



AFLC Home Missions Knee-Mail

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Dear Praying Friends,

***"Great are the works of the Lord; they are studied by all who delight in them. Splendid and majestic is His work; and His righteousness endures forever".
(Psalm 111:2-3, NASB)***

As we speak, Pastor Al Monson is heading down Interstate 35W through the middle of a snow storm heading down to Mesa, AZ to take his position as head pastor of Calvary Free Lutheran Church. I just talked to him and he's driving on black ice. He is in need our prayers as he begins that new ministry.

We also need to pray for Minnesota Valley as they look for a new head pastor. They are looking to the Lord to lead them in the future as Pastor Todd Erickson has also resigned his position there and is heading up to Roseau, MN. Please continue to pray for Connie Monson. She will be joining Al sometime early this summer and we want to pray for them as they seek the Lord as they make decisions.

Eldwyn Van Bruggen had prostate cancer surgery on Tuesday. He is doing well. The doctors are saying that at this time that they have not found any additional cancer and are hoping that it's contained. We praise the Lord! Continue to pray for Eldwyn, Bonnie and also his family as his sons come out to visit him these next couple weeks.

We are grateful for you who have been praying for Good Shepherd Lutheran in Camarillo, CA. As we've mentioned before, Pastor Jim Johnson, the AFLBS Bible School dean, will be joining the staff out there in July. He'll be making four separate trips out there to work with the congregation and make adjustments. Also, continue to pray for Katie Nelson. She just became an aunt and will be traveling this weekend to see her sister's baby. We are grateful that her sister had a daughter so that Katie wouldn't have to be an uncle! (Just a joke).

Please pray for Cornerstone Christian Church down in Brandon, FL as they have a pastoral candidate visiting them this weekend. We want to pray for the Lord's will to be done and for the Lord to lead and guide what's taking place down there.

Continue to pray for Mark Benz and Christ Community Church in Hagerstown, MD. They're continuing to work on their Constitution and are making great progress. We're so thankful for them.

We'd also ask that you be in prayer for Glenn Frecks down at Faith Lutheran in Bertrand, NE. His eyes are doing somewhat better and we're thankful to the Lord for working.

Laurie and I had the opportunity to be with Good Shepherd in Madison, SD this past weekend. An amazing thing happened! One of the leaders of the youth group put me in a circle of young people and then had prayer for me before I preached. That was a wonderful thing. It was humbling, empowering, and such a great blessing to have that happen. This was the first time I've ever had that happen in a worship service in over 30 years of ministry. If you want to encourage your pastor, gather around him and pray for him - it is a tremendous blessing.

We ask that you pray for Living Water Church in Parker, CO. They've had some spiritual setbacks. They are having a congregational meeting this Sunday and we are praying for the Lord's will to be done and that it will be very clear to the leadership what God would have them do in the future. Pray for Pastor Jim & Judy Ritter and that they would sense God's leading for the matters at hand.

We also ask you pray for Pastor Tom & Sharon Olson at Faith Lutheran in Mineral Point, WI. Tom is also the Chairman of Lutheran Mission Society and they have some decisions to make. We want to uphold Tom in prayer and ask that God would lead and guide him as he seeks to honor the Lord.

Please continue to be in prayer for Sharon Tungseth (her husband Lauren is on our Home Missions Committee). She has had some health issues and will possibly be visiting Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN this upcoming week. We want to remember her in prayer and that the Lord would lead and guide the doctors.

I just now received a call from Georg Marsteller. He said that Eldwyn Van Bruggen just returned home from his surgery. God is working and we thank the Lord for that!

As we continue on I would like to ask you to be in prayer for the AFLC Home Missions Committee. They have a conference call scheduled for Tuesday night. Pray that the Lord would lead and guide them as they make decisions and look to the future. There are a number of new doors opening before us and we are seeking the Lord and asking Him what He would have us to do. Continue to pray for us.

Be in prayer for Pastor Everald Strom. He's been a part of our Home Missions staff for a number of years and he has been recuperating from some health issues.

Lavon is feeling much better and is back at work from his bout with pneumonia. We thank the Lord for that.

Remember Pat Olson, Pastor Ollie Olson's wife, who has had some health concerns. In several weeks they'll be on the road doing special meetings and we want to remember them in our prayers.

Continue to pray for all of us here at Home Missions. Pray that the Lord would be leading and guiding us. Also pray for me as I teach in the seminary this semester. Pray that the Lord would give us grace and wisdom in the days ahead.

Sincerely in Him,

Paul M. Nash, Director
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