

Glorify God

Renew Through
Christ's Resurrection

Affirm the Gifts of the
Holy Spirit

Commit to Compassion

Evangelize All the Earth

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Advent and Christmas Events

Everyone is invited to an **Advent Vespers Service on Sunday, Dec 1, at 4:00 PM**. Begin the season of preparation for Christ's birth by hearing the promises of Scripture, singing songs of praise, and offering prayers to God. A light meal will follow the service.

Vespers is a service of evening prayer and praise. The word for this prayer time comes from the Latin vesper, meaning "evening." Vespers is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office and is traditionally held in the early evening. The service contains psalms, hymns, and prayers of intercession for the needs of the world.

Our annual **Christmas program will be held on Sunday, Dec 22, at 4:00 PM**. Practices are being held during the Sunday School time. An offering will be received during the program for Lennox Area Ministerial Association and the Center of Hope.

The **Lennox Area Ministerial Association** includes 11 churches. The pastors meet monthly and provide assistance in our community.

Center of Hope in Sioux Falls exists to walk alongside people, to bring spiritual and physical health, and ultimately change the community one life at a time. Programs include a free clinic, bike ministry, care center (clothing, counseling, and more), earn your way, re-entry backpack program, and sharing Christmas.

Christmas Eve Worship on December 24 will begin at 5:00 PM. The service will include candlelight and the Lord's Supper. A special offering will be received for Inspiration Hills and the Union Gospel Mission.

Inspiration Hills Camp & Retreat Center near Inwood, Iowa, bases its ministry on sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The aim is for people to know and grow in Christ and be challenged for life in God's kingdom. Inspiration Hills offers retreats, camps, vacations, camping, family reunions, outdoor activities, and so much more.

Union Gospel Mission is a nonprofit emergency shelter dedicated to providing essential services to the homeless, needy, and marginalized people of the Sioux Falls community. UGM is a beacon of light for those lost in the dark - offering food, shelter, clothing, resources, and spiritual guidance to help people find health, healing, and hope as they work to reclaim their independence. The Mission's work is holistic and rooted in Christian values.

December Committees

Kitchen Cleaning:

Beverly Winterboer
Madison Christensen
Cinda Rippentrop
Sue Schryvers

Flowers/Decorating:

Sandy Zwart
Laura Thiesse
Mary Zwart

Nursery Cleaning:

DeeAnna Buse
Laurie Kruse
Jordan Kruse

December Anniversaries

Gary & Debbie
Johnson—Dec 23

Bob & Karla Smit—
Dec 26

December Birthdays

Margaret Rupert—Dec 2

Harlan Temple—Dec 6

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*

It's always easy to write the news for December because there are so many activities this time of year. The Christmas card ministry is displayed on a table in the fellowship phall and will be collected on December 15.

On November 29 the flower committee has asked that we join them in decorating the church for Advent and Christmas. We will again have the Angel Tree set-up in the fellowship hall. This is a wonderful season and we are reminded to keep Christ in Christmas.

Throughout October we collected rags for the Union Gospel Mission project. We took several loads of bags to the Mission and they were happy to see it. Our rags will be part of the approximately 70,000 pounds of clothing donated each year and will eventually be repurposed to make a cotton blend that is turned into shingles. It is estimated that a truckload will be 35-40 bales, each weighing about 1500 pounds, and will be worth around \$10,000 to the Mission. Not only is the UGM supported financially, but this project also is an opportunity for workers to gain practical mechanical skills. Thank you to everyone who contributed and please continue by taking your discarded clothing to the Union Gospel Mission.

Love In the Name of Christ of Greater Lennox and Turner County has been blessed to come alongside individuals and families needing some encouragement and assistance. Christ came first as our example of how to show grace and kindness to one another during life's challenges. Love INC is here to help people navigate those rough waters, helping give them the support, resources and prayers to get them to the other side.

Love INC continues to have volunteers in the office at Faith Presbyterian Church in Lennox from 2:30-5:30 every Tuesday afternoon or you may leave a message at 605-647-4500. We will be closed on Tuesday, Dec 24. May God richly bless you and your family during this holiday season.

Michelle Paulson, director

UGM Lamplighters *by Johanna Iken, Delegate*

The Union Gospel Mission Lamplighters met November 15, 2024 at Hilltop Methodist Church in Sioux Falls. Rev. Rodney Knock gave the message from I Corinthians 13. We are not told often enough that God loves us. We are nothing without love. We experience God's love in the people we meet. We need the light of Jesus to help us get through the darkness. So let your light shine. Share Jesus Christ with others every day.

Last month's offering was \$797. There is \$2944 in the account.

David Gladder reported on the UGM. Twenty-three people completed the discipleship program. They have now left the UGM. Seventeen men and six women were baptized. There is a coupon book for downtown Sioux Falls. The mission gets the proceeds of those sales. Thanksgiving dinner will be served from 11:30 am to 2 pm. A church in Leota, MN is donating 50 pies for the meal. November 17-23 is Homeless Awareness Week.

The next meeting will be Friday, December 13, at the UGM Women's Center in Sioux Falls. Everyone is invited to attend.

Youth Will Spread Christmas Cheer

Thank you to all who so generously supported our Butter Braid fundraiser, and also to those who made donations! We had great sales this year, which will go a long way in helping provide opportunities for our students to encounter God at youth group events.

