

Tom Reuvers shared this article with the church office for the Innerglow. The person who nominated Dana Kruse for the award, Maggie Salas, is a niece to Bobby. When visiting Bobby at the hospital, she saw the nomination forms. Maggie is an ER nurse at Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas. Thank you Tom for sharing this article.

Dana Kruse, RN, receives prestigious DAISY Award

Dana Kruse, a valued nurse at Orange City Area Health System, received the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses. Gwen Post, Sanford Health Nursing and Clinical Services Consultant, presented the award to Dana on March 13. **(Side note – March 13th was Bobby's birthday! This was most certainly a God sighting!!)**



Dana has been a registered nurse at Orange City Area Health System since July of 2022 and was hired as a new grad from NCC in Sheldon. Prior to her position at OCAHS, Dana worked as an LPN for a nursing home in Sibley.

Dana was nominated for this award by Maggie Salas, a family member of a patient served at our hospital. In her nomination submission, she describes Dana:

“I want to nominate Dana for the Daisy Award. She provided incredibly compassionate care to my aunt, Bobby Reuvers, while she received hospice care for pancreatic cancer. Her care went beyond just the medical realm and she touched our entire family during a time of great need. She exhibited unbelievable empathy. She didn't strictly address my aunt's physical needs; she took the time to ensure that the family's emotional and physical needs were met as well. She never left the room without asking if she could do something for us. She provided guidance, answered questions and listened always with a smile and warm demeanor. Dana provided an atmosphere of comfort with our family, which allowed my family to be more present during my sweet aunt Bobby's final days. Dana is a true gem and we are forever grateful for the care she gave to her patient and the entire family.”

The DAISY Foundation was established in 1999 by members of the family of Patrick Barnes. He was 33 years old and died of complications of the auto-immune disease ITP. Like many families we see every day who go through this kind of horrific loss, the Barnes family wanted to do something

positive to honor the very special man Patrick was. So, as they say, over a very “liquid” dinner right after Pat’s death, they came up with DAISY—an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System. As they brainstormed what the DAISY Foundation would actually do, they kept coming back to the one positive thing they held on to during Pat’s 8 week illness: the extraordinary care he and they received from Pat’s nurses.

The family was very impressed by the clinical care Pat’s nurses provided, but what really overwhelmed them was the compassion and kindness that his nurses brought to Pat’s bedside day in and day out. The nurses’ sensitivity made a great difference in the Barnes’ experience, and they wanted to say Thank You to nurses for the extraordinary care they provide patients and families every day. Pat’s family created the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses. What started out as a thank you from their family to nurses has grown into a meaningful recognition program embraced by healthcare organizations around the world.” –the Daisy Foundation

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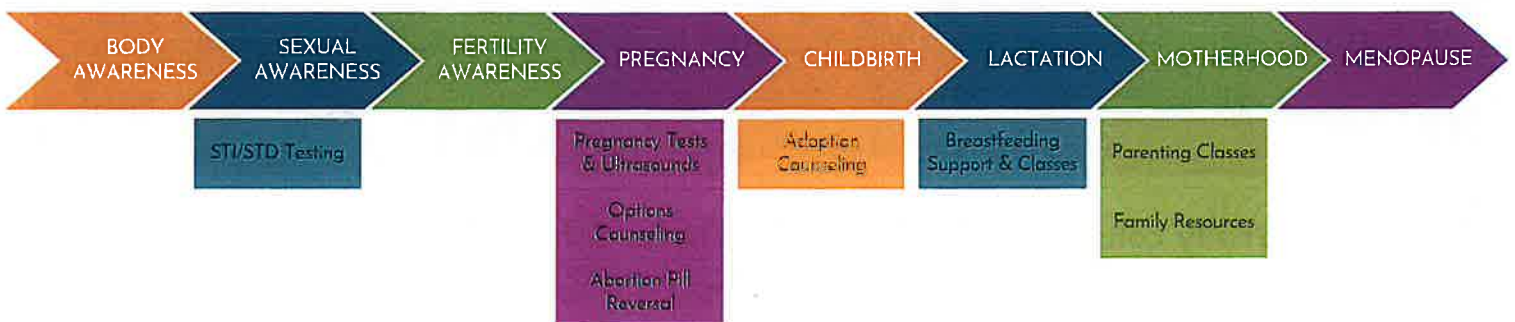
We had an incredible, TRANSFORMATIVE evening at our Annual Fundraising Gala on March 1st! 168 attendees learned about our dreams for Guiding Star Siouxland, along with the obstacles we face. We were touched with beautiful client testimonies and a powerful keynote speech from Pam Tebow! What was abundantly clear is that the community recognizes that women deserve more from their healthcare - and at Guiding Star Siouxland, we are providing natural, authentic healthcare that honors a woman's *mind, body, and spirit*.

