



# CONNECTED

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North Hills Christian Reformed Church

Thank  
you!

Please accept our heartfelt **THANKS** for your generous Christmas gifts. We are grateful to be serving along with you. Even with unprecedented challenges North Hills continues to Glorify, Gather, and Grow!

~Pastor Randy, Michelle, Mary

The lovely “Christmasy” plant sitting on my coffee table is a visible reminder of just how special North Hills is. **THANK YOU** so much for remembering me. I also look forward to a time when I can once again resume attendance beyond “couch church”! Blessings,

~Pat Reeves

## About our stewardship:

Tithes to date: \$9,165

Need to date: \$12,572

## Birthdays this week:

January 16: Elizabeth Van Oyen

January 20: Caralee Rienstra

January 22: Ellorie Krum



Brian William Schieferstein died on Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, due to complications of COVID-19. He was 46 years old. Brian is survived by his parents Robert and Bonnie Schieferstein, his siblings Scott Schieferstein and Karen (Schieferstein) Munoz, his son Cole Schieferstein, Cole's mother Angie Stepaniak, Cole's sister Chloe Stepaniak, Brian's former partner and close friend Tiffany Cameron, his dog Justice, and many other friends and family. Brian was a graduate of Seaholm High School, where he was on the football and wrestling teams, and Central Michigan University, where he joined a fraternity. He was fiercely independent, starting a landscaping business in high school and more recently working in mortgage banking and real estate investment and management. Brian was, in some ways, a very private person, but also stubborn and outspoken. He never judged people by their appearance or their circumstances and he was a loyal friend who was always willing to drop everything to help you – even if that meant letting a friend move in

with him. He will always be remembered for his big heart. Memorial donations may be given to North Hills Church, designated for Calvin Prison Initiative.

Brian's memorial service was held last Sunday in our Sanctuary.

Pastor Engle led the service, along with organist Mary Baker and soloist Tim Brown. Don Callihan read the gospel lesson from Luke 7. Brian's father, Bob, gave a eulogy as did his brother, Scott, and best man, Joe.

Mark Elliott fabricated Brian's urn out of a walnut tree that grew on the North Hills property. Brian will be inurned in our Memorial Garden at a later date.

*Bonnie and I would like to express our thanks to our North Hillian family and friends who provided us with overwhelming love and support during this past week. We would especially like to thank those who were able to attend Brian's memorial service either in person or online. We were overwhelmed at the number of people who came for the visitation. There were so many people that we never met before and so many people that we hadn't seen in years. We apologize if in our efforts to greet these people, we were unable to spend much time with those whom we know best .... but we are sure that you understand. We love you all. You are God's hands and arms, and we truly feel His embrace through your kind words and actions. Thanks, and may He be glorified. ~Bob & Bonnie*

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Dear friends at North Hills: We are so **GRATEFUL** for your generous Christmas gift and your 30+ years of support for our ministry. This year of 2022 will be our retirement year in the Fall, after 37 years of work in West Africa. We appreciate that North Hills has been with us for *all* of that journey! We plan to use your gift to make some improvements to the house in Carol Stream, Illinois, where we will be very close to our daughter Susan and son-in-law, and grandson Bryan. Thanks again for your very generous Christmas gift!

~Mary and Scott Crickmore

Dear North Hills Christian Reformed Church: As you know, the Baldwin Center is deeply invested in the community we serve. Our vision is a thriving community with engaged citizens. Our promise is to provide the tools necessary for individuals and families in need to become vibrant, productive community members. We value honesty, respect, integrity and compassion. We believe in the strength of human dignity and the resilience of the human spirit as we continue to feed, clothe, educate, and empower! We rely on our donors, volunteers and community partners so much, which is why your year-end donation of \$800 is truly appreciated. **THANK YOU** for believing in the work we do! It is a privilege to partner with you in bringing our vision to life.

Warm regards, Elizabeth Longley, Executive Director