

**G**lorify God

**R**enew Through  
Christ's Resurrection

**A**ffirm the Gifts of the  
Holy Spirit

**C**ommit to Compassion

**E**vangelize All the Earth

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# Light of Life News

**Second Reformed Church**

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## Mission Presentation by the Lampens

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our names are Jeff and Chelsea Lampen and, together with our children, Lorelei (10), Caspian (6), and Evander (2), we have been appointed as RCA missionaries in the city of Hannover, Germany. After serving as RCA missionaries in Romania for four years (where you supported and loved us so well!), God called us to be co-pastors in a rural town of Fairview, Illinois for 5 ½ years. When we were asked to consider serving in Hannover, we felt God calling us to combine our love of cross-cultural hospitality with an opportunity to shepherd His people together within the Reformed tradition.



If you've ever spent time in a culture where your heart language is not used by most people, you might know the joy of finally walking into a worship service where you can praise and worship Christ and share with other Christians in your native language. It's truly a liberating and powerful experience of God's mercy, and one that we hope to provide as the co-pastors of RELISH (Reformed English Language International Service in Hannover). RELISH is a congregation made up of believers from around the world whom God has brought to Hannover and who are more comfortable worshipping in English than in German. In this place, the Revelation 21 church can be glimpsed as Christians across the globe joyfully worship alongside one another.

**We look forward to sharing with you on Sunday, May 19, at 4:00 PM.**  
**Jeff, Chelsea, Lorelei, Caspian, and Evander Lampen**

**Vacation Bible School will be held on June 3–7 from 9:00 AM–Noon.**

Register your children ages 4 through current 4th graders on our website and invite others to attend.

The theme is "Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light."

Let Verlaine Hayunga know how you can help with VBS.

<https://www.secondreformed.com/about-5>



## May Committees

### Kitchen Cleaning:

Linda Gayken  
Kim Geiken

### Flowers/Decorating:

Vivian Eitreim  
Christina Eitreim  
Jenilee Eitreim

### Nursery Cleaning:

Molly Townsend  
Nicole Winterboer

## May Anniversaries

Gary & Linda Gayken—  
May 1

Wendell & Cindy  
Timmerman—May 12

Al & Kay Goeman—  
May 16

## May Birthdays

Lynda DeJong—May 13

Maxine Bossman—  
May 15

Dale Dannen—May 25

Gary Johnson—May 25

Each month I try to print the anniversaries of those who have been married 40 years or more, and the birthdays of those age 70 and above.

Please let me know if I miss your special day or if I need to make any corrections to the list.

*Kristi Rops*

## Philathea Guild News *by Susan Bultena*

Another month is coming to an end and time seems to move more swiftly than I'd like. As a youngster time seemed to drag between one big event and the next. Now my life must be filled with "big events," or maybe someone pulls off several calendar pages at a time. I just don't feel as though I do each month justice by enjoying what God brings me in those 30+ days.

The first Sunday in May is Youth Recognition Sunday. Jocelyn Thoms is our only graduate to be recognized, so the youth leaders will present a video of this year's activities from the whole RCYM for our viewing pleasure. Congratulations to Jocelyn and best wishes in all that comes your way as you prepare to enter the world of high school next fall.

As I write this we are still collecting for Human Services Center in Yankton. In visiting with a staff member, I was reminded of how blessed I am. There are three geriatric units as well as facilities for children and adults. Some folks arrive clad only in a hospital gown and others with only the clothes they are wearing. Not all families are able to help so the staff work hard to meet the needs of their patients.

The contributions you make will be warmly received and will be used to benefit the patients during their stay. Should the tote and display be gone before you are able to bring a contribution, feel free to talk to a Guild member and we will see that it gets to the Human Services Center.

## "Sewing for Others" *by Susan Bultena*

The ladies brought 38 blankets of all sizes to the Interlakes Communion Action office which is located in the old Children's Inn. Six blankets were contributed to the Hope Haven fundraiser, three baby blankets went to the Alpha Center, six lap robes were taken to the Canton Nursing Home, and six to the Home in Canistota. The remainder of the lap robes, 25 to date, will be taken to Human Services Center in May.

If you wish to contribute in any way, we are happy to receive yard goods. Sheets, old blankets, old mattress pads, etc. are used as filler between pretty fabric to make quilts for cold winter nights. If you have questions, please feel free to stop in to the Family Life Center on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, or ask a sewing lady.

## UGM Lamplighters *by Johanna Iken, Delegate*

The Union Gospel Mission Lamplighters met on April 18, 2024 at Trinity Baptist Church in Sioux Falls. Pastor Matt Styles gave the message on Ecclesiastes. In creation if all we do is look at things under the sun we find life meaningless. We need to look beyond the sun to Jesus. A new creation was launched when Jesus was raised from the dead. Cycles of addiction, abuse and hopelessness can be broken. There is hope because of the resurrection.

We sang several hymns. Mer Johnson gave a piano solo for special music. We are continuing to collect money for Bibles for Bible study.

Eric Weber reported on the UGM. In the past year 198 guests have found permanent housing. They have had some water leaks on the new third floor housing. The debt has been paid off for this new renovation of 8 family rooms. Three staff have left their positions at the UGM.