One of our exciting special announcements at the Gala was that we are **OFFICIALLY** able to restart our clinic services, beginning with limited obstetric ultrasounds and pregnancy testing! This is a HUGE step toward our 10 year goal for Guiding Star Siouxland to be a vibrant and rapidly growing full-spectrum solution that women look to for holistic healthcare and Birth services.

If we truly want to change the world to a CULTURE OF LIFE, we have to start now. If we want to see a world where abortion is not merely illegal but completely unthinkable we **have to completely and radically change the landscape of women's healthcare.** At Guiding Star, reverence for life and womanhood is the cornerstone for our ministry, and we are a movement that is reclaiming and revolutionizing authentic women's healthcare in a way that's never been done before.

When we look at the current spectrum of women's healthcare, we see eight distinct phases throughout a woman's life cycle:

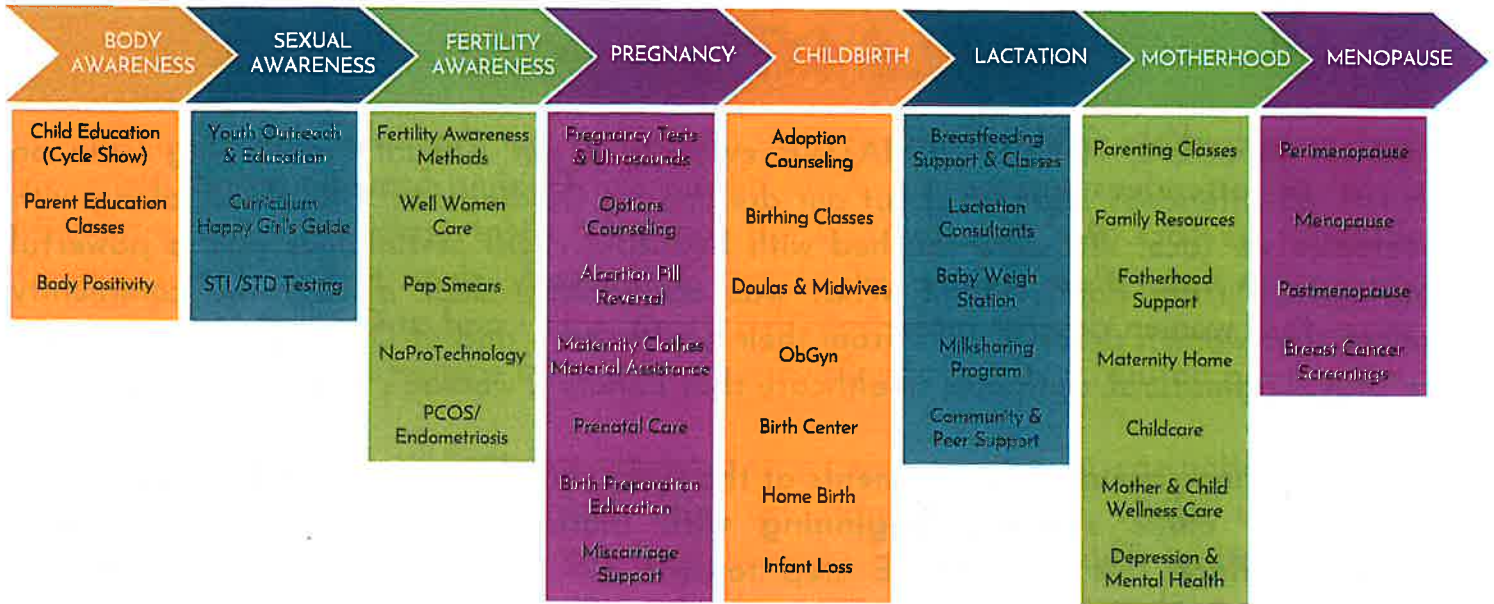
Where the Limited Medical Pregnancy Center Movement has Been



The pro-life movement has historically been hyper focused on the 1/3 of pregnant women who are abortion vulnerable, meanwhile, the abortion industry has inserted themselves across the full spectrum of women's healthcare. Their blanket solution boils down to abortion, birth control, and gender ideology - ironically, all of which are about altering, suppressing, or destroying the normal healthy functions of a woman's body, the essence of womanhood.

