

FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

FEBRUARY 3, 2019

PRAYER REMINDERS

- Emery Kooima
- Vern De Boer
- Our Whispering Heights residents in Countryside: Louis Altena, Esther Cleveringa and Jake Teunissen
- Mike & Megan Ribbens in Johannesburg, South Africa
- New Roots
- Inspire 2019 is a conference to connect people from across the 1,000 + congregations of the Christian Reformed Church for three days of worship, workshops, speakers, and conversation. Please join us in praying for all of the speaker, leaders, breakout session facilitators, and people who will attend these times of conversation and learning. May this event inspire, equip, and make a positive impact on individuals and churches.

TODAY: **9:30 AM:** Morning Worship Service/Baptism of Emery Lynn Kooima
10:45 AM: Choir meets/Sunday School & Catechism
5:55 PM: Evening Worship Service

MONDAY: **3:45 PM:** Gems
7:00 PM: Congregational Meeting

TUESDAY: **9:45 AM:** Coffee Break
6:15-8:15 PM: Family Visitation

WED: **7:00 PM:** Young People meet for Bible Study & Valentine Supper practice
7:00 PM: Mission Guild; Men's Society

THURSDAY: **1:30 PM:** Ruth Circle

SATURDAY: **6:30 AM:** Leave from church for Ice Fishing in Okoboji - leave for home when you wish

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Monday - Laura Van Kalsbeek, Carol Vanden Bos

Tuesday - Avery Faber

Wednesday - Ashley Van Otterloo, Starla Van Otterloo

Thursday - Kevin Jansma, Colton Van Surksum

Friday - Mark Van't Hul

Saturday - Bristyl Bleyenbergh

FUTURE DATES

February 4 - Special Congregational Meeting

February 9 - Church Family Ice Fishing Event

February 12 - Young People set up for Valentine's Supper

February 13 - Young People's Valentine's Supper

February 19 - Whispering Height's Chapel - L.I.G.H.T. in charge

February 22 - RVCS Winter Festival

February 27 - CEC Nacho Supper

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Inspiration Hills Summer Camp Registration - Summer camp is just around the corner and registration opens on February 1! Make sure you visit our website to look at our available camps and dates that you want to send your child or grandchild to! This year's theme comes from Isaiah 43:1 which states, "I have called you by name, you are mine."

⇒ **Pastor & Spouse Retreat - February 8-11** - Join us as we learn what it takes to be "Fruit Bearers". Galatians 5:22-23 says, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness & self-control. Against such things there is no law." Our special speaker, Dan Kuiper, will be leading this retreat with lots of free time for you. You will be staying in our private rooms for an encouraging and uplifting weekend. Visit our website for more information and to register.

Dordt College's Andreas Center will host song and modern-day hymn writer, Sandra McCracken, on Monday, Feb. 4, as part of our First Monday's speaker Series - 11:00 AM - "A Song Writer's Journey through the Psalms"; 8 PM - Concert - Singing the Songs of Lament (free tickets via Eventbrite). For more information, go to the Andreas Center Facebook Page.

Scott Driesen Benefit - Thursday, Feb. 7, 2019 - 5-8 PM - First Reformed Church Fellowship Hall - On Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2018, Scott suffered a stroke while loading his milk truck. After spending several weeks in the hospital, he was able to return home on Dec. 19. Scott is currently going through rehab and unable to work at this time. All proceeds will go directly to Scott and Judi to help with ongoing medical expenses. Monetary donations can be mailed to First Reformed Church, 1501 16th Street, Rock Valley, IA 51247. (Please write "Scott Driesen Benefit" in the memo of your check). Thank you for your support!

Love INC of Sioux County is proud to present "Love and Laugh" on Saturday, February 9, at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley. The doors for this dinner theater style event will open at 5:00 PM to be followed by a catered meal at 5:30 PM, and an improvisational comedy show by Slap Happy Comedy at 7:00 PM. The Slap Happy Comedy team, a Christian two-man duo, brings a clean, high energy, hilarious, interactive comedy experience that will involve the entire audience and guarantees fun for the entire family. Tickets to this event are an ideal Valentine's Day gift and can be purchased for \$30 a piece, or you may reserve a complete table of 8 by calling the Love INC office at 712-476-5990.

Siouxland Habitat for Humanity invites you to their "Love Your Neighbor" Pancake Supper on Wednesday, February 13, from 5:00-7:00 PM in the Hull Community Building. Free will donations will be received to help families in need to achieve their own home. We would love to see you there!

Are you or someone you know in need of a safe, decent and affordable place to live? Siouxland Habitat for Humanity is accepting partner family applications for our homeownership program for a future home in Orange City. Application forms are available at the Orange City Office, Orange City Library, and online at <http://siouxlandhabitat.org/our-programs/home-ownership/>. Completed applications are due by March 4. If you have questions, please contact Kurt Franje (712-476-2804) or email kfranje@siouxlandhabitat.org.

LET'S MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE!

"For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him."
~ Colossians 1:16

"Acknowledge and take to heart this day that the Lord is God in heaven above and on the earth below. There is no other."
~ Deuteronomy 4:39