

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET
December 24, 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.

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!

Friday, January 5: All Western Christian alumni and friends are welcome to join the pep band to perform during the Cherokee basketball games for one or two performances. Our performance times will be approximately 5:30 and 7:00pm. Free admission if you show up at the door with your instrument. A reception will be held for alumni pep band performers after the second performance in the student commons. Email Lyle Van Ravenswaay at Lyle.VanRavenswaay@WesternChristianHS.com if you are interested.

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

This fall the Board of Unity Christian High School sent out a survey on our recent building proposal. A summary of the survey is now available on our school website. Our purpose for conducting this survey was to equip the board with data to make decisions that will best meet the needs of the families and supporters of Unity. We encourage you read this summary.

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).

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.