

Prayer Bulletin March 17, 2024

First CRC Prayer Requests:

The Elders meet 1st & 3rd Sunday at 8:30 a.m. to pray for needs of our congregation. If you have a need, please contact any Elder.

- We rejoice with **Jeffrey & Brooke Granstra**, in the birth of a baby girl, **Sutton Joy Granstra** on Wed., Mar. 6. We pray for Sutton's siblings, as everyone adjusts to baby in the house.
- Continue to pray for Marla Schrank, daughter of **Sharon Habben**, as she is battling pancreatic cancer. We pray for Marla's family, husband and children. Give them all strength to encourage Marla and help her fight this battle.
- **Pastor Gil Kamps** has undergone surgery to repair a tear in his aorta. He embraces the prayers of the body of Christ. Pray for recovery and healing may go well.
- We pray for those in our congregation who are undergoing procedures and medical care for issues that are not known to us. We pray that they may recover and heal enough to return to regular activities.
- We are thankful for the opportunity for Pastor Brian to be able to have a week of study and professional development. We pray that the conference he attended was helpful and will be useful for him in the weeks to come.
- We thank and praise the Lord for the mild weather we've enjoyed lately. We also come to him praying for the rain that we need. With spring planting happening very soon, some much needed moisture would help assure the crops ability to grow and thrive.

Denominational Prayer Requests:

- **Candidacy Committee – Prospective candidates:** We give thanks for the men/women working toward candidacy in 2024! Please join us in prayer asking the Lord to lead/counsel them as they take their next steps toward a call. In Psalm 32:8 the Lord says, "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you."
- **Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee – Synod preparations:** *Father God, Creator of this great and beautiful world we live in, we come to you with joy anticipating synod and our international guests who will be joining us. Thank you for this opportunity to worship with, to learn from, and to grow with brothers and sisters in Christ in your global church.*
- **ReFrame – Egypt:** ReFrame's Arabic ministry team is partnering with churches in Egypt to offer Christian media content and free wifi at several church locations. Pray that this new initiative will open doors to conversations and questions about Jesus in the Arabic-speaking world.
- **Resonate – Chicago:** Agape and Ecclesia, a Resonate partner campus ministry at Loyola Univ. in Chicago, started Explore Groups as a way to provide safe spaces for students to explore faith and deeper questions in life. Ask God to work through these groups to reveal the love and hope of the gospel to people searching for meaning and purpose.
- **World Renew – Economic stability:** In many of the regions where World Renew serves, economic instability is an increasing challenge due to lasting effects of the global pandemic and various conflicts. At times even the fuel required to visit communities is difficult for staff to find, due to short supply. Ask for God's provision and stability in tumultuous times.

If you have a prayer request, email church at:
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