

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and INFORMATION

90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: Today, Feb. 9, everyone is invited to celebrate Karin Byers 90th birthday during fellowship time with cake being served. Stop in and wish Karin a happy birthday!

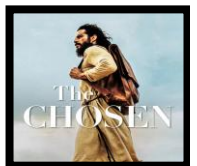
GRIEF GROUP: Our next ***grief group meeting*** at Byron UMC is **Wed., Feb. 12th from 10-11 a.m.** The group offers opportunities to talk about things that cannot be discussed in other settings and to find others who can relate to their situation. For more information, please contact Pastor Andy or Marlene Abel.

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 or search online at other major book retailers.

READY, SET, WORSHIP! On the third Sunday of each month, our regular worship service is replaced by an engaging, kid-centered worship service for God's children of all ages called Ready, Set, Worship! Our next Ready, Set, Worship! is Feb. 16. **We are looking for adult greeters for our Ready, Set, Worship! services. Contact Pastor Andy to be added to the list.**



DINNER AND THE CHOSEN: Dinner and the viewing of *The Chosen* - Season 3, Episode 4 (*Clean – Part 1*) is Sunday, **Feb. 16, at 5:30 p.m.** All are welcome! To watch previous episodes, search *The Chosen* on your smartphone, smart TV or computer.



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.

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.