It's hard to believe we are already preparing for Christmas! We are excited to be planning a night of caroling again this year, visiting members of our church family to spread some Christmas cheer! We will then take a few weeks off to celebrate and enjoy the season with our families. We are so thankful to be part of such a generous, supportive congregation!

December 4 - Second Reformed

December 11 - Second Reformed

December 18 - Caroling (leave from First English)

Marc Weeldreyer 605-877-5024

Nicole Winterboer 605-553-0788

November Consistory Notes

- Kristi Rops will prepare the greeter/special music coordinator list and Charish Weeldreyer will prepare the coffee/cookie server list for 2025.
- Special services: Nov 27 (Thanksgiving Eve at 7:00 PM with communion); Dec 1 (Advent Vespers at 4:00 PM with light supper to follow); December 22 (Christmas program), December 24 (Christmas Eve at 5:00 PM with candlelight and communion.)
- Hadley Plucker has sprayed the church lawn for thistles.
- The helping hand fund balance is low.
- Mission emphasis Sunday went well and the meal we served at Freedom's Gate was well-attended and received.
- The youth conducted a meaningful chapel service at the Union Gospel Mission on Oct 16.
- We held a quarterly afternoon communion service and took communion to shut-ins and nursing home residents between Oct 16 and 23. Everyone was pleased to participate and to be remembered.

Church Family Tree

We invite everyone to submit a photo of their family to include in our Church Family Tree for the Christmas season. If you have a copy of a photo, please put it in Sandy Zwart's mailbox or email to sandyzwart@yahoo.com.

We will be decorating at church on Friday, Nov 29, and invite anyone willing to join us.

Church Mailboxes

Our church mailboxes are used for church family correspondence such as birthday and anniversary cards. We also share materials from organizations that our church supports, such as Words of Hope and Freedom's Gate. However, all other materials must be approved by consistory prior to being put in the mailboxes. If you have questions about this policy, please ask Pastor Harlan or a consistory member.

Consistory Dinner

As a thank you for your commitment to serve the Lord, Verlainne and Pastor Harlan welcome the 2024 and 2025 consistory and spouses to an evening dinner at Johnny Carino's on Monday, December 30, at 6:30 p.m. Come, let us celebrate the peace and joy Christ brings.

Please RSVP by text to Verlainne 605-366-8094, or Pastor Harlan 605-366-7853 by Dec 20.

Alliance Gathering

The Midwest Network of the Alliance of Reformed Churches met in Sioux Falls on Nov 8-9.

A gathering at the national level will be held in January in Glendale, Arizona.

December 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <p>1</p> <p>Pianist: Diana Smit</p> <p>Greeters/Special Music Coordinators: Gary & Kim Geiken</p> <p>Coffee/Cookies: Brad & Teresa Smidt and Brad & Beverly Winterboer</p> <p>HELPING HAND FUND OFFERING</p> <p>Advent Vespers at 4:00 PM; light meal</p> | 2 | 3 | <p>4 6th-8th Grade Youth at 6:30; High School Youth at 7:40 here</p> <p><i>Elder/Deacon Meetings at 7:00</i></p> <p><i>Consistory Meeting at 7:30 PM</i></p> <p><i>Lunch—Keith L</i></p> | 5 | <p>6 Bulletin information due by 9:00 on Friday mornings</p> | 7 |
| <p>8</p> <p>Pianist: Helen Groen</p> <p>Greeters/Special Music Coordinators: Pastor Harlan & Verlainne Hayunga</p> <p>Coffee/Cookies: Steve & Patty Sinning and Alex & Elizabeth Sinning</p> <p>MISSION FUND OFFERING</p> | 9 | <p>10 “Sewing for Others” at 1:00 PM</p> | <p>11 6th-8th Grade Youth at 6:30; High School Youth at 7:40 here</p> | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| <p>15</p> <p>Pianist: Diana Smit</p> <p>Greeters/Special Music Coordinators: Helen Groen and Linda Olmstead</p> <p>Coffee/Cookies: Brian & Shellene Smidt</p> | 16 | 17 | <p>18 Youth go Caroling, leave from First English Lutheran</p> <p>Chapel Service at UGM at 7:00 PM</p> | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| <p>22</p> <p>Pianist: Helen Groen</p> <p>Greeters/Special Music Coordinators: Brock Hoogestraat and Kent DeJong</p> <p>Coffee/Cookies: Derek & Nicole W and Jared & Jamie Winterboer</p> <p>Christmas Program at 4:00 PM</p> | <p>23 <i>January newsletter information due by 9:00 AM</i></p> | <p>24 Christmas Eve Candle-light Communion Service at 5:00 PM</p> | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| <p>29 Guest Speaker:</p> <p>Pianist: Diana Smit</p> <p>Greeters/Special Music Coordinators: Nathan & Elizabeth Hopf</p> <p>Coffee/Cookies: Dustin & Steffy Thoms and Nathan & Molly Townsend</p> <p>BUILDING FUND OFFERING</p> <p>No Sunday School classes</p> | 30 | 31 | <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>SUNDAY SCHEDULE:</p> <p>Koffee Kiosk from 8:55-9:25 AM</p> <p>Worship at 9:30 AM</p> <p>Coffee/Fellowship at 10:30 AM</p> <p>Christmas Program Practice at 10:30 AM</p> </div> | | | |