

DEAR FELLOW SAINTS OF GOD,

Thank you for your ongoing support of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) Ministry to the Armed Forces! Please prayerfully consider celebrating LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces in your congregation again in 2019! There will be several opportunities to present this bulletin insert to the members of your congregation:

Armed Forces Sunday – May 19

Memorial Day Sunday – May 26

Independence Day weekend – July 7 (Sunday)

Veterans Day – Nov. 11 (celebrate Sunday, Nov. 10)

Or the Sunday of your choice

It's less important which Sunday you choose, but we simply want to give thanks to God in honoring the men and women who faithfully answered the call to serve in our nation's military.

To assist you in planning your observation, we have enclosed:

Bulletin inserts

A packet of liturgical and sermon helps

Forms to add or correct names and addresses of military personnel from your congregation


The LCMS has many active-duty military chaplains. We also have many chaplains serving in Reserve units, National Guard units, the Civil Air Patrol and the Coast Guard auxiliary. We have chaplains deployed overseas in combat environments, including Reserve/Guard chaplains mobilized from their parishes, as well as chaplains serving within the United States to support contingency operations.

Ministry to the Armed Forces continues to support the Operation Barnabas project. This effort has grown into a united network of care responding to the unique needs of military-connected people. The vision of Operation Barnabas is that every military-connected person lives in the hope and peace of God's love and mercy as revealed in Jesus Christ. Called by Christ's love, Operation Barnabas engages, empowers and equips LCMS faith communities to provide hope, healing and support to military-connected persons in their communities and their congregations.

We continue to recruit, train and endorse LCMS chaplains. We provide our chaplains with Lutheran worship and education materials. We fund the travel of our chaplains and their wives to attend annual training seminars for education and fellowship, since they are often stationed miles from Lutheran churches and/or Lutheran clergy and don't have the opportunity to receive the care they need and deserve.

We are grateful that your congregation will choose to join thousands of other congregations in our Synod on the weekend of May 19 (or the weekend of your choice) in remembering the men and women of our armed forces and our chaplains who bring them the changeless Gospel message in a challenging and dangerous world.

IN CHRIST'S SERVICE,



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