

Prayer Bulletin May 5, 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 thank God for the many people who volunteer their time to teach and lead our covenant children to God. Our Sunday School Teachers, Catechism Teachers, Young People's Leaders, Cadet & GEMS Leaders, ladies who give the Children's Messages...thank you all for your many hours given to help our children follow God their whole life.
- Keep Marla Schrank, daughter of **Sharon Habben**, in your prayers, as she continues to battle pancreatic cancer. We pray for Marla's family, husband and children as well.
- Keep the family of **Nate & Catherine Schreur** in your prayers. They recently had a fire in their house, it was contained to the upstairs bedrooms, but there is still a lot of smoke damage in all parts of the house. (Please see the bulletin with details regarding donating to this family.)
- Continue to keep **Char Granstra** in your prayers. As she heals from a broken arm and also deals with cancer treatments, we pray for strength, patience and healing.
- **Sheldon Love INC Prayer Requests:**
Pray that I can control my depression and anxiety so I don't back slide to things of my past. Pray I don't ruin how far I've come for myself and my kids.
Pray for friends who had a house fire, pray for a friend for healing from knee surgery.
Pray for my son, he needs prayer about school.

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

Denominational Prayer Requests:

- **ReFrame – Japan:** Fumio has been listening to ReFrame's morning devotional programs and journaling each day. He wrote, "The devotional reflections answer the questions I'm worried about on a daily basis and make me feel refreshed." Praise God for Fumio's growing faith.
- **Resonate – Mexico:** Thank God that our former campus ministry students who have graduated are working in social work, business, and for the city," said missionary James Lee, who works with COMPA campus ministry in Mexico. Please pray for these students as they share the love of Christ in their workplaces. Lee equips them to be missionaries wherever God places them.
- **World Renew – West Africa:** Praise God that despite security challenges linked to armed and jihadist groups, World Renew and partners are able to work well and meet objectives in seeing community's flourish. Pray for political and social stability in West Africa and for God's guidance as we work to extend God's love and hope to communities struggling with hunger and poverty.
- **Resonate – Europe:** Missionaries serving among people from a Muslim background in Europe ask you to pray for a woman they are working with, that she may "grow in her trust of the Lord despite her circumstances as an asylum seeker."
- **Thrive – Children & youth:** Please pray for the spiritual development/protection of children/young people in our congregations. Pray also for children's ministry leaders, youth leaders, parents, and caregivers as they model faith practices and help the faith formation of the next generation.
- **Communications – National Day of Prayer (U.S.):** Join Christians across the U.S. today in praying for God's healing and guidance for the nation and the world. May God's will, love, and wisdom guide leaders at all levels for the good of all communities, families, and individuals.