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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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Congratulations to our Graduates!

Congratulations to our graduates. They will be recognized during worship on Sunday, May 4. High School graduates are Ben DeJong and Dane Winterboer. Eighth grade graduates are Aiden Schieck, Micha Townsend, Sullivan Weeldreyer, and Grayson Zwart. Enjoy these senior spotlights.

Ben DeJong is the son of Kent DeJong and Julie Lindstrom. His brother is Jacob and his grandmothers are Lynda DeJong and Marilyn Hansum. Ben enjoys time with family, friends and pets. He is an active person who likes to shoot, hunt, fish, play disc-golf, and travel. Ben has enjoyed playing football, running sprints in track, hanging out with friends, swimming, and boating. He is excited for summer break but will miss his classmates and teachers. One of the things Ben will miss most about high school is Wednesday night Youth Group and the time spent with friends learning about faith. Ben's future plans include studying radiology.

Dane Winterboer is the son of Derek & Nicole. His siblings are Annika, Lydia, and August. Dane enjoys baseball, guitar, golf, fishing, and snowboarding. Rocky Mountain High was super special to Dane in his walk with Christ. Dane plans to go to school for a trade, but is not sure which one.

Scuba Vacation Bible School: Diving into Friendship with God

Get ready to splash into fun! Vacation Bible School will be held at Second Reformed Church on Tuesday-Friday mornings, May 27-30, from 9:00 AM-Noon.

At Scuba VBS, kids will dive into friendship with God. Scuba is filled with Bible-learning experiences that kids see, hear, and touch. Bible lessons, crafts, games, songs, and snacks are all part of the experience.

VBS is for all children ages 4 - current 4th graders. Invite your children, grandchildren, friends, and neighbors to attend.

Register online at secondreformed.com or complete a form in our fellowship hall.

Sign-up to volunteer to help make this week a splashing success.



May Committees

Kitchen Cleaning:

Linda Gayken
Kim Geiken

Flowers/Decorating:

Vivian Eitreim
Christina Eitreim
Jenilee Eitreim

Nursery Cleaning:

Molly Townsend
Nicole Winterboer

May Anniversaries

Gary & Linda Gayken—
May 1

Wendell & Cindy
Timmerman—May 12

Al & Kay Goeman—
May 15

May Birthdays

Dean Rippentrop—
May 9

Lynda DeJong—May 13

Maxine Bossman—
May 15

Dale Dannen—May 25

Gary Johnson—May 25

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 spring meeting for Philathea Guild was held in April and plans for the coming months include the following.

Youth Recognition. Thanks go to Patty Sinning for purchasing gifts for seniors, to Sue Schryvers for making gifts for 8th grade graduates, and to Sandy Zwart for presenting them on May 4.

June 20 we will play bingo with the residents at Lennox Assisted Living at 2:00 PM, followed by coffee and dessert at 3:00. Please plan to join us as this has been a fun event.

The collection of bags and personal care items for the Foster Program was a huge success. You are incredibly generous and the staff were delighted to receive our gifts. We will be asking for school supplies in September, so please keep that in mind as they go on sale this summer.

Yes, more collections are on our horizon. In June we will be asking for sweats, snacks, personal care items, etc., for Human Services Center in Yankton. We've done so before Christmas in past years but decided that it might benefit them more to pick a summer month when they are likely to receive less. The Sewing for Others group is donating some lap robes to their geriatric units in June. Watch for a list of items that they need.

Last but not least, we will have a Rags to Roofing drive in October, so should you be spring cleaning now and wish to set things aside, we'll be happy to deliver to the Union Gospel Mission in the fall.

UGM Lamplighters *by Johanna Iken, Delegate*

The Union Gospel Mission Lamplighters met on April 11, 2025 at Valley Springs Reformed Church. Kathy Oleson opened with prayer and welcomed the group. We sang "Living for Jesus" and "He Lives." Don provided special music. He played "On the Wings of a Dove" and "If That Isn't Love" on the accordion.

The collection last month was \$1365. \$6100 was paid out for the last project--thank you gift cards for the employees. There is \$1810 in the account for our next project--non skid mats for the showers to prevent falls.

Deanna gave a testimonial. She was born with cataracts. In order to cope she started using drugs and alcohol when she was 12 years old. She was addicted for 20 years and spent some time in prison. She began to read her Bible and meditate on every verse. Since then she has stayed clean. She now works and lives on third floor at the UGM. She is helping people find their way back to Christ. God is faithful.

The next meeting is May 16 at Grandview Covenant Church by Larchwood. The love gift is socks and underwear in all sizes for men, women, and children.

