

PRAISE & PRAYER
July 2, 2025
First Mennonite Church

PRAISE:

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Pray for our workers of the week: Lo*** & P**.

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Pray for comfort for Craig & Lora Sprunger, Bill & Gretta Lehman, Dave & Kathy Bauman, and other family and friends in the death of Betty Lehman on July 2.

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FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Hospital: Allyson Gilbert and Brayden Gilbert (had hip surgery yesterday in Indianapolis)

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Home: Suanne Sprunger (pray for strength as she recovers after a recent hospitalization); Lora Sprunger (will soon undergo a month of radiation)

FOR THOSE WHO ARE A PART OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

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| • Marvin & Shelby Zimmerman | • Ron & Karleen Sprunger |
| • Stan & Dianne Von Gunten | • Jeff & Becky Bryan |
| • Steve & Mary Beth Huser | • Terry Jones |
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PRAYER:

Lord, as we strive to fulfill Your purpose for us, let us be reminded that nothing can separate us from Your love. Grant us the courage to follow You and to be obedient to Your call in our lives. Help us to trust You more and to turn to You in times of difficulty and distress. Help us grow in our faith and to be conformed to the image of Your Son, Jesus Christ. We surrender our lives to You, knowing that You will work all things for our good.

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Praises & Prayers:

- **Pray** for grace for us as we've been traveling and meeting people for seven weeks.
- **Pray** for our co-workers in our focus country that work under considerable pressure of opposition.
- Please **pray** for safety in returning to our focus country.

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