

CLASSIS CENTRAL PLAINS – PRAYER AND PRAISE

COMPLETED BY THE COUNCIL OF Cedar CRCNA.

Note: As you prepare for classis, please reflect as a council on the following questions as they relate to your congregation's ministry during the last six months. List as many items as your desire. Use the back of this sheet if necessary.

We are thankful for these experiences of God's blessing in the life of our congregation:

1. Active Cadet Club - about 9 boys only 1 of which is a member of Cedar Church
2. Excellent spirit of love & joy in the congregation
- 3.

We are excited about the following opportunities we have had to Bring Christ's Comfort to those outside of our congregation:

1. Diaconal opportunities with families in the community
- 2.
- 3.

We ask for the prayers of classis in these areas as we look to the challenges and opportunities of the next six months:

1. Direction for both lay and pastoral leadership
- 2.
- 3.

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COMPLETED BY THE COUNCIL OF PEACE CRCNA for the Sept. 22, 2018, meeting.

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We are thankful for these experiences of God's blessing in the life of our congregation:

1. Thanking God for people who have arrived at Peace over the past year.
2. Thanking God for the economy growth and level of unemployment right now.
3. The involvement of new members in various aspects of ministry.

We are excited about the following opportunities we have had to *Bring Christ's Comfort* to those outside of our congregation:

1. Navigating the intricacies of the immigration system.
2. For wisdom for all of our churches as we try to help people with addictions or mental illness.
3. Wisdom as we attempt to communicate our love more clearly to the people who live around the church building as well as around our individual homes.

We ask for the prayers of classis in these areas as we look to the challenges and opportunities of the next six months:

1. That God would help people to connect to a small group who desire that connection.
2. New beginning for our council and administration team as we go in a new direction.
3. Large assistance challenges over the past month.

CLASSIS CENTRAL PLAINS – PRAYER AND PRAISE

COMPLETED BY THE COUNCIL OF __Leighton_____ CRCNA.

We are thankful for these experiences of God's blessing in the life of our congregation:

1. New Pastor and wife: Rev. Rich Loerop and Evelyn
2. Successful Vacation Bible School
3. The faithfulness of God through the 125 year history of Leighton CRC.

We are excited about the following opportunities we have had to *Bring Christ's Comfort* to those outside of our congregation:

1. Vacation Bible School
2. Fourth of July celebration where Leighton CRC hosted the Lyon's cub dinner.
3. Members volunteered in the Fourth of July celebrations

We ask for the prayers of classis in these areas as we look to the challenges and opportunities of the next six months:

1. Celebrating 125th anniversary on October 21, 2018.
2. Fall kickoff with GEMS and Cadets: specifically for follow up with community children from VBS.
3. Volunteers to lead GEMS and Cadets.
4. Guidance as leadership reflects on what God is calling Leighton CRC to be and do.
5. A spirit of unity and enthusiasm for ministry between Leighton and Tracy.

Classis Central Plains – Prayer and Praise

COMPLETED BY THE COUNCIL OF **Newton CRC**.

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We are thankful for these experiences of God's blessing in the life of our congregation:

1. We had a great turnout from our church to help prepare for and facilitate our VBS program.
2. We have several new families visiting, and two babies on the way.
3. The bi-weekly prayer meeting that we started last fall has grown, and we are seeing God work through our prayers.

We are excited about the following opportunities we have had to *Bring Christ's Comfort* to those outside of our congregation:

1. We offered free evening meals in conjunction with our VBS this year.
2. We have had a very active benevolence ministry this last year.

We ask for the prayers of classis in these areas as we look to the challenges and opportunities of the next six months:

1. This fall, we are planning to launch a monthly event that will minister the gospel to unchurched families in our community through a free meal, music, teaching, games, crafts, and relationship-building.
2. We are also seeking ways to more deliberately minister to the youth in our church.
3. We are also currently starting up a praise team for our AM Service.

CLASSIS CENTRAL PLAINS – PRAYER AND PRAISE

COMPLETED BY THE COUNCIL OF _____Oskaloosa Bethel____ CRCNA.

