

# Prayer Circle

*Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication.  
To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for  
all the saints. (Ephesians 6:18 NRS)*



The Prayer Circle is a small circle of Lutheran churches who pray for each other in times of blessing and celebration and in times of challenge and distress... and to support each other in mission. This pamphlet tells about the members of the Prayer Circle and the churches they serve.

### **Prayer Circle (Partners in Prayer)**

Christ Lutheran Church, Inner Harbor, Baltimore, MD  
Christ Lutheran Church of LaVale, MD  
Christ Lutheran Church, Manchester, Pennsylvania  
Christ the King Lutheran Church, Huntington, WV  
Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Bergton, VA  
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, McMurray, PA  
Peace Lutheran Church, Poplar, WI  
St. John's Lutheran Church, Zanesville, OH  
St. John's, Barners, PA  
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Oakland, MD



A Few of the Prayer Circle Pastors (while classmates at Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg) top: Rev. Rick Egtvedt; left to right: Rev. Donna Rutten, Rev. Nancy Knol, Rev. Barbara Krumm, Rev. Edwina Landry

We invite you to find out more about the Prayer Circle churches through their websites and Facebook (FB) pages, as well as the ELCA website. Already some of the churches are including each other on their prayer lists and in their intercessory prayers at worship. Through this circle of prayer we hope to increase our awareness of the whole body of Christ, present through these different congregations across the country.

*To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*(2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 NRS)*



**Christ Lutheran Church, Inner Harbor, Baltimore, MD**

**Pastor Susan Tjornehoj; [www.christinnerharbor.org](http://www.christinnerharbor.org)**

Christ Lutheran is located in Baltimore City. It is a uniquely metropolitan congregation which was founded in 1887. Its average weekly attendance is around 400. Pastor Tjornehoj has served Lutheran Congregations for over 30 years.

**Christ Lutheran Church of LaVale, MD**

**Rev. Charles Erzkus <http://www.christlutheranlavale.org/>; FB**

Christ Lutheran began on a grassroots level when Lutherans living in the LaVale area felt like a Lutheran congregation outside of the city and in this area was feasible. For years they worked to gain permission for a new congregation and went door to door seeking people who might be interested in beginning a new faith community. Over the past forty years congregation moved from meeting in a Vet's office, to the LaVale Fire Hall, to the first Sanctuary built on land next to Vocke road in LaVale.

**Christ the King Lutheran Church, Huntington, WV**

**Pastor Carl Ames <http://www.ckhuntington.org/>; FB**

The "Little Church with the BIG HEART", located at 5700 Route 60 East, Huntington, West Virginia.

**Christ Lutheran Church, Manchester, Pennsylvania**

**Pastor Edwina Landry; [www.clcmanchester.org](http://www.clcmanchester.org); FB**

Christ Lutheran is located between Harrisburg and York, Pennsylvania, in the small town of Manchester, not too far from the Susquehanna River, and is part of the Lower Susquehanna Synod. It is a downtown church and was organized in 1857. Sunday attendance usually hovers around 89. Pastor Landry is second-career, after many years in college administration.

**Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Bergton, VA**

**Pastor Barbara Krumm; FB**

Martin Luther is located in a rural farming community north of Harrisonburg, in the George Washington National Forest and not far from the West Virginia line. It was organized in 1855 and on a Sunday there are likely to be about 60 in attendance. Pastor Krumm is second-career, after serving over 20 years in early childhood education.

**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, McMurray, PA**

**Rev. Ann Schmid <http://ourredeemer-peters.org/>; FB**

Our Redeemer is a growing family of members and friends who are joined together out of commitment to Jesus Christ and love for each other. The church is located South of Pittsburgh in Peters Township (McMurray, PA) on 105 Gateshead Drive.

**Peace Lutheran Church, Poplar, Wisconsin;**

**Pastor Donna Rutten; [www.peacepoplar.org](http://www.peacepoplar.org); FB**

Peace Lutheran is located in a small rural community near the western tip of Lake Superior, and is a part of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin. It was organized in 1968 and their average attendance on a Sunday is 64. Pastor Rutten is a retired officer from the U.S. Army.

**St. John “Barners” Lutheran Church, Liverpool, Pennsylvania**

**Pastor Nancy Knol**

St. John “Barners” is located in a rural farming community along the Susquehanna River north of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in the Lower Susquehanna Synod. It was organized in 1927, and on average, about 40 attend worship on a Sunday. Pastor Knol is a second-career pastor, after a full career in public school, and works for the church part-time.

**St. John’s Lutheran Church, Zanesville, OH**

**Pastor Marks Combs <http://www.stjohnszanesville.org/>**

St. John’s Lutheran Church is a caring, sharing Christian community located in downtown Zanesville, Ohio at the corner of 7th and Market Streets. The Reverend Mark Combs has been the pastor of St. John’s Lutheran Church since February 2007. Pastor Mark grew up in the Charleston, West Virginia area and has been active in Lutheran Outdoor Ministries for many years.

**Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Oakland, MD**

**Pastor Richard Egtvedt; [www.shepherdofthehillslutheran.org](http://www.shepherdofthehillslutheran.org); FB**

Shepherd of the Hills is a mission congregation nestled in a storefront near the recreation area of Deep Creek Lake. It was just organized in 2013, and is part of the West Virginia - Western Maryland Synod. Attendance has grown since its organization to now include about 22 people for worship on Sunday, but attendance tends to fluctuate with the seasons. Pastor Egtvedt is called as a developer for the congregation, and is a retired U.S. Air Force officer.