Updates on our Church Family

- Congratulations to **Noah and Paige Bartels** on the birth of their daughter, **Sienna Marie.** She was born on October 4th. She came 5 weeks early so she is spending some time in the NICU. She is getting better each day, and this week the doctors took her off oxygen. They are unsure when she will be able to go home yet. Prayers for continued progress and the ability to go home.

- Lift up **Evelyn Kayser** in your prayers. Evelyn will have an achilles tendon lengthening surgery next week Thursday, October 15th. She will spend one night in the hospital for monitoring and 5-6 weeks in casts after surgery. Prayers for a successful surgery, smooth recovery and patience through healing for a busy little girl. *A prayer quilt for Evelyn is hanging in the Fellowship Hall. Please stop to tie a knot and say a prayer.*

- **Scott Wick** had tests and scans done on Wednesday at Mayo. The scans show everything is stable. Praise the Lord! The doctors recommend he takes a week off from using the Optune to help his head heal. He'll do scans again in Sioux Falls in two months.

- Continue to keep **Natalie Luebke,** a high school senior, in your prayers. She is currently going through chemotherapy for stage 3 Hodgkin lymphoma. Pray for her peace and courage, her family's strength, and wisdom for her doctors in choosing the best treatment.

- Keep **Jennifer Foltz** in your prayers as she will have a CT scan on October 9th for an annual check on the neuroendocrine tumor they found two years ago. She'll then meet with a new oncologist to determine next steps. Pray for continued clear results with no growth.

Updates on our Extended Church Family

- Lift up **Dennis Olsen's friend, Bruce,** who had surgery on his back Friday morning. He broke hi L1 vertebrae while being a good Samaritan. Prayers that the surgery was successful and for a quick recovery.

- **Matt Punt (Yusten's / Schoep's nephew)** continues to recover from his plane crash in May 2026. Please pray for complete healing of his body (hands, right foot, wounds, skin grafts, prosthetic area) and for a positive outcome for the appeal with the VA. Thank you so much for your continued prayers!

Remember our shut-ins with prayers and visits:
Bernice Ymker, Jeanette Gelderman, Bob Graff,
Don & Carol Nugteren, Ronn & Rita King, Lorelei Hoff,
Shirley Christensen, Sandy VanDenHoek, Joyce Egge

Note of Appreciation

Thank you so much 1st Reformed Church for all you uplifting prayers for Christy Thompson and our family. For all your prayers, phone calls, and food brought in. Our family appreciates you so very, very much. -Darlene Nordman.

Please keep in prayer the missionaries we support:

- **Nathan & Nozomi Brownell,** Serving in Yokohama, Japan
- **Roger & Sue**
- **Curt & Kelly VanEkeren** with Casa del la Esperanze, Serving in San Luis Rio Colorado, Mexico
- **Wayne & Miho Jansen,** Serving in Tokyo, Japan
- **Steve & Brit M.**
- **Mission Jamaica & CHAPS**, serving in Montego Bay area of Jamaica
- **Nicholas & Katie Tifft** with Cru

Please be in prayer for Curt and Kelly VanEkeren as they seek a missionary to join them in their ministry efforts in Mexico. Be in prayer for the right timing and candidate for their work.

We encourage the congregation to pray for the persecuted Christians worldwide. Each month, an Elder will pray for a specific country where Christians face the most extreme persecution. Learn more on opendoors.org.

Pray for Pakistan:

- Pakistan's blasphemy laws continue to impact Christians. Pray for those accused unjustly of blasphemy and ask that God will help them avoid imprisonment or vigilante 'justice'.
- Many Pakistani Christians are forced into menial jobs because of their identities as followers of Christ. Pray these believers will be sustained and know their value.
- Pakistan's recent conflict with India left believers in both places filled with fear. Thank God that a ceasefire has held and pray that God's perfect peace will reign.

Church family & extended family members in active military duty:

- **Tom & Jean Snyder**, Vince & Carol Yusten's son-in-law and daughter, are stationed at Newport Naval Station, Newport, RI. Tom is an attorney for the base; Jean is an instructor at the Naval Justice School.
- **Alex Fernandez,** son-in-law of Vince and Carol Yusten, serves in the US Navy and is stationed at Joint Base Pearl Harbor.
- Larry & Brenda Eichmann's grandson, **Dillon Tommeraasen,** is stationed at Kunsan Air Base in Gunsan, South Korea.
- Bob and Helen Klein's grandson, **Zachary McDowell**, is in the Army Cavalry stationed in Germany.

How can we pray for you?

We invite anyone who may have a prayer request to join us after the service. An elder will be available to pray with you, offering support and comfort in a caring and confidential setting. Whether you seek guidance, strength, or simply wish to share your burdens, we are here to stand with you in faith. The elder providing the congregational prayer for the morning will be available at the front of the sanctuary.