

First Reformed Church

January 25, 2026

Please sign up to deliver Meals on Wheels the week of January 26-30. Thanks for helping with this local outreach mission.

It is exciting to share that we have received a first payment from Homeland Security to help recover the expense of finishing the basement following the flood. The check for \$31,257.88 will help pay down the loan that was needed to complete the project. Thanks to those who faithfully give to the building fund, your support is very much appreciated.

Mission Update from Sofie De Jong: We're just about through our first week of YWAM, and I wanted to take a moment to share a little update. Honestly, it's been really, good so far. I've been enjoying the classes so much they've been stretching me, challenging me, and encouraging me in ways I didn't fully expect. The worship times have been incredibly meaningful, and I already feel like the Lord is meeting me there in such a personal way.

The students here are also such a blessing. Everyone has been kind, welcoming, and genuine, and it's been so sweet getting to know people who are all here for the same heart and purpose. It already feels like community is forming, and I'm grateful for that.

One special thing for me this week is that I've started writing again. I didn't even realize how much I missed it until it came back. Writing has always been a way I process what God is doing in my heart, and being able to put words to this season feels like such a gift. It feels like something the Lord is gently restoring.

Overall, I'm just thankful, thankful for how God is moving, for what He's teaching me, and for the prayers and support that got me here. I'm excited to see what the rest of this journey holds and to continue sharing along the way.

Sofie will be going to serve youth in Central Asia at the end of March.

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS:

Whispering Heights: *Marilyn Van Holland, Clara Bannick, Joyce Van Berkum, Viola Van Driel.*

Pleasant Acres, Hull: *Duane Ver Malm, Milt Swier.* Fellowship Village, Inwood: *Jeanette Van Beek.*

Riverview Ridge: *Lucy Ymker, Judi Dorhout, Marv & Ella Hoogendoorn, Wayne & Judi Groeneweg, Wilma Schneider, Wilma Humme.*

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

Hope Haven's "Keys of Love" Dueling Piano Fundraiser, Friday, February 13 | 7 PM | The District, Sioux Falls. Join us for a fun night of music and entertainment with Dueling Duo, Andy & Ryno! All proceeds support Hope Haven International Ministries in providing wheelchairs to those in need around the world. Tickets and details at hopehaven.org/events.

Guiding Star Siouxland invites you to join us for our Annual Gala Fundraiser on Friday, March 6, 2026, at Prairie Winds Event Center in Orange City. The evening will include a catered meal, inspiring testimonies, and powerful stories from families whose lives have been impacted through fertility, pregnancy, postpartum, and parenthood. Doors open at 5:30 PM, with dinner and the program beginning at 6:30 PM, and semi-formal attire is requested. This event supports Guiding Star

Siouxland's mission to provide life-affirming support and education to women and families in our community. To learn more or to register, visit guidingstarsiouxland.org and click "Gala." Community Health Partners, along with all Sioux County healthcare systems, are partnering to offer an 8-session weight loss and diabetes prevention program, "Choose Health NW Iowa," with the goal of preventing diabetes in NW Iowa and promoting healthy and informed lifestyle choices. Classes will be on Thursdays from 5:15-6:30pm at Orange City Area Health System. Cost is \$40 for individuals or \$60/pair if you sign up with a partner. To register: call Community Health Partners at 712-737-2971 or email chp@siouxcountychp.org. Register by February 13th.

Tri-State Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is accepting applications for the upcoming weekend at the First Reformed Church in Rock Rapids, 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 February 13-15, 2026. 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.

 Experience Selah Live! Dove Award-winning trio Selah brings powerful harmonies, heartfelt lyrics, and a moving night of worship. Blending gospel, contemporary Christian music, and traditional hymns, this is a musical performance that inspires hope and faith. Join us at Trinity CRC on Sunday, March 29 @ 6PM.  Doors will open at 5:30 PM

 Tickets on sale now - <https://www.itickets.com/register/new/485224>