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Advent/Christmas Events

The season of **Advent begins on Sunday, November 29.** Each week we will have special readings and light the Advent candles. This year's Advent readings come from the Alliance of Reformed Churches and focus on "hope, peace, joy, and love."

On Sunday morning, **December 13, we will have a bell ringing processional at our 9:30 worship service.** Bring bells of all types and sizes and meet in the Family Life Center at 9:20 AM to join the processional. Extra bells will be available for those who don't bring their own bell.

Our **Christmas program will be held Sunday, Dec 13, at 4:00 PM.** The offering will go to Lennox Area Ministerial Association to help with needs in our community.

Christmas Eve worship on Dec 24 will be at 5:00 PM. The service will include the Lord's Supper and candlelight. Come at 4:45 PM and meet in the Family Life Center if you would like to take part in the candle processional. The Christmas Eve offering will go to Inspiration Hills and Union Gospel Mission.

Inspiration Hills is a camp and retreat center located near Inwood, Iowa. Their mission is to be a place to "Know and Grow in Christ." Inspiration Hills is open year-round with a variety of living spaces, cabins, camp sites, and recreation options.

The Union Gospel Mission meets needs for homeless people in the Sioux Falls area and offers many services including evening chapel services, Bible studies, and meals.

A special service of **"Lessons and Carols" will be held on Sunday morning, December 29,** during our worship service.

We invite you to bring guests to all these special events to share the Christmas message with others.

December Committees

Kitchen Cleaning:
Beverly Winterboer
Cinda Rippentrop
Sue Schryvers

Flowers/Decorating:
Sandy Zwart
Laura Thiesse
Mary Zwart

Nursery Cleaning:
Laurie Kruse
Jordan Kruse

December Anniversaries

Gary & Debbie Johnson—Dec 23

Bob & Karla Smit—Dec 26

December Birthdays

Margaret Rupert—Dec 2

Gerry Schryvers—Dec 10

Dona Christensen—Dec 26

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*

The Guild held its 4th quarter meeting in November followed by a second meeting. We have made changes to the way committees are organized. Beginning in January the flowers for the church will not be assigned. There will be a flower sign-up posted, so please plan to decorate the sanctuary when you are able. The Guild ladies will be responsible for the fellowship hall and everyone is encouraged to use the great variety of artificial flowers and centerpieces that are found in the bell tower.

For a number of years Marilyn Ebright has sent anniversary and birthday greetings to congregants from the Guild. She has passed the pen, so to speak, to Eunice Peters. A big thank you goes to Marilyn who faithfully remembered all of us for our special days, and a welcome to Eunice for continuing the tradition.

The Christmas card ministry is available on the table in the fellowship hall. Please sign cards, write a note if you wish, and brighten someone's day by letting them know you've thought of them.

Because we are pairing with Love INC for the angel tree, we will need to watch the bulletins for more information.

Adam Hofer, director of Center of Hope, said they raised $173,000 through the fundraiser. Our three baskets and donations of $200 were very welcome and appreciated.

"Sewing for Others"

The "Sewing for Others" ladies have blessed and delivered 63 blankets and lap robes. When we contacted the Good Samaritan Center on Minnesota Ave we were told they are in great need of blankets for the twin beds in the rehab unit. It was an unexpected request and fortunately we had several to deliver to them. We will continue to do so when we can.

Thank you to everyone who remembered us with yard goods and old sheets so that we might help to meet the needs of others.

This month, we will meet in the Family Life Center on Tuesdays, Dec 8 & 15, at 1:00 PM. All are welcome.

Youth will create Care Packages

Thank you to everyone for your butter braid purchases! You can still place an order through 11/29, and they will be delivered to Second Reformed on 12/9 (exact time of delivery is TBD). There's an order form in the fellowship hall or see Marc or Nicole.

Looking ahead to December, we have lots of activities planned, with some new traditions emerging! Our students will be working together to create Christmas care packages for members of our community. We greatly appreciate all of the support we receive throughout the year and ask for continued prayers for this ministry!

