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Renew Through
Christ's Resurrection

Affirm the Gifts of the
Holy Spirit

Commit to Compassion

Evangelize All the Earth

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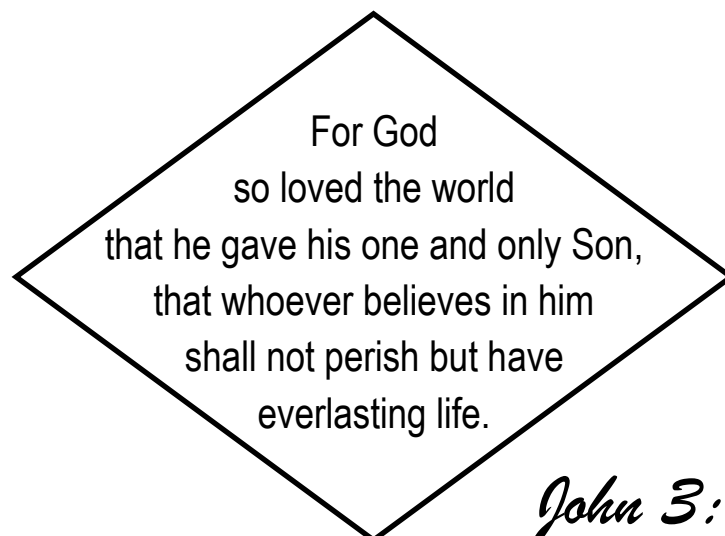
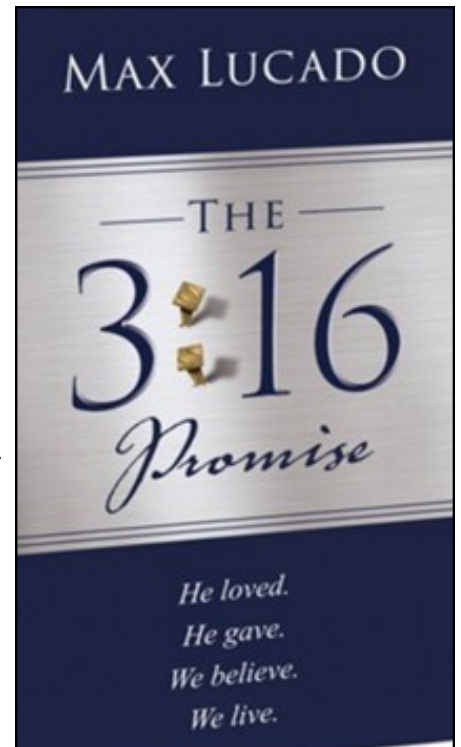
Adult Video Series Begins January 11

Adults will meet in the Family Life Center at 10:40 on Sunday mornings beginning January 11, for a Max Lucado video discussion study of John 3:16, the passage that he calls the "Hope Diamond" of scripture.

Join in this 5-session study where Lucado shares personal stories about his own faith and unpacks God's plan for salvation and victory over sin and death while recognizing the immensity of God's gift to the world.

In this familiar passage of Scripture, the Lord conveys how much he loves you, what he was willing to give to save you, and that there's nothing you can do to earn his salvation.

John 3:16 sums up the meaning of our lives in just 26 words. God loved us enough to send us his only Son; we are asked to believe in him so that we might live.



John 3:16

January Committees

Kitchen Cleaning:
Youth Group

Flowers/Decorating:
Helen Groen
Mary Schilling

Nursery Cleaning:
Kristi Droge
Elizabeth Oltmanns

January Anniversaries

Tracy & Sharla West—
Jan 8

Rodney & Barb Knock—
Jan 15

Brad & Beverly
Winterboer—Jan 25

Alan & Gina
Schoffelman—Jan 30

January Birthdays

Martha Iken—Jan 1

Johanna Iken—Jan 8

Eugene Dannen—Jan 10

Diana Smit—Jan 19

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*

A very Happy New Year to you and yours. We hope this newsletter finds you anticipating successes, enjoying prosperity and looking forward to new adventures. Although the hustle and bustle of the holidays is past, we remember that Jesus' birth is life changing for each of us and is truly the focus of our celebration.

The new directories will be out shortly. Please check to see what committees you are on, ladies. There are not a great many changes but we try to accommodate your requests.

The Christmas card ministry was again well-supported. This was organized by the Eitheim's. Cards were delivered during Christmas week to many folks who are so happy to know we think of them.

The Angel Tree family project was a great success. The Buckneberg's and Ebright's wrapped and delivered a whole car load of gifts to a family who was delighted.

As a church, we are so giving that it's not at all difficult to ask for contributions to any number of projects and many people respond. Often we don't see or hear how our giving impacts others, but it undoubtedly does. Thanks go out to everyone who purchases as well as those who organize the events. We are so blessed and we bless others through our sharing.

UGM Lamplighters *by Johanna Iken, Delegate*

The Union Gospel Mission Lamplighters met on December 12, 2025 at the UGM Women's Center. Eric Weber reminded us that we forget God has given us many blessings in the past. God always provides.

John gave a testimonial. He had a Masters Degree and owned his own business. He started using meth and ruined many relationships and eventually his business. He spent six months on the streets including the winter. Someone told him he should go to the UGM for food and shelter. Now he is the cook at the UGM and leads a Bible study. God solves problems we can't solve. God gave him a way to address his relationship problems. Eric Weber said John has come from hardship to leadership at the mission.

The November offering was \$732. There is \$1423 in the account. Our project is to replace the long tube fluorescent lights.

Special music was provided by Valley Springs Reformed Church. Trudy played the piano and John played the accordion. We sang several Christmas carols.

