

Prayer Bulletin October 6, 2024

First CRC Prayer Requests:

The Elders meet 1st & 3rd Sunday at 8:30 a.m. to pray for needs of our congregation. If you have a need, please contact any Elder.

- Pray for **Brooks Garrett De Jong**, infant son of Devin & Elissa. We thank God for the gift of covenant children and we pray that he follows Jesus throughout his life.
- We pray for all the farmers working in the fields harvesting. We pray for safety working around huge machinery, safety while traveling on the roads, and we also praise and thank God for the wonderful crops that we are able to harvest.
- We pray for Rev. Eric & Penny Schering and their work in Papua New Guinea. We thank them for leading our morning service last week and the presentation they gave about the details of their work. We continue to lift them up as they strive daily to teach others about the God.
- We thank and praise the Lord for the beautiful fall weather we are experiencing. As the leaves are beginning to change color and the days getting a little cooler, we thank the Lord for the beauty in his creation.
- We want to remember the many people who have been affected by Hurricane Helene. We pray for those who have lost their homes and belongings. We pray that through this disaster, they may witness the love of Jesus as people come to help them.

If you have a prayer request, email church at:
firstcrc@hotmail.com or call 324-2374 by Wed. @ 9 a.m.

Denominational Prayer Requests:

- **Thrive – All Nations Heritage Sunday:** We grieve that the church – which shares one Spirit, one faith, and one hope – has become a broken communion in a broken world. We marvel that the Lord gathers the broken pieces to do his work, and that he blesses us still with joy, new members, and surprising evidences of unity. May we seek and express the oneness of all who follow Jesus (adapted from *Our World Belongs to God*, para. 38-43).
- **ReFrame – Japan:** Praise God for Mariko, whose faith journey began through ReFrame's *Asa no Kotoba* ("Morning Word") audio program. A broadcast on peacemaking and 1Corinthians 13:4-7 led Mariko to explore Scripture, attend church, and be baptized. Pray for her continued growth and for the program's ongoing impact.
- **GEMS Girls Clubs – International Day of the Girl:** We pray for God's blessing and protection for all the GEMS clubs around the world. May GEMS continue to provide safe places for girls everywhere to belong, to be loved, and to discover who Jesus is and how they can have a living, dynamic relationship with him.
- **World Renew – New staff:** We recently welcomed some new staff members, including Christi Schaeftbauer as chief finance and investment officer and Garry Mayhew as head of humanitarian and emergency affairs. Please pray for all staff members and for smooth transitions for all who have moved into new roles within World Renew. May God guide them to thrive in their roles.
- **ReFrame – Ministry:** Pray for staff who work in various ways to create broadcasts and podcasts and other resources, for people who interact with listeners requesting prayer, and for volunteers who help in the ministry of ReFrame. Thank God for their contributions, and may the Holy Spirit continue to touch hearts and lives through this ministry.