

First Reformed Church February 16, 2025

At our January consistory meeting Jenn Taylor resigned from her position as Worship Coordinator. After receiving her written resignation, we would like to open the position to anyone interested. If you feel this is something you would like to take on, please see Sheri for a job description.

We will be doing a special recognition for Jenn and her many years of service to the church in the next few weeks.

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: *Lucy Ymker, Judi Dorhout, Marv & Ella Hoogendoorn, Wayne & Judy Groeneweg, 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

LOVE INC Sioux County has a Home Essentials Resource that is open to the community on the first Monday of every month. This resource provides paper products, baby products, and cleaning and hygiene supplies. The resource is located at Calvin C.R.C. in Rock Valley. Currently, we are low on some specific products and are asking local churches and individuals to support this ministry by donating supplies that will help restock the shelves. The items needed are: bleach, toilet paper, toilet bowl cleaner, napkins, window cleaner, dish soap, hand soap, body wash and lotion. Items can be dropped off at the Love INC office (1317 Main Street) or contact our office to pick up (476-5990).

GATHER 25! The global church is gathering right now, there are 5.5 billion people on earth who don't know Jesus. If we truly believed He was coming and coming soon, what would we do to reach them? For more information, please pick up a flyer from the Opportunity Table.

COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERS, along with all Sioux County Healthcare Systema, are partnering up to offer an 8-session weight loss and diabetes prevention program, "Choose Health NW Iowa," with the goal of preventing diabetes in NW Iowa and promoting healthy and informed lifestyle choices. Classes will be on Thursdays from 5:15-6:30 PM at Hawarden Regional Healthcare. Cost is \$40 for individuals or \$60/pair if you sign up with a partner.. To register call Community Health Partners at 712-737-2971 or email chp@siouxlandcountychp.org. Register by February 27.

GUIDING STAR Siouxland's Annual Fundraising Gala will be held March 7 at 6:30pm at Terrace View Event Center in Sioux Center. Join your local pro-life ministry as we unveil a groundbreaking announcement that we believe, after years of development, will reshape the future of women's healthcare—creating a culture where womanhood is celebrated and supported at every stage of life. Panelists include Abby Dahl, who chose life at 17 years old, and Sarah Hurm, who underwent a successful abortion pill reversal treatment. Registration information can be found at www.guidingstarsiouxland.org or by calling 712-266-3282.

DIGGING DEEPER WORKSHOP

- Saturday March 8 | 8:30am - 4:00pm at Inspiration Hills
- Register online at inspirationhills.org/deep

The purpose of this workshop is to help you learn the tools necessary for studying God's Word accurately and in a fulfilling way! Learn how to understand, interpret, and apply God's word through patience and prayer in a group setting so you can bring it home to your own personal quiet time. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

The cost is \$25 per person. Visit inspirationhills.org/deep to register for this event or learn more.

COACH NEEDED: At Girls on the Run, we believe that every girl belongs at the finish line. Through a compelling blend of movement-based games and thought-provoking discussions, our programs ignite confidence in girls when they need it most. So much more than running, this evidence-based curriculum unlocks the power and potential in every girl. At the heart of our program is our dedicated volunteer coaches!

We know the best way to create a stronger, more promising tomorrow for all, is by investing in our community's youth today. As a coach, you will guide small groups of girls (3rd – 5th grade) through our curricula that helps girls:

- Develop essential skills to lead an emotionally and physically healthy life
- Participate in dynamic discussions, inclusive activities and fun games
- Learn the value of setting goals by preparing for a celebratory 5K
- Make a difference locally by planning and implementing a community impact project

Throughout the season, girls will meet their trained coaches twice a week after school over the course of ten weeks. Coaches are provided with all the resources, training and tools they need to operate a memorable and successful program. You do not need to be a runner to be a GOTR coach!

Coach Commitment: The girls meet twice a week after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We ask all our coaches to commit to volunteering one day a week for 1.5 hours during the 10-week season as well as complete our New Coach Training and a background check. Our Spring season start in late February.

Coach Application: <https://www.pinwheel.us/volunteer/signup/Spring25-GOTR-SD-Volunteer-Application>

TRAVEL: Dr. John Vonder Bruegge, a renowned New Testament professor and Greek scholar from Northwestern College, invites you to embark on an unforgettable trip to Greece-May 28, 2025-June 7, 2028. This journey includes visits to ancient Greek sites, several stops from the Apostle Paul's missionary travels, and other significant historical and biblical locations. This is a wonderful opportunity for those interested in deepening their understanding of the Bible and history while exploring the rich culture of Greece. For more information, please contact The Travel Advantage at 712-722-3727. This trip is sponsored by Northwestern College and The Travel Advantage.