

First Reformed Church May 184, 2025

Budget Report:	2025 Budget	\$427,478.00
	Monthly Budget	\$35,623.17
	Year to Date	\$89,024.04
	YTD Standing	(\$53,468.64)

*In order to keep you informed, we share these budget updates! We are running in the **red**! Our offerings are behind the budget we as a congregation approved. Summer is here along with all the regular expenses! The Building Fund is setting fine, please prayerfully consider your tithing towards the Church Ministry Fund. **Thank you for your support. The Consistory***

The VBS committee is still looking for volunteers! 3 Helpers Needed for 4th/5th Grade and floaters!

Mission Minute: The Mission Committee would like to disperse the yearly funds from the Daisy Van Nort mission funds. We have decided on the following three missions for this year. Please feel free to contact Jen Taylor if you have another suggestion. The mission committee seeks to praise God with our giving. Here are the missions: The Groeneveld family (grandchildren of Bill & Carol Bouwman) currently serving at the Alaska Bible Institute in Homer, Alaska; Touch of Hope Haiti (Webert & Kayla Raymond); Jon & Gracia Harmsen who serve with CRU.

On Tuesday, May 13th, 2025, Jen, Wilbur and Madelyn took part in a ZOOM meeting with one of the missionaries we, as a church, support: Dr Yohannes Bekele. He is living in the UK with his family, but teaches at a seminary in Ethiopia, Africa. On the Opportunities Table are the minutes of that meeting.

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: *Marilyn Van Holland, Clara Bannick, Joyce Van Berkum, Viola Van Driel, Gerri Reinke, Bill Bouwman.* 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 needs Part Time Summer Cooks to help lead our kitchen staff during mealtimes. The hours are flexible, and you will be paid. If you would be interested, please reach out to our Kitchen Lead, April Macinnes at april@inspirationhills.org, calling Inspiration Hills at 712-986-5193, or visiting inspirationhills.org/work!

REGISTER FOR A HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE OF A LIFE TIME! Tri-State Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is accepting applications for the upcoming weekend at the Faith Church in Rock Valley, Iowa. TEC is an interdenominational three-day Christian retreat designed to help high schoolers learn more about their faith and their community. The next TEC is June 13-15, 2025. If you would like to learn more about TEC or register, please visit www.TriStateTEC.org or email TriStateTEC@gmail.com. The cost is \$50 and includes a t-shirt & other special gifts. Scholarships are available upon request.

Together for Tomorrow! This event aims to bring our community together to acknowledge the ongoing challenges faced by many who lost their homes and/or businesses, while also celebrating the remarkable resilience and unity we have demonstrated over the past year.

Details of the event:

- Friday, June 13th at Bicentennial Park
 - Free community meal from 5:00pm to 6:30pm, hopefully served by our dedicated first responders.
 - Following the meal, organizations and city leadership will have the opportunity to reflect on the tremendous volunteer efforts that have been put in over the past year. They will be given a platform to express their gratitude to all the volunteers who have generously given their time.
 - After these reflections, we would be honored if the local churches could assist with organizing a worship gathering and a prayer tent. This would provide a space for worship, reflection, support, and spiritual encouragement for all attendees.
 - The evening will conclude with a family drive-in movie night on the big screen at 8:00pm, offering a fun and relaxing end to the day's activities.

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!

