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Christ's Resurrection

Affirm the Gifts of the
Holy Spirit

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Summer Camps at Inspiration Hills

Inspiration Hills (located near Inwood, Iowa) has a variety of summer camp options for all ages: wilderness, lodge, saddle up, day camp, discovery, take me fishing, girls only, guys only, journey, grand camp, family camp, a new camp for high schoolers, and CHIPS (the counselor-in-training program.)

This year's Summer Camp theme is "In the Beginning, God!" The story of redemption in the Bible will be explored. Register online before April 15 for the best rates at inspirationhills.org

Second Reformed Church will pay up to ½ of your registration fee. You will need to complete a camp registration fee assistance form (available by the mailboxes in the fellowship hall).



Art of Marriage Retreat

This weekend retreat includes guided video lessons from Familylife's Art of Marriage curriculum as well as discussion time with other couples and activities that will strengthen your bond as a couple. The event will take place from 5:30 PM on Friday, April 12, to 12:00 PM on Sunday, April 14, at Inspiration Hills. The deadline for registration is March 29. The cost of registration is \$50 per couple. To register visit inspirationhills.org/marriage

Volunteer Work Day

A Volunteer Work Day will be held at Inspiration Hills on Saturday, April 27, from 8AM-4PM. Contact the office at 712-986-5193 or email ihills@inspirationhills.org to sign-up. Volunteer Day is dedicated to preparing the Building and Grounds for the summer season. Many different projects are available for all ages and skill levels. Lunch will be provided.

Summer Staff Positions Available

Inspiration Hills is hiring summer staff. Positions available are life-guards, kitchen staff, mowers, camp counselors, and housekeeping. To learn more, visit inspirationhills.org/work

April Committees

Kitchen Cleaning:

Teresa Smidt
Emma Smidt
Shellene Smidt
Reese Smidt
Sierra Smidt

Flowers/Decorating:

Marilyn Ebright
Jill Buckneberg
Denise Snoozy

Nursery Cleaning:

Charish Weeldreyer
Elsie Weeldreyer

April Anniversaries

Steve & Patty Sinning—
April 3

Harlan & Rita Temple—
April 7

Randy & Vicki White—
April 19

April Birthdays

Jerry Schilling—April 1
Connie Dahlgard—Apr 11
Allan Goeman—April 12
Debbie Johnson—Apr 28

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 Philathea Guild met in February and the spring meeting will be Sunday, April 7. Join us in the Coffee Side Room following the morning worship service if you can.

There was a nice note in the March 21 Lennox Independent in the "Looking Back" section. In 1974 we celebrated our 50th year as Second Reformed Church women's group. We have been active for 100 years this year. This is truly a milestone and an accomplishment. In an ever-changing world, we respect the steadfast commitment that generations of ladies have made to carry out the work of our church.

Valentine's cards were sent to those who cannot attend services regularly and World Day of Prayer was held at Delaware Reformed Church the first Saturday of March.

In April, let's fill our basket with goodies for the patients at HSC (Human Services Center) in Yankton. Posted above the table is a list of ideas if you want to shop and if you'd rather make a monetary contribution you may do so by giving it to treasurer, Martha Iken, or any of the other Guild members. All gifts go directly to the patients. We will collect through April and take our donations to them at the end of the month.

UGM Lamplighters *by Johanna Iken, Delegate*

The Union Gospel Mission Lamplighters met at the Union Gospel Mission on March 15, 2024 to celebrate the UGM's 124th Anniversary. David Gladder and Sue Dick played guitars leading the group in the hymn *Because He Lives*. The ladies of First Baptist Church in Luverne, MN gave a skit. The reluctant passengers boarding the plane had just died. One said she was too young. Another wanted to get more organized so was not ready. Another passenger was too busy gathering things that she didn't get to use. She always saved her pretty things for later. Another one wanted to be called early due to many medical problems so it was hard for her to be patient. The last person wasn't ready because her family needed her. We need to give the message of hope and tell others about Jesus before it is too late. The UGM Video *Help Us Help Others* was shown. The great grandson of Thomas F. Morse, who was the founder of the Sioux Falls Union Gospel Mission in 1900, was introduced.

The Union Gospel Mission is here to help provide stability and hope to the homeless through the power of the Holy Spirit. It helps the homeless to make the choice to get better by providing housing and support by people who love them. We heard testimonies from five people who are turning their lives around by going through the discipleship program. They had made bad choices that resulted in their homelessness. Most of these choices were drug related.