Youth Plans for Summer Trips

The end of the current youth group year is upon us, they seem to go faster each year! Our last night of the season will be April 30 at Second Reformed for our annual fire pit.

We have a busy summer in store, with the high school group attending HIS Work Camp in Tennessee June 21-28, and the junior high group attending Power Connection in St. Paul, MN, July 25-27.

We've had an amazing year with our students! We've consistently had large groups attending each week, and throughout the year we've had so many wonderful, meaningful conversations and teaching opportunities.

We believe youth group is making a powerful impact on our students, and it wouldn't be possible without the prayer and financial support of our church family. We are grateful for another successful year!

Marc Weeldreyer 605-877-5024

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Register for Camps at Inspiration Hills

In celebration of 50 years of ministry at Inspiration Hills, this year's summer camp theme is based on Hebrews 13:8 "Christ is the Same Yesterday, Today, and Forever!" Inspiration Hills offers a variety of camps for kids from 1st-12th grade. Learn more and register online at inspirationhills.org. Blue fee assistance forms are available by our mailboxes. Visit the website for paid staff and volunteer opportunities.

April Consistory Notes

- The last day for Sunday School classes is May 4.
- Teacher appreciation and graduate recognition will be held during the worship service on May 4.
- Adam Hofer will provide pulpit supply on May 4.
- A teachers meeting will be held on May 7 at 6:30 PM.
- Vacation Bible School plans are being made.
- Three exterior doors will be purchased and installed.
- The following new members will be received on Easter Sunday: Cole Ebright, Nick Rodriguez, Derek Sitter, Noah Sitter, Jocelyn Thoms, Sullivan Weeldreyer, and Annika Winterboer.

Sunday School

Sunday School classes will end on May 4 and will resume in the fall. Teachers will be recognized during the worship service on May 4.

A teacher's meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 7, at 6:30 PM to review and turn in materials, to discuss the needs of the education program, and to make plans for the fall.

Lawn Mowing

Volunteers are needed to mow our church lawn. There is a sign-up sheet on the office door for those who would like to volunteer.

Volunteer Work Day

A volunteer work day will be held at Inspiration Hills on Saturday, May 3, from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Lunch will be provided.

Volunteer tasks include chopping wood, moving picnic tables, picking-up, and cleaning.

To register or to learn more, visit inspirationhills.org/volunteerday or call 712-986-5193.

Pruitt's Closet

The Brave Little One Foundation needs volunteers to make a meaningful impact through Pruitt's Closet, a project dedicated to modifying/sewing clothing to be accessible for children with feeding tubes at no cost.

We have been incredibly blessed with the number of donations we have received thus far, and we truly appreciate any help you can offer.

If you are interested in volunteering or have questions please reach out to Jordan Kruse via email at bravelittleonefoundation@gmail.com or via text at 605-799-6479.

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>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 Sunday School at 10:45 AM; Dismiss at 11:15 AM</p>			<i>April 30</i> 6th-8th Grade Youth at 6:30 PM; High School Youth at 7:40 here; Final meetings with fire pit	1	2	3
<p>4 Pulpit Supply: Adam Hofer Pianist: Helen Groen Greeters/Special Music Coordinators: Bob & Karla Smit Coffee/Cookies: Brad & Teresa Smidt and Jerry & Mary Schilling HELPING HAND FUND OFFERING <i>Recognition of Teachers and Graduates</i> <i>Final Sunday School Classes</i></p>	5	6	7	8	9	10
			<i>Teachers meeting at 6:30 PM</i> Elder/Deacon Meetings at 7:00; Consistory Meeting at 7:30 PM Lunch—Jerod Z			
<p>11 Pianist: Helen Groen Greeters/Special Music Coordinators: Randy & Diana Smit Coffee/Cookies: Bob & Karla Smit and Hadley & Lynn Plucker MISSION FUND OFFERING</p>	12	13	14	15	16	17
		"Sewing for Others" at 1:00 PM				
<p>18 Music: Acoustic Greeters/Special Music Coordinators: Tom & Denise Snoozy Coffee/Cookies: Hank & Judy Sinning, Ellen Peters, Steve & Jenny Folkens</p>	19	20	21	22	23	24
	June newsletter information due by 9:00 AM					
<p>25 Pianist: Judy Schlunsen Greeters/Special Music Coordinators: Dustin & Steffy Thoms Coffee/Cookies: Steve & Patty Sinning and Alex & Elizabeth Sinning BUILDING FUND OFFERING</p>	26	27	28	29	30	31
			<p>Vacation Bible School Tuesday-Friday May 27-30 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon</p>			