

**PRAISE & PRAYER**  
**April 8, 2026**  
**First Mennonite Church**

**PRAISE:**

Father, we celebrate the triumph of Your Son, Jesus Christ, over death and the grave! He rose from the dead as the glorious firstfruit of all who place their faith in Him. His resurrection broke the power of sin, and because He lives we know that our death is not the end, but the beginning of eternal life.

Pray for our workers of the week: Dan & Arlene B.

**Praises:**

- **Praise** God for Jesus' sacrifice for us and the opportunity to publicly celebrate His death and resurrection, reminding us of the life we have in Christ. Alleluia!
- **Praise** God for the celebration of 70 years of Bible translation work in Papua New Guinea! It's hard to imagine that we have served the PNG Branch for about half that time.
- **Praise** God for the completion of the processing of the Nara language New Testament, recording and the corrections made during the process.
- **Praise** God for the Gospel videos being distributed in the Onobasulu, Ubuvala and Gapapaiwa languages.
- **Praise** for the good anniversary vacation we had at the outer banks.

**Prayers:**

- **Pray** for God's people in PNG to hunger for God's Word and learn to live out what God has placed in their hearts.
- **Pray** for more energy, focus, and rest for Dan as it's a busy time and hard to juggle the different audio, church, and family work responsibilities.
- **Pray** for wisdom as Dan seeks to train the PNG members on procedures he does so they can begin doing some of Dan's regular tasks.
- **Pray** for time to complete older projects that have been put on hold due to more pressing New Testament dedication deadlines.

**World:** Peace in our world begins with God. **Pray** that people would find true peace through Jesus in these tumultuous times.

Pray for 6 unspoken requests.

**CHURCH:** Continue to **pray** as the church searches for a youth pastor. Continue **praying** for all of the adult volunteers as they lead the youth group at this time.

**Persecuted Church: Pray** for the underground church in North Korea as it continues to grow quietly and courageously, even under the shadow of fear. **Pray** for endurance as many have been arrested by authorities. **Pray** for the guards, interrogators, and other officials—that they will be touched by the witness of Christians and turn to Christ.

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL**

**Hospital:** Roger Beck (treatment/tests at Adams Memorial for intestinal issues); Roger Von Gunten (pacemaker and defibrillator surgery today at Lutheran Hospital); Abby Tumbleson (making good progress at Lutheran Hospital and has been transferred to rehab); Reverend Stan Liechty (at Lutheran Hospital following a fall)

**Swiss Village:** Twyla Sprunger (on Hospice; **pray** for strength and encouragement)

**Home:** Lois Lehman (has finished therapy; **pray** for continued healing)

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE A PART OF THE CHURCH FAMILY**

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| • Elise Neuenschwander             | • Fred & Charlotte Linn              |
| • Marie Neuenschwander             | • Anhelina Hodunko                   |
| • Tim Sprunger                     | • Milly Fox                          |
| • Nathan Liechty                   | • Bob & Betty Reinhard               |
| • Jeff, Katrina, Indi & Dax Lehman | • Jeff, Megan, Nate & Josh Linthicum |

**PRAYER:**

Lord, we ask for an inward renewal—that we may die to our old selves and live in the spirit of Your resurrection. Strengthen our faith, renew our spirits, and may the message of Easter inspire us to live with faith, hope, and love each day. Let our lives be reflections of Your love and instruments of Your peace, carrying the hope of this victory to a broken world.

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Please phone Praise & Prayer items to the church office, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., 589-3108; or Jim Schwartz, 525-0124