The next meeting is January 16 at 2 pm at the Living Word Free Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. The love gift is gloves and hats for all ages. Everyone is welcome.

Thank you for letting me serve as the Delegate to the Lamplighters. I learned more about the Union Gospel Mission and developed new friendships.

We need a delegate for the Union Gospel Mission Lamplighters to replace Johanna Iken. They meet every third Friday of the month except July and August at area churches for a short sermon, business meeting, and update of the UGM. Let Kristi Rops know if you would like to do this.

Youth Meetings Begin January 7

The youth group enjoyed plenty of Christmas cheer in December! From our Christmas party and tree decorating, to making and decorating cookies and delivering them while caroling. We also enjoyed discussion and reflection on the amazing story of our Savior's birth. It was a full month, to say the least!

Looking ahead to the new year, we will resume youth group on Wednesday, January 7th. We will meet at Second Reformed on January 7 & 14 and at First English Lutheran on Jan 21 & 28.

Mark your calendars for our annual Soup and Pie Supper. It will be held on February 1st from 5:00-7:00 PM.

Junior high (6th-8th grades) meet at 6:30 PM

High school (9th-12th grades) meet at 7:40 PM

Snacks are served between meetings.

Marc Weeldreyer 605-877-5024

Nicole Winterboer 605-553-0788

4th-6th Grade Winter Retreat

A 4th-6th Grade Winter Retreat will be held February 13-15 at Inspiration Hills. Winter Retreat is an exciting opportunity for campers to experience Inspiration Hills' unique winter activities. The event will include a chapel message, worship, and Bible studies, along with all the fun winter games. Register by Jan 23 for a discount at [inspirationhills.org/4-6-retreat](https://www.inspirationhills.org/4-6-retreat).

December Consistory Notes

- The Leave Policy for Pastor was approved with clarifications.
- Three new doors were installed.
- Those who attended the performance at the Orpheum Theater reported that it was excellent.
- The following officers and committees were chosen for 2026.

2026 Officers and Committees

Vice-President of Consistory: Kim Geiken

Clerk: Susan Bultena

Personnel/Pastoral Relations: Kim Geiken, Susan Bultena

Worship Committee: Sandy Zwart, Dennis Ebright

Missions/Evangelism Committee: Beverly Winterboer, Kim Geiken, Mary Schilling

Christian Education Committee: Randy Smit, Shellene Smidt

Property Committee: Derek Winterboer, Derek Sitter, Mary Schilling

Stewardship/Helping Hand: Jerod Zimmer

Treasurers: Shellene Smidt, Charish Weeldreyer, Jerod Zimmer

Chair of the Deacons: Derek Winterboer

Serving Lists

Serving lists for 2026 are in your mailboxes. Contact Kristi Rops with questions or concerns.

2026 Directory

The 2026 church directory will be printed soon. Contact Kristi Rops now with updated phone numbers and addresses.

Ordination/Installation

Ordination and installation of our new elders and deacons will be held Sunday morning, Jan 11. New elders are Dennis Ebright and Sandy Zwart. New deacons are Derek Sitter and Charish Weeldreyer.

Single Moms Retreat

A Single Moms Retreat will be held at Inspiration Hills, co-hosted by ATLAS, on January 30-February 1. Register by January 16 at [inspirationhills.org/smretreat](https://www.inspirationhills.org/smretreat).

Summer Staff

Inspiration Hills is taking applications for Summer Staff 2026. Needed are counselors, coordinators, lifeguards, dishwashers, lawn mowers, and more. Apply [here](https://www.inspirationhills.org/summer-staff). www.inspirationhills.org/summer-staff or contact Lucas Draffen (712) 578-1422 with questions.

Adverse Weather

Our church's adverse weather policy states that if school is canceled or dismissed early due to weather conditions; there will be no evening activities at the church. In the event of adverse weather on Sunday morning, cancellations will be announced through the email group.

January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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 10:40 AM (chapel) Adult Video Series at 10:40 AM (FLC) Classes Dismiss at 11:15 AM				1	2	3
					<i>Bulletin information due by 9:00 on Friday mornings</i>	
4 Pianist: Denise Snoozy Greeters/Special Music Coordinators: Dean & Emilie Mann Coffee/Cookies: Gary & Sandy Zwart and Steve Zwart & Laura Thiesse HELPING HAND FUND OFFERING	5	6	7 6th-8th Youth at 6:30 PM; High School Youth at 7:40 PM <i>Elder/Deacon meetings at 7:00</i> <i>Consistory at 7:30</i> <i>Lunch—Susan B</i>	8	9	10
11 Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons Pianist: Diana Smit Greeters/Special Music Coordinators: Verlyn & Joann Muller Coffee/Cookies: Mark & Vivian Eitrem and John & Christina Eitrem MISSION FUND OFFERING	12	13 "Sewing for Others" at 1:00 PM	14 6th-8th Youth at 6:30 PM; High School Youth at 7:40 PM	15	16	17
18 Lord's Supper Served Pianist: Acoustic Greeters/Special Music Coordinators: Al & Roxie Osborn Coffee/Cookies: Randy & Diana Smit and Tom & Denise Snoozy	19 February newsletter information due by 9:00 AM	20 Worship Service with the Lord's Supper at 2:30 PM	21 6th-8th Youth at 6:30 PM; High School Youth at 7:40 PM at First English Lutheran	22	23	24
25 Pianist: Helen Groen Greeters/Special Music Coordinators: Hadley & Lynn Plucker Coffee/Cookies: Brian & Shellene Smidt BUILDING FUND OFFERING	26	27 "Sewing for Others" at 1:00 PM	28 6th-8th Youth at 6:30 PM; High School Youth at 7:40 PM at First English Lutheran	29	30	31