Duehring
The Power of a “THANK YOU!”

NGLS Bishop Emeritus Dale R. Skogman

“And God is able to provide you with every blessing... abundance for every good work.” 2 Cor. 9:8

The abundance in this case amounted to $1,150,000.00!!

I served as the pastor of First Lutheran Church in Gladstone, MI from 1971-76. During that time, Norman Lamberg, who grew up in Gladstone and whose family were members of First Lutheran would send occasional gifts to the congregation. My secretary, June Hawkinson, would be very excited when the checks would arrive in the mail. Norman had moved out east and became a most valuable employee of the Ball Seed Company as a horticulturist and top salesman. In the process he amassed a lot of money.

I learned from Norman’s sister who is a member of First Lutheran that he was battling cancer and I reached out to him reminding him of his past generosity to First Lutheran and thanking him once again for his benevolence which was deeply appreciated. I also sought to affirm and support him in his illness.

Much to my amazement Lisa Zulke, our church secretary, called me one day and said “I have a $50,000.00 check here designated for “Skogman Projects!” I was amazed, humbled and most grateful for Norman’s thoughtfulness and generosity. The money was divided between First Lutheran, Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, The Northern Great Lakes Synod and Finlandia University. I humbly thanked Norman for his generous gift and shared with him the invaluable ministry that his benevolence would support.

More amazement!!! Lisa Zulke called saying “I have another check in the amount of $100,000.00 earmarked for “Skogman Projects.” Now my previous amazement turned to utter astonishment! Again, the money was divided between our synod’s ministries and I provided a careful accounting and most grateful thanks to Norman for his astonishing and wonderful gifts.

The story doesn’t end there!!! Recently Norman succumbed to the cancer and he managed to amaze me once again, this time beyond belief. In his will he designated $1,000,000.00 for “Skogman Projects” under the auspices of First Lutheran Church!

Yes, I lost a little sleep pondering how to be a good steward of Norman’s profound generosity! One thing was certain! In my experience as a pastor and bishop I knew that the very worst thing I could do was to give the entire amount to First Lutheran as it would stifle our sense of responsibility and stewardship for the support of our ministry!!

After much prayerful consideration and conversation with trusted friends and church leaders the previous and current money has been divided as follows:

$122,500.00 has been directed to Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp to pay off their mortgage and to ease their persistent “cash flow” between camping seasons.

$212,500.00 has been directed to the Northern Great Lakes Synod to establish the “Norman Lamberg Fund for Pastor’s Debt Retirement.” Many of our pastors begin ministry with staggering and almost insurmountable debts from their college and seminary training. It is our hope that this support will both attract and retain pastors in our rural context.

$592,500.00 has been directed to Finlandia University which struggles mightily with the costs of providing a viable academic institution in a rural context, as it is distanced from its Finnish roots by the passing of generations and faces competition from public schools with cheaper tuition. I served on the Finlandia board for fourteen years and as chair for nine. I was also responsible for persuading President Philip Johnson to accept the presidency despite his hesitancy and I am most grateful to him for doing so!

$222,500.00 has been directed to First Lutheran. Some of these funds are supporting our Intern and the Church Council is to provide guidance as to the best utilization of this gift for our life and ministry together.

One last word: Never underestimate the power of saying THANK YOU for kindness and generosity past, present or future! It has been at the heart of my ministry as a Christian, pastor and bishop and remember: “God is able to provide you with every blessing... abundance for every good work!”
Pastoral Vacancies and Interims

