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Christ's Resurrection

Affirm the Gifts of the
Holy Spirit

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World Communion Sunday

We will join Christian churches around the world in celebrating World Communion Sunday on October 4 by serving the Lord's Supper during our worship service.

Serving Meal at Freedom's Gate Church

On Sunday, October 11, we have an opportunity to share God's love by serving the evening meal at Freedom's Gate Church in Sioux Falls. Please take some time to look at the sign-up sheets in the fellowship hall and help us provide the food.

If you are available, we will need people to help serve the meal. You may contact Beverly Winterboer, Kim Geiken, or Mary Schilling with questions. (See page 2 for more information about Freedom's Gate Church.)

Mission Emphasis with Hope Haven

Our annual Mission Emphasis Sunday is October 25. The guest speaker is Rich Koele from Hope Haven Ministries. The consistory will serve donuts during the fellowship time that follows and Rich will share more about Hope Haven during that time. The offering that morning will be given to Hope Haven and to the mission family we support in Europe.

Children in preschool-12th grades will meet together in the Family Life Center during the Sunday School time on Oct 25 to paint pumpkins and to write letters to the missionary families that we support. Parents, please help your children write letters ahead of time by using the templates attached to this newsletter or by writing original letters.

(See page 3 for more information about Hope Haven.)

October Committees

Kitchen Cleaning:

Joann Muller
Lynda DeJong

Flowers/Decorating:

Michelle Abraham
Karla Smit
Sharla West

Nursery Cleaning:

Steffy Thoms
Molly Townsend

October Anniversaries

Marlin & Susan
Bultena—Oct 3
David & Margaret
Rupert—Oct 16
Jerry & Mary Schilling—
Oct 21

October Birthdays

Wendell Timmerman—
Oct 2
Susan Bultena—Oct 6
Janice Boomgarden—
Oct 10
Kay Goeman—Oct 29
Mark Eitreim—Oct 30
Rita Temple—Oct 31

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*

God's blessings to all of you who read this, and to your loved ones as well. Another month has flown by and we've entered the season of autumn. As in past years, we will hold our last quarter meeting on Sunday, November 1, after our morning service. We will be discussing holiday-season plans and welcome any and all of you who wish to join us.

As you know, we are accepting your donations to the Union Gospel Mission "Rags to Roofing" project and will wrap up the first week of November. If you can bring things to the fellowship hall, we'll make sure they are delivered. Remember that towels and bedding are not used by UGM as they bind up the machine. However, if you have gently used linens to contribute to them, that is fine. If you have sheets for the "Sewing for Others" group, they'll be happy to use them as the light cushion in quilts. It's surprising how much warmth that adds with little weight.

Please check the church directory and contact Kristi Rops if you no longer wish to serve on the committees to which you are assigned. We will be discussing committee assignments at the November meeting, but changes may be made until mid-December when Kristi begins work on a new directory.

Freedom's Gate Church

Freedom's Gate Church was planted by Pastor Jason & Ruth Wiersma in Sioux Falls in 2020 under God's direction. A group of South Dakota inmates put together a proposal for a new church plant in Sioux Falls that would cater to the spiritual needs of those coming out of the prison system.

The cry of the inmates leading the charge was a response to the past failures of released men and women who failed to acclimate well to society and struggled to find a place of worship that they felt comfortable with or that they could serve in.

The staff and volunteers of Freedom's Gate strive to follow Jesus' example of meeting people where they are while pointing towards redemption through the cross, discipleship, and bearing fruit.

Freedom's Gate holds worship services at 4800 South Tomar in the east side of the 1st Reformed Church in Sioux Falls at 5:00 PM on Sundays. Anyone age 18 and older is welcome to join them for worship.

Youth Will Lead Chapel Service at UGM

Youth group is off to a great start for the year! Our hayride was a huge success, and we had a fantastic turn-out with approximately 65 students total between junior high and high school. We are looking forward to getting into our groove, as well as adding some extra events in the next month.

On October 7th, we will be taking a trip to the Yogi Bear corn maze for some fall fun! Then on 10/21, we have the honor of providing the worship service at the Union Gospel Mission. We are looking forward to these events, as well as our typical sessions.

Thank you for your prayers, specifically for God to grant guidance and wisdom to the leaders, and for the hearts and minds of our students to be opened to the Holy Spirit.

9/30 - at Second Reformed

10/7 - Yogi Bear corn maze

10/14 - at Second Reformed

10/21 - Union Gospel Mission chapel service

10/28 - at First English Lutheran

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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Hope Haven Ministries

Hope Haven began in 1964 as a school for children with disabilities in Rock Valley, Iowa. Today, Hope Haven offers disability services across Iowa and Minnesota and an international wheelchair ministry.

At home, Hope Haven helps people build skills and independence with programs for people with disabilities and their families.

Around the world, Hope Haven provides mobility, dignity, and opportunity through refurbished wheelchairs, and mobility support.

Hope Haven's vision is: "See the person. Recognize the need. Respond in faith." They believe that every person is created by God with value, purpose, and gifts.

Center of Hope Benefit

We will assemble a gift basket for the Center of Hope fall benefit on November 7 at Celebrate Church in Sioux Falls.

Place monetary gifts in the baskets in our kitchen serving window by Oct 25. Thank you.

September Consistory Notes

- October 4 is World Communion Sunday.
- The first Sunday of Advent is November 29.
- The worship committee will meet on October 4.
- Rally Sunday plans were discussed.
- We will have the cracks in the parking lot filled.
- The Family Life Center will be painted this fall.
- The Love INC community walk will begin and end at our church on Saturday, Sept 26.
- We will serve the evening meal at Freedom's Gate on October 11.

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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 10:45 AM (chapel) Adult Study Series at 10:45 AM (FLC) Classes Dismiss at 11:15 AM				1	2 <i>Bulletin information due by 9:00 on Friday mornings</i>	3
4 World Communion Sunday Pianist: Acoustic Greeters/Special Music Coordinators: Gary & Kim Geiken Coffee/Cookies: Paul & Laurie Kruse and Chris & Jordan Kruse HELPING HAND FUND OFFERING	5	6	7 <i>Elder/Deacon meetings at 7:00</i> <i>Consistory at 7:30</i> <i>Lunch—Shellene</i> 6th-12th Grade Youth go to Yogi Bear Corn Maze	8	9	10
11 Pianist: Judy Schlunsen Greeters/Special Music Coordinators: Helen Groen and Linda Olmstead Coffee/Cookies: Eugene & Dale Dannen, Dean & Cinda Rippentrop, Maxine Bossman MISSION FUND OFFERING Serve Meal at Freedom's Gate	12	13 "Sewing for Others" at 1:00 PM	14 6th-8th Grade Youth at 6:30; High School Youth at 7:40 PM; at Second Reformed	15	16	17
18 Pianist: Diana Smit Greeters/Special Music Coordinators: Pastor Harlan & Verlaine Hayunga Coffee/Cookies: Brad & Teresa Smidt and Bob & Karla Smit	19 November newsletter information due by 9:00 AM	20	21 Youth lead Chapel Service at Union Gospel Mission	22	23	24
25 Mission Emphasis Sunday Speaker from Hope Haven Pianist: Helen Groen Greeters/Special Music Coordinators: Brock Hoogestraat Coffee/Cookies: Donuts from consistory BUILDING FUND OFFERING	26	27 "Sewing for Others" at 1:00 PM	28 6th-8th Grade Youth at 6:30; High School Youth at 7:40 PM; at First English Lutheran	29	30	31