We are thankful for these experiences of God's blessing in the life of our congregation:

1. Two new families joining,
2. Birth and baptism of covenant children,
3. Making progress in developing a youth group

We are excited about the following opportunities we have had to *Bring Christ's Comfort* to those outside of our congregation:

1. Meal for LOVE INC,
2. Individuals who minister to various community members.

We ask for the prayers of classis in these areas as we look to the challenges and opportunities of the next six months:

1. God raising up Youth Group Leaders,
2. Discipleship,
3. God calling a leader for Small Group Ministry

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COMPLETED BY THE COUNCIL OF _____Oskaloosa First____ CRCNA.

We are thankful for these experiences of God's blessing in the life of our congregation:

1. Recent Baptisms and Professions of Faith
2. Installation of 2 pastors
3. Several births
4. Vibrancy and growth in the congregation

We are excited about the following opportunities we have had to *Bring Christ's Comfort* to those outside of our congregation:

1. Mississippi Work Trip
2. Kick-Off Service for Lake View Camp
3. Parking Lot Praise
4. Monthly Friendship Services
5. Services at Retirement Homes

We ask for the prayers of classis in these areas as we look to the challenges and opportunities of the next six months:

1. Society and Sunday School Programs
2. Love, INC (In the Name of Christ) programs
3. Larger Youth Group

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September, 2018

COMPLETED BY THE COUNCIL OF Calvary CRC Pella, IA CRCNA.

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We are thankful for these experiences of God's blessing in the life of our congregation:

- 1. Chicago and Massachusetts Youth Mission trips**
- 2. Children's worship participation**
- 3. VBS attendance**

We are excited about the following opportunities we have had to *Bring Christ's Comfort* to those outside of our congregation:

- 1.**
- 2.**
- 3.**

We ask for the prayers of classis in these areas as we look to the challenges and opportunities of the next six months:

- 1. GEMS**
- 2. Cadets**
- 3. Youth**

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We are thankful for these experiences of God's blessing in the life of our congregation:

1. Celebrating 50 years as a Church congregation
2. Faithful preaching of the Word
3. For our Youth Program with over 50 students attending and for Jeremy Engbers and his leadership of this program

We are excited about the following opportunities we have had to *Bring Christ's Comfort* to those outside of our congregation:

1. Our Youth Programs (Youth Group, Gems, Cadets) that consists of many students outside of our church
2. Kids Hope and Backpack programs
3. Coffee Break program
4. Project Serve (trips to Compton, CA and Cary, MS)

We ask for the prayers of classis in these areas as we look to the challenges and opportunities of the next six months:

1. Continued unity among our church members
2. For direction and guidance as we develop a new curriculum and plan for high school and adult Sunday School
3. The movement of people to volunteer to support the church's mission and ministries.

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We are thankful for these experiences of God's blessing in the life of our congregation:

1. New Worship/Discipleship Leader
2. People willing to volunteer
3. Discipleship Class well attended

We are excited about the following opportunities we have had to Bring Christ's Comfort to those outside of our congregation:

1. 3 Summer Worship Services in West Market Park.
2. Youth Group did Serve Project with youth outside of our congregation
3. Gems programs include

We ask for the prayers of classis in these areas as we look to the challenges and opportunities of the next six months:

1. New Governance Structure to be implemented
2. Prayer for New Worship Leader to be accepted and followed
3. Wisdom in discussing Women on office with congregation

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COMPLETED BY THE COUNCIL OF PEORIA CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH.

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We are thankful for these experiences of God's blessing in the life of our congregation:

1. Public profession of faith of some of our younger members.
2. Men's Bible study that met throughout the summer months.
3. "Secret Sisters" prayer program in which women of the congregation "lift each other up in the Lord."

We are excited about the following opportunities we have had to *Bring Christ's Comfort* to those outside of our congregation:

1. Well attended and successful summer Vacation Bible School.
2. Good community response to our summer hog roast.
3. Willingness of those who served on spring/summer mission or service projects.

