

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: Suze Anderson; Karin Byers; Loren Walters; Donna Walters; Jim Miller (brother of Suze Anderson); 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), Wayne Petersen (friend of Julene Bleichner), 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: 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, George Beech; 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 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 George Beech; 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: Calvin Bell, Loren Walters, 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

LIGHT FOR UKRAINE FUNDRAISER: Following worship *today, January 19th*, please join with the youth Sunday School class for a crepes and sausage brunch fundraiser. The youth Sunday school class is raising money to send solar light kits to those who have lost connection to power due to the war in Ukraine. Their goal is to purchase and assemble at least 10 kits.

DINNER AND *THE CHOSEN*: Dinner and the viewing of *The Chosen* - Season 3, Episode 4 (*Clean – Part 1*) is **today, Jan. 19, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.** All are welcome! To watch previous episodes, search *The Chosen* on your smartphone, smart TV or computer.



CHURCH VISIONING DISCUSSION: Please join us on Sunday, February 2nd, following worship for a Town Hall Visioning Discussion. The topic will be our church building, its condition, and possible ways that we can use it more effectively to serve our community and our ministries. All are invited to participate.

NEW WAYS to PARTICIPATE in 2025: *Covenant Small Groups* - A Covenant Accountability small group is an hour-long, weekly gathering of five to eight people who develop a covenant together and meet with the expressed purpose of holding one another accountable – WITH MUTUAL LOVE AND SUPPORT – to a commitment to discipleship.

New Ministry Teams - Would you be willing to serve with the Worship Team or the Foster Belonging Team? By joining a ministry team, you are not obligated to serve for a certain term – you can come and go as you see fit.

Please connect with Pastor Andy with questions, comments, or an intention to participate.

APPORTIONMENTS UPDATE: Apportionments for 2024 have been paid in full making it 16 consecutive years paying the full amount. Not only did we pay in full, but the extra collected from designated and/or Christmas offerings was sent to UMCOR to assist in US disaster relief. Thank you to all who responded with extra giving to apportionments to help us meet the goal.

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. Please check out the list of items needed located on the box in the narthex. **Some special Wish List items:** for adults – bathrobes, pajamas, manicure sets, gift cards, bath sets, slippers, perfume, journals, adult coloring books and colored pencils. For children – infant/toddler toys; science kits; sporting goods; play food sets; Barbie dolls; multi-cultural dolls; headphones; coloring books; games/puzzles; educational toys; electronic games; craft paints; wood building kits; activity gift cards; Mega blocks; remote control vehicles; fidgets. if you have any questions, you can contact Janet Sinning at jsinning@charter.net. Thank you for your donations.