

WESTWOOD'S WEEK OF PRAYER, JAN 24 – 30, 2021

For our Board of Elders:

- * Give thanks for each one by name and pray God's blessing, peace, and unity on each one, their spouse, and their marriage. (Bob/Shelley Gammer, Johannes/Naomi Giede, Kevin/Dorianna Hoekstra, Sarah/Leland Hanson, Shirley/Ralph Madsen, Richie/Thea Windolf, Rob/Leanne Dyck)
- * Pray for discernment for the Board in their oversight of the whole congregation. Specifically, pray that they would think bigger picture, continually pointing the way forward for the congregation.
- * Pray for a renewed vision and renewed pathway for leadership development within our church family. How will we encourage, develop, and deploy leadership? Our methods of the past have been lacking for some time and this may be the time to rethink this strategic priority.

For Life Group Ministry:

- * for life group leaders to receive ongoing wisdom and strength
- * for all in the life groups to continue pulling together and loving well
- * for each member to see and take their opportunities to bring Jesus to the lost world

For our Youth Ministry:

- * Pray for the youth ministry students who once were regulars, but who have not connected for a long time because of the pandemic. Pray that God would encounter them even in a time of isolation. Pray that the leaders would know how to reach them during this time.
- * for new creativity and vision for our youth team

For our Ministry to Children:

- * that the ministry team will be able to come up with new and viable ways to connect with the families and children
- * that the team will be able to effectively plan for different levels of personal engagement, and be prepared for new protocols (changes in gathering numbers) before they happen
- * that parents will have the Holy Spirit be their guide as they spiritually parent their children
- * for courage for our children; that they will disciple their friends and family in ways that they never have before and that they will see fruit from their conversations and actions
- * for Twyla, that the Holy Spirit will be her guide in all her decisions and conversations with children, parents, and team members

For our Young Adult Ministry:

* that the leaders can maintain connection, and that the young adults stay connected with one other

For our Worship Ministry:

* When the pandemic hit, the team pared down to a core of about 6 to be flexible enough to deal with many logistical challenges that have continued to evolve throughout the year. Corinne and the team continually engage with new technologies and there is training involved with those types of things. Please pray for these issues.

* The team is starting to expand again and bring some fresh faces in, which is extremely fun not just for the team but for those on the other side of the screen! The team would love prayer as they continue to expand and grow in numbers, and yet still flex and flow with the constant changes.

For our “Office” Staff:

* As staff respond to the many and ongoing changes in how we pursue God's mission, our evolving work responsibilities, and even the location we work from (home or office), pray that we take the extra effort needed to communicate well with each other.

For Go (Mission) Ministry:

* Go global request - Pray for the Esaus who are working through ways to get back to Thailand, hopefully in the next month or so.

* Go locally - Pray for Tom Lavigne, Sarah Acosta, Al Reimer, Holly Holden and all the staff working at the MCC apartments, as they seek to be a light there and see community growth in a holistic way.

For our Online Ministry:

* Pray that the spiritually lost, those who have wandered away, and those who have been disenfranchised from church would re-engage online.

* that we would see the potential of online disciple-making.

* for our teaching pastors as they prepare and preach God's word to us
