



# A Guide to Prayer, Pastoral Care and Serving One Another in Community

## **"I WOULD LIKE SOMEONE TO PRAY WITH ME."**

Praying with another person is a comfort that often lightens the burden. Grace has volunteers available after every Sunday morning service who will gladly pray with and for you. You can find them at the stone cross in the alcove at the back of the sanctuary, near the sound booth. Each week the names of these volunteers is given in the Order of Worship.

## **"I WOULD LIKE THE ELDERS TO PRAY FOR ME DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE."**

One of the elders offers an intercessory prayer during our morning worship services. (This is the prayer that ends with us all saying the Lord's Prayer, right before the sermon.) We would be honored to include your prayer request during this time. An elder can pray for you by name or, if you prefer, pray for your situation without giving your name.

If you would like to be included in this prayer, there are two ways: (1) you can get in touch directly with any of the elders, whose contact information is listed in the Order of Worship each week, or (2) you can contact our administrative assistant, Ann Smith, and she will see that your request reaches the elder assigned for this week. You can reach Ann by calling the church office at (605) 201-6444 or e-mailing [ann@graceforsiouxfalls.org](mailto:ann@graceforsiouxfalls.org).

## **"I WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH THE PASTOR."**

You can meet with Pastor Mark in person if you have questions, would like counsel or advice, or have needs you would like to share. You can get in touch with him directly — his contact information is in the Order of Worship every week — or through the church office to arrange a time that works for your schedule.





### **"I WOULD LIKE A PASTOR OR ELDER TO VISIT."**

There are times when people desire a visit from a pastor or elder, either at home, in the hospital, or elsewhere. In these situations you are always free to reach out directly. For simplicity, you may also contact Ann Smith in the church office. She will help with the details of the visit. You can reach Ann by calling the church office at (605) 201-6444 or e-mailing [ann@graceforsiouxfalls.org](mailto:ann@graceforsiouxfalls.org).

### **"I WOULD LIKE TO BRING A NEED TO THE CHURCH'S ATTENTION."**

If you notice a need in the congregation that has not already come to the attention of our elders and deacons, we would appreciate your help in bringing it to our notice. Generally speaking, the elders are concerned with spiritual needs, while the deacons are concerned with service. When you are uncertain with whom to speak, start with Ann Smith, Grace's administrative assistant, and she will help you connect with the right person.

### **"I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE MY CONCERN FOR SOMEONE."**

When you are concerned about someone else's spiritual or physical well-being, start by speaking with that person. Coming alongside one another in times of need is part of being a Christ-centered community. This is how we share one another's burdens.

If you feel someone should speak directly with the pastor or an elder, ask them: "Would you like to speak with the pastor, or an elder?" If the answer is yes, offer to make contact yourself, rather than leaving it up to the individual, as some people are reluctant to ask for help. Contact us, and we will reach out to the one in need.

### **"I WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER."**

If you would like to serve others by volunteering with one of the many ministries happening at Grace, the best place to start is by contacting Ann Smith in the church office. She can help connect you with ministry leaders in need of assistance. We are always looking for more assistance, and would be happy to have your help.

### **"I WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO A NEED."**

Generosity is one of the hallmarks of Christian community. We make a habit of meeting one another's needs. Often, the deacons are aware of ongoing needs, as well as those which cannot be made public. If you want to contribute discreetly in such situations, please let us know about your desire to assist. You can contact the deacons directly, or start by letting our administrative assistant Ann Smith know, and she can put you in touch with the right person.