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Christ's Resurrection

Affirm the Gifts of the
Holy Spirit

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Thanksgiving Worship Service

On Wednesday, November 25, we will hold a Thanksgiving worship service at 7:00 PM. The Lord's Supper will be served. The offering that evening will go to Center of Hope.

The Center of Hope walks alongside people, to bring spiritual and physical health, and ultimately change the community one life at a time. Center of Hope encourages and mentors people with the hope of redemption through Jesus Christ. They work in partnership with community organizations to engage in a consistent and positive interaction with guests.

Center of Hope provides information about programs and organizations; low cost bicycles to qualifying families and individuals for transportation and recreation; phones for local and long distance calls; computers for job search and applications; winter clothing and work-wear; faith-based nursing care; pastoral care; and Bible studies for men and women. Each guest is treated with kindness and compassion in an effort to show them Christ's love in deed and word, ultimately for their good and for God's glory.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Our annual congregational meeting will follow worship on Sunday, November 8. We will vote to downsize the consistory from 12 members to 8 members using a three-year transition cycle.

If this is approved by the congregation, only 1 elder and 1 deacon will be elected/approved this year. The congregation could then vote on changing the bylaws to read "The number of elders and deacons shall be determined by the consistory."

November Committees

Kitchen Cleaning:
Beverly Winterboer
Cinda Rippentrop
Sue Schryvers

Flowers/Decorating:
Michelle Abraham
Karla Smit
Sharla West

Nursery Cleaning:
Laurie Kruse
Jordan Kruse

November Anniversaries

Gary & Sandy Zwart—
Nov 24

Tom & Denise Snoozy—
Nov 29

November Birthdays

Robert White—Nov 2

Patty Sinning—Nov 2

Norma Sayler—Nov 11

Al Schoffelman—Nov 27

Kim Geiken—Nov 30

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*

Our fall Guild meeting is planned for Sunday, November 1 and will be conducted by Martha Iken. Of importance to all of us is the planning of the 2027 committees. There will be some changes, so please remember that if you want to be re-assigned you need to talk to Martha Iken or Kristi Rops.

Every month those ladies who are decorating and cleaning kitchens and nursery are reminded of their upcoming assignment with a note in their mailbox. As we use the kitchens and gather in the fellowship hall and FLC, please remember to leave these areas as clean as you found them. Wipe out the ovens and refrigerators, launder the towels and dish rags, and replace the paper products and plastic bags that you use. Turn off the lights. These courtesies mean that all of us will enjoy the use of our church building.

Two baskets will be prepared and delivered to the Center of Hope for their fundraiser. They are always appreciative of our contributions as this is an important fundraiser for them. Thank you for contributing.

As in past years we are planning to start the holiday season by sending a card and gift card to all our high school graduates and college students. Our intention is that we keep in contact with our youth who have moved into new lifestyles and responsibilities. We will plan to send Christmas cards and support an Angel Tree Family.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the "Rags to Roofing" project. We know that the Union Gospel Mission benefits from each sack we deliver.

Freedom's Gate Church

Thank you to everyone who donated, prepared, and served the meal at Freedom's Gate Church on October 11. Continue to pray for this ministry and for all who attend their services.



Youth Will Hold Butter Braid Fundraiser

October is always an eventful month for our group! We've had fantastic attendance in both the junior high and high school youth sessions, and we've also had the opportunity to take our group on some field trips.

On 10/7, we traveled to the Yogi Bear campground for our annual corn maze adventure. We had perfect weather, and another year of not losing any students in the corn; we consider that a success! ;)

Our high school students have the privilege of leading the worship service at the Union Gospel Mission on 10/21. This is always a very meaningful opportunity, and one that leaves a lasting impression on our students.

Be on the lookout for details on our annual butter braid fundraiser, coming soon! As always, thank you for your generous prayers and support.

