

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET
September 3, 2017

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

Monday, September 4: The Youth Group of First Christian Reformed Church of Sioux Center invites you to their pancake breakfast at Children's Park from 7:30 - 9:30am. Proceeds will go towards their 2018 Mission Trip.

Monday, September 4: The First Mondays Speaker Series at Dordt College kicks off with Paul C.H. Lim, an award-winning historian of Reformation and post-Reformation Europe. His latest book, *Mystery Unveiled: The Crisis of the Trinity in Early Modern England*, won the 2013 Roland H. Bainton Prize as the best book in history/theology by the Sixteenth Century Society and Conference. The community is invited to hear him give a presentation at 11am in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. For more information, visit www.dordt.edu/first-mondays-speaker-series.

Tuesday, September 5: 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. Sioux County General Services Director Aaron Haverdink and a staff member from the Sheriff's department will discuss "The Stepping Up Initiative"-- a jail diversion program for people with mental illness. For information, call Shirley Matheis 722-4462.

Thursday, September 7: The NAMI Iowa Family-to-Family Education Program for family members of persons with serious mental illness will be offered at Central Reformed Church from 7 to 9:30pm on Thursday evenings for 11 weeks beginning September 7, 2017. The course is FREE and will be taught by trained family member volunteer leaders, Barb Addink (712 567-4727), Shirley Matheis (722-4462 or nsmath@mtcnet.net), and Lynn Wielenga (722-1828). Please register today.

Friday, September 8 & Saturday, September 9: Auditions for membership in the Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra (NISO) will be held. Anyone wishing to play in the orchestra for the first time must audition, and all student members need to re-audition each year. For more information or to schedule an audition, contact the NISO office at niso@dordt.edu or 712-722-6230.

Advance Announcements

Tuesday, September 12: Bible League Volunteers invite friends and family to attend "A Light for the Nations" retreat with many featured guests at 9:30am at First Reformed Church in Sioux Center. Pre-registration is required for all sessions. A nursery is available from 9:30am – 3:15pm. Registration forms are available at www.bibleleague.org/retreat17. Contact Marcene Brands for more info: 605-376-1316; mkbeob@gmail.com.

Wednesday, September 13: Coffee Break Bible Study invites women of the community to join us for a time of fellowship and Bible study every Wednesday morning, with kick-off registration on Wednesday, September 13, at Covenant CRC in Sioux Center at 9:30am. We will study the book *Discover Romans Part 2*, with the first lesson scheduled for September 20. Do you have preschool children? We have a nursery for children ages 0-2 and Story Hour for children ages 3-5. Hope to see you there and bring a friend!

Thursday, September 14: What if you knew where all of your money was going each month? What if you were debt-free, investing and making wise spending decisions? With Dave Ramsey's class, Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money and start planning for your future. If you're interested in these classes at the Sioux Center Public Library Room A, contact the Center for Financial Education (712-722-3527).

Saturday, September 16: Talsma's Trail Park is hosting an ATV and Horse Ride Benefit to raise money for Hope Haven in Rock Valley, Iowa. The park is located near Avon, SD and has 75 miles of primitive trails by the MO River. The event begins at 9am and costs \$35 to participate for a horse or ATV and \$45 for a Side by Side. Contact Tina at the Trail Park to register and to learn more: jtalsma@gwtc.net or 605-369-2401.

September 22 - 24: Cornerstone Prison Church Faith Fellowship Weekend is Friday, Sept. 22 – 6:00-8:00pm and Sept. 23 & 24 – 7:15am-4:00pm each day. The theme for the weekend is “Formula for Successful Living.” Join us for worship, large group talks and small group discussions. The deadline for signing up is Thursday, Sept 7. Let us know if you can attend all or part of the weekend. If you would like more information or to sign up, please contact us at office@cornerstonepcsd.org or call 605-496-8152.

Thursday, October 5: The Faith CRC annual Fall Supper and Auction will be at the SCCS gym with a Pizza Ranch buffet served from 5-6:30pm with freewill donation for the meal. The auction begins at 6:00pm. Proceeds go towards Faith's Christian Education Fund.

Requested Announcements

The Valley Male Chorus is seeking new members for the upcoming season. Practices are Sunday afternoon with one or two concerts per month. Men who love to sing and love the Lord are invited to contact: Vern Haagsma (haagsma@premieronline.net) 722-4733 or Dave Netz (netz@mtcnet.net) 722-2631.

If you play a wind or percussion instrument and are interested in playing with a college-level ensemble, consider joining the Dordt College Campus-Community Band. The band rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7 to 9pm and performs in four concerts from October 13 through April 27. The first rehearsal is Thursday, September 27 at 7pm. Sign up by calling Band Conductor Dr. Bradley Miedema at (712) 722-6204 by Friday, September 15.

Nursery attendants are needed for Coffee Break Bible Study at Covenant CRC on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11am, starting September 20. This can be a paid position. Call Rin Goedhart at 712-722-4394.

You're invited to the Sioux Center Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)! All mothers, with children, birth to age 5, are welcome to join us for meetings that are held most 2nd and 4th Thursdays, September-May, 9:00-11:00am, at First Reformed Church in Sioux Center, IA. Brunch and childcare are provided. Come fellowship with other moms as we grow in Christ together. Find us on <https://www.facebook.com/groups/siouxcentermops/> or search Facebook for “Sioux Center MOPS.”

Do you have a few free mornings a month? Are you looking for a way to serve? Do you enjoy being around children? MOPS needs volunteers for childcare and we would love to have your help. Meetings are held most 2nd and 4th Thursdays, September-May, 9:00-11:00am, at First Reformed Church in Sioux Center, IA. Email Heather at heatherhoogendoorn@gmail.com if you are interested in serving moms as part of this very important ministry.