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Christ's Resurrection
Affirm the Gifts of the
Holy Spirit
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“Soup & Pie” and “Soup-er Sunday”

Our annual **Soup & Pie Supper** is Sunday, February 1, from 5:00 -7:00 PM. Invite others to attend with you. Freewill donations will be received for our youth.

“**Soup-er Sunday**” is **February 8**. Everyone is invited to bring items for the Exchange food pantry in Lennox and to wear their favorite team jerseys. The consistory will serve a soup lunch following Sunday School classes.

Ash Wednesday Service, February 18

We will hold an **Ash Wednesday service with imposition of ashes and the Lord's Supper** on February 18 at 7:00 PM.

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent, the 40 days (excluding Sundays) that lead to Easter. This first day of Lent and the following liturgical season are marked with a somberness as Christians reflect on their mortality, their sinfulness, and the dying of self that comes with new life in Christ.

Ashes are a biblical reminder of our mortality: “You are dust, and to dust you shall return” (Genesis 3:19). The spreading of ashes on foreheads is a visible reminder of this. The ashes also represent sorrow and repentance for sin.

Ash Wednesday reminds us that two things are involved in genuine repentance: “the dying of the old self and the coming to life of the new” (Heidelberg Catechism, question and answer #88).

The way to Easter is the way of the cross. “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?” (Romans 6:3).

New life with Christ involves a daily surrendering of the old life. Ash Wednesday, the first step of this Lenten journey, invites us to acknowledge our mortality and our sinfulness by the imposition of ashes.

Information from rca.org

February Committees

Kitchen Cleaning:
Youth Group

Flowers/Decorating:
Lynn Plucker
Emily Sitter

Nursery Cleaning:
Kristi Droke
Elizabeth Oltmanns

February Anniversaries

Dennis & Marilyn Ebright—Feb 9
Gary & Linda Klock—
Feb 9

February Birthdays

Gary Geiken—Feb 12
Reba Dannen—Feb 23
Marlin Bultena—Feb 27

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 new month is upon us and again we find the church calendar filling up. We are invited to contribute and attend the Soup & Pie Supper on February 1 and Soup-er Bowl Sunday meal on February 8. Our Philathea Guild meeting will then be held after the worship service on February 15 and Sandy Zwart will lead the meeting. We welcome all of you who wish to attend as we will be planning our activities for the year.

Our Christmas outreach was again well-received. The Christmas card ministry was organized by the Eitreims and packets of Christmas greetings were given to nearly two dozen folks. The Angel Tree Family was comprised of several boys and one little girl who received many packages and gift cards. Thanks to the Buckneberg and Ebright families for organizing and delivering the presents.

In the 2026 church directory we have a new list of Support Group members. It was decided that young women who have joined the church, who are in high school or college and not available to clean, decorate, and so forth as our committees do, will be asked to help when they are available, and to pray for all other groups as part of the Support Group. They will be re-assigned when their status changes.

Love INC (In the Name of Christ)

by Michelle Paulson, executive director

Love INC was busy over the holidays walking alongside neighbors in need. We assisted several families by referring them to agencies that helped them with rent assistance, and assisted a young mom with a birthday bag and gift for her daughter. Love INC partnered with LAMA and Interlakes Community Action to assist with a shut-off water bill for a family in need. These are examples of assistance provided last month to our neighbors in need, through the love of Christ, our Partner Churches, volunteers, and our generous donors.

We are looking for people with a heart for Christ and a desire to help others. Love INC *helps churches help people*, using the words and work of Christ to help people reach their God-given potential. We will start Transformational Ministries in February with new opportunities to volunteer such as providing transportation, serving meals, providing childcare during classes, and mentoring. Volunteers also provide office support, visit neighbors, and answer phone calls. Day and evening hours are available. The next **Volunteer Training event is February 10 at 6:00 PM**. Call Michelle Paulson at 605-681-6550 with questions or to register. Please prayerfully consider joining our wonderful team of volunteers! *Galatians 6:10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.*

Soup & Pie Supper, February 1

February is going to be a busy month for our youth group! We kick-off the month in the best way, serving our church family and community at our annual soup and pie supper on Feb 1. Come join us from 5:00-7:00 PM. We will be serving chili, chicken noodle soup, sloppy joes, hot dogs, and of course... dessert! We appreciate all the support from our church family - from your food donations, to your cash offerings, to your prayers - we are so grateful for all that we receive.

