



## CHURCH FAMILY CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS

May 3 | Savanna Kielstra

May 4 | Calvin Breukelman, Sophie VanDorp

May 6 | **Barb Giraud**, Brooks Grootenboer, Mark Gauthier, Matthew Feenstra, pat Blink

May 7 | Annika Anderson, James Jansen, Nathan Gorter

May 8 | Abigail VanDeventer, Mason Dekker, Rashida Badal, Shelly Floris, Tracey Vander-Molen

May 9 | Alana DeJong, Spencer Feenstra

### ANNIVERSARIES

May 4 | **Henry & Alice Groothof** - 65 years

May 5 | **Clarence & Marie VanDorp** - 62 years

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Two young couples will be getting married this week! Please left them up in prayer as they begin this new chapter together, that the Lord remains the center of their marriage. Congratulations to Abigail VanDeventer & Alex Durupt; and Kyle Helsloot & Jasmine Beaulac.

The Groothof family covet your prayers. This week Tuesday, May 5 there will be a celebration of life for Roy Groothof who passed away on April 18. May God comfort all who mourn. The memorial service will take place here at Gateway.

Sandra & Brian Barthel, Heather & Ray Hoogland, and Kim & Chris Coleman ask for prayers in the coming week, regarding the death of their parents, Arnie & Joanne DeJong, for a verdict that ensures justice for the crime that was committed. We pray for wisdom for the judge, for patience and grace for the whole family as they approach not only the anniversary of their loss, but also the verdict after a long period of waiting and delays through a painful trial. Overall, the family asks for the prayers of their Christian community, for strength to face Friday and all that will happen, and through all that follows, that no matter what, they can continue to find peace in knowing that their parents are safe in the arms of Jesus.

## **COMMUNITY NEEDS**

Each week, as a church family, we pray for a fellow Abbotsford church and school, and one of our missionary partners. This week we pray for:

- Redeemer Bible Church, their pastor, staff, and congregation
- Students, teachers, and staff at Eugene Reimer Middle School
- April Missionary Focus - Monique Mattatall
- The special offering for **April 26** is designated for **CRCNA Thrive Ministries**