

## First Reformed Church

March 24, 2024

Vacation Bible School Volunteer Sign-Up sheets are available on the Opportunities Table! VBS "STELLAR" will be held Sunday, June 2 – Wednesday, June 5 at Trinity CRC from 6:15 – 8:30 PM. It takes many hands to help make VBS a success. Please consider signing up today. Place filled out forms in the silver canister!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Thank you for participating in OCC in 2023. In our Northwest Iowa Area, 10,163 shoeboxes were gathered (8,644 in 2022). Internationally, 11.3 million (10.5 million in 2022). Praise God for this tremendous outpouring of love! Children in 100+ countries are blessed with the contents of the boxes and most importantly with the Good News of Jesus. Please keep praying for these children, and for the Gospel to continue to be spread through simple shoebox gifts.

Gratefully, Loralie Wiese

OCC Church Relations Coordinator, Northwest Iowa Area Team

### NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS:

Whispering Heights: **Adriana Dykstra, Faye Gort, Marilyn Van Holland, Clara Bannick, Joyce Van Berkum, Viola Van Driel, George Oldenkamp, Gerri Reinke.** Pleasant Acres, Hull: **Cornie & Ann Jansen, Duane Ver Mulm;** Fellowship Village, Inwood: **Jeanette Van Beek;** RiverView Ridge: **Tillie Rook, Lucy Ymker, Judi Dorhout.**

### CHURCH SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES:

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

## Community Announcements

It's BACK and BIGGER - Hope Haven's BIGGEST fundraiser, the Annual Benefit Auction! Join us on Friday, April 5 at Te Slaa Trucking in Hull, IA. Help support individuals with disabilities by attending our Buy It Now opening at 5 pm, followed by our live auction at 5:30 pm. Choose from over 450 incredible items for all ages to bid on - John Deere Gator, Youth ATV 4-Wheeler, Simplicity Lawn Tractor, South Africa Safari Hunting Trip to meat bundles, electronics, power tools, trips, concerts, grills, toys/games, gift cards, and so much more! For a sneak peek of the items, check out our online catalog by visiting: [www.hopehaven.org](http://www.hopehaven.org).

Kindergarten Round-Up: When: April 9, 2024 @ 9am & 1pm. Must be 5 by Sept. 1, 2024

This will be an opportunity for your child to have an idea of what Kindergarten is like. If your child does not attend preschool at Rock Valley Christian School, but you are wanting to send your child to kindergarten at RVCS next year, please notify Cindy Van Den Top which time you would like your child to attend. You can email her at [cindy.vandentop@rockvalleychristian.com](mailto:cindy.vandentop@rockvalleychristian.com)

Love INC Sioux County invites the community to our *Spring Share Event* on April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Parkview Event Center in Rock Valley. Doors will open at 5 p.m. and food will be served starting at 5:30 pm. Very Good Trivia will be our entertainment so come with your knowledge skills sharpened! Tickets to this event can be purchased for \$50 a piece or get a team together and reserve a table of 8 for \$360. You can purchase tickets by calling the Love INC office at (712)476-5990 or go online to [www.loveincsiouxcounty.org](http://www.loveincsiouxcounty.org). Deadline is April 17.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Love INC Sioux County invites the community to our *Spring Share Event* on April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Parkview Event Center in Rock Valley. Get ready for a fun night of food, fellowship, and sweet treats. Hint: It also might be time to brush up on your stored knowledge of random facts! Information on how to purchase tickets is coming soon!

#### ART OF MARRIAGE RETREAT

Event on April 12-14 at Inspiration Hills. Register online at [inspirationhills.org/marriage](http://inspirationhills.org/marriage)

This weekend retreat includes guided video lessons from FamilyLife's Art of Marriage curriculum as well as discussion time with other couples and activities that will strengthen marital bonds. This retreat has been filling up fast, but there are still a few spots left! The event will take place from 5:30 PM on Friday the 12th to 12 PM on Sunday the 14th. The deadline for registration is March 29. The cost of registration is \$50 per couple. To register for this event or learn more, visit [inspirationhills.org/marriage](http://inspirationhills.org/marriage)

**VOLUNTEER WORK DAY AT INSPIRATION HILLS.** Event on Saturday, April 27 | 8am-4pm.

Register by calling 712-986-5193 or emailing [ihills@inspirationhills.org](mailto: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](http://inspirationhills.org/volunteerday)

#### REGISTRATION FOR INSPIRATION HILLS SUMMER CAMP IS OPEN!

Receive a discount by registering before April 15! This year's Summer Camp theme will be Genesis 1:1, "In the Beginning, GOD". The focus will be on learning the story of redemption as we see it play out throughout the whole Bible. Inspiration Hills hosts a variety of camp experiences for all age groups ranging from 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Spots are filling up fast, so sign up soon! All Summer Camp applications sent prior to April 15 will be discounted! Scholarships are also available. To register go to [inspirationhills.org/summer-camp](http://inspirationhills.org/summer-camp)

#### INSPIRATION HILLS IS LOOKING FOR SUMMER HELP

Inspiration Hills is currently hiring for the following positions this summer:

Lifeguards

Kitchen staff

Mowers

Camp Counselors

Worship Leader

Housekeeping

To apply, visit [inspirationhills.org/work](http://inspirationhills.org/work) or call 712-986-5193 or email [ihills@inspirationhills.org](mailto:ihills@inspirationhills.org)