

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET
December 17, 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.

Tuesday, December 19: Sioux Center Christian School's Moms in Prayer group will meet at the First Christian Reformed Church at 9:00am in the Council Room. Childcare is provided. Contact Mel Klein with questions at 722-0668.

Tuesday, December 19: Hope Haven International presents "Rejoice! The Gift of Mobility" featuring Nashville recording artist Jill Miller at 7pm at the Sioux Falls Orpheum Theater. Tickets are \$15, and a limited amount of VIP tickets are also available for \$25 which includes a meet/greet at 6pm in the Anne Zabel Studio Theater at the Orpheum with hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are on sale at the Washington Pavilion Box Office or through www.washingtonpavilion.org. This Christmas concert will also feature the Sioux Falls Christian School hand bell choir. Proceeds will go towards funding wheelchair sponsorships for an upcoming distribution trip to Vietnam in 2018.

Thursday, December 21: Faith CRC will be holding a Blue Christmas service at 7:00pm in our church sanctuary. While some Christians are filled with joy during the Christmas season, for others it is a painful time as they grieve the death of someone they love, experience financial concerns or depression, work through relational difficulties, or feel brokenness because of the sin in this world. This will be a time of worship with scripture, songs, and reflection, acknowledging that God's presence is with us and that His Word comes to shine light into our darkness. Everyone is welcome.

Advance Announcements

Wednesday, January 3: You are invited to the Calvin College January Series beginning January 3, 2018 and continuing weekdays through January 23 at Covenant CRC in Sioux Center. Each lecture will be shown through live feed from Calvin College from 11:30am-12:30pm and will cover topics ranging from millennials and faith, restorative justice, confident pluralism, radical generosity, and so much more by top experts in their fields. Covenant CRC is one of more than 50 remote webcast sites across the continent, joining a daily audience of about 3,000 people a day. For information on the speakers and topics, visit the January Series website at www.calvin.edu/january. Don't miss out on this chance to hear fabulous lectures and experience a piece of Calvin College right here in Sioux Center!

Tuesday, January 16: Get ready for a new season of music making with the Sioux County Oratorio Chorus! We will be performing one of Joseph Haydn's most popular works--the *Mass in the Time of War*, or "*Paukenmesse*"--as well as two shorter choral works by Rachmaninoff. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings 7:30-9:15 beginning January 16 and will be held at Northwestern College's DeWitt Music Hall. The performance will be Saturday, April 28. Email questions to Mike Ochsner at mkchsnr@gmail.com. Save the date! We'd love to sing with you!

Sunday, January 21: Engaged? Newly married? Center for Financial Education (CFE) is hosting a Financial Peace University (FPU) class for engaged & newlywed couples. The class will be held at 1:30-3:30pm on nine Sundays* at the Bridge of Hope Ministry Center (43 2nd Street NE, Sioux Center). Materials cost is \$109 per couple, payable to Center for Financial Education. Here is the class link to register: <http://www.fpu.com/1054182>. *If necessary, based on class membership, the schedule will be altered to accommodate spring breaks.

Requested Announcements

Unity Christian High School is holding a "Complete the Vision" campaign at this time. The Knight Center and Court Yard have been a vital addition to our school. As part of the campaign, a team of donors has issued a matching challenge for every dollar raised, another will be given up to a limit of \$250,000. As of December 4, a thank you to the constituents who have donated \$92,148.34 (not including matching funds). We update the amount received on our website each day. Please consider a gift to retire and Knight Center debt.

Western Christian High School would like to thank all those individuals and businesses that attended and contributed to the Fun'd Day dinner and auction last month. Fun'd Day gifts and proceeds will be used for tuition relief, transportation upgrades, and debt repayment. This year over \$133,000 was raised through the Fun'd Day activities.

God's Creation 2018 Wall Calendars for Sale! Splendid professional photos, wire spiral binding and Scripture verses make these wall calendars useful and beautiful! The calendars are available for purchase for \$10 each. Ask your family and friends if they would like to purchase one or more as well. They also make great gifts! Proceeds will go towards the Faith Christian Reformed Church Christian Education Fund. If you are interested in purchasing a calendar or calendars, please contact Kristin De Jong (712-441-2520) or Brent Kooiman (712-441-3701).

Sioux Center Operation Prom has blessed young ladies with beautiful prom dresses for the past 5 years. As we enter into our 6th year we anticipate again serving a large number of high school girls. In order to be successful we need your help. We are looking for monetary donations to purchase Bibles, devotionals, additional prom accessories and advertising. Please consider Operation Prom in your weekly tithe or end of the year donation. Thanks for helping us bless 35 girls this past year with free dresses. We look forward to serving our high school area girls again January 26 & 27. If you have any questions, please contact Kayla Van De Berg at 722-1511.

JUSTICE FOR ALL is planning the 2018 *Service and Learning* Opportunities and would love to have you join one of the teams! These weeks are wonderful opportunities to serve others but also to experience and understand God's Kingdom in new and important ways! Dates and places are: Harvest Hands Ministries, Juarez, MX – January 19-26 (must have passport and be signed up by Dec 15); JVMP Foundation, Jackson MS – February 10-16; Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson, MS - February 17-23; Houston Flood Relief – February 24-March 3; Grace Reigns, Colorado City UT – March 11-17. For more information, please call JFA 712-476-2804 or email joevz@jfa-nwiowa.org. There will be an informational meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2018, 6:30pm, JFA Ministry Center.