



# Winnebago Reformed Church

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Dear Friends,

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It is a privilege to write to you again and tell you of the blessings of God and of His work among His people.

In the seven months that we have lived in Winnebago, we have been warmly welcomed by the people of the church and of the community. We are very comfortable finding ourselves back in an environment that is similar in many ways to that in which we grew up. Connie was a farm girl and most of my youth was in small communities. We are used to everyone being related to everyone else. We grew up with everyone knowing everyone else's business. We know what it is like to get directions like... "you know where so-and-so's grandfather used to live..." And we understand that everyone has some kind of connection with the Reformed Church.

More and more, we see the preparation that God has given to us for this ministry. One of the greatest general interests of women in this community is crafts, and Connie has a tremendous depth of experience and knowledge in that field, even in fields that are particularly of interest here, bead-work and quilting. My background in construction has been very useful in bringing the facility up to par, and our years of work in the church and community have provided a foundation of knowledge, equipping us for today's mission.

We have been blessed by work groups and mission teams from sister churches who





came and worked hard with VBS, on the building and in the community... works of servitude in the name of Jesus, works that will remain visible for years to come, to the people here, as evidence of God's work in people's hearts.

As we prepare for the celebration of our centennial on November 13, we have enjoyed learning from different people, their memories of the work of this church and the

children's home that was part of this mission. If you are able, we would love to see you at the 3:00PM service that day.

Please pray for us as we seek to grow the work of Christ in this community. This past Sunday, we had a record twenty four children in Sunday School! We pray that we can build a ministry that engages adults and children together, and that somehow, we can also reach our youth who appear to have absolutely no connection to the church.

This month, we began a Women's Fellowship and Bible study, and our adult Sunday School continues to grow.

We want to thank those of you who continue to support us financially. The economic reality is that even if our members gave their entire tithe to this church, we could not cover the whole cost of this ministry, so your gifts are vital for this work to continue, and we are confident that this work is part of God's purpose in Winnebago, Nebraska.

Watch our website at [www.winnebagoreformed.org](http://www.winnebagoreformed.org) and Facebook, "Winnebago Reformed Church", to keep up-to-date on what's happening here, and if you have questions, please write or call us.

May God bless you as He has continued to bless us,

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