

PAUSE TO PRAY

MAY 10, 2017

SANCTITY OF LIFE & MARRIAGE – Sunday is Mother’s Day. Pray for understanding and the legal protection of the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death and for the legal and constitutional protection of the divine institution of marriage as the covenantal union of one man and one woman. (Genesis 1:26; 2:24; 9:6; Malachi 2:14-15; Mark 10:4-9)

Pray for the **ministry, personal spiritual growth and godly relationships of these missionaries**. Ask God to provide all financial, spiritual and prayer resources to maximize their impact for Jesus’ sake.

David & Synnøve Mitchell (TEAM, Special Assignment)

Paul & Joanie van Gorkom (GoServ Global)

Gil and Norene Zinke (Training Leaders International)

Select one of our **special-interest missionaries** for prayer and intercession. Pray, also, for the **person seated next to you** on Sunday.

Pray for **Gil Zinke** as he departs for overseas training and serving. Ask the Lord to give safety in travel and effectiveness in equipping local leaders for fruitful ministry.

Pray for **Jack B and Colleen S** as they anticipate their upcoming wedding on June 16. Ask the Lord to bless their union and honor their desire to establish a Christian home.

We will acknowledge and remember the **life of Ken L** at a Memorial Service on June 9, planned for 1 p.m. Ask the Lord to use that time to minister to the family and to honor Ken’s memory.

Ask the Lord to guide **members of the Evangel community** during the challenges of transition during these next weeks. The search for employment, new residences, a possible new church home and new relationships are among the concerns that many have. Pray that the guidance and provision that God will show will lead to praise and thanksgiving.

Continue to pray for **Eric Johnson** as he journeys through an extended treatment regimen with the hope of returning to active ministry. Intercede for his wife, Janet, during this time, also.

Many in the Evangel congregation have **family members** who need the Lord’s presence to heal, provide, guide or sustain in a variety of ways. Each person we see on Sunday is part of a larger network of relations who could profit from God’s sustaining grace and goodness. Pray, also, for these same to seek God to be the focus of their lives.

We are seeking volunteers to assist in our **Backyard Bible Club** neighborhood outreach the week of July 24-28. Ask the Lord for a good response in available volunteers and in spiritual impact in the community.

Vineyard church has invited the Evangel community to join them for a baptismal service on June 4 at 6 p.m. and the viewing of a video relating the testimony of John Wimber, founder of the Vineyard movement. The latter is planned for Saturday, June 24, also at 6 p.m. Intercede for these events and the benefits that would arise from them.

Pray for the selection of up to five **Trustees** to serve the “Legacy” fund to be established this fall. The purpose of this fund would be to oversee mission contributions in Evangel’s name over the next several years.

We will hold an **Open Forum** on May 21 to encourage those seeking church connection in their future. Ask the Lord to bring a thoughtful and caring sense to all who attend, along with practical suggestions going forward.

We are planning on **congregational meetings** for June 4 and 11 to discuss and decide on major changes to our bylaws (from a church to a foundation) and the contract to sell our property. Ask the Lord to guide the preparations for these important meetings.

Members & Friends: Dave and Joyce P, Helen R, Dave and Beth S

MISSION UPDATE

The following is from **David and Carmen Gunderson**, Arrive Ministries, Somali Refugees.

Love Somalia is a relief collaborative of faith-based communities. Together, Love Somalia partners have organized the largest Feed My Starving Children MobilePack event to help stave off a famine in Somalia.

Prayer and Praise Items:

- ◆ Praise the Lord for His provision of a Buick Century for David. His Chevy Lumina had 298K miles on it!
- ◆ Pray for the five Somali families waiting for tutors at two apartment buildings in Hopkins.
- ◆ Pray for healing for Bruce Pinke, a SALT coordinator in North Minneapolis, who has been diagnosed with stage 4 Pancreatic cancer.
- ◆ Pray for new SALT sites in Fergus Falls/Pelican Rapids and in Rochester. David will be traveling to both areas in May and June.
- ◆ Pray for food for the many who are suffering from hunger in Somalia, currently in a bad famine. Pray for a great turnout of volunteers to help with packing meals with Feed My Starving Children in the Twin Cities – June 2-5.

If you have a prayer concern you would like to put on the Prayer Chain, please contact Gloria Neal at home or at the church office.

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