In reality, a comprehensive woman's healthcare center would look something like this:

Guiding Star Project's Spectrum of Women's Healthcare



This type of wholistic healthcare provides unique care and support at each stage that is specific and individualized to a woman's life. We can no longer be satisfied with just helping a woman to choose life and then having to refer them out to other providers or organizations for continued care in medical systems that don't always share our values, that increase their financial burden, and can create traumatic experiences.

Providing full medical services, including a Birth Center, is our vision for Guiding Star Siouxland's future. And we need your help to achieve this goal! You can be a part of the ripple effect that will reach our daughters, granddaughters, and great granddaughters, as we build a Culture of Life not only today, but for the future.

OUR VISION DOES NOT COME WITHOUT A COST. WE ARE \$101,634 AWAY FROM OUR GOAL OF RAISING \$168,000 TO HELP US FULLY FUND OUR MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE NEXT YEAR, AND PROVIDE THE CRUCIAL, CONSISTENT FUNDS WE NEED FOR A FUTURE DOWN PAYMENT AND LEASE ON OUR OWN BUILDING!

Please prayerfully consider becoming a "Donor for Life" through a monthly gift AND supporting us this year through a one-time donation!

YOUR GENEROUS GIFTS WILL HELP US BUILD A CULTURE OF LIFE TODAY, AND BEYOND!

Kaleigh R. Van Middendorp
Executive Director





Taking the Gospel to the Streets!



• Trash pick up, laundry washing, car washing and prayer were all a part of our annual Jesus Loves HG outreach to the city of Hawaiian Gardens.

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JESUS LOVES HG

Volunteers shared the love of Jesus by offering free services to the city of Hawaiian Gardens for one day at our annual Jesus Loves HG event. Individuals and families from our mission church, The Gathering, took to the streets to pick up pounds of trash and litter, while others went to a local laundry mat and prayed



The streets were alive with honks as we served the city.

for peoples' needs while paying for loads of laundry. One lady, overwhelmed by the free offer, called home and had additional blankets brought by family members to wash! Another group of volunteers welcomed drivers with “honk if you love Jesus” signs and washed dozens of cars! The gospel was also

shared by individuals through tracts and flyers inviting the neighborhood to programs, services and resources available at The Way Out Ministries and through our English and Spanish speaking churches. It was such a privilege to present Jesus in “deed and truth!” *1 John 3:18*

40 YEARS OF MINISTRY

May 7, 1984 The Way Out was incorporated with \$100.00 in the bank, and our headquarters was listed as a rented house on Arline Street in the City of Hawaiian Gardens. I hadn't even been ordained as a pastor yet (*that would happen in October 1987*). Our ministry center then was a converted garage, and our only weekly programs were Survivors and Victors Clubs (*ages 8-12*) and Kid's Corner (*ages 4-7*). The teen and adult programs would come later— so would our partnership with the Reformed Church in America, our first storefront rental, and our first computer! Some of you may remember our earliest newsletters written with a typewriter and printed in black ink on some awful colored paper! Nonetheless, the hearts of the founders, board members, partners and volunteers were so excited about bringing Jesus to the city. Much has changed— and oh my how we have grown, but Jesus is and always has been the central message of The Way Out Ministries. Now that same message of hope is being proclaimed in other

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local cities and now in Texas and as far as the Philippines! So many people have come to know Christ! Lives have been changed, families have been saved, churches and ministries have been born! We hope you will join us as we celebrate our birthday with a grand fiesta on Saturday, May 4th @ 5PM and our Sunday Celebration Services on May 5 @ 9AM and 11AM. We also invite you to schedule a facility tour for you and/ or your group sometime this year. You can make plans with Aundrea @ 562.429.2397 or with Rachel @ rachel@thewayout.org We also encourage you to send a special "birthday card" this year to add to our public display. Please include a special gift—as you can afford, and add your testimony of how God has used The Way Out Ministries to make an impact in your life. Thank you for your blessing in this 40th year of ministry!

