

First Reformed Church November 20, 2022

Advent begins next week, and we have a wonderful opportunity for you to grow in your faith during this time. Pastor Cliff will be leading a 4-week Bible Study called Because of Bethlehem by Max Lucado on Sundays at 4 pm. Sundays include: Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11, & 18 (This date/time could change due to our Sunday School Christmas Program). Your Bible Study guide will cost \$8. These can be shared by couples if they choose. Please let Pastor Cliff, Sheri, or Jen know if you are interested in attending. **This Bible Study is a two-part series with the second part to be held during Lent. It is called He Chose the Nails.

The following persons have been nominated to the office of Elder: *Marlan Hoogendoorn, Jerry Kelderman, Rich Schwanke, Myron Van Ginkel*. Deacon: *Weston De Jager, Jesse Van Egdome, Ross Van Kekerix, Matt Vande Kamp*. Names will be confirmed and chosen at our congregational meeting on November 21, 2022.

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, Katheron Middle***; 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

Mid-Sioux Opportunity, INC. is accepting applications by appointment only for our Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program until April 30, 2023. If you are interested in applying, flyers with more info can be found on the Opportunities Table.

Parkinson's Disease Encounter Group: Wednesday, December 7 | 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. | Learning Center located by Outpatient Services. Call Erin Kooi, OTR-L at 712-476-8080 to sign up.

Memory Loss Support Group: Wednesday, January 4 | 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. | Learning Center located by Outpatient Services. Call Social Services at 712-476-8068 to sign up.

The RVCS Facility Improvement Project has raised 70% of its goal of \$850,000. With your support we were able to make improvements over the summer. We would like to continue updating next summer (new windows, classroom cabinets and a concrete pad for busing) but rely on your generosity to see these plans through to fruition. We ask that you prayerfully consider a year-end gift to help us reach our goal. Thank you!

JUSTICE FOR ALL is very excited to announce dates for upcoming 2023 Service and Learning Trips! Please prayerfully consider joining us on one of these trips. The trips are designed to be an opportunity to use our hands and feet to bless others through work projects, but also to learn and experience a different culture than our own and see what God is doing through the incredible ministry partners serving in these communities. The sites/dates are Harvest Hands Ministries, Juarez MX – Jan 20-27; Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson MS – Feb 3-10; JVM Perkins Foundation, Jackson MS – Feb 11-17; Grace Covenant Ministries, Annville, KY – Mar 3-10; Grace Reigns, Hildale UT – Mar 24-31. There is more information about each project on the JFA website (www.jfa-niowa.org). If you would like to sign up or want more information on any of these opportunities, please contact Nick LeLoux at JFA (712-476-2804, nickl@jfa-niowa.org.)