

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 Sinning); 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

COVENANT HANDS: Covenant Hands, a project started this year through the Thursday evening covenant group, has raised \$3,235 to help the Kamisamba Farm, a United Methodist agricultural mission in Congo. These funds will help them purchase batteries for the solar panels that pump water for the farm. You can contribute to this effort through the Byron UMC online giving portal (select 'Covenant Hands' as the purpose) or by including 'Covenant Hands' on a check memo line or offering envelope.

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. ***The Christmas envelope special offering is designated to apportionments.*** 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.

READY, SET, WORSHIP! and LIFT: Our next *Ready, Set, Worship!* and *LIFT* service is **Sunday, January 11th**. *LIFT* (Living in Faith Together) follows *RSW!* and replaces the regular Sunday school and coffee fellowship. *LIFT* is for people of all ages. Lunch is included as part of *LIFT* as we play together, pray together, study God's word together, and eat together as a church family.



GRIEF GROUP: Our next grief group meeting at Byron UMC is **Wed., Jan. 14th, from 10-11 a.m.** The group offers opportunities to talk about things that cannot be discussed in other settings and to find others who can relate to their situation. The scope of the group is helping others find comfort, healing and relationships through conversations and fellowship with others. For more information, contact Pastor Andy or Marlene Abel.

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 Sinning with questions at jsinning@charter.net. Thank you for your donations.