11/4 - meet at Second Reformed

11/11 - meet at Second Reformed

11/18 - meet at First English Lutheran

11/25 - No youth group meetings

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October Consistory Notes

- The Lord's Supper will be served on Wednesday, Nov 25, at the 7:00 PM Thanksgiving service.
- Advent begins November 29.
- Emily Sitter, Shellene Smidt, and Reese Smidt will lead the Christmas program.
- The parking lot cracks will be filled.
- The garbage disposal works when the reset button is pushed.
- The Family Life Center will be painted this fall.
- The consistory voted to recommend downsizing from 12 to 8 members using a 3-year transition cycle. If approved by the congregation, only 1 elder and 1 deacon will be elected/ approved this year. The bylaws could be changed to read "The number of elders and deacons shall be determined by the consistory."
- Other recommendations were considered. It was decided to discontinue serving a full meal after consistory meetings and instead just serve a beverage and one item.

Program Practice

Christmas program practice will be held during the Sunday School time beginning November 15.

Inspiration Hills Banquet

A fundraiser banquet will be held at Inspiration Hills on November 5 with a social hour at 5:15 PM and meal at 6:00 PM. Ministry updates and a testimony panel will follow the meal.

Center of Hope Benefit

Center of Hope's Fall Benefit is Saturday, Nov 7, at Celebrate Church, 1000 S Sycamore Ave., Sioux Falls from 4:30-7:00 PM.

There will be worship, a meal, testimonies, ministry updates, desserts, and fun activities. We will furnish a gift basket for the silent auction.

Fall Retreats

A High School retreat will be held at Inspiration Hills Oct 30-Nov 1.

A Middle School fall retreat will be held at Inspiration Hills Nov 6-8 with a fun, faith-filled weekend.

Register at

www.inspirationhills.org/

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends Pianist: Denise Snoozy Greeters/Special Music Coordinators: Nathan & Elizabeth Hopf Coffee/Cookies: Tracy & Sharla West, Steve & Jenny Folkens, and Ellen Peters HELPING HAND FUND OFFERING Philathea Guild meeting at 10:40 AM	2	3	4 Elder/Deacon meetings at 7:00 Consistory at 7:30 Lunch—Shellene 6th-8th Grade Youth at 6:30; High School Youth at 7:40 PM; at Second Reformed	5	6 <i>Bulletin information due by 9:00 on Friday mornings</i>	7
8 Pianist: Diana Smit Greeters/Special Music Coordinators: Gary & Linda Klock and Lois Klinger Coffee/Cookies: Dan & Jill DeVries and Keith & Leanne Lefers HELPING HAND FUND OFFERING Congregational Meeting	9	10 “Sewing for Others” at 1:00 PM	11 6th-8th Grade Youth at 6:30; High School Youth at 7:40 PM; at Second Reformed	12	13	14
15 Pianist: Helen Groen Greeters/Special Music Coordinators: Chris & Jordan Kruse Coffee/Cookies: Chad & Erin Reilly and Derek & Emily Sitter MISSION FUND OFFERING Christmas Program Practice Begins	16	17	18 6th-8th Grade Youth at 6:30; High School Youth at 7:40 PM; at First English Lutheran	19	20	21
22 Pianist: Diana Smit Greeters/Special Music Coordinators: Paul & Laurie Kruse Coffee/Cookies: Hank & Judy Sinning and Brad & Beverly Winterboer	23 December newsletter information due by 9:00 AM	24 “Sewing for Others” at 1:00 PM	25 Thanksgiving Service with the Lord’s Supper at 7:00 PM	26	27	28
29 First Sunday of Advent Pianist: Helen Groen Greeters/Special Music Coordinators: Keith & Leanne Lefers Coffee/Cookies: Jerod & Tonya Zimmer and Al & Roxie Osborn BUILDING FUND OFFERING	30			SUNDAY SCHEDULE: Koffee Kiosk from 8:55-9:25 AM Worship at 9:30 AM Preschool-5th Grade Choir/SS at 10:25 AM Coffee/Fellowship at 10:30 AM Youth SS (grades 6-12) at 10:45 AM (chapel) Adult Study Series at 10:45 AM (FLC) Classes Dismiss at 11:15 AM		