**Full-time**

Christ Lutheran Parish, Ironwood—Pastor Lisa Ubbelohde  
St. Stephens, Stephenson/Gethsemane, Wallace—Pastor Scott Ehle  
Messiah, Marquette (Associate Pastor)  
Grace, Pembine—Pastor Doug Johnson  
Immanuel, Escanaba—Pastor Dennis Meyette  
Christ the King, Escanaba—Pastor Tom Otis  
Bethany, Republic—Pastor Tom Wickstrom  
Faith, Sault Ste. Marie—Pastor Matt Lamb  
United, Crystal Falls/Bethany, Amasa—Pastor Dave Johnson  
Gloria Dei, Hancock—Pastor Peter Vorhes  
Zion, Manistique—Pastor Stephen Gauger  
Grace, Gwinn—Pastor Bre Kinnunen  
Zion, Allenville/Bethel, Cedarville—Rev. Renee MacLeod

**Part-time**

Lutheran Campus Ministry (NMU), Marquette—Pastor Andrew Plocher

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“Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.” ~Melody Beattie

We are most grateful for the mission support and designated gifts our congregations send through the Synod. These gifts truly do unlock the fullness of life, giving the knowledge of Christ’s love and mercy to many. God abundantly blesses us and we are privileged to share those blessings with others. May our vision for tomorrow be guided by gratitude.

- Betsy Koski, Bookkeeper

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**PRAYFAITHFULLY**  
Devotion Schedule  
For June & July 2019

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SYNOD CALENDAR

JUNE

4  Post Assembly Lunch for Synod Assembly Planning Committee, Noon

Worship Committee Meeting at the Synod Office, 2 p.m. ET

5-9  Bishop Finegan participating in South Central Illinois Synod Assembly

11 Stewardship Committee Meeting at the Synod Office, 11 a.m. ET

Marquette Young Adult Ministry Meeting at the Synod Office, 2:30 p.m. ET

12 Leadership Support Committee Meeting at Trinity, Trout Creek, 10 a.m. ET

13 Finance Committee at the Synod Office, 11 a.m. ET

18 Synod Office Staff Meeting at 11 a.m. ET

19 World Hunger Committee Meeting at the Synod Office, Noon ET

20 Lutheran Campus Ministry Meeting at the Synod Office, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. ET

23 Installation of Rev. Don Ludemann at Prince of Peace, Marquette, 3 p.m.

24-26 Systems Academy in Chicago for Rev. Jim Duehring

29 Faithful Innovations Training at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. CT

JULY

4  Synod Office closed for holiday

9  Synod Office Staff Meeting at 11 a.m. ET

10 Retired Clergy, Spouses and Widows Summer Gathering at Bethlehem, Florence, 11 a.m. CT

14 Ordination of Brenda Greenwald in her home congregation in Colorado by Bishop Finegan.

18-29 Dental Mission to Tanzania

24-26 Rev. Jim Duehring attending Faithful Innovation Summit at Luther Seminary

30 Synod Office Staff Meeting at 11 a.m. ET
Always Being Made New
Immanuel, Rhinelander
Holy Trinity, Chassell

Answer the Call/
Fund for Leaders
Joyce Peterson
Community, Palmer
Juanita Werner
Curt & Judy Erickson
Diane Miller
Elma Thinglum
Kerry McGinley
Karen Burkman
George & Anne Balko
Diana Peterson
Clyde Thoune
Bill & Deb Weis
Wayne & Deanna Hill
Robert & Joyce Kasemodel
Holy Trinity, Chassell
John & Carole Ornatowski
Dorothy Sivula
Wendy Ehle
Carolyn Mattson
Bethany, Negaunee

ELCA Disaster Relief
Faith, Ishpeming
All Saints, Wakefield
Rev. Norman & Mary Peterson
Sharon, Bessemer
Good Shepherd, Houghton
First, Dollar Bay
Mission United, Pelkie
Bethany, Amasa
Emanuel, Skandia
Christ Lutheran Parish, Ironwood
Grace, South Range
Shepherd of the Lakes, Sayner
Zion, Marinette
St. James, Rudyard
Zion, St. Ignace
Bethany, Ishpeming

Kemppainen Scholarship

Lay School for Mission
Faith, Rock

Lutheran Campus Ministry
Good Shepherd, Peshtigo
Faith, Rock – NMU
Grace, Gwinn – NMU
Prince of Peace, Marquette - NMU

