

First Reformed Church August 17, 2025

On Sunday, August 24th following the worship service there will be a short congregational meeting. We will be reviewing the updated By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation as we move forward with the transition to the ARC. You will find the updated versions in your mailbox. Here is what the ballot will look like:

This vote is for the First Reformed Church of Rock Valley to leave the Reformed Church in America and join the Alliance of Reformed Churches. Vote "yes" in favor of leaving the RCA or "no" opposed to leaving the RCA.

YES, I am in favor of leaving the RCA and joining the ARC _____

NO, I am not in favor of leaving the RCA and joining the ARC _____

THIS IS NOT YOUR OFFICIAL BALLOT - - - - SAMPLE ONLY!

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS:

Whispering Heights: *Marilyn Van Holland, Clara Bannick, Joyce Van Berkum, Viola Van Driel, Bill Bouwman*. Pleasant Acres, Hull: *Duane Ver Mulm, Milt Swier*. Fellowship Village, Inwood: *Jeanette Van Beek*. Riverview Ridge: *Lucy Ymker, Judi Dorhout, Marv & Ella Hoogendoorn, Wayne & Judi Groeneweg, Wilma Schneider*.

CHURCH SUPPORTED MISSIONARIES:

Brian & 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

The Browns will be in concert tonight at Trinity CRC at 6pm! They deliver the powerful message of the Gospel through word and song that engages audiences of all ages. A freewill offering will be received for Rock Valley Flood Relief and expenses.

Rock Valley Christian is in urgent need of a van driver for an afternoon route on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. All that's required is a Class-D Chauffeur license. It is simple to get! Just stop by the DMV with your current driver's license, take a quick vision test, and they'll add Class D to your license. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact: Colton Harthoorn at: ckharthoorn@yahoo.com or 712-476-2615

We invite you to come to our annual community-wide event serving our Rock Valley Teachers with their projects of cutting, sorting, compiling, and organizing on Tuesday, August 19 from 9am-2pm at Trinity CRC. Come and go as you please. Lunch will be provided. Enjoy a day of fellowship and service! If you have questions, call or text Mary De Groot at 712-451-4097.

Love & Learn classes begin Tuesday, August 26, 2025, at 6:45 p.m. at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley. This session we are offering Faith & Finances, Boundaries, Grief Share, and Redemptive Compassion. For more information about the classes or to register please contact Love INC Sioux County at 712-476-5990 or email Danica at ministries@loveincsiouxcounty.org.

Coffee Break Bible Study is excited to start the fall session and women of ALL ages are encouraged to come and explore God's Word together! Registration will be Tuesday, Sept. 9th, from 10 to 11 AM at First CRC in Rock Valley. Come pick up your Exodus study guide and if you have young children, you can register them for Nursery, Little Lambs, or Story Hour! We meet on Tuesdays with our first lesson on September 16th. Light snack & coffee time starts at 9:45 AM with small group study from 10 to 11 AM. For questions or more information, please contact Tricia Mulder at #605-310-5708.

Mission Opportunity: Join the Hope Haven Distribution Trip to Costa Rica! We're inviting volunteers to be part of a life-changing mission trip with Hope Haven, happening October 21–28, 2025. This trip focuses on distributing wheelchairs and sharing the love of Christ with communities in need across Costa Rica. Whether you're passionate about serving others, building relationships, or experiencing global outreach firsthand, this is a beautiful opportunity to make a difference. The deadline for signing up is September 1. If you feel called to join or want more details, please contact Kelly TeSlaa at kteslaa@hopehaven.org or 605-332-8300. Let's be the hands and feet of Jesus—one wheelchair at a time.

Sioux Center Health and Community Health Partners of Sioux County are hosting a Keys to Dementia Prevention class. This program is designed for people ages 50+ with no previous dementia diagnosis. Learn the 10 lifestyle factors that are proven to prevent or delay dementia. The class will begin September 18, running every Thursday from 1:30-3:30pm until November 20 at Crown Pointe – The Gathering Place. Please note, participants do not need to be Crown Pointe residents. During the 10-class program, enjoy brain healthy snacks, educational materials and one-on-one time with subject-matter experts. Register by calling CHP at 712-737-2971 or email angela.loutsch@siouxcountychnp.org. There is a \$40 fee per participant, but \$20 will be refunded to any registrant that completes 8+ classes. Registration deadline is September 12.