

First Reformed Church

April 27, 2025

Today is the last day of Sunday school & Catechism. There will be a short time of Sunday school and Catechism, then please join us for a time of food (Burgers, Hot Dogs, Beans, Chips and Ice Cream Sundaes) and fellowship! Coffee will be self-serve – no cookies today!

THANKS so much to those who helped clean up the church on Wednesday evening! We appreciate the extra help during this time of repair. We thank God for His blessings as we continue to see progress each day and for His safety on all the crews/workers who have been here.

The VBS committee is still looking for volunteers!

Helpers Needed:

3- 1st/2nd Grade

5- 4th/5th Grade

We are down about 20 volunteers (all together) from last year in games, crafts, and kitchen also! If you don't have a preference we can always use floaters! Please email us at rockvalleyvbs@gmail.com or contact a committee member (Ashley Vis, Julie Landegent, Julie Vande Kamp) to sign up!

Women's Bible study beginning this summer. 6-8 weeks, dates and time to be determined. Call Laurie Baatz at 470-4302 if interested.

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS:

Whispering Heights: *Faye Gort, Marilyn Van Holland, Clara Bannick, Joyce Van Berkum, Viola Van Driel, Gerri Reinke*. Pleasant Acres, Hull: *Ann Jansen, Duane Ver Mulm, Milt Swier*. 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

Inspiration Hills hosts a Campfire Coffee Club! Our hope is for this event to be a time where people in the community can gather and spend time with each other at camp. It's totally free and all are welcome. We'll be meeting at 9AM on May 1 for a time of fellowship, snacks, and of course COFFEE!

VOLUNTEER WORKDAY AT INSPIRATION HILLS

- Event on Saturday, May 3 | 8am-4pm
- Register by calling 712-986-5193 or emailing ihills@inspirationhills.org

Volunteer Day is a day specifically dedicated to addressing B&G projects at Inspiration Hills. We encourage you to bring groups of all sizes and skill levels for this day of service. Your volunteer time helps Inspiration Hills prepare their grounds for the summer season. Many different projects are available for all ages! Lunch will be provided!

To register or learn more, visit inspirationhills.org/volunteerday

Ladies! Plan to attend Bible League's Spring Salad Luncheon with your friends on Monday, May 5 at First Christian Reformed Church of Rock Valley. Please bring one salad for every four ladies in your group. The Luncheon begins at 11:30 AM; featured speaker is Gayle Walhof who will tell of her 4-

year journey in publishing her book “Songs of Naamah – A Novel of King David’s Harem”. Updates from BLI will be given, and a freewill donation will be received. Join us for this FUN event!

Healthy Sioux County (a coalition of community health organizations and community resource providers) is encouraging schools, colleges, libraries, businesses, healthcare providers, churches, and community members to get out anytime during the month of May to “CHALK THE WALK.”

Our goal is that together we can:

- reduce the stigma of mental illness
- encourage conversations about mental health
- normalize seeking help
- spread joy and encouragement throughout Sioux County!

Grab your family, your friends, your neighbors, your co-workers and CHALK THE WALK with us throughout the month of May. Chalk messages or pictures that encourage, uplift, and spread joy!



Join us at RiseFest 2025 on June 20–21! Don’t miss this family-friendly Christian music festival happening in Sheldon, Iowa. Featured artists include Chris Tomlin, Matthew West, Crowder, Rend Collective, KB, Patrick Mayberry, Megan Woods, and more—with seminars, speakers, camping, and activities for all ages happening all weekend. Get tickets at riseministries.com.

Cornerstone Prison Church, Sioux Falls! Faith Fellowship Weekend. Friday, June 20 – 6:00-8:00 pm- Kick Off Worship Service; Saturday, June 21 and Sunday, June 22 – 8:00am-3:00pm each day. The theme for the weekend is “Faithfulness of the Father”. Scripture text comes from Lamentations 3:22&23. 22 The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; 23 they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Join us for worship, large group talks and small group discussions. The deadline for signing up is Thursday, May 29. We would be happy to have you join us for part of the weekend or all of it. If you would like more information or to sign up, please contact us at office@cornerstonepcsd.org or call 507-215-3670. Thank you for considering this wonderful ministry opportunity!