Lutheran Social Services
Emanuel, Skandia
Bethel, Ishpeming
Trinity, Ishpeming

Lutheran World Relief
St. James, Rudyard
Zion, St. Ignace
Prince of Peace, Marquette

Marquette Young Adult Ministry
Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan

Missionary Sponsorship
Trinity, Rhinelander
Bethel, Ishpeming

NGLS Endowment Fund
Rev. Kay Richter
Rev. Chrys Hendrick
Rev. Bob & Deloris Langseth
Rev. Terry Frankenstein

NGLS Leadership Support
Bethany, Norway

NGLS Mission Outreach
Zion, Ironwood
Shepherd of the Lakes, Sayner
Faith, Rock
Our Redeemer, Newberry
Zion, St. Ignace
Trinity, Ishpeming

NGLS Seminarian Support
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Faith, Rock
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NGLS Stewardship
Norman Lamberg
Pastor Debt Reduction
Norman Lamberg Bequest

Pastors Debt Reduction
Trinity, Ishpeming

Skogman Scholarship
Dirk & Sue Manson

Skrenes Fund for Ministry
Bish. Em. Tom & Luanne Skrenes
Jeffrey Skrenes
Jeremy & Kristen Skrenes
Dave & Aimee Skrenes
Thriven Financial

Companion Synod Projects
St. James, Rudyard
Dale & Sharon Eitman
Bish. Em. Tom & Luanne Skrenes
Judith Quirk
Rev. Philip & Rene Johnson
Ken & Bonnie Groh
Bish. Em. Dale & Jo Skogman
Marilyn Pontti
Albert & Kathryn Sundine
Darley Kemppainen
Joyce Peterson
Rev. Bob & Deloris Langseth
St. Paul, Ironwood
Trinity, Rhinelander

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<td>Pray for all <strong>graduates beginning a new phase of life</strong>. May God bless them with the Spirit of courage and adventure as they work to achieve their goals. May God surround them with support systems and faithful mentors as they face challenges and temptations.</td>
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<td>Pray for <strong>our Synod Worship Committee</strong> as they meet at the Synod Office today. May the Spirit of wisdom and creativity fill them, and may God bless all those who plan worship in congregations, care facilities, and other ministry sites.</td>
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<td>Pray for the members of <strong>St. John Lutheran Church (Harford Rd)</strong>, Baltimore, MD; <strong>St. John Lutheran Church, Linthicum Heights</strong>, MD; <strong>St. John Lutheran Church, Myersville</strong>, MD; and <strong>St. John Lutheran Church, Phoenix</strong>, MD.</td>
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<td>For <strong>school children</strong> dismissed from their regular school work. <strong>May they continue to learn and grow</strong> and take the time to exercise their minds and bodies in play.</td>
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<td>Pray for <strong>Licensed Lay Ministers who celebrate birthdays this month</strong>: Elaine Hendrickson (6/12).</td>
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<td>Pray for <strong>Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp</strong> and for those campers enjoying the many events throughout the summer. FLLC has something for everyone – visit <a href="http://fortunelakelutherancamp.org">fortunelakelutherancamp.org</a> today for the schedule.</td>
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<td><strong>Pray that the Holy Spirit will renew all believers around the world as we celebrate Pentecost today.</strong> <strong>Come, Holy Spirit, Come!</strong></td>
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<td><strong>For all those traveling</strong> to attend graduations and weddings, and those enjoying vacations. <strong>Grant them safe travel and happy times.</strong></td>
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<td>Pray for <strong>members of Magogoni Lutheran Church, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania</strong>, and <strong>their partner congregation Christ the King Lutheran Church, Escanaba, MI</strong>.</td>
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<td>Pray for our <strong>Leadership Support Committee</strong> as they meet in Trout Creek today. May the Spirit of joy and curiosity fill them, and may God bless all of our rostered and lay leaders as they continue to serve God’s people.</td>
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<td>Pray for <strong>our Synod Finance Committee</strong> as they meet at the Synod Office today. May the Holy Spirit stir within and around them as they seek God’s mission and vision for the ministries of our Synod.</td>
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<td>Pray for <strong>farmers and ranchers, fishers and beekeepers, and all who produce our food</strong>. May God bless them with favorable weather, sunshine and rain at appropriate times, and safety in the midst of their work. May God fill us with gratitude as we eat what they have provided for us.</td>
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Offer prayers of thanksgiving for fathers on Father’s Day. Pray that all fathers become involved, responsible parents who raise their children to be caring individuals who will have productive and fulfilling lives.