MISSION POSSIBLE

The Way Out Ministries Philippines is currently booking team members for our first official mission trip to Occidental Mindoro, San Jose. The Ten day



Rachel Perez left her heart in San Jose!

trip will host 20-25 short term missionaries who will work with our Filipino staff and volunteers to do 5 evangelistic/ mercy outreaches. Pastors Barry and Ryan Bruce along with Outreach Coordinator Rachel Perez will lead the team which will serve October 8-17, 2024. The cost of joining the Mission Possible team is \$3,000. per person— all food, lodging and travel is included (*some restrictions apply*). If you are interested in joining the team or you would like to make a special contribution to the work of this team, then please call Rachel Perez at our Texas office at 562.321.0844. Please be praying for us on this exciting adventure in mission!

CAMP SPONSORSHIPS

In a world that celebrates sin, children must "taste and see that the Lord is good." Please join with us in offering them the sweetness of Jesus by becoming a camp sponsor today. Simply fill out the enclosed card and mail it with your check in the envelope provided or go to thewayout.org and click on "partner" and "Be A Camp Sponsor".

Camp has eternal returns. In addition to coming to know Christ, campers get to do things they might never have the opportunity to do like zip-lining, hiking, singing around a campfire, and most importantly learning to love and to be loved! Thank you for considering camp sponsorship!



Our first boys club initiates Pastor Barry and Drew.

3 Easy Ways To Donate

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2. Give securely at thewayout.org by clicking on the "donate" tab.
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If you have any questions about giving then please call us at 562.429.2397

Please note: all undesignated giving will go into our general fund. Thank You



You're helping children in Indonesia learn about God's love for them. Thank you!

YOU ARE MAKING A WORLDWIDE DIFFERENCE



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to share God's Word



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around the world

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God is good! People in more than 50 nations are finding hope in trying times. In 2024, your gifts, service, and prayers have already transformed more than 735,000 lives! That's about 2,000 people each day! Your generosity continues to help bring God's Word to millions of hungry souls, leading them to hope in Christ. You're joining God in the work He's doing around the world! Thank you.

With your help to provide Bibles and training, you are equipping Bible study leaders, church planters, and literacy teachers to share God's Word. By the power of the Holy Spirit, you are helping people to understand God's Word and come to faith. Thank you for making an eternal difference worldwide. You are a blessing!

God's Word Transforms Lives and Communities

It's never too late to receive the Gospel and see a life changed. That's the story of José (pictured). After battling addiction for over 30 years, the Word of God transformed his life and heart. "I was a useless man, defeated by drugs, alcohol, and so many things," he laments.

When he heard God's Word through a local pastor, José realized he was fighting a battle in the spiritual realm. Through Ephesians 6, he discovered that his struggle "was not against flesh and blood but against spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. I understood that even though I wanted to get out, I couldn't."

It was then that he cried out to God on his knees.

"From that moment, I started calling God 'dad' and experienced His grace," he recounts. That transformation gave José the desire to tell everyone about the grace he received.

Through Bible League's Bible studies and training for church planters, José has the tools he needs to share the Gospel in his Peruvian town, which

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God's Word Transforms Lives *(continued)*

suffers from poverty and rough living conditions. In a time when other churches were left without pastors, José managed to plant a thriving church!

José attributes his success to the materials that Bible League provides. He says, "The people following Christ are very grateful and motivated by the clarity of the message of salvation. It's much easier to know Christ when the Scripture is so easy to understand."

Thank you for making José's ministry possible! He concludes, "You're helping to preach the word that transforms lives."

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray with us for the nearly 4 million people affected by drought in northern Ethiopia and ask God to bring peace, comfort, and provision to people suffering from the ongoing conflicts there.
- Praise the Lord for the 20 children who recently completed their first Bible-based Literacy class in Taiwan. Pray that the Word of God continues to take root deeply in the children's hearts and that they accept Jesus when they are young.

Join Others in Making an Eternal Impact for Christ



People in Thailand are growing in God's Word, thanks to your generosity.

When you join hands with the Bible League Volunteer Ambassadors to pray and provide Bibles and training, you bring the hope of Christ to communities worldwide. By God's grace and the power of His Word, each \$5 Bible you provide today has the power to transform a life. A family. A community. And as lives are transformed, God's Church will grow—on a global scale! You will help make disciples around the world, just as Jesus commands. Thank you!

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New Roots Review

March 2024

Is There a Commandment More Often Broken Than...?

by Fred Wilgenburg

God is clear in Exodus 20:16: "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor" (New American Standard Bible). "No lies about your neighbor" is what is written in The Message's contemporary version.

