

PRAISE & PRAYER
August 19, 2026
First Mennonite Church

PRAISE:

Father, we praise You for showing us the narrow gate that leads to life. Thank You that You have not left us without direction, but have given us Your Word to guide our steps. We praise You for calling us away from the easy and popular path and inviting us to follow the way that leads to true life. Thank You for being faithful to lead, strengthen, and sustain us as we walk with You.

Pray for our workers of the week: Douglas & Kerry B.

PRAYERS:

- Please **pray** for unity and clarity at B2THEWORLD as we are a globally dispersed team.
- **Pray** that God would give us consistent and excellent communication as we work together from afar.
- Please continue to **pray** for discernment and direction for all of us at B2THEWORLD, especially for Ben, who is our chief decision maker (among other things), as big decisions need to be made in the next month.
- **Pray** for wars around the world to cease.
- **Pray** for children, families, and communities who are impacted by war. **Pray** that God would sustain them in every way.
- Finally, **pray** for Kerry as she starts her new job and Elias, Adeline, and Oliver as they start a new school year soon.

PRAISES:

- We **praise** God for providing toilets for St. Mary's Academy, a school in South Sudan whose students learn outside under trees. The final stages of construction are happening now!
- Our family is **praising** God and celebrating that Kerry is starting as lead teacher at a local Christian school. She gets to point preschool children to Jesus!
- We are **praising** God for every good and perfect gift He provides: warm summer days, food, the ability to ride my bicycle to work, clean water, community, family, God's direction, provision, and breakthrough in areas of our lives, and so many more things!

Pray for 6 unspoken requests.

Pray for comfort for the family and friends of Leona Neuenschwander, who passed away on August 18.

Persecuted Church: In North Korea, the Kim regime publicly declared that underground churches are near extinction in the country. However, a large underground church does still exist. **Pray** with believers who follow Jesus in utter secrecy and for continued growth in the underground church.

CHURCH: Pray for the Church family DTS that is starting in September, with a mission trip to the Dominican Republic scheduled for June 21-26, 2027. **Pray** for those whom the Holy Spirit is prompting to be part of this group to follow His leading. Ryan Sprunger is serving with MDS in Spencer, Iowa, and will be gone for the rest of August.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Hospital: Sue (Phil) Wulliman (recovering at Lutheran from a procedure for a blood clot; also pray for strength as she begins chemo treatments soon)

Swiss Village: Kenlyn Sprunger (in rehab following a hospital stay); Louise Lehman (in rehab); Myrna Bauman (**pray** that the cause of her physical issues will be found soon)

Home: Floyd Liechty (recovering from back surgery); Norman Sprunger (recovering from cataract surgery); Gyneth Sutton (recovering after a heart procedure); Lois Lehman (**pray** for continued healing of her short-term memory)

FOR THOSE WHO ARE A PART OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

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| • Brayden & Wendy Gilbert | • Curt & Lori Sprunger |
| • Brad & Debra Linthicum | • Andrea Morales |
| • Ted & Gretta Beitler | • Craig & Lora Sprunger |
| • Danielle Alberson | • Norman Sprunger |
| • Grant, Jess, Ben & Lilly Meyer | • John, Renelle, Isaac, Christian, Hannah, Lydia, Clara & Miriam Stauffer |

PRAYER:

Lord, sometimes the broad road looks easier and more attractive. Help us not to be deceived by appearances. Give us courage to choose obedience over convenience and truth over popularity. When we feel alone because we are following a different path, remind us that You are with us. Strengthen our faith and help us trust that the narrow way ultimately leads to life.

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