And Pray for all the faithful around the world as we celebrate the mysteries of God’s diversity within unity on this Holy Trinity Sunday.

Pray for Pastors who celebrate birthdays this month: Joe Iverson (6/19), Dean Marin (6/22), Breanne Kinnunen (6/22), Kay Richter (6/22), Jon Magnuson (6/25), Bill Jacobson (6/26), and Duane Priebe (6/29)

Pray for our Synod Staff as they meet together today to plan and coordinate events and activities throughout our Synod.

Pray for pastors who celebrate the anniversary of their ordination this month: Earl Bergh (6/19), George Olson (6/19), Jon Magnuson (6/19), Ingmar Levin (6/20), Les Niemi (6/20), Matt Lamb (6/21), Bob Langseth (6/22), Raymond Korry (6/22), and Timothy Johnston (6/22).

Pray for our Lutheran Campus Ministry leaders as they meet in Marquette today. May the Holy Spirit guide them as they continue to care for students and college communities within our Synod.


Pray for Lutheran Disaster Response as they continue to work with those recovering from floods, cyclones, and other natural and man-made disasters.

Pray for all who come to Northern Wisconsin and Upper Michigan for vacations and visits with family and friends. May they have safe travels and warm welcomes when they visit our faith communities.

Pray for Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Jim Duehring, as he travels to Chicago for continuing education. May God grant him safe travels and openness of mind and spirit as he grows in faith and leadership skills.

Pray for all those who are traveling and vacationing. May God grant them safe travels, pleasant days, rest, and relaxation.

Pray for the members of St. John Lutheran Church (Pimlico), Baltimore, MD; St. John Lutheran Church, Thurmont, MD; St. John Lutheran Church, Westminster, MD; and St. Luke Lutheran Church, Cumberland, MD.

Pray for law enforcement officers and other first responders as they watch over our communities and keep us safe. May they be well-supported and receive the respite they need after long and difficult shifts.

Pray for Call Committees and Councils as they lead our congregations and work with rostered leaders in transition. May the Holy Spirit guide all decisions with wisdom and strength.

Pray for Pastor Jim Duehring and all congregational teams participating in the Faithful Innovations Training today at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp. May they be filled with the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding as they learn and grow into the future of faith and ministry in their settings.

Pray for all who are preparing for marriage. May God bless relationships with love, courage, forgiveness and peace.

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Prayer Calendar - July 2019

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<td>Pray for planters. May God bless all those who grow food on farms and in backyards. May God bless those whose plants provide beauty for all who pass by.</td>
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<td>Pray for <strong>firefighters, police officers, first responders, and others</strong> who put themselves in harm’s way to help and protect others. May God give them a Spirit of courage and wisdom, compassion and patience, as they respond to tense situations.</td>
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<td>On this day when we remember <strong>St. Mary Magdalene</strong>, pray for all <strong>those who boldly tell their stories</strong> of encountering our living Lord, Jesus Christ. May God bless them with the words they need so that those who listen hear the Good News of new life in Jesus.</td>
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<td>Pray for <strong>all who participate in county fairs</strong> – those who bring entries, those who work at booths and concession stands, those who judge entries, and those who enjoy the carnivals and shows. May God bless them with all they need along the way.</td>
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