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Christ's Resurrection

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Rally Sunday Activities, September 13

Our Rally Sunday celebration on September 13 will begin a new year of Christian Education at Second Reformed Church.

Everyone is invited to stay for games, a balloon launch, and a meal following worship on September 13.

Sunday School classes will begin on September 20. Pre-school-5th graders may leave worship during the closing song to go to the chapel for Little Lambs Choir followed by their Sunday School class.

Students in grades 6-12 will meet at 10:45 AM for a study on the Lord's Prayer. Pastor Harlan will lead a class for adults in the Family Life Center (see information below).

All classes dismiss at 11:15 AM.
Contact Randy Smit or Shellene Smidt for more information or to volunteer as a substitute teacher.



Adult Video/Discussion Series

How is Mormonism different from Christianity? When Jehovah's Witnesses say they believe in Jesus, what do they actually believe about Him? What is the difference between Sunni and Shi'ite Muslims?

An adult School School class will delve into these and other questions in a video/discussion based study entitled, "Christianity, Cults, and Religions." Topics to be covered include Essential Christian Doctrine, Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormonism, Eastern Spirituality, and Islam.

The class will begin Sunday, September 20, at 10:45 AM in the Family Life Center. Pastor Harlan will facilitate the sessions.
All adults are welcome.

September Committees

Kitchen Cleaning:

Joann Muller
Lynda DeJong

Flowers/Decorating:

Jill Christensen
Dale Dannen
Linda Klock
Glenda Fletcher

Nursery Cleaning:

Steffy Thoms
Molly Townsend

September Anniversaries

Mark & Vivian Eitheim—
Sept 8

Dean & Cinda
Rippentrop—Sept 18

September Birthdays

Randy Fletcher—Sep 5
Linda Olmstead—Sep 13

Verlainne Hayunga—
Sep 14

Cinda Rippentrop—
Sep 15

Eunice Peters—Sep 22

Glenda Fletcher—Sep 29

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*

Our summer meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 30, in the Coffee Side Room. Please attend if you are able and wish to take part in planning the upcoming fall activities.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Bingo party at Lennox Assisted Living in June and to the collection of personal care items and clothing that we've donated to Human Services Center in Yankton. Your generosity is always so appreciated by those who cannot shop for themselves.

The back-to-school drive for supplies for the Foster Care program is coming to an end but should you yet wish to contribute feel free to do so and we'll see that it is taken to the center.

Watch the bulletins for collection dates for the "Rags to Roofing" project. Every year we are amazed at the amount of clothing that people find to donate and the Union Gospel Mission is delighted to see us come with a delivery.

Should you have sheets to discard, please consider our "Sewing for Others" projects. Sheets cannot be included in the UGM rags, but often make a light-weight filler for quilts that are being created for people in need.

Have a safe and happy Labor Day and we wish everyone well as we begin a new routine of Sunday School, choir, and school activities.

Union Gospel Mission Lamplighters

The Union Gospel Mission Lamplighters will meet Friday, September 18, at 2:00 PM at First Baptist Church in Chancellor. The Love Gift is new or gently used towels and wash cloths and/or men's socks.

Anyone is welcome to attend these monthly meetings. If you would like to represent Second Reformed as a delegate to the meetings, talk to Pastor Harlan, a member of our mission committee, or a Philathea Guild member.

Youth Group Hayride, September 16

Youth group kickoff will be Wednesday, September 16, at 6:30 PM for 6th through 12th grade students! Our annual hayride will depart from Second Reformed, and we will finish with refreshments afterward.

We are so excited to see the ways in which God will move in our students in the coming year.

Going forward, grades 6-8 will meet from 6:30 until 7:30 PM; grades 9-12 will meet at 7:40 PM.

A light snack is served between each group's session.

9/16 - Second Reformed (hayride)

9/23 - First English Lutheran

9/30 - Second Reformed

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August Consistory Notes

- Elders will assist with the August 23 worship service with guest speaker Brian Narcomy, Outreach Pastor for Center of Hope.
- Blessing of the backpacks and recognition of all those involved in education is August 30.
- The worship committee will meet September 6.
- Rally Sunday is September 13.
- Sunday School classes begin September 20.
- The garbage disposal is acting up again and will be replaced if it continues to be a problem.
- A painting party is being planned to refresh the Family Life Center.
- Our mission pledges for the two families that we support were discussed.

Blessing the Backpacks

To mark the beginning of a new school year, a "blessing of the backpacks" will take place during the worship service on Sunday, August 30.

All those involved in every level of education, including students, teachers, and staff will be recognized.

Warrior Run Fundraiser

Inspiration Hills is holding a Warrior Run on Saturday, Sept 12. The Warrior Run is a fun community event that helps provide camp scholarships to Inspiration Hills.

Register for the 5K Warrior Run or the 1 Mile Fun Run.

www.inspirationhills.org/warrior.

Lawn Mowing

Volunteers are needed to mow our church lawn. Please sign-up on the page on the office door to volunteer.

Thank you to everyone who keeps our lawn, grounds, and building looking nice.

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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	3	4 <i>Bulletin information due by 9:00 on Friday mornings</i>	5
6 Pianist: Judy Schlunsen Greeters/Special Music Coordinators: Dennis & Marilyn Ebright Coffee/Cookies: Nathan & Elizabeth Hopf and David & Margaret Rupert HELPING HAND FUND OFFERING	7	8 "Sewing for Others" at 1:00 PM	9 <i>Elder/Deacon meetings at 7:00</i> <i>Consistory at 7:30</i> <i>Lunch—Dennis E</i>	10	11	12
13 Rally Sunday Pianist: Diana Smit Greeters/Special Music Coordinators: John & Christina Eitreim Coffee/Cookies: Jerry & Mary Schilling, Lois Klinger, and Linda Olmstead MISSION FUND OFFERING Games, Balloon Launch, Meal	14	15	16 Youth in grades 6-12 meet at Second Reformed at 6:30 PM for a hayride	17	18	19
20 Sunday School Classes Begin Pianist: Helen Groen Greeters/Special Music Coordinators: Mark & Vivian Eitreim Coffee/Cookies: Verlyn & Joann Muller, Lynda DeJong, and Marc & Charish Weeldreyer	21 October newsletter information due by 9:00 AM	22 "Sewing for Others" at 1:00 PM	23 6th-8th Grade Youth at 6:30; High School Youth at 7:40 PM; at First English Lutheran	24	25	26
27 Nomination Sunday Pianist: Denise Snoozy Greeters/Special Music Coordinators: Steve & Jenny Folkens and Ellen Peters Coffee/Cookies: Hadley & Lynn Plucker and Gary & Kim Geiken BUILDING FUND OFFERING	28	29	30 6th-8th Grade Youth at 6:30; High School Youth at 7:40 PM; at Second Reformed			