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# Light of Life News Second Reformed Church 1017 S Elm Street, Lennox, SD 57039

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# Lenten Season Opportunities

The Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday on March 5. We will hold a service with imposition of ashes and the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM on March 5.

A Sunday School class for youth and adults will meet during the Lenten season using a video/discussion series on Max Lucado's "He Chose the Nails." The first session will be Sunday, March 9, at 10:45 AM.

# Inquirer's Class Will Meet in March

An inquirer's class for anyone interested in church membership will be held on the Sundays of March 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30. Topics will include: Belonging to the Church; God's Word; Baptism; The Lord's Supper; Walking as a Christian Witness. The class will meet at 4:00 PM each Sunday. For additional information, contact Pastor Harlan.

# **Summer Camps at Inspiration Hills**

Registration for Summer Camps at Inspiration Hills is open online at **inspirationhills.org**. This year's theme from Hebrews 13:8 is "Christ Is the Same: Yesterday, Today, Forever."

Day camps are available for those entering 1st-4th grades. Overnight camps in the lodge or the wilderness platform tents are open to 3rd grade-High School. Special camps available are: Saddle Up, Take Me Fishing, Guys only, Girls only, Journey Camp, and Grand Camp (for grandparents and grandchildren ages 6 and up).

CHIPS is a special two week leadership program for those entering 10th-12th grades to learn and to co-lead a bunk group.

Register for camp online before April 15 for a discounted price. Apply online for a paid or volunteer summer or year-round position.

The lodges, cabins, campground, meeting spaces, and recreation sites are available yearround by reservation for individuals, families, or groups.



## March Committees

#### Kitchen Cleaning:

Teresa Smidt Emma Smidt Shellene Smidt Sierra Smidt Reese Smidt

#### Flowers/Decorating:

Tonya Zimmer Isabella Zimmer Leanne Lefers Megan Lefers

#### Nursery Cleaning:

Charish Weeldreyer Elsie Weeldreyer

## March Anniversary

Gerry & Sue Schryvers— March 27

## March Birthdays

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Lois Klinger—March 1
Jerry Martineau—Mar 3
Harlan Hayunga—Mar 3
Marilyn Ebright—Mar 12
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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

Once again we plan to gather for World Day of Prayer. Thank you to Ebenezer Presbyterian Church for hosting us on Saturday, March 8. Coffee is served at 9:30 and the prayer service begins at 10:00. Our purpose is to raise our collective voices in prayer and although it was at one time a women's day, that is no longer so. Everyone is encouraged to attend, so put it on your calendar and let us come together with believers from all around the world to pray.

The Guild ladies met on February 2 and finalized the plans for 2025. In March we will be holding a collection for the Foster care program that serves southeastern SD. The center is located at 14th St. and Avera Hospital on Cliff Ave and the sewing ladies have been making draw-string bags for children in transit so they have a way to carry their belongings. We ask you to donate full-sized personal care items. This might include shampoo, body wash, socks, toothbrushes, hairbrushes, for example. We also ask that you donate small suitcases and/or carry bags if possible. These must be new so as to assure that the distribution facility and contents are not "infected." The program sees upwards of 200 children per month and it is not uncommon for them to be moving to a foster home carrying little or nothing, so our gifts will be most welcome.

In August we plan to hold a collection for backpacks and school supplies as it is not unusual for children to be moving to attend a new school with no supplies. Thank you for your generosity.

# Art of Marriage Retreat

An Art of Marriage Retreat will be held at Inspiration Hills on March 21-23 from 5:30 PM on Friday through noon on Sunday.

The weekend 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.

Registration cost is \$50 per couple. Register at **inspirationhills.org**/ marriage

# Living Stone / Freedom's Gate Banquet

Living Stone Prison Church & Freedom's Gate Church are holding a banquet on Thursday, March 20, at 6:30 PM at Bethany Reformed Church in Canton. The evening includes a meal, entertainment, fellowship, ministry updates, and testimonies from former inmates.

Pastor Dan Ebbens will give a ministry update on Living Stone activities and Pastor Jason Wiersma will tell about Freedom's Gate Church. A few former inmates will testify how God has used the ministry to encourage and strengthen their Christian journey.

RSVP to 605-366-3624 by March 16.

# Youth Meetings and Activities

We are winding down on a busy month for the youth group! We appreciate all the generous donations we've received for the Soup and Pie Supper. We couldn't do it without your help.

On Wednesday, February 26th, we will head to "Kids Against Hunger" and pack meals for those in need. We are looking forward to March and seeing God continue to move in the hearts of our students!

Feb 26th - Kids Against Hunger (leave from First English at 6:30) March 5th - no youth group due to Ash Wednesday service March 12th - no youth group due to spring break March 19th - at First English Lutheran March 26th - at First English Lutheran

6th-8th Grade Youth meet at 6:30 PM High School Youth meet at 7:40 PM

> Marc Weeldreyer 605-877-5024 Nicole Winterboer 605-553-0788

# February Consistory Notes

- An Ash Wednesday service will be held on March 5.
- The 4th Sunday will continue to be congregant participation Sunday through April.
- Pastor's Sunday sabbatical dates are Aug 31-Sept 21, 2025.
- A Max Lucado video series will begin on March 9 for adult and youth Sunday School.
- An afternoon communion service will be held on Monday, April 21, at 2:30 PM.
- The baskets for helping hand fund gifts in the coffee serving window will continue. The building and mission fund baskets will not continue.
- Gary & Kim Geiken will deliver "Soup-er Sunday" donations to the Exchange food pantry.

### Prayer Chain Sign-Up

Go to the church website <u>www.secondreformed.com</u> 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.

## Campfire Coffee Club

Campfire Coffee Club meets at Inspiration Hills the first Thursday of every month from 9:00-10:30 AM to learn about camp and connect with others by providing fellowship for camp supporters, donors, and individuals connected to camp. Come to camp and feel more informed about the work that God is doing at Inspiration Hills. To learn more, <u>check out the event page</u> <u>on Facebook</u>

## "Digging Deeper"

Digging Deeper Bible Study is an opportunity to study the Word of God in-depth at Inspiration Hills. Whether you're opening the Bible for the first time or are a seasoned theologian, this workshop will help you study God's Word accurately and in a fulfilling way. The event will be from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday, March 8. Registration cost is \$25. To register or learn more, visit inspirationhills.org/deep

# March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<ul> <li>16</li> <li>Pianist: Denise Snoozy</li> <li>Greeters/Special Music Coordinators: Alex &amp; Elizabeth Sinning</li> <li>Coffee/Cookies: Keith &amp; Leanne Lefers and Dean &amp; Emilie Mann</li> <li>Inquirer's Class at 4:00 PM</li> </ul>	17	18	19 6th-8th Grade Youth at 6:30 PM; High School Youth at 7:40 at First English Luth.	20	21	22
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30 Pianist: Diana Smit Greeters/Special Music Coordinators: Brad & Teresa Smidt Coffee/Cookies: Chad & Erin Reilly and Derek & Emily Sitter BUILDING FUND OFFERING Inquirer's Class at 4:00 PM	31			SUNDAY SCHEDULE: Koffee Kiosk from 8:55-9:25 AM Worship at 9:30 AM Little Lambs Choir/Sunday School (preschool-4th grades) at 10:25 AM Coffee/Fellowship at 10:30 AM 5th-8th Grade and Youth/Adult Sunday School at 10:45 AM; Dismiss at 11:15		