Then on Feb 4, we're taking our group on the road again and heading to Kids Against Hunger in Sioux Falls to pack meals for those less fortunate. This is such an awesome program, and every year our students are excited for the opportunity to be a part of it! We are excited for February, anticipating many opportunities to serve, praise God, and grow closer to Him.

1/28 - First English
 2/4 - Kids Against Hunger (leave from First English)
 2/11 - Second Reformed
 2/18 - Ash Wednesday - no youth group
 2/25 - First English

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.

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January Consistory Notes

- Ash Wednesday service with ashes and the Lords' Supper will be February 18 at 7:00 PM.
- The Christmas Eve service was well-attended and will be at 5:00 PM again this year.
- The worship committee will add another member.
- The Christmas program was very well done.
- Teaching positions for all grades are filled.
- The youth "Soup & Pie" Supper will be February 1.
- Paul Kruse has offered to make and install hymnal/Bible holders on the backs of the last pews so that those sitting in arm-chairs may use them.
- Treasurers will consult the office manager about consolidating the banking in one location.
- "Soup-er Sunday" lunch and food pantry drive will be Feb 8.
- We plan to serve a meal at Freedom's Gate in mid-October.

Summer Staff

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

Dueling Pianos

Hope Haven's "Keys of Love" Dueling Piano Fundraiser will be Friday, February 13, at 7:00 PM, at The District in Sioux Falls. Come for a fun night of music and entertainment with Dueling Duo, Andy & Ryno. All proceeds support Hope Haven International Ministries in providing wheelchairs to those in need around the world. Tickets and details at hopehaven.org/events

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.

Prayer Chain Sign-Up

Go to the church website www.secondreformed.com to sign-up for the 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.

If you would like to receive prayer requests by phone, contact Kristi Rops or Joann Muller.

February 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					<i>Bulletin information due by 9:00 on Friday mornings</i>	
<i>1</i> Pianist: Helen Groen Greeters/Special Music Coordinators: David & Margaret Rupert Coffee/Cookies: Gerry & Sue Schryvers and Jerry & Connie Dahlgard HELPING HAND FUND OFFERING Soup & Pie Supper from 5:-7:00 PM	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> 6th-12th Youth leave from First English for Kids Against Hunger <i>Elder/Deacon meetings at 7:00</i> <i>Consistory at 7:30</i> <i>Lunch—Kim G</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>8</i> Pianist: Denise Snoozy Greeters/Special Music Coordinators: Steve & Patty Sinning Coffee/Cookies: Marlin & Susan Bultena and Doyle & Jill Christensen MISSION FUND OFFERING “Soup-er” Sunday lunch and food drive	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i> “Sewing for Others” at 1:00 PM	<i>11</i> 6th-8th Youth at 6:30 PM; High School Youth at 7:40 PM	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>15</i> Pianist: Helen Groen Greeters/Special Music Coordinators: Alex & Elizabeth Sinning Coffee/Cookies: and Philathea Guild meets at 10:40 AM	<i>16</i> March newsletter information due by 9:00 AM	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 PM <i>Chapel Service at UGM at 7:00 PM</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>22</i> Pianist: Diana Smit Greeters/Special Music Coordinators: Jerry & Mary Schilling Coffee/Cookies: Al & Roxie Osborn and Jerod & Tonya Zimmer BUILDING FUND OFFERING	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> “Sewing for Others” at 1:00 PM	<i>25</i> 6th-8th Youth at 6:30 PM; High School Youth at 7:40 PM at First English Lutheran	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>