

Praying for Your Church All Through the Year

September - Lord, As **Sunday School** and **Youth Bible Classes** begin, we pray for our Christian families, that they may value this opportunity for their children to grow in their faith and in their knowledge of Jesus. Bless our **Confirmation classes** with eager students who are ready to learn. Thank you for all who volunteer to teach. Bless and guide them as they prepare their lessons. Help them to seek your wisdom. Bless our Sunday School leaders and bless our youth leaders. Amen.

October - Lord, we pray for **our church staff, church leaders,** and **for those who lead our families.** May we find our wisdom in you. May our church be a place where the adults are found frequently with open Bibles, studying your word. Bless all of **our Adult Bible Classes** - those on Sunday and those during the week. May they be places where we can lay our burdens before You to receive your healing and your forgiveness. Use these classes to guide us in our daily lives. Bless our worship on Reformation Day. Amen.

November - God our Father, you provide for all our needs, physical and spiritual, and yet we often forget to say thank you. Forgive us for our ingratitude. Help us to live in joyful thanksgiving. Help us to share your many blessings with others. Bless the **Board of Missions** as they encourage us all to reach out to those in need. Bless our **food shelf** gathering. Bless **Project Angel Tree.** May the gifts we bring and the Christian literature we give help children of prisoners to know they are not forgotten. Amen.

December - Jesus, Happy Birthday!! As we prepare to celebrate your birth help us to keep our focus on you and not on the trappings of the season. It is incredible that you would willingly leave the glory of heaven to be born on earth so you could fulfill the law perfectly and the die to pay the price for all our sins. Bless all involved in our **Music Ministry** - especially the worship teams, Sonic Faith, the Adult Choir, and the Bell Choir. May our music point to you. Bless the **Sunday School children** as they share the story of your birth with us all. Help us to experience a child-like wonder through their witness. Amen.

January - Lord, the winter can be tough and long. We pray for all our shut in members and for those who endure long term health problems of body or mind. In this cold dark month, assure them of your love and of your presence. Use us to reach out to them. Bless our **caring ministry,** especially our **Calling and Caring ministry.** Bless also our **Senior's Group, Men's Ministry** and **Ladies Guild** as they reach out with your love. Help us to use this new year to your glory. Amen.

February - Lord, you have loved us with an incredible love and yet we so often are stingy about the way we share that love with those around us. Forgive us Lord. Bless our **families.** Help our homes to be a safe refuge from the storms of life. Lord, help us to also be willing to reach out to our **friends** and **neighbors** - to people who are different from us - (especially to people who are new to our country). May they find us and our congregation to be welcoming and friendly - help us to point them to Jesus. Amen.

March - Lord, bless all the schools that are celebrating **National Lutheran Schools Week**. Thank you for our teachers and staff who have dedicated their lives to sharing your love with children. Thank you also for our congregation members who support our schools with their prayers and their money. Bless also, all who serve on the **Board of Trustees** and the **Board of Stewardship and Finance**. Lord you have given us these wonderful facilities and this beautiful property. Help us to appreciate and take care of them. Bless our giving, May we give willingly, generously, and as an act of worship. Amen.

April - Risen Savior, during this holy season we pray that you would move in us to be excited and amazed by your resurrection from the dead. Help us to live with your victorious power in our lives. Thank you for this opportunity to share the Easter story with so many, especially through the **Easter Egg dyeing at Ramsey County Nursing Home**. We thank you for all the parents who have entrusted us with their "little lambs". Bless our **Son-shine kids** and **Little Lambs Preschool, Nursery** and **Daycare**. May our teachers and staff share your love and forgiveness with all these precious little ones and with their families. Bless those who receive their **first communion** this month. May this gift strengthen them for your service. Amen.

May - Holy Spirit, during this season of Pentecost we pray that you would pour down your power on this congregation. Move in our hearts so that we would desire to be more like Jesus every day. Guide us as we read your word and help us to become people of prayer. Bless the **National Day of Prayer** as we pray for the leaders in our community, state and nation. Bless also our young people who will confirm the vow made at their baptism. May **confirmation** not be graduation, but may they continue to come to Your house regularly for worship and educational opportunities. Bless them as they seek Your will for their lives. Amen.

June - Creator God, we thank you for this beautiful season of growing. Bless our **Garden Club** and all who volunteer to keep our flowers well watered. Help us, not to neglect Your house this summer, but to come regularly for worship and Bible Class. May this be a season of spiritual growth as well. Thank you for our **Board of Education**. Bless them and bless our **Summer Sunday School Program** and **Vacation Bible School**. Lord, raise up willing volunteers in our congregation to be a part of these outreach efforts. Bring many students from our church and community to hear your word (and to have fun! ☺). Amen

July - Holy Spirit, as the sun warms our bodies this month, may you also warm our hearts. Give us compassion for those who don't know you yet. Give us a sense of urgency to follow your command and to make disciples and to share your word. Bless our neighborhood outreach efforts through **Eastside Ablaze**. May many from our church and community attend for an evening of Christian fellowship and fun. Bless the young people who will be attending the **National LCMS Youth Gathering** in New Orleans in the summer of '10. We pray that this experience will be life changing and that their hearts will be set on fire for you. Keep them and their adult chaperones safe as they travel. Amen

August - Lord, We thank you that in this country, education for our children is readily available. Guide all our teachers as they prepare for a new school year. Bless our students, **public school** and **private school**. Help them to be eager to learn. Protect our kids. Keep them safe as they travel to and from school. **May Central Lutheran School, Concordia Academy** and **Concordia University** continue to shine your light in our community. Amen