

Prayer Bulletin April 14, 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.

- Continue to remember **Gary Doppenberg** in your prayers. He will be moving to Prairie Ridge Care Center in Orange City next week. Please pray for Gary and his entire family during this time of transition.
- 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.
- Please pray for **Cameron Nieuwenhuis**, who is recovering from surgery on his hand. Pray for complete healing.
- Please pray for **Devin and Elissa De Jong & Ben & Kayla Granstra** as their babies are due soon. Pray for healthy deliveries and that these new little ones will be a blessing to their families and to our entire congregation. May God be with all the young families in our church who are raising their children to know and love the Lord!
- Pray for the future of our denomination. Pray for the delegates at synod this summer to make God honoring, Bible based decisions. May God guide them into the unity of his word.

Thank God for his promises: "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lam. 3:22-24

If you have a prayer request, email church at:
firstcrc@hotmail.com or call 324-2374 by Wed. @ 9 a.m.

Denominational Prayer Requests:

- **Thrive – Gather - Minneapolis:** Pray for organizers as they prepare for the inaugural Gather event taking place in Minnesota later this month (April 19-21). In this first of ten planned events, five Christian Reformed classes are coming together to bear witness to God's work in their local contexts and to discern where God may be leading them into renewed ministry and missions.
- **Resonate – Alberta:** "Several students are asking a lot of questions about church and Christianity. I invite them to services and other ministry events, but so far they have not attended... I'm praying the Holy Spirit will break through their hesitancy and resistance and move them forward in their spiritual journeys," shared George Koopmans, a Resonate partner campus minister at Medicine Hat College.
- **World Renew – Gaza:** In grief-filled prayer we stand alongside people in the Gaza region experiencing unfathomable suffering. We pray that all may "seek peace and pursue it." (Ps. 34:14). May God's peace reign to help us be instruments of his peace, seeing all people as his image bearers, worthy of love.
- **Indigenous Christian Fellowship – Programming:** Due to staff transitions and COVID restrictions, our Home Fires Family Youth activities remain significantly limited. Ask the Creator's Spirit to bless staff and volunteers with insight, passion, creativity and love as they develop and deliver culturally appropriate programs to inner-city Indigenous families.
- **Resonate – Lithuania:** "Please continue to pray for peace in all of the regions our students come from, asking that they will become peacemakers," say Resonate missionaries Tricia and Benjamin Groenewold Van Dyk serving at LCC International University. LCC welcomes students from Ukraine and many other countries experiencing war and conflict right now.