12/2 - Second Reformed
12/9 - Second Reformed and butter braid delivery
12/16 - First English
12/23 - no youth group
12/30 - no youth group

Grades 6-8 meet from 6:30 until 7:30 PM;
Grades 9-12 meet at 7:40 PM.

A light snack is served between each group's session.

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November Consistory Notes

- The Christmas Eve service will be at 5:00 PM.
- The morning worship service on December 27 will be "Lessons and Carols."
- Christmas program practice begins Nov 15. The tentative date for the program is Dec 13.
- The 2027 budget was approved to be presented at the congregational meeting.
- The deacons will assist with the ballot vote to change the bylaws at the congregational meeting.
- The cracks in the parking lot have been filled.
- Painting the Family Life Center will be done after the holidays.
- Mission Emphasis Sunday and the meal we served at Freedom's Gate went well.
- The Guild asked the consistory to decide how best to address committee assignments for cleaning, flowers, events, etc.

UGM Lamplighters

The Union Gospel Mission Lamplighters will meet on Friday, Dec 11, at 2:00 PM at the Union Gospel Mission 8th St building.

The Love Gift is hand sanitizer, liquid hand soap and/or alcohol-free cold medicine. Also, the UGM is always in need of Ibuprofen/Tylenol.

Christmas Program

Christmas program practice is being held during the Sunday School time following worship for preschool-high school.

The program will be Sunday, December 13, at 4:00 PM

Inspiration Hills Retreats

Art of Parenting Retreat will be held at Inspiration Hills on January 15-17. This is an opportunity for parents to step away from the busyness of everyday life, find encouragement, connect with other parents, and grow in their God-given role as parents.

Single Moms Retreat will be held at Inspiration Hills on January 29-31. This special weekend is dedicated to encouraging, refreshing, and supporting single moms through fellowship, rest, and Christ-centered community.

Register at
www.inspirationhills.org/

December 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SUNDAY SCHEDULE: Koffee Kiosk from 8:55-9:25 AM Worship at 9:30 AM Coffee/Fellowship at 10:30 AM Christmas program practice at 10:30 AM		*1*	*2* **Lord's Supper Service at 2:00 PM** 6th-8th Grade Youth at 6:30; High School Youth at 7:40 PM; at Second Reformed	*3*	*4* ***Bulletin information due by 9:00 on Friday mornings***	*5*
6 **Pianist:** Helen Groen **Greeters/Special Music Coordinators:** Gary & Sandy Zwart **Coffee/Cookies:** Steve & Patty Sinning and Alex & Elizabeth Sinning HELPING HAND FUND OFFERING	*7*	*8* "Sewing for Others" at 1:00 PM	*9* ***Elder/Deacon meetings at 7:00 Consistory at 7:30 Snack—Mary S*** 6th-8th Grade Youth at 6:30; High School Youth at 7:40 PM; at Second Reformed	*10*	*11*	*12*
13 **Children's Bell Ringing Processional** **Pianist:** Denise Snoozy **Greeters/Special Music Coordinators:** Verlyn & Joann Muller **Coffee/Cookies:** Don & Jill Buckneberg and Dennis & Marilyn Ebright MISSION FUND OFFERING **Christmas Program at 4:00 PM**	*14*	*15* "Sewing for Others" at 1:00 PM	*16* 6th-8th Grade Youth at 6:30; High School Youth at 7:40 PM; at First English Lutheran	*17*	*18*	*19*
20 **Infant Baptism** **Pianist:** Diana Smit **Greeters/Special Music Coordinators:** Al & Roxie Osborn **Coffee/Cookies:** Jared & Jamie Winterboer and Derek & Nicole Winterboer	*21* January newsletter information due by 9:00 AM	*22*	*23*	*24* **Christmas Eve Candle-light and Communion Service at 5:00 PM**	*25*	*26*
27 **"Lessons and Carols Service"** **Pianist:** Helen Groen **Greeters/Special Music Coordinators:** Hadley & Lynn Plucker **Coffee/Cookies:** Dustin & Steffy Thoms and Nathan & Molly Townsend BUILDING FUND OFFERING	*28*	*29*	*30*	*31*		