Updates on our Church Family

- This Sunday we are blessed to witness the baptism of **Kaylor Mae Oltman**, daughter of Jordan and Kiara. As Kaylor embarks on this spiritual journey, may her path be illuminated by love and wisdom and surrounded by the support of family, friends and our congregation.

- **Glenda Wilts** will have knee replacement surgery on Monday, August 24th. Prayers for the surgery goes well and recovery in uneventful.

- **Vickie Versteeg** was able to return home after spending time at a rehab facility after a fall a few weeks ago. Continue to pray for her healing and recovery.

- On August 10th **Joyce Egge** had surgery for a tendon tear in her left hip. After a week in the rehab facility, she is planning to return home on Friday to continue to recover. *A prayer quilt for Joyce is hanging in the Fellowship Hall. Please stop to tie a knot and say a prayer.*

Happy 95th Birthday, Arlene! The family of Arlene Suurmeier kindly invite you to shower her with cards for her 95th birthday on September 6th! Cards can be mailed to: 3405 S. 1st Ave Sioux Falls, SD 57105

Next Sunday, August 30th, we will come together to share in communion. To help you prepare for this meaningful gathering at the table, we are providing a resource document. This resource includes thoughtful reflections and prayers to guide your hearts and minds as we approach this sacred time. We encourage you to read through it in the days leading up to our service, allowing it to enrich your spiritual journey and deepen your understanding of the significance of communion. You can find the document in the “Prepare Your Heart” email or copies are located in the foyer.

Updates on our Extended Church Family

- Please lift up **Lynette Foltz and Lois Standfield's sister, Laurie,** in your prayers. Laurie recently had knee replacement surgery but her recovery has had many challenges. She has fallen quite a few times. The falls have resulted in a broken femur and a small brain bleed from hitting her head. Pray for healing, comfort from the pain and a smoother recovery. *A prayer quilt for Laurie is hanging in the Fellowship Hall. Please stop to tie a knot and say a prayer.*

- **Darlene Nordman’s daughter, Christy Thompson**, is receiving in-home hospice care at her son, Trevor’s home, in Sioux Falls. Continue to keep the family in your prayers.

- Continue to keep **Cliff DeStigter’s sister Nancy,** whose home was ruined after a rock slide in Ouray, CO, a couple of weeks ago in your prayers, as well as Cliff’s **oldest sister, Barb**, who is in the hospital after a fall last week. Barb lives in Sioux Center. Prayers they are able to move her to an assisted facility.

- **Matt Punt (Yusten's / Schoep's nephew)** has been transferred to a care facility in Wasilla, AK about 20 minutes from his home making it possible to see his family and friends. Specific prayer requests are for the skin grafts to become "stretchy" as the skin tightness is making PT very difficult; for nerves to regenerate in his right foot so he can feel it, and for the VA to provide rehab and a prosthetic. Thank you all for your continued support and prayers.

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

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 Nigeria:

- It seems the violence in northern Nigeria is never-ending. Ask God to bring peace to this country.
- Just this year, tens of thousands of Nigerian Christians were displaced. Pray that God would give them hope and stability.
- Pray that the government of Nigeria would do everything possible to protect people from violence. Ask God to work on the hearts of both officials and those who would inflict violence on His people.

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.