

PRAISE & PRAYER
August 5, 2026
First Mennonite Church

PRAISE:

Father, Thank You for the spiritual gifts You graciously give to Your people: hospitality to welcome others with Christ's love, evangelism to boldly share the Good News, prophecy to speak Your truth with humility, encouragement to strengthen weary hearts, discernment to recognize Your will, and faith to trust You in every circumstance. May these gifts bring glory to You and build up Your church.

Pray for our workers of the week: Kurt & Katie C.

PRAISES & PRAYERS:

- We **praise** the Lord specifically for 15 years of ministry. The Lord has always provided what we needed and has been faithful to bring much fruit, and gracious to allow us to see it and experience some of the harvest. He has provided funding and people continuously and abundantly.
- We also **praise** the Lord that Max and Derek decided to get baptized this summer. We **praise** God that they are taking their faith seriously, and walking with Him intentionally.
- Our **prayer** request would be for the continued healing from Max and Derek's eye surgeries and for the completion of the alignment.

Thank you again for your continued prayers and love. It's an honor to have First Mennonite continuously lifting us up.

Pray for 5 unspoken requests.

Persecuted Church: Pray for Christian believers in Iran. May the Lord preserve them and help them remain steadfast in their faith amid challenging circumstances including increased monitoring, chaos, confusion, arrests, and imprisonment. **Pray** they would experience Christ's presence in specific, unmistakable moments.

CHURCH: Pray for students, teachers, and administrators as school begins soon. **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.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Swiss Village: Louise Lehman (recovering after hip surgery); Myrna Bauman (struggling with nausea and pain; **pray** for relief and that they will find the cause of these issues); Leona Neuenschwander (on hospice)

Envive: Jayne Mann (recovering from a broken arm)

Home: Cheryl Walker (recovering at home after a hospital stay this past week; **pray** for her to gain strength); Sue (Phil) Wulliman (diagnosed with recurring colon cancer); Lois Lehman (**pray** for continued healing of her short-term memory); Gyneth Sutton (scheduled for a heart valve repair on August 12)

FOR THOSE WHO ARE A PART OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

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| • Paul & Carla Bluhm | • Randy & Kenda Amstutz |
| • Kenneth Richardson | • Katie Bluhm |
| • Don & Jean Lehman | • Becky Jackson |
| • Kent & Becky Lehman | • Karen Bauman |
| • LaDene Lehman | • Jim & Lora Flueckiger |

PRAYER:

Lord, help us to discover, develop, and faithfully use every gift You have entrusted to us. Guide our hearts, strengthen our abilities, and show us how to serve others with humility, love, and obedience. May every gift be exercised in love, empowered by Your Holy Spirit, and used to strengthen Your church and bring glory to Jesus Christ. Make us willing servants who joyfully use what You have given for the good of others and the advancement of Your Kingdom.

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