

**Reminder: Church will begin at 9:30, followed by lunch and then games! Come and enjoy the kick-off to our education programs!**

## **First Reformed Church September 11, 2022**

Letter from Pastor Cliff Hoekstra:

After prayerful consideration and through discussions with various people and groups, I am pleased to say that I have decided to accept the call to serve as your next pastor. I am excited about this opportunity, and my level of excitement increased after I had the opportunity to preach and meet with folks from the church.

My plan is to begin the first week of October. As I have opportunity to meet you individually or in groups, I would like you to tell me about what makes you excited about ministry in First Reformed. What are the most important things that this church has contributed to your life?

I look forward to fruitful ministry together in the very near future

Blessings in Christ,  
Pastor Cliff

Pastor Cliff is open to suggestions from the congregation regarding sermon requests. Please contact an elder with any ideas you may have. He will certainly take those requests under consideration.

**We are seeking volunteers to lead games at Awana on Wednesday nights. We have a variety of new games on hand to use this year. We are also seeking a Sunday School teacher for our 1<sup>st</sup> grade class. If you are interested in volunteering for either of these positions, please contact Jen this week.**

The Rebecca Circle is excited to re-start the Frozen Casserole/Soup Program! You are welcome to donate 9x9 casseroles or soups, please place them in the kitchen freezer. Label, date, and include baking instructions! Meals will be distributed as needed, or if you know of someone in our community who would benefit from a meal, please feel free to take one and deliver it.

On the Opportunities Table is a list of needed/wanted items for the 2022/2023 Kids' Block & The Block school year. If you would like to donate any items, please place them on the round table by the north fellowship hall door.

### **NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS:**

Whispering Heights: **Verna Boer, Adriana Dykstra, Faye Gort, Marilyn Van Holland, Clara Bannick, Joyce Van Berkum.** Pleasant Acres, Hull: **Cornie & Ann Jansen;** Prairie Crossing, Sioux Falls, SD: **Bill & Alma Landegent;** RiverView Ridge: **Tillie Rook, Lucy Ymker, Jeanette Van Oort, Katheron Middle;** Fellowship Village, Inwood: **Betty Hauser;** Rock Rapids Nursing Home: **Duane Ver Mulm.**

### **CHURCH SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES:**

**Brian and Elizabeth Bruxvoort** in AK; **Amy and Seung Kim** in Bangladesh; **Tom and Aichatou Johnson** in Pella, IA; **Brian and Donna Renes** in Sioux Center; **John & Lynn Hubers** in MI; **Josh & Alison Perkins** in United Arab Emirates.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

MOPS stands for Mothers of Preschoolers, and we are a community of moms (expecting - kindergarten) going through life together. We are committed to making sure every mother knows she is not alone on this journey through fellowship, encouragement, and fun at our meetings. We meet

twice a month on Wednesdays at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley from 7pm- 8:30pm. We are inviting any young moms to join us for our MOPS Kick-Off on September 14 at 7:00pm! Find out more information on our Rock Valley Mops Facebook Page!

The Rock Valley Community GEMS Club is looking for women that are willing to lead and mentor this year's group of girls for the 2022-2023 GEMS season. If you have the gift of leadership, teaching, giving, OR if you love Jesus and want to watch the young girls of our community to learn to love Jesus, please consider this role. If you are interested or have any questions please email [rockvalleygems@gmail.com](mailto:rockvalleygems@gmail.com) or call Tracy at 470-3740. We are also looking for ladies of our community that would be willing to do demonstrations, projects, activities or share stories, testimonies, gifts, or talents with the girls.

Warrior Run! Are you ready to experience a challenge for all ages? Join us for our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual 1 mile Family Fun Run and 5K Trail Run on Saturday, September 17! This event will have obstacles that will push the runners to their limits and is for any age that is simply looking to have a challenge but fun experience. Proceeds will go towards Kids Camp Scholarships.

9AM is the Mile Family Fun Run – \$25; 9:30 AM is the 5K Run - \$30

Register at [inspirationhills.org/warrior-5k](http://inspirationhills.org/warrior-5k)

Kingdom Boundaries 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Banquet, Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at New Life reformed Church in Sioux Center. 5pm Fellowship/Silent Auction; 6pm Dinner; 7pm Program/Live Auction. Please RSVP to Rhonda @ 605-695-0059 or register online at [kingdomboundaries.org/events](http://kingdomboundaries.org/events).

On September 19-20, 2022, Bible League Volunteers host two special events for men and women on The Power of the Word. Monday evening, you will join friends of Bible League for a special dinner. On Tuesday, Keynote speakers Mike & Lynn Wilder share the story of how they found their way out of Mormonism into the loving arms of Jesus' grace. Dinner registration is \$20 and the Tuesday conference with lunch is \$40. Sign up online at [bibleleague.org/tickets](http://bibleleague.org/tickets) today. **(Registration closes September 12.)**