We celebrated the 124th Anniversary of the UGM with an ice cream social. The next meeting will be held at Trinity Baptist Church, 2400 W 18th Street, Sioux Falls, on Friday, April 19 at 2 p.m. The April Love Gift is underwear for men, women and children, all sizes. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend to learn more about the mission.

Last Youth Meetings for the Year

It's hard to believe we're winding down the year already! After this Wednesday, our times will go back to normal for the duration of the year. (Jr High 6:30 PM; High School 7:40 PM)

Join the youth group for breakfast on Easter morning, we will be serving donuts, coffee and juice starting at 8:00 AM.

April will be our last full month of youth group, with our final session being May 1st. We are looking ahead to Power Connection in St Paul this July for our junior high students! As always, we thank our church family for the prayers and support.

4/3 - meetings at Second Reformed

4/10 - meetings at Second Reformed

4/17 - meetings at First English Lutheran

4/24 - meetings at First English Lutheran

5/1 - meetings at Second Reformed (final meetings for the year)

Marc Weeldreyer 605-877-5024

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"Sewing for Others"

We are happy to announce that blankets and lap robes will be blessed during the service on Sunday, April 7, and distributed shortly thereafter.

Should you have yard goods to donate they will be very much appreciated. We continue to create blankets and lap robes using what's in our sewing room.

Mid-March we were blessed with a cash contribution from Charlotte Vietor's family. What a wonderful surprise! We are watching the sales and planning how best to make this money warm as many people as possible.

Join us for sewing on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 1:00 PM, or just stick your head in and say "Hi."

March Consistory Notes

- Holy Week and Easter services were discussed.
- A Gideon representative will give a presentation on April 7.
- The final date for Sunday School is April 28.
- Paul Kruse will be the contact person for an LED message board.
- Jerod Zimmer presented information on a new video system for the church.

Prayer Chain Sign-Up

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

Stellar VBS

Plans are being made to hold Vacation Bible School on June 3-7 in the mornings.

The theme is "Stellar: Shine Jesus' Light."

Gideons Presentation

A representative from Gideons International will give a presentation on Sunday morning, April 7, during worship. An offering for the organization will be received.

Hope Haven Benefit

Hope Haven's benefit auction will be on Friday, April 5, at Te Slaa Trucking in Hull, IA, to support individuals with disabilities.

Buy it Now opens at 5:00 PM, followed by a live auction at 5:30 PM. Visit the online catalog at www.hopehaven.org

Sunday School

Preschool-4th Grades are dismissed during the closing song of the worship service for "Little Lambs" choir and "Kids Own Worship" in the Family Life Center.

The last day of Sunday School classes is April 28.

April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>SUNDAY SCHEDULE: Koffee Kiosk from 8:55-9:25 AM Worship at 9:30 AM "Little Lambs"/Sunday School (Preschool-4th grades) at 10:25 AM Coffee/Fellowship at 10:30 AM 5th-12th Grade Sunday School at 10:45 AM</p> </div>	1	2	3 <i>Elder/Deacon Meetings at 7:00; Consistory at 7:30 Lunch—Derek W</i> 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 Gideons International Presentation Organist: Helen Groen Greeters/Special Music Coordinators: Steve & Jenny Folkens, Ellen Peters Coffee/Cookies: Hadley & Lynn Plucker and David & Margaret Rupert HELPING HAND FUND OFFERING Philathea Guild Meeting at 10:40 AM	8	9 "Sewing for Others" at 1:00 PM	10 6th-8th Youth at 6:30 PM; High School Youth at 7:40 PM	11	12	13
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21 Lord's Supper Served Music: Acoustic Greeters/Special Music Coordinators: David & Margaret Rupert Coffee/Cookies: Dean & Cinda Rippentrop and Eugene & Dale Dannen	22 <i>May newsletter information due by 9:00 AM</i>	23 "Sewing for Others" at 1:00 PM	24 6th-8th Youth at 6:30 PM; High School Youth at 7:40 PM at First English	25	26	27
28 Organist: Helen Groen Greeters/Special Music Coordinators: Jerry & Mary Schilling Coffee/Cookies: Paul & Laurie Kruse and Chris & Jordan Kruse BUILDING FUND OFFERING Last Day of Sunday School Classes	29	30				