

Remember in prayer this week:

Sun., Feb. 21	our sister congregation First Lutheran on Burke Avenue, that Pastor Ellis and his family feel increasingly familiar with their new hometown, that the members there continue to grow in our Lord's grace and that their various ministries in the Towson area be fruitful in pointing others to the Savior.
Mon., Feb. 22	those who grow, prepare and distribute the food we eat, that they might be blessed for the vital roles they play in our lives, that they be vigilant for public safety and the quality of what they produce, and that they be compensated fairly for their efforts
Tues. Feb. 23	the people of Syria, now entering their fourth year of conflict, that God might bring healing to those who are suffering from the violence there, comfort to those who mourn their dead, and strength to those who are committed to peace.
Wed., Feb. 24	a deeper awareness within ourselves of the preconceived notions and subtle ways we divide people into "us" and "them," (appearance, actions, class, speech, mental ability, emotional state) that God would open our eyes to see them as Jesus does, and that the Holy Spirit would challenge us to desire their well-being, too.
Thurs., Feb. 25	those who are elected government officials, that they continually seek the ways of justice and mercy, that they truly represent and serve the people who have put their trust in them (and not the financial backers who supported their campaigns) , and that they lead our county, state, and nation with wisdom, honesty and integrity.
Fri., Feb. 26	those in the health care profession — nurses, doctors, technicians, therapists, — that they might use the knowledge God has given them to treat their patients and clients with compassion and dignity, that they might have periods of uninterrupted rest so that they are refreshed between shifts, and that they be protected from the illnesses and diseases they treat.
Sat., Feb. 27	an end to human trafficking ... and especially for the women and girls, men and boys , who are modern day slaves, exploited sexually or forced to work because of greed and violence. We pray that God would give those who are still captives hope and encouragement in the midst of their fear and uncertainty and that He would grant those who are rescued assurance of their safety, consolation in their grief, and healing for the physical and emotional wounds they bear.