The next meeting will be Friday, May 17, at 2 pm at Ebenezer Presbyterian Church in Lennox. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Youth Will Hold Bonfire on May 1

Here we are at the end of another youth group year...each one seems to go quicker than the last! It has been a busy, fun and fulfilling year. Both junior high and high school groups were consistently well attended, and we are grateful for the spiritual growth we witnessed amongst our students.

We will conclude with our final meeting being 5/1 at Second Reformed. We plan on hosting our annual bonfire, along with enjoying a recap slideshow of the past year.

We are looking forward to our junior high trip to Power Connection July 26-28 in St. Paul. As always, we are so appreciative of and blessed by your prayers, your many generous donations, and the kind words and encouragement. God is good!

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## Register Now for Summer Camps

Inspiration Hills (located near Inwood, Iowa) has a variety of summer camp options for all ages: wilderness, lodge, saddle up, day camp, discovery, take me fishing, girls only, guys only, journey, grand camp, family camp, a new camp for high schoolers, and CHIPS (the counselor-in-training program.)

This year's Summer Camp theme is "In the Beginning, God!" The story of redemption in the Bible will be explored. Register online rates at [inspirationhills.org](http://inspirationhills.org)

Second Reformed Church will pay up to ½ of your registration fee. You will need to complete a camp registration fee assistance form (available by the mailboxes in the fellowship hall).

## April Consistory Notes

- The final day for Sunday School is April 28, with teacher and volunteer recognition held that morning.
- Vacation Bible School is June 3-7, from 9:00-Noon.
- New chairs for the fellowship hall are continuing to be purchased as contributions are given.
- Plans are moving forward for a new video system.
- Mission Emphasis Sunday will be moved to the last Sunday in October.

## Graduate Recognition

We will recognize 8th grade graduate Jocelyn Thoms during worship on Sunday, May 5.

If there are other graduates, contact Kristi Rops.

## Everyday-Ambassadors

Do you ever feel reluctant in personally sharing the Gospel?

At a 5-hour Saturday workshop in Sioux Falls on May 18, we will dig into the Word, learn to express our personal God-stories, and interact with those who may be struggling without Him. Gain an "I-can-do-that" feeling, causing you to speak more natural spiritually with those you know.

Sign-up for Everyday-Ambassadors Practicum, [www.sfnewroots.com/our-ministries](http://www.sfnewroots.com/our-ministries) or contact Rev. Fred Wilgenburg at [sfnewroots@gmail.com](mailto:sfnewroots@gmail.com)

## Summer Staff Positions

Inspiration Hills is hiring summer staff. Positions available are worship music leader, lifeguards, kitchen staff, mowers, camp counselors, and housekeeping. To learn more, visit [inspirationhills.org/work](http://inspirationhills.org/work)

## Prayer Chain Sign-Up

Go to the church website [www.secondreformed.com](http://www.secondreformed.com) to sign-up for the new email prayer chain group.

Click "services" at the top of the page, scroll down and click the "join" button in the prayer chain section, fill out the form with email, first and last names, and click submit.

If you need assistance, talk to Jerod Zimmer or Kristi Rops.

# May 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>SUNDAY SCHEDULE:</b>            Koffee Kiosk from 8:55-9:25 AM            Worship at 9:30 AM            Coffee/Fellowship at 10:30 AM</p> </div>			1  Youth Meeting and Bonfire at Second Reformed	2	3  <i>Bulletin information due by 9:00 on Friday mornings</i>	4
5 <b>Pianist:</b> Diana Smit <b>Greeters/Special Music Coordinators:</b> Alex & Elizabeth Sinning <b>Coffee/Cookies:</b> Jerry & Mary Schilling and Brad & Teresa Smidt HELPING HAND FUND OFFERING <i>Graduate Recognition</i>	6	7	8  <i>Elder/Deacon Meetings at 7:00; Consistory at 7:30 Lunch—Gerry S</i>	9	10	11
12 <b>Organist:</b> Judy Schlunsen <b>Greeters/Special Music Coordinators:</b> Steve & Patty Sinning <b>Coffee/Cookies:</b> Bob & Karla Smit and Gerry & Sue Schryvers MISSION FUND OFFERING	13	14  “Sewing for Others” at 1:00 PM	15	16	17	18
19 <i>Lord's Supper Served</i> <b>Music:</b> Acoustic <b>Greeters/Special Music Coordinators:</b> Hank & Judy Sinning and Allison Sinning <b>Coffee/Cookies:</b> Hank & Judy Sinning and Allison Sinning <i>Mission Presentation—Jeff &amp; Chelsea Lampen—4:00 PM</i>	20  <i>June newsletter information due by 9:00 AM</i>	21	22	23	24	25
26 <b>Organist:</b> Helen Groen <b>Greeters/Special Music Coordinators:</b> Brad & Teresa Smidt <b>Coffee/Cookies:</b> Steve & Patty Sinning and Alex & Elizabeth Sinning BUILDING FUND OFFERING	27	28  “Sewing for Others” at 1:00 PM	29	30	31	