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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

Advent begins November 30. Thank you to those who lead the Advent candle lighting at the beginning of worship each Sunday as we prepare our hearts for Christ's coming.

Our Christmas program will be presented at 7:00 PM on Sunday, December 14. Thank you to Emily Sitter for leading the program. Practices are being held during the Sunday School time. The Christmas program offering will be given to the Lennox Area Ministerial Association to help meet local needs.

Christmas Eve worship on Wednesday, Dec 24, is at 5:00 PM. There will be a candlelight processional and then the candlelight service with the Lord's Supper served. The offering will go to Inspiration Hills and the Union Gospel Mission.

Unhurried Christmas: Advent Resource

The Alliance of Reformed Churches is offering *Unhurried Christmas*; a resource designed for the Advent season. They invite us to join with people from across our family of churches on an Advent journey as we explore what it means to rest, wait, anticipate, and hope in the coming of our Savior. Too often we rush through Advent, missing the chance to pause and reflect on the true reason we celebrate.

Unhurried Christmas offers a reminder to slow down and draw near to Christ during a hurried season. Pastor Cameron Beidler of Vriesland Reformed Church, has generously shared this material with the Alliance of Reformed Churches. You may sign-up for daily devotionals from Dec 1-25 at <https://arc21.org/unhurried>

Devotionals will be delivered to your inbox each day and offer you an opportunity to spend time in the Word and to be blessed and encouraged as you prepare to celebrate Christ's coming.

December Committees

Kitchen Cleaning:

Beverly Winterboer
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

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 holidays are upon us and the ladies of Philathea Guild wish you and your families blessings and joy as you celebrate Thanksgiving and prepare for Christmas. Advent season starts November 30 and is a time of anticipation. We look for the coming of our Savior, Jesus, and by spending a few minutes in prayer at the start or end of each day we keep our lives in balance. May your busy-ness also bring you happiness.

As you heard at the November congregational meeting, our year has been busy and we are planning all the usual holiday activities. Please watch the bulletin for specifics and contribute as you are able. The congregation has been overwhelmingly generous all through this year, and we are looking forward to touching many more folks this month, through the Christmas card ministry, the young adults' gift cards and greetings and the Angel Tree family.

We hosted the Union Gospel Mission Lamplighters in October and heard so many compliments about how beautifully the church was decorated, both in and out. Apparently having committees for the various church duties, including decorating, is not common elsewhere. Thank you to all the ladies of the church who decorate, bake, clean, pray for us, serve, and keep our library.

Longest Night Community Memorial

A Service of Lament and Hope

A Longest Night service, sometimes called a Blue Christmas service is meant to acknowledge the grief and sadness that may keep us from feeling the joy of the season. Whether you are facing your first or twenty-first holiday without someone, you are invited to Prosper Country Warehouse on December 21 to share in a time of comfort, hope and healing.

Gather from 4:00-5:00 PM to light a candle of remembrance for your loved one. There will be a craft corner to create a token of remembrance. You may bring a photo to place on the memorial table or wall. A memorial service will be held at 5:00 PM followed by fellowship with hot cider, baked treats, and hugs.

Send the name and a photo of your loved one to include in the program and slideshow to Jarman Family Funeral Home, info@jarmanfamilyfh.com

UGM Lamplighters *by Johanna Iken, Delegate*

The Union Gospel Mission Lamplighters met on November 21 2025 at 18th Street Church in Sioux Falls. A pot luck lunch preceded the meeting. The next project is to replace the long tube fluorescent lights with LED lights. The 3rd floor Family Center is closed due to not finding the right staff. The next meeting is December 12 at the Union Gospel Mission in Sioux Falls. The love gift is underwear for all ages. Everyone is welcome.

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 Plan Christmas Caroling

Butter braid sales were a huge success, with our group raising just over \$2000! Thank you to everyone who placed orders and donated funds to our youth group. We are so blessed with a generous, supportive church family and community!

It's hard to believe December is upon us already, but we are excited for our traditional Christmas activities! We will be caroling again on December 17th, and then will be off for a few weeks for Christmas break.

12/3 - Meet at Second Reformed

12/10 - Meet at Second Reformed

12/17 - Leave from First English to go Caroling

12/24 and 12/31 - No youth group meetings

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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November Consistory Notes

- Advent begins Nov 30. Families will lead the Advent candle lighting at the beginning of worship services.
- The 4th Sunday service will be enhanced with contemporary music led by song leaders.
- Christmas Eve worship with candlelight and communion is at 5:00 PM.
- Adult Sunday School was well-received. A new series will begin after the first of the year.
- Emily Sitter will direct the Christmas program practice during Sunday School. The program is Dec 14 at 7:00 PM.
- People may donate for gifts for Pastor Harlan and the youth leaders using the offering box by the offices.
- The new doors are painted and awaiting installation.
- Mission Emphasis Sunday and the meal at Freedoms Gate went well.

Serving Lists

It's time to make lists for 2026. Contact Charish Weeldreyer with special requests for the coffee/cookie server list.

Contact Kristi Rops with special requests for the greeter/special music coordinator list. Thank you for serving.

If you would like to start or stop using offering envelopes in 2026, contact Kristi Rops.

Card Ministry

Help spread the Christmas spirit. Christmas cards are on a table in the fellowship hall for your use. A list of names is available. Please return cards to the basket on the table by December 15 and they will be delivered.

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.

December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div> SUNDAY SCHEDULE: Koffee Kiosk from 8:55-9:25 AM Worship at 9:30 AM Christmas program practice at 10:25 AM Coffee/Fellowship at 10:30 AM </div>	1	2	3 6th-8th Youth at 6:30 PM; High School Youth at 7:40 PM	4	5 <i>Bulletin information due by 9:00 on Friday mornings</i>	6
7 Pianist: Diana Smit Greeters/Special Music Coordinators: Gary & Linda Klock Coffee/Cookies: Steve & Patty Sinning and Alex & Elizabeth Sinning HELPING HAND FUND OFFERING	8	9 "Sewing for Others" at 1:00 PM	10 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—Mary S</i>	11	12	13
14 Pianist: Helen Groen Greeters/Special Music Coordinators: Chris & Jordan Kruse Coffee/Cookies: Don & Jill Buckneberg and Dennis & Marilyn Ebright MISSION FUND OFFERING Christmas Program at 7:00 PM	15	16	17 Youth Christmas Caroling—leave from First English	18	19	20
21 Pianist: Denise Snoozy Greeters/Special Music Coordinators: Paul & Laurie Kruse Coffee/Cookies: Jerry & Mary Schilling Lois Klinger, and Linda Olmstead	22 January newsletter information due by 9:00 AM	23 "Sewing for Others" at 1:00 PM	24 Christmas Eve Candlelight/ Communion Service at 5:00 PM	25	26	27
28 Pianist: Diana Smit Greeters/Special Music Coordinators: Keith & Leanne Lefers Coffee/Cookies: Dustin & Steffy Thoms and Nate & Molly Townsend BUILDING FUND OFFERING <i>No Sunday School classes</i>	29	30	31			