First Reformed Church December 29, 2024

The following members have been elected to serve on the Consistory starting January 1, 2025: Dave Bliek 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. Installation/Ordination will be held on January 5, 2025. Daryl Scholten will be installed on January 12.

## 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.

## **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 <a href="https://siouxcountychp.org/">https://siouxcountychp.org/</a>.

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!

4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Winter Retreat at Inspiration Hills. This is an exciting opportunity for campers to experience Inspiration Hills' unique winter activities! The event will include a chapel message, worship, and Bible studies along with all the fun winter games! The event will take place from 7PM on Friday to 11AM Sunday. The registration deadline is February 9! To register for this event visit inspirationhills.org/4-6-retreat.