

First Reformed Church
December 22, 2024

We are looking for 1 more person to help with overseeing the nursery for 2025. Your responsibilities would include keeping a snack of some kind stocked, disinfecting toys a couple of times a year. Please contact Sheri at 470-4703 if you are willing to serve in this position.

The following members have been elected to serve on the Consistory starting January 1, 2025: *Dave Bliet* will serve the 2-year term as Elder; *Daryl Scholten & Rod Netten* will fill the 3-year terms. *Brandon Van Middendorp and D. J. Van't Hul* will fill the deacon positions.

By an overwhelming vote, the congregation has voted to move forward with the Alliance of Reformed Churches (ARC). There will be more information coming!

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS:

Whispering Heights: *Adriana Dykstra, Faye Gort, Marilyn Van Holland, Clara Bannick, Joyce Van Berkum, Viola Van Driel, Gerri Reinke*. Pleasant Acres, Hull: *Ann Jansen, Duane Ver Mulm*; Fellowship Village, Inwood: *Jeanette Van Beek*; RiverView Ridge: *Tillie Rook, Lucy Ymker, Judi Dorhout, Marv & Ella Hoogendoorn, Wayne & Judy Groeneweg, Ruth Vande Stroet, Wilma Schneider*. Friendly Horizons, Sioux Center: *Rich Wissink*

CHURCH SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES:

Brian and Elizabeth Bruxvoort in AK; *Amy and Seung Kim* in Bangladesh; *Brian and Donna Renes* in Sioux Center; *Dr. Yohannes Bekele* in Ethiopia; *Josh & Alison Perkins* in United Arab Emirates.

Community Announcements

The RV Christian School 4th graders have been busy making different ornaments using newspaper for the Prairie Woods Nature Center Christmas Tree Decorating Contest. They would appreciate your help by going to the Prairie Woods Nature Center and voting for their tree from December 21-January 6. Thank you!

Hope Haven Presents: The Dueling Duo's - Come enjoy a Dueling Piano Show on Thursday, January 9 at The District in Sioux Falls featuring Andy and Ryno! This is the perfect event to enjoy some great music requested by the audience, spend a night with your friends, and support Hope Haven! Doors open at 7 pm and the show begins at 8 pm. Purchase tickets: hopehaven.org/events

Community Health Partners, along with all Sioux County healthcare systems, are partnering to conduct a Community Health Assessment survey from now until January 31, 2025. Take the survey at <https://siouxcountychnp.org/>.

Volunteers needed for Love INC classes! If you have a heart for helping others, we have opportunities for you to give your time and talents! The main needs are childcare volunteers and Faith & Finance mentors. Training is offered. Please call the Love INC office at 476-5990 to find out more about ways to serve our community! Our next class session begins January 28, 2025.

Single Mom's Retreat, Jan.31 – Feb. 2 at Inspiration Hills ~ Deadline to register is Jan. 17. Register online at inspirationhills.org/smretreat. This retreat has been an empowering, rejuvenating, encouraging, and deeply moving weekend for single mothers. The weekend includes speakers, worship, breakout sessions, and prayer. It will also include times for breakout sessions with relaxing or engaging activities like pampering and art. The cost varies from \$15-\$50 per person!