

Prayer Topics for 5/15-16/2021

Prayers of Thanksgiving

- For the **continued safe pregnancy** for **Emily & Peter Nolte**. Emily teaches at Mt. Olive. Peter's and her current children, Jonathon and Samantha, are students at MtO. On Friday, Emily revealed that the school-wide vote favoring that her unborn baby was going to be a boy in fact got it right!
- For the safe **birth** this morning (*Sat. 5/15*) of **Sullivan Larry Finke**, Emily Nolte's nephew.
- For the **blessings of life** granted by the Lord to **Dale Foltman** who is celebrating his birthday today (*15th*) though still in Methodist Rehab downtown recovering from brain injuries in a fall (*see below*).
- For the safe move of **JoAnn Roiger** from Des Moines to her hometown of Papillion, Nebraska. (*JoAnn's new address is 501 E. Gold Coast Rd, Apt. 14W, Papillion, NE 68046-477. Her current phone number is 515-802-9524.*)
- For **Ray Hilken's** continued recovery & healing from appendicitis, his return to worship, and the prayers that have helped bring him to this point.

Prayers for Comfort and Hope in Grief:

- That Jesus would grant His resurrection peace and comfort to **Tia Pugh** and her family upon the unexpected death of her mother, **Renell Williams**, in Milwaukee. Tia is the art teacher at Mt. Olive and her husband Andy is on the MtO School Board. Tia was blessed to visit her Mom for Mothers' Day. Mrs. Williams had been in declining health, but death had not been so soon expected.
- That Jesus would also grant His resurrection peace and comfort to **JoAnn Roiger** whose niece, **Christine Bush**, has stopped medical treatments for a variety of health issues and is expected to be taken by the Lord within a few days.

Prayers for Healing and Protection:

- For **Benjamin Buettner**, the uncle of two MtO students, Conner Buettner (*8th gr*) and Eva Buettner (*2nd gr*) and the brother of their dad, Josh Buettner. Ben suffered a gunshot in AZ. Having undergone surgery and hospitalization in an ICU, he has survived and is expected to recover.
- For **Carol Schadt**, wife of Sandi Meyer's coworker, Walt. Healing from surgery for a recurrence of breast cancer, and that the Lord would grant her relief from pain and the gift of His peace
- For **Dale Foltman**, in rehab for recovery from a traumatic brain injury sustained in a fall (*bike accident*).
- For **everyone** who continues to suffer in health, economics or otherwise from the **CoViD-19 pandemic**.
- For the **restoration and healing** of the following people:

Gary McNeeley (*Lori's husband, suffering from a broken leg*);

Lucas McNeeley (*Lori's grandson, suffering from scoliosis and dealing with a back brace*);

Dale Curtice (*MtO member struggling with foot and job issues*) & a **relative w/ cancer**;

Bill Nelson (*friend of Dale Curtice, struggling with various health issues*);

Rev. Dr. **David P. Meyer** (*Dave Meyer's dad, stage 4 melanoma, the ongoing efficacy of treatment & relief from pain*);

Marine Schettler (*Jo Ann Roiger's granddaughter, injured in a car accident going back to college in ND*);

Pat Barlow (*Sue's mother, dealing with breast cancer and decisions about the recommended therapy of chemo & radiation*);

Bill & Connie Bulger (*Joan Koch's brother & sister-in-law, suffering cancer (in chemo) and Parkinson's Disease (deteriorating) respectively*);

John Light's **girlfriend** (*variety of health issues, in a long-term care center (both for healing and CoViD protection)*);

David West (*Lori McNeeley's brother in NM, suffering a variety of health issues, including mobility problems*);

Joan Erickson (*a MtO senior residing at Spurgeon Manor in Dallas Center, suffering arthritis, the complications of age, and the threat of CoViD*);

Debbie Holseid (*a MtO senior residing in senior apartments just down Franklin Ave from MtO, suffering a variety of health issues, the complications of age, and the threat of CoViD*);

Gretchen Versteeg (*a MtO senior residing in her own home, dealing with the complications of age and sheltering in place from CoViD-19*);

Sheri & another relative of Lori & Ken **Discher** who are suffering with breast & pancreatic cancers, respectively;

Matthew Wallace (*the nephew of Kathy Brammeier, suffering with cancer metastasized to his brain, in ongoing recovery from surgery and immunotherapy*).

Other Prayers:

- That the Lord would provide the **necessary financial resources** for His work through Mt. Olive Lutheran **Church** and **thanksgiving** for **those** who have responded to the Lord's prompting to be **generously supporting** His mission of disciple-making in this place.
- That the Lord would continue to bless and provide for the **students and families of Mt. Olive Lutheran School**. We thank the Lord for the blessings with which He has filled these families' lives, and we ask that He would supply their current needs.
- That the Lord would protect and provide for **all the members** of the **Mt. Olive Lutheran Faith Community**, church and school, as well as members of the broader community, who continue to **"shelter in place"** during the pandemic.
- That the Lord would **quickly bring an end to the pandemic**, whether He does that miraculously or medically, and toward the latter that He would bless the production, delivery, and administration of the **CoViD-19 vaccines** and also the lifting of various CoViD-19 safety protocols.
- That the Lord, by His love for us, would move and empower **us to love everyone** who calls our country home and, with His help, to seek to heal the divisions that separate us from one another.
- That the Lord would preserve our **rights and freedoms as Americans**, including especially our freedom to worship Him without hindrance.
- That the Lord would **bless and guide** President **Biden** & Vice President **Harris** and all of their administration; Governor **Reynolds** & Lt. Governor **Gregg** and all of their administration; the **office holders** in local government administrations; the **members** of the **U.S. Congress**, the Iowa State **Legislature**, and **local legislative bodies**; the **justices, judges, and magistrates** of our federal, state, and local **courts** and tribunals, to the end that we all might live peaceful, quiet, and godly lives under His care through them.
- That the Lord would bring about **peace in the world**, especially between Jews and the Palestinians in the Middle East.
- That the Lord would protect **everyone who calls upon the name of Jesus** in the face of persecution & the threat of death (*Martyrdom*).

Prayers for Mt. Olive and its Ministries:

- That the Lord would help **each of us** see where He is at work in the networks of people around us, so that through each of us, living as God's beloved, redeemed children, Jesus' friends, the Good News of the Gospel – Forgiveness and Eternal Life – can be shared and more people moved to become members of the Lord's family – forever!