

Call to Prayer

January 27, 2019

Adoration: 1 Chronicles 29:10-13

“Praise be to you, O’Lord, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours, O’Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O’Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted over head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.”

Confession: 1 John 1:8-10

“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.”

Thanksgiving: Psalm 7:17

“I will give thanks to the Lord because of his righteousness and will sing praise to the name of the Lord Most High.”

Pastoral Search Committee Members:

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Prayer Requests:

- Pray that we would fix our thoughts and our eyes on Jesus, “the apostle and high priest we confess” and the “founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God” (Hebrews).
- We are his children, slaves of righteousness, Christ’s ambassadors, called to proclaim the gospel in Gurnee and around the world. Called to make disciples. Help us Lord not to grow weary or complain; but to encourage one another, during this time of waiting.
- Pray for Pastor Todd that he would remain strong in the Lord, that the Holy Spirit would strengthen him and empower him to proclaim the gospel, equipping the saints for the work ahead.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit is preparing the heart and mind of the next Lead Pastor of Village Church, that he will have the “peace of God” when called to serve, to preach, and shepherd our congregation.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will raise up men and women to “stand firm in the faith,” making the commitment to “lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race set before us”. Believing that God has a plan for the folks of Village Church of Gurnee, to worship and serve him.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit strengthens and encourages the members of the Search Committee. Pray that they would not trust in their own wisdom, but lean, depend upon, and yield to the Holy Spirit to guide them, as they work with Todd Clark of the Slingshot Group.
- Pray that the Elders will not grow weary or discouraged, that they will “set their hearts and minds on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Not on earthly things.”
- Give the Elders and the Ministry Leaders vision to reach out into the community and around the world, to proclaim the gospel and disciple men and women.
- Help us/me, to be a welcoming church where the resurrected Christ is proclaimed with grace and truth. Help us/me to be “doers of the Word and not hearers only”.
- Pray for Pastor Jason as he leads our congregation in worship, to draw us closer to the Lord on Sunday mornings, to prepare our hearts for the message from God’s Word, to celebrate our Lord and all he has done for us.
- Praise God for the generous Thanksgiving 2018 donations, over \$47,000.
- Pray that the hearts of Village Church attendees would be financially generous as we have seen less support over the last few months to meet the needs of the church ministries (budget).
- Pray for the families of Village Church as they seek to walk faithfully with God in this fallen world.
- Pray for the Men’s Coordinator, Paul Alleman and the Women’s Coordinator, Emily Schmidt and their outreach ministries including the No Regrets Conference (Men) and the If: Gathering 2019 (Women).

- Continue to pray for Aaron Mead and Tom Rasmussen and the Global Outreach Committee as they seek to serve the missionaries Village Church supports.
- Pray for the Explore God outreach that it would be effective in reaching our neighbors with the gospel.

Prayer Requests-Children and Youth Ministries:

- Pray for Pastor Aaron Mead as he leads the Middle School Ministry, for wisdom as he ministers to these young men and women; grant him discernment.
 - Pray that the Winter Retreat made an impact on these kids, that they will seek out guidance when confronted by challenges presented by the world, the flesh and (our old enemy) Satan.
 - Pray for Aaron as he meets with parents, to encourage them and provides resources for them, so that their home stands firm for Christ.
- Pastor Dan Hays and the High School Ministry:
 - Pray for the upcoming Dinner and Auction on Saturday, March 2.
 - Pray that folks will be generous in bidding for the items and that enough funds will be raised to support the three mission teams going out this coming summer to Camp Barnabas, Navajo Nation, and Love Thy Neighbor in Waukegan. For the team members, that they would prepare well for these mission trips, that their relationship with the Lord would deepen.
 - Pray for Dan and his team as they minister to the students, keep them alert to the needs of the kids, give them wisdom when answering questions and preparing them to serve.
 - Pray that the Lord will provide the funds for the mission teams, through the dinner and auction and support gifts.
 - Pray the Lord would provide the wisdom, the rest, and the strength that Dan and his team will need as they lead the High School Ministry.
- Pray for Martha Dondit and her team of dedicated volunteers, that God would raise up more folks to shepherd these young children; critical need for “subs” for Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings.
 - Planning for Vacation Bible School is in full swing and this event requires “all hands on deck”, hundreds of kids will be exposed to the gospel message, so consider your part in this “full speed ahead” event.
 - That the Kid Zone and Kid Trek ministries would touch the lives of these children and that they would open their hearts and minds to our Savior.