

## 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: Roger Sinning; 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](mailto:Andrew.L.Petter@gmail.com).*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS and INFORMATION

**CAN YOU HEAR ME?** Do you have trouble hearing during the worship service (or certain parts of the service)? Let's talk about it so that we can work on fixing the issue. Join Pastor Andy during coffee hour next Sunday, March 2nd, to tell him about these issues. If you can't be there but want to share your experiences with hearing difficulties at Byron UMC, please email him.

**LENTEN BOOK STUDY:** Join us for a six-week Lenten study as we dive into Bishop Tom Berlin's book, *The Third Day: Living the Resurrection*, **starting Tuesday, March 11, at 6:30 PM.** From the publisher: on the third day, he rose again. In *The Third Day: Living the Resurrection*, Tom Berlin uses his gifts of storytelling and understanding the Scriptures to connect the reader to the experiences of several individuals around Jesus in his final days, focusing on new life and redemption rather than loss. Join Peter, Mary Magdalene, and Thomas as they feel the despair of losing Jesus and the surprise and joy that awaits them in the resurrection. This study traces events around these characters, along with Paul and the disciples at Emmaus, and how the resurrection transforms their lives. You can order the book at [Cokesbury.com](http://Cokesbury.com) or search online at other major book retailers.

**SUMMER CHURCH CAMP:** Pastor Andy will again lead the Faith, Fun, and Friends youth camp for Jr and Sr High students at Northern Pines this summer, June 22-27. There is also a Discovery Camp (age 9-13) available that same week at Northern Pines. Our group from Byron UMC had a great time last year – just ask them! For more information or to check out other camping opportunities, go to [www.campminnesota.org](http://www.campminnesota.org).

**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.

**4-H SENIOR CITIZEN SUPPER:** The Salem Sailors 4-H group is hosting its annual Senior Citizen Supper on Sunday, March 9 at Byron UMC. Serving begins at 4 p.m. This is free to seniors and all seniors are welcome!

**YOUTH EVENTS with EVANGEL UMC:** Evangel UMC has invited us to share in some upcoming youth events. **Friday, March 21** – Youth Late Night Event, 7 PM-Midnight. **Saturday, May 31** – Miniature Golf at Blue Lagoon in Rochester, 7-9 PM. Cost TBD. Contact Pastor Andy if interested.