God made that one of His commandments, and I wonder if it is because it is one of the biggest sins of us humans. While the commandment states that we are not to lie about others, Jesus expands on it in Matthew 5:33-37: "...The ancients were told, 'You shall not make false vows, but shall fulfill your vows to the Lord.' But I say to you, take no oath at all... But make sure your statement is, 'Yes, yes' or 'No, no'; anything beyond these is of evil origin" (NASB).

My wife and I watch reality TV shows like *Survivor* and *The Traitors*. The shows are entertaining, but I can handle only so much of them before I need to watch something else; so much of the contenders' ability to win or lose depends on their level of deception and lying to the other contenders. I know, "it's just a game," but that ability to deceive is clearly brought into the game, and probably also taken from it.

Lying was a major pitfall in the Bible. The devil himself started it, in responding to Eve in Genesis 3:4-5— "You certainly will not die! For God knows that on the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will become like God, knowing good and evil." Well, that was partially correct—their eyes were opened—but the lie was big in that by them eating the fruit of the tree, the consequence ultimately was death. ***(Please read through to eventual good, positive news, in the last paragraph. Honestly.)*** 😊

Disciple Peter denied knowing his master, Jesus, after Jesus' arrest. That dishonest denial caused deep pain for Peter, and it required some rebuilding of their relationship. Ananias and Sapphira, in Acts 5:1-11, lied to the Holy Spirit and to the apostles about the money for some land that they sold. God took this dishonesty very seriously; they both died immediately as a direct result.

While there was often a sense of guilt and shame, and consequences, in those Bible stories, a sense of guilt and repentance seem largely absent in 20th century events, as well as today within societies where dishonesty has become rampant. My parents came to the US in the 1940s and 1950s largely because their home country of The Netherlands was severely impacted by World War 2, which was begun by Germany. Its leader, Adolf Hitler, deceived his own people, and lied to fellow world leaders, in his insatiable hunger for power and world domination. His "giving false testimony against" others, especially Jewish people, caused the murder of millions.

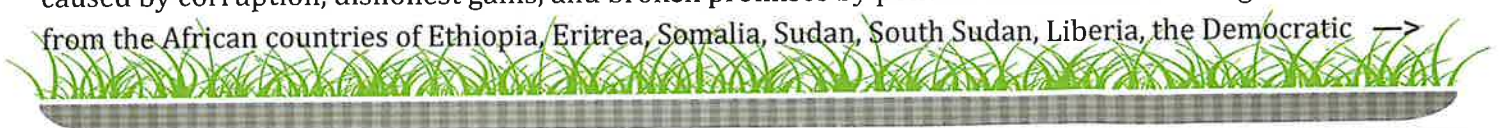
New Roots Ministry is in existence because so many former refugees have come to Sioux Falls within the past thirty years. Many of them had to leave their home countries due to dangerous, uninhabitable situations caused by corruption, dishonest gains, and broken promises by political leaders. These refugees have come from the African countries of Ethiopia, Eritrea, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Liberia, the Democratic →



**NEW ROOTS
MINISTRY**



I am very pleased to have Jean-Claude Diaminda join our team as a chaplain at Smithfield Foods. With his fluency in 7 languages, his education and experience in psychology, and his years of experience as a pastor, this former refugee of Congo is doing well for us.



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During the early years of his leadership twenty years ago, he said he recognized Ukraine as an independent country. Just over two years ago, he declared a full-scale war on Ukraine, with the support of the majority of his Russian people because the state-controlled news stations tell lies to the people, though by now 31,000 Ukrainian soldiers have been killed, a much larger number of Russian soldiers have been killed, and numerous civilians have died.

But, dishonesty is in our country, too, isn't it, impacting all of us, and this insidious sin probably afflicts each of us, personally, to certain degrees. American politics seems to share many half-truths, about national

debt and deficits, about climate change, about border control and migration of people, and about issues like abortion. And, which half of the truth you hear depends much on which leader or news outlet you follow.

Interestingly, sometimes deception comes through religion. While we Jesus-followers believe in a perfect God who does not deceive, and who tells us not to falsely testify about others, Islamic theology teaches that Allah is not bound by his own laws, and that he can deceive, and that he created the devil and demons. As well, Islamic theology does not have a doctrine of sinfulness or of sin. If "sins" are discussed, they are categorized as lesser or greater mistakes and disobediences with various determined punishments. And, mistakes and disobedience are not seen as an offense against Allah, but a violation against man. This is not to write bad about Muslims, some of whom are good friends of mine, but to just highlight some teachings of their faith.

