

**PRAISE & PRAYER**  
**September 10, 2025**  
**First Mennonite Church**

**PRAISE:**

Lord, thank You for the spiritual gift of evangelism, giving us the privilege to share Your Good News. Fill our hearts with gratitude and a new zeal for sharing Your message, and give us the courage to do so without fear of rejection. Help us remember that evangelism is simply telling what You have done, and to proclaim Your name among the nations.

**Pray** for our workers of the week: Eldon & Jan.

**Prayers:**

- A friend in India once prayed in very broken English, "Lord, help us to be smelly!" His prayer meant, of course, that we would "be the pleasing aroma of Christ" (2 Cr. 2:14-16). **Pray** we will spread the aroma of Christ to those we encounter. **Pray** the refugees we have met recently, or known for many years, would move closer to trust in Jesus as they hear the stories of Him and His love for them.
- As Jan leads weekly Bible studies with teenagers in the juvenile detention lock-up, **pray** the youth will follow the Holy Spirit's direction to learn the Word and see change in their lives. Also **pray** for the ladies serving the last six months of their sentences at Redemption House (where Jan helps lead Bible studies), that they will surrender to Jesus and embrace the Word of God to deeply change their lives.
- Jan also teaches English at the International House to refugee and immigrant women. Many are M'lims. **Pray** the Lord's love through Christian volunteers will influence them, changing the way they view what following Jesus means, and sharing with their families.
- A young Christian Chin (Burmese) husband and father of five is on dialysis, facing a possible kidney transplant. Eldon has been asked to help him manage the transplant work-up process, requiring attention to details while working through language and cultural challenges. **Pray** things will go smoothly and for protection of his health in the process.

**Pray** for 6 unspoken requests.

**CHURCH: Pray** for Conner Hyman as he returns to Costa Rica today for another year with Vida220, and also to Josie Shoaf as she leaves to go back to YWAM Colorado Springs.

**Persecuted Church: Pray** for God's strength for Christian men in Cameroon's Far North, a region terrorized by Boko Haram. Men carry the weight of providing for and protecting their family from attack and kidnapping.

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL**

**Hospital:** Roger Beck (at Lutheran following a fall); Saveliev family (their baby son was born on Monday at Riley Hospital and he will have surgery soon)

**Swiss Village:** Jane Velasco (recovering after a recent hospitalization); Becky Jackson (recovering from gall bladder surgery); Carol Lerdal (**pray** for continuing strength)

**Home:** Brooke Fruechte (recovering after an accident and shoulder surgery); Megan Linthicum (had outpatient surgery today); Karen Lehman (recovering at home); Sheree Barkley (scheduled for surgery on Sept. 24; **pray** for her sugar to be regulated and for more strength); Lora Sprunger (will continue immunotherapy through December; **pray** that she would continue to gain strength); Suanne Sprunger (continuing chemo; **pray** for minimal side effects and healing)

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

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| • Rick, Tiffany & Isaac Gorrell             | • Jayne Mann                              |
| • Bruce Granger                             | • Barbara J. Sprunger                     |
| • Grace Sprunger                            | • Jeff & Becky Lehman                     |
| • Dave & Judy Fox                           | • Jane Uhrick                             |
| • Chris, Shelby, Forrest & Nelleigh Reusser | • Doug, Sarah, Kamden & Clayton Linthicum |

**PRAYER:**

Father, there are so many people who do not know You. Please open doors for us to have conversations and opportunities to show Your love. Send Your Holy Spirit to work in their hearts and minds, drawing them closer to You. Soften hearts that may have been hardened by past experiences, break down walls of doubt, and remove the veil from their eyes so that they may see Your truth. Make Yourself known to them in times of need so that they will look to You as their source of ultimate and eternal joy.

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