

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET

April 30, 2017

**Please turn in announcements by 10:30 on Wednesday mornings to the office of the First Christian Reformed Church: [office@firstcrc.com](mailto:office@firstcrc.com) or 722-0717.**

**Monday, May 1:** All women are invited to attend the Bible League Spring Salad Luncheon at 11:30am at the Sanborn URC, 805 Sunrise Ave, in Sanborn, IA. Please bring a salad for every two ladies and enjoy the luncheon and fellowship with women from many area churches. We are also extending a special invitation to pastors to join us. Harold Trujillo, Regional Training Coordinator, will speak on the Project Philip program.

**Tuesday, May 2:** Sioux Center Christian School Moms in Prayer Group will meet in the Council Room of First CRC at 9:00am. Childcare is provided. Contact Mel Klein with questions at 722-0668.

**Tuesday, May 2:** The Grandmothers Moms in Prayer group will be meeting in Room 3 of First CRC at 10:00am. New women are always welcome!

**Tuesday, May 2:** The College and Career Moms in Prayer group will be meeting in Room 3 of First CRC at noon. New women are always welcome!

**Tuesday, May 2:** The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Support Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7 to 9pm. Lori White, author of *Growing Season*, will speak. Her topic is "Coping with Bipolar Illness." Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are invited to join us. For information, call Shirley Matheis at 722-4462.

**Thursday, May 4:** The students and staff of Unity Christian High School are launching their 3<sup>rd</sup> Creation Caretaker Clean-a-thon with over 50 miles to clean of Sioux County roadways and a goal set at \$40,000 to be used for their annual budget. Students are asked to seek sponsors from families, friends and church members. Donors are welcome to give to this cause, either through a student, or through a direct donation sent to Unity by May 31.

**Friday, May 5:** Commencement ceremonies for the Dordt College 2016-17 academic year will be held at 10am in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Pastor Mark Verbruggen will provide the speech, titled, "The Power of One." For those without tickets, overflow rooms will be available on campus. The ceremony will also be streamed live online at [www.dordt.edu/events/commencement](http://www.dordt.edu/events/commencement).

**Friday, May 5:** Trailblazer Gala – Tickets still available! This is a prime rib supper catered by Lorraine Nieuwsma and a celebration of God's faithfulness to SCCS at 6:30pm at Faith CRC. Our featured entertainment will be a selection of songs from *The Lion King* sung by our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Tickets are \$100 each and no additional donations are requested at the event. You may choose your table...so get some friends together and come to this enjoyable evening out! For tickets, contact Amy Vander Berg (712-441-4530 or [davberg@mtcnet.net](mailto:davberg@mtcnet.net)) or stop by the SCCS TRIP Office before NOON on Monday, May 1.

### Advance Announcements

**Tuesday, May 9:** Western Christian FFA Members would like to invite you to their second annual FFA banquet at 6:30pm in their Gym. They will celebrate the year's accomplishments, enjoy a meal together, and hear from past northwest state vice president, Josh Earl! If you are interested in attending please RSVP to [ffa@westernchristianhs.com](mailto:ffa@westernchristianhs.com).

**Tuesday, May 9:** Roseland Christian Ministries will celebrate its 40th anniversary with a meet and greet reception at the Dordt College Campus Center at 7:00pm with hors d'oeuvres, music, and an update on the ministry, and a time for fellowship with Pastor Joe Huizenga, Minister of Music David Walker, Development Director Jei Wilson, and Rev. and Mrs. Anthony Van Zanten. Please RSVP by calling Brian Feekes at (712) 441-0551.

**Thursday, May 11:** Everyone is invited to a Free "Community Unity Meal" at New Life Reformed Church from 6-7:00pm. Meal host: Christ Community Church and Christ the King Catholic Church.

**Friday, May 12:** Save the date for ATLAS of Sioux Center's Community Auction with a Pizza Ranch sponsored meal from 5:30-6:30pm; the auction will begin at 6:30pm. To donate new items, please email [atlas@mtcnet.net](mailto:atlas@mtcnet.net) or call 722-4900. For more information and an updated item list, go to [www.atlasauction.blogspot.com](http://www.atlasauction.blogspot.com).

**Saturday, May 13:** Donations for our local food banks will be collected by our Sioux Center Post Office's Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. Please leave non-perishable food items by your mailbox on Saturday morning or bring throughout the week before to the post office or our local Hy-Vee. All donations will be equally distributed locally.

**Saturday, May 13:** Auditions for membership in the Northwest Iowa Symphony Youth Orchestra (NISYO) will be held at the Dordt College Music Building. Now completing its tenth season, NISYO is seeking string players from middle school through high school to join all sections of the orchestra. For more information or to schedule an audition, contact NISYO conductor Dr. Christopher Stanichar at 605-929-3924 or [cstanichar@yahoo.com](mailto:cstanichar@yahoo.com).

**Saturday, May 20:** The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Horse Ride-a-Thon will begin at 10:00am from Pipestone County Fairgrounds in Pipestone, MN to the New Life Treatment Center in Woodstock, MN. We held our first Horse Ride-A-Thon in 1980 and it continues to be a great opportunity for friends to meet and have fun together while raising funds for New Life. For more information, contact the New Life Treatment Center at 507-777-4321.

### Requested Announcements

The senior youth group class of Bethel CRC would like to extend an invitation to anyone that would be interested in a plot in our community garden. The garden will be located at 529 1st Avenue NE, right next to Central Park. If interested, please contact their leaders, Ted and Jackie Altena ([tjaltena@hotmail.com](mailto:tjaltena@hotmail.com)). Limited space is available.

Vacation Bible School: Maker Fun Factory will make its way to Bethel CRC July 24-27! There are a variety of factory jobs to sign up for! The factory volunteer sign up link will be active May 1 on the church website: [www.bethelcsc.org](http://www.bethelcsc.org) under the Ministry tab, Vacation Bible School. Thank-you in advance for answering our Maker's call to be a volunteer in His Factory! Registration for VBS will begin May 15.

Western Christian High School is conducting their annual spring drive. Spring drive gifts cover major needs of the school not covered by tuition. Western has had a couple of major needs arise in the last six months that need to be addressed as soon as possible. The walk-in cooler and freezer in the kitchen need to be replaced with a cost of \$40,000. Western also has an immediate need for \$90,000 to make the necessary roof repairs we need to complete this summer. Currently about half the funds have been raised. If you haven't made a gift yet, please consider making a gift soon as Western would like to conclude this drive by May 7. Thank you!