Here's some great news: our perfect, holy, gracious, and personal God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—is about making all things new, including us. He doesn't deceive and He doesn't want people to deceive or be deceived. Romans 6:1-10 is a powerful, Lent/Easter passage. We can put our old self, and with it, slavery to sin, to death, with and through Jesus. And then, as Jesus resurrected from death, we can live new, redeemed lives through Him. So, the deception and dishonesty within our societies are not of God. He has much better for us all! **Happy Easter!!!**

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Republic of Congo, and Burundi, from the Mideastern countries of Afghanistan and Iraq, from the Asian countries of Burma (Karen people), Bhutan, Nepal, and Afghanistan, and from the European countries of Ukraine, Bosnia, and Kosovo. Besides refugees, many others have had exceedingly difficult times in their home countries, due to corruption, lies, and danger, and if not caused by political leaders, by drug gangs, causing them to flee their central American countries.

Today, there is a big influx of Ukrainian refugees, including some to this region, due largely to the lies of Russian leader, Vladimir Putin.

What is New Roots Ministry?

It's "a springboard for new Americans & their churches." This is done through workplace chaplaincy (we provide chaplaincy at Smithfield Foods & we train & place bi-lingual chaplains on commercial farms), through Timothy Leadership Training, through hosting special educational events, through empowering new American pastors, leaders, and their churches, through offering unique Service Opportunities—serve in, or visit, stores owned by new Americans, then hear their stories, through helping people navigate the American system and achieve their goals, like education, through driver training for new Americans, and through Everyday-Ambassadors Practicum.



Marlys (2nd from left) taught Vidya (left) to drive and get her license. The rest of us benefitted; out of appreciation, Vidya and her husband, Pratt, took us and our spouses to an Indian restaurant for some of their best cuisine—excellent! If interested in this fulfilling opportunity to help somebody drive, please let us know.

What's next @ Love INC...

- R&R: Refresh & Renew will be Thursday, April 11, 2024. Our topic will be how the church can minister to, and enfold people of varying cultures in our community. Please encourage your pastors to take time out of their schedules to connect with other local pastors and grow in their calling to serve. RSVP by Tuesday, April 9. This will be our last session until September.
- **Reality Check** will take place on April 10 in Hull. Western Christian High School and Trinity Christian High School will participate. We are excited to have these student engage in our financial simulation and learn the reality of life after school.
- **Advance Notice: The Love INC Spring Share fundraiser will be Saturday, April 27!** I've attached the flyer for information.
- Love INC is seeking a volunteer who would be willing to help us interpret for our Hispanic neighbors. If you know of anyone who might be interested in serving in this way please call the office.
- "Like" our Facebook page (Love INC of Sioux County) to follow our ministry!



I'm Afraid!

About a year ago my hip started hurting when I'd walk or ride my bike. At first, I thought maybe it was related to my back which I'd had surgery on years before. The pain persisted and eventually it was too painful to ride my bike at all. Deep down, I knew something wasn't right but I just decided I'd walk for exercise instead. By late summer, even that was getting more and more uncomfortable. It was November, when I was walking and my leg seemed to "give out" going down a hill. Finally, I made an appointment. The next months of testing revealed a labral tear in my hip and some other issues that could only be resolved with surgery.

I struggled to schedule the surgery date. I knew how difficult the recovery would be and I was afraid. Afraid of the pain. Afraid of having to use crutches for six weeks. Afraid that maybe the surgery wouldn't fix my problem. For months, fear kept me from moving forward with what I knew needed to happen.

Fear can paralyze. Fear can cause anxiety and worry about what *might* happen. This is when our brain can cause us to spiral. We imagine all the worst case scenarios before we even take a step. Fear can consume our heart. So we tend to avoid.

However, fear can also motivate when we seem to be out of options. Or in my case, the pain I experienced every day outweighed the challenging recovery. God knows all about our fears. He understands that we will avoid pain and uncomfortable situations at all costs. He knows how hard it is to face challenges. God also knows that growth and blessing often come through adversity.

The promise is that we never have to face our fears alone!

Psalm 46:1-3 "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear..."

Isaiah 41:13 "For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you."

Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

I'm five weeks down the road of my recovery. Has it been pleasant? Not at all! But now I am living without constant pain. It's been very challenging but during my time of "rest" I enjoyed the blessing of the family of God through texts, calls, visits, yummy food, and rides to appointments/work. Most of all, I was reminded that God shows up every day, we just have to be paying attention. We can choose to face our fears knowing God will journey with us through it all!

