

December

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<i>The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the shadow of death a light has dawned. Mt 4:16</i>	1 Ask God to bless the Southeastern WI District mission board meeting taking place tomorrow.	2 Jesus, head of the Church, guide Rev. David Wenzel as he considers the call to serve as administrator for WELS Board for Ministerial Education.	3 Heavenly Father, bless the meeting of our synod's mission counselors today and tomorrow so they can better help others plan and implement gospel outreach.	4 Lord, thank you for keeping Grace, Yorba Linda, CA and its members safe when wildfires went through the area last month.	5 Lord Jesus, keep our churches, synod, and other WELS ministries during this economic downturn so that we have what we need to preach your gospel.	6 Holy Spirit, work in people's hearts so that many will come to know salvation through Jesus through Christmas for Kids and other outreach programs.
7/8 Heavenly Father, bless the labors of those at St. Andrew, Sacramento, CA who are reaching out to the Hmong. Many Hmong do not believe in a heaven where there is peace and rest forever. Open their hearts and minds to the saving message that a Savior was born, died, and rose so that they could look forward to the day that they would be with you. Amen.	9 Pray for God to bless home missionaries Dan Olson and Tim Bourman in their three days per week spent on street evangelism for Sure Foundation, Queens, NY.	10 Lord, be with the students of the seminary program in Ljungby, Sweden. Keep them faithful to their studies, true to your Word, and bless them with the gifts to serve as pastors.	11 Jesus, bless the establishment of Shepherd of the Mesa in Battlement Mesa, CO and the installation this Sunday of Adam Lambrecht to the ministry team.	12 Ask God to give Shepherd of the Lakes in Land O' Lakes, FL a successful grand opening service this coming Sunday.	13 Holy Spirit, guide the members of Faith, Radcliff, KY to commit to giving \$175,000 in three years for the church building project and to fulfill their commitments.	
14 God, as many churches celebrate Jubilee Sunday today, help members to go away reminded that they are <u>free</u> by the sacrifice of Jesus.	15 Triune God, help the congregation in Bogotá, Colombia to gain the financing they need in order to build their own church.	16 Thank you, Lord, when WELS ministry is portrayed positively in various local media outlets, and may this serve to bring others to hear your Word at our churches.	17 Dear God, grant a stronger spirit of stewardship for the work of the church among the national membership in Bulgaria.	18 Pray for God to be with new Caribbean pastors Bramdeo Ramgolam (St. Lucia) and Steve Soukup (Grenada) in their ministries.	19 Heavenly Father, this Christmas break bless students not only with physical rest but also with spiritual rest at the message of Jesus coming to live among us to redeem us.	20 Thank God for giving WELS Prison Ministry the opportunity to offer 20+ hours of religious programming per week at the Milwaukee County House of Corrections.
21 Thank you, God, for the 20 Lutheran church bodies around the world in fellowship with WELS and ELS. Help them in their ministries.	22 Lord God, provide Chinese men and women in the Christian Lutheran Evangelical Church in Taiwan who would dedicate themselves to the gospel ministry.	23 Lord, be with National Civilian Chaplain Paul Ziemer as he visits military contact persons around the nation to offer friendly counsel and support.	24 Pray for the children of our missionaries in Malawi that they realize they too are an important part of the mission effort for God's Kingdom.	25 Merciful God, compel us by your great Christmas gift to the world to dedicate our lives to sharing this good news with those around us.	26/27 God, bless the efforts of WELS Special Education Services as they partner with Jesus Cares Ministry to publish a series of simplified Bible studies for people with developmental and intellectual disabilities.	
28 Pray that God would grant wisdom and patience to Sergio Cortijo, president of the church in Puerto Rico, and to the national governing board as they make difficult decisions.	29 Holy Spirit, we ask you to open many doors for the preaching of the gospel in Brazil.	30 Almighty God, bless the construction projects at Open Bible in The Villages, FL; Our Savior, Birmingham, AL; and Abiding Savior, Killeen, TX.	31 Dear God, thank you for filling many Native American ministry staff vacancies. Please continue to send workers to serve this mission field.			