

TO PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

For those who need healing:

God of compassion, source of life and health, strengthen, restore, and relieve those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially now: Ruth Wescott (cousin of Janet Sining); Julie McCoy; Suze Anderson; Karin Byers; Donna Walters; Claire Field; Nancy Kelly; Doris Frey; Treaver Bleichner (grandson of Julene Bleichner); Dick Hart (brother of Judy Luttmers); David Larsen, Calvin Bell, Vicki McIntosh, Paige Reder, Sara (granddaughter of Anita Carlson), Max Smith (family of Barb Smith), Debbie Webb, so that they may receive healing and help in You.

For those who have died:

Eternal God, by Your steadfast love, open Your arms of mercy to those who have died, especially now: Sandy Fitzpatrick (niece of Karin Byers); Wayne Petersen (friend of Julene Bleichner); Loren Walters; Jared White; Jim Miller (brother of Suze Anderson); Kirsten Hart (mother of Aubree, Gauge and Hunter); Patricia Klingsporn; Debbie Schwartz (sister of Kathy Nerlien); Dan McCollough; Russ Wright; Anita Nelsen; Rev. Deanna Woodward (daughter of the late Kenneth and Lennis Sigrist); Greg Rud; Dawn Bidwell; Jean Franklin (mother of Rev. Sharon Nelson); Loyola Shappell, Dirk Dehn, Ron Fogelson (husband of Kay Fogelson); that they may find their place with You.

For those who mourn:

Gracious God, whose Son knew our sorrows, our tears, and our death, look with compassion on those who grieve, especially now: the family of Sandy Fitzpatrick; the family of Wayne Petersen; the family of Loren Walters; the family of Jared White; the family of Jim Miller; the family of Kirsten Hart; the family of Patricia Klingsporn; the family of Debbie Schwartz; the family of Dan McCollough; the family of Russ Wright; the family of Anita Nelsen; the family of Rev. Deanna Woodward; the family of Greg Rud; the family of Dawn Bidwell; the family of Jean Franklin; the family of Loyola Shappell; the family of Dirk Dehn; the family of Ron Fogelson; and all their friends who mourn with them, so that they may be comforted by Your sure presence and filled with hope in Your goodness.

For the homebound, those in care facilities, and their caregivers:

God of all seasons of life, bring comfort to those who are vulnerable, tired, or weak, especially now: Suze Anderson, David Larsen, Nancy Kelly, Bette Josephson, Calvin Bell, Donna Walters, Alan Bourquin, Debbie Byers, John Lloyd, Carol Ramthun, Barb Smith; so that they may be blessed and at peace each day. Inspire and encourage those who care for them, so that their work may be filled with grace and their love may be multiplied.

For those who celebrate:

God of blessing, we praise You for the joy we have received and the gift we have in one another. We lift up special thanks for those who celebrate milestones in life – birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, the birth of a child, graduations, promotions, and new jobs – and we ask Your continued blessing upon them, now and always.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

If you or someone you know would like to be included in these prayers, please contact Pastor Andy directly at 210-288-9477 or Andrew.L.Petter@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and INFORMATION

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE: This year Christmas Eve falls on a Wednesday with the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 4:30 p.m. ***The Grace Notes Choir will present a cantata prelude at 4:15 p.m.***

APPORTIONMENTS UPDATE: This year, our church's apportionment goal is \$15,407. As of December 21, 2025 we have contributed \$12,839 (leaves balance of \$2,568). To meet our commitment, we are asking every member to prayerfully consider giving an additional gift toward apportionments before December 31, 2025, so we can successfully fulfill this commitment. Every contribution—large or small—makes a real difference. Together, we can meet this goal and demonstrate our shared commitment to God's mission through our wider church. Thank you for your continued generosity, faithfulness, and love. Your giving helps us be the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

ADVENT CALENDAR FOOD+ DRIVE: We are once again collecting donations of food and toiletries for the Byron Food Pantry through the Advent Calendar Food+ Drive. If you haven't already, take an Advent Calendar from the entrance area and follow the instructions as we count down the days to Christmas with a daily dose of generosity.

GIVING THE GIFT OF NO PLASTIC: Don't stop at zero plastic gifts. Most gift wraps are a plastic-paper combo that can't be recycled. Consider reusable cloth bags, sustainable paper, decorate boxes or repurpose glass jars and bottles to name a few.

BYRON FOOD PANTRY: If you or anyone you know needs food assistance, the Byron Food Pantry is available. Open hours are as listed: Wednesdays: 9-11 a.m.; Thursdays: noon-2 p.m.; and the first Friday of the month from 6-8 p.m. No appointment is needed.

BEARPACK PROGRAM: Byron UMC pledged to give \$200 monthly (Sept. – May) toward the BearPack Program with Byron Schools. This program helps those families with children in need in our schools. **All donations at coffee fellowship time go toward this fund.** Please consider supporting this great need in our community by giving generously to the cookie jar each week!

WOMENS SHELTER AND SUPPORT CENTER: Please support the ***Women's Shelter and Support Center*** in its mission of assisting victims of domestic abuse by donating household items for their use. Check out the list of needed items located on the box in the narthex. You can contact Janet Sining with questions at jsining@charter.net. Thank you for your donations.