



Angelus: A call to pray

January 2025

1. Please pray that 2025 may be the year that we will witness the movement of the Holy Spirit in a revival within LMC churches in Spirit and truth.
2. Please pray for all the team members at Landis Communities as they serve residents and clients during the holiday season. Their willingness to set aside their family celebrations to serve others exemplifies our guiding value of compassion by demonstrating Christ-like love and concern in our relationships. They serve one another with grace, humility, gentleness, and sensitivity in a manner that respects diversity and honors the dignity and worth of everyone.
3. Please pray for the South Central District Bishop selection process and district reorganization as part of their affiliation with LMC.
4. Omot and Hannah Aganya, pastors of Eden Life Mennonite Church in Kansas City, are facing a \$34,000 sewer repair bill on their house. They serve the church with minimal financial support. Praise the Lord that a good portion of that cost is being covered through the generosity of churches and individuals in the South Central District.
5. Pray for Mennonite Central Committee's response to the ongoing global hunger crisis and the hundreds of millions of people experiencing critical hunger around the world.
6. Please lift your prayers for the LMC and EMM staff and workers for a week of prayer and fasting starting today until January 10. Ask the Lord for His Spirit to move during this time and will help them to sense the direction He wants them to go.
7. Invitation to pray that LMC's financial goals will be met as LMC's fiscal year closes on January 31.
8. Please pray for the Credentialing and Commissioning as they will be meeting today.
9. Please pray for the LMC Staff retreat. Pray that during this time they will recharge their spiritual batteries and that they will sense God's presence and direction.
10. Please pray for Steve and Beth Gibbs, International Partner Delegates to Peru as they travel to Cusco for a two-week visit (January 15-28) to meet with the leaders and churches there and to participate in a regional conference of Mennonite churches from other parts of South America celebrating the 500th anniversary of the first baptisms in Zurich, Switzerland. Pray for wisdom, strength, health and the presence of God's Spirit in all that they do.
11. Pray for God to call volunteers for the programs at Neighbors Community Center at Hub450, our building in Lancaster, PA.
12. The maternity ward in North Chad has been overwhelmed with patients and very difficult cases. The Sensenig's, last week, they lost a young, first-time mom to mastitis that turned septic. We currently have another young woman in critical condition after she experienced eclamptic seizures for 5 days before being transported from the Lake Chad area to our hospital. Pray for strength and encouragement for Christy and the other midwives.
13. Construction on the new campus of PROMESA Christian School in Cusco, Peru has resumed. Please pray for all those involved with this project that the work can be finished for the start of the new school year in March 2025 and that all the needed funds will be supplied.
14. Pray for wisdom, strength, health, and the presence of God's Spirit in all that they do in Switzerland.
15. The 15th Annual Glen Lapp Memorial Volleyball tournament will be held at Lancaster Mennonite High School on January 5 and 6. Remember the tournament participants and also the family and friends of

Glen Lapp (1987 LM Alum) as they celebrate his life and remember his commitment to service in the name of Christ.

16. Please pray for Michael Clancy, who will be taking a three-month sabbatical beginning in January. During this time, he will focus on rest, refreshment, and refocusing. He plans to work with a spiritual director to help him understand what it means to seek Jesus for Jesus' sake — to re-learn how to sit at his feet.
17. Please pray for LMC's Conference Executive Council as they will be meeting today.
18. Lift in prayers the STEP program as they will have their classes. Pray for the students that they will not feel overwhelmed with normal life and the assignments. Ask the Lord for provision, physically, emotionally, and spiritually.
19. Pray for Tim and Julie Groff as they relate to many people through Bible stories, visiting people who are homebound, youth groups, and discipleship. Pray for funds to come in for their ministry in Belize.
20. A Winter Open House is scheduled for Lancaster Mennonite School on January 23. Please be in prayer for prospective families as they consider a Jesus-centered LM education for their children.
21. Pray for God to call pioneer church planters into the harvest field of Thailand to join the team there.
22. Zion Mennonite Church is moving from Sharing and Prayers to God's Sightings. The focus is to help them to see how much God is involved in their lives. As part of this move, they are planning to restart small groups, the hope is to read Scripture and to become more intimate in the community of faith.
23. Peter Sensenig celebrated the graduation of a second round of students since his arrival at the seminary. His course teaching Muslim-Christian relations is going very well and engaging students to think in new ways about their Muslim neighbors.
24. Pray for the Advance team, who arrived safely at their outreach locations. Pray for God's wisdom and strength as they experience culture shock, and that they will make meaningful connections.
25. The first semester ends on January 9th at Lancaster Mennonite School. Please pray for both teachers and students during the final week of this semester.
26. Pray for the many children in Cambodia who are involved in the after-school program that John Coates oversees and will experience God's love for them. Pray for wisdom for his wife, Debbie as she treats the health issues of her patients.
27. Please pray for East Petersburg Mennonite Church (EPMC) as they enter the new year and look to the Lord for discernment on "Why the Church Exists" and how God wants EPMC to be His light and bring His kingdom to Lancaster.
28. Pray for God to call volunteers for the programs at Neighbors Community Center at Hub450, our building in Lancaster, PA.
29. Pray for New Person Ministries as the men are transitioning from correctional facilities to restarting life: seeking to restore relationships, gainful employment, and places to live.
30. Praise the Lord for the new people God has brought into Jan Heindel's life in the Czech Republic. Pray for wisdom as she interacts with them and shares Jesus. Pray for the church planting team in Dobříš to have discernment as they determine which opportunities to prioritize. Ask God to raise people up to help with a potential club for teenagers
31. Pray for the Mandinka people of The Gambia, that God would open the eyes and ears of those who don't yet know Jesus.

“Elijah was as human as we are, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for three and a half years! Then, when he prayed again, the sky sent down rain and the earth began to yield its crops.”
James 5:17-18

**Name(s) changed or the last name(s) omitted for sensitivity reasons.*