We ask for the prayers of classis in these areas as we look to the challenges and opportunities of the next six months:

1. Blessing for new season of Sunday School, Cadets, GEMS, Youth Group, Bible study groups.
2. God's guidance and blessing as we encourage the congregation to pass on the faith to the next generation.
3. God's blessing as we encourage, comfort, and tend to the needs of those who have recently lost spouses and siblings.

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We are thankful for these experiences of God's blessing in the life of our congregation:

1. Congregations support of three others dealing with major health issues.
2. Gabe's celebration in May for being seizure free for a year.
3. Financial support of the ministry at PCCRC
4. The opportunities for adoption and foster care that have been taken up by PCCRC members

We are excited about the following opportunities we have had to *Bring Christ's Comfort* to those outside of our congregation:

1. Council hosting the picnic for the residences at the Prairie City Apartment.
2. Working along side PCUMC, PC Brethren, and PC First RCA to help affect the life of the children in the Prairie City area through VBS.
3. Ethan and others going to Haiti.
4. Working along side PCUMC, PC Brethren, and PC First RCA to help affect the life of the children in the Prairie City area through VBS.
5. Working with UCI in raising money to start their pig farming program at the university.

We ask for the prayers of classis in these areas as we look to the challenges and opportunities of the next six months:

1. Mission trip to Haiti working with United Christian International ministry.
2. For God to raise up the volunteers needed for the upcoming program year.
3. The many health concerns for members in our congregation.
4. Possible sabbatical for Pastor Matt McClure and his family.

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COMPLETED BY THE COUNCIL OF __Tracy_____ CRCNA.

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We are thankful for these experiences of God's blessing in the life of our congregation:

1. New Pastor and wife: Rev. Rich Loerop and Evelyn
2. Successful Vacation Bible School

We are excited about the following opportunities we have had to *Bring Christ's Comfort* to those outside of our congregation:

1. Vacation Bible School
2. Meeting with the Planning Committee for the Fall Tracy Festival.

We ask for the prayers of classis in these areas as we look to the challenges and opportunities of the next six months:

1. Fall kickoff with GEMS and Cadets: specifically for community children to respond to these ministries. Also for volunteer teachers for Sunday School
2. Members involvement in the Tracy Festival.
3. Guidance as leadership reflects on what God is calling Tracy to be and do.
4. A spirit of unity and enthusiasm for ministry between Leighton and Tracy.

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COMPLETED BY THE COUNCIL OF Crossroads Fellowship CRCNA.

We are thankful for these experiences of God's blessing in the life of our congregation:

1. New visitors/members
2. Hearing directly from missionaries every 5th Sunday
3. Strong unity and leadership among the elders of Crossroads
4. The successful fund-raising efforts to rebuild five Liberian churches
5. The well attended Men's retreat to review the material in the book "Man in the Mirror" by Patrick Morley
6. Faithful participation in worship and blessed in reaching financial goals
7. Compassion and care for one another
8. Thankful for new council members willing to serve

We are excited about the following opportunities we have had to *Bring Christ's Comfort* to those outside of our congregation:

1. Responding regularly to benevolent needs in the community
2. The successful mission trip to Liberia including four members from our church to see the completed churches and celebrate Christ with the people of Liberia
3. The congregation support and participation in the Des Moines Food Pantry and homeless shelter dinners

We ask for the prayers of classis in these areas as we look to the challenges and opportunities of the next six months:

1. Continued fruitfulness and faithfulness in all areas of ministry
2. Focus on discipleship for the current year and years ahead
3. That unity and joy in Christ would be experience by all members
4. To move into phase II of supporting the Liberian churches by raising \$20,000 to rebuild & remodel 4 churches in the Ivory Coast.
5. Continue to build from the men's retreat by starting a men's discipleship group meeting Sunday nights using the material from the book, "Man in the Mirror"
6. Wisdom in meeting benevolent needs
7. Blessings on new year of Sunday School and Awana