

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET
March 4, 2018

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.

Sunday, March 4: Get a handle on your financial future! Beginning Sunday, March 4, Center for Financial Education (CFE) is hosting a Financial Peace University (FPU) class to be held 9 consecutive Sundays (skipping Easter Sunday). Attendees are invited to come to the Bridge of Hope Ministry Center at 43 2nd Street NE in Sioux Center from 1:30-3:30pm. (Please use SW entrance.) Materials cost \$109 per couple, payable to Center for Financial Education. Here is the class link to register <http://www.fpu.com/1061266>.

Tuesday, March 6: 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 712-541-8694.

Tuesday, March 6: The Grandmother's Moms in Prayer group will meet from 10-11am in Room 3 of First CRC. All grandmothers and great-grandmothers are invited to come.

Tuesday, March 6: The College and Career Moms in Prayer group will meet from noon-1pm in Room 3 of First CRC. Moms and grandmothers are invited to join us in praying for our college age and adult children.

Tuesday, March 6: 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. Andrew Boscaljon will present a training titled, NAMI Smarts for Advocacy. This training provides step-by-step tools and hands-on practice to help you tell your story in order to make a difference. Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. For information, call Shirley Matheis at 722-4462.

Tuesday, March 6: Dordt College's Instrumental Ensembles concert at 7:30pm at the B.J. Haan auditorium will feature the Campus-Community Band, Concert Band, and Jazz Band. Highlights include Ticheli's four-movement suite *Simple Gifts*, which features settings of various Shaker melodies, a jazz funk classic titled *Chameleon*, and Thomas Knox's stirring piece "...and grace will lead me home," which is a beautiful setting of the hymn "Amazing Grace," that premiered at the memorial service for the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995.

Wednesday, March 7: Three Dordt College Choral Ensembles will present a concert at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium, featuring Bella Voce, Kantorei, and Chorale. A wide variety of choral music will be performed, including deeply moving settings of Scriptural texts, energetic spirituals, vocal jazz standards, lyrical art songs, and fresh settings of old folk songs.

Thursday, March 8: Everyone is invited to a Free "Community Unity Meal" at New Life Reformed Church from 6-7:00pm. Meal Host: First Christian Reformed Church.

Advance Announcements

Sunday, March 11: Learn about the Safe Families for Children ministry at an information meeting at 4:00pm in the Youth Room at Faith CRC in Sioux Center. The Bethany representative will be available as well as families who have hosted children. Come find out how you or your church can support families in crisis.

Wednesday, March 14: Come join us for a meal at the Indoor Fair on March 14 and support Sioux Center Christian School's P.A.C.E (Parents in Action for Christian Education) and the school building fund. Serving will be from 5-7pm. (Free-Will Donation)

Thursday – Saturday, March 15-17: Unity Christian High School will present the musical, "Oklahoma" at 7:30pm in the Knight Center. Don't miss this fun and very familiar musical. Tickets go on sale in the school office beginning March 1 at 9:30am-3:30pm.

Tuesday, March 20: Join us for a prime rib supper by Lorraine Nieuwsma to benefit the transitional home in Haiti for older kids from One Vision Orphanage & continued support of Katelyn's Fund at 6:30pm at New Life Reformed Church. Register for this event at onevisionhouse@gmail.com which also includes a raffle, silent auction, and musical entertainment. Full table sponsors are available. Tickets are \$75.

Tuesday, March 20: The Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra in conjunction with a generous grant from Sioux Center Recreation and Arts Council will present a Guest Concert by the Camerata RCO of the Netherlands at 7:30pm in the B. J. Haan Auditorium. Advance tickets are available at Evie's Hallmark in Sioux Center and Jubon Juweelen in Orange City; tickets may also be purchased at the door the night of the concert. For more information, contact the NISO office at 712-722-6230 or niso@dordt.edu.

Wednesday, March 21: All are invited to a spaghetti dinner at the First CRC in Sioux Center from 5-7 pm. Hosted by the Dordt College Concert Band, freewill donations will be accepted to support the band's upcoming tour to Europe in May.

Monday, April 9: Cornerstone Prison Church Council, Board and Congregation would like to invite you to their Annual Benefit Banquet at 6:30pm at Trinity Christian Reformed Church in Rock Valley, IA. Enjoy an evening of fun, food and fellowship as we enjoy music by Valley Male Chorus and hear how the Holy Spirit is working in hearts and lives of inmates in the South Dakota State Penitentiary. More details to come!

Thursday, April 12: Save the Date! All women and girls are invited to *Night to Shine & Sparkle* at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley with doors opening at 5:00pm with multiple vendors to shop from and a light meal will be served. The event speaker, Image Truth, will share a message of hope, truth and beautiful freedom to girls and women and their closets. Tickets will go on sale on March 10 for \$15 each and can be purchased by emailing shinesparkle2018@gmail.com or calling/texting [712.449.8150](tel:712.449.8150).

Requested Announcements

Bethel Christian Reformed Church in Sioux Center is accepting applications for the position of Administrative Assistant. The main duty of the Administrative Assistant is to support the Bethel CRC ministry staff, council, congregation, and guests, providing professional administrative and clerical services. This position is projected to be 25-35 hours per week. Salary will be commensurate with experience and qualifications. If interested, please submit a letter of interest and a resume to Pastor John Lee at jlee12@gmail.com.

Unity Christian High School is seeking applications for the position of Guidance Counselor for the 2018-2019 school year. We are seeking a growth mindset leader who can be a vocation cultivator and transformational community builder in the lives of our high school students. For more information on the job or how to apply, contact Wayne Dykstra, Head of School, 712-737-4114.

Sioux Center Christian School has an opening for a full-time Resource Teacher for grades 5-8. For more information and application materials, please visit our website at www.siouxcenterchristian.com or contact Mr. Josh Bowar at jbowar@siouxcenterchristian.com.

ATLAS of Sioux Center is now hiring a part-time (20 hour per week) receptionist. ATLAS is a local ministry that seeks to help the hurting, equip followers of Jesus, and unite the community. Responsibilities of the position include answering phones, scheduling appointments, creating a friendly environment for those who come to our office, cleaning the office, and providing administrative support for our staff. We are looking for someone to work Mondays, Wednesdays, some Thursday mornings and when not Thursday morning, Friday 8-3. If interested in this position, please contact their office (722-4900) and submit an application by March 9. Start date is flexible.

The Bethel CRC Young Peoples is selling Pulled Pork (\$20 for 2 lbs.) to raise funds for their junior class service trip to Daytona Beach, FL this summer. Parents of the kids will be smoking the meat and preparing it for you to pick up at Bethel CRC on either March 24 or April 21. Email Nate DeWit, Nate.DeWit@ambankiowa.com, or Amy Westra, amy.westra@gmail.com, to place your order. Thank you for supporting these young people!

Interested in serving our international college student population? Dordt College Global Education is looking for families to be involved in their International Friendship Family Program. In this program, we match a family with an international student (or a few students, if they'd like) and the family spends time with the student 1-2 times per month. This can be anything from having their student over to dinner to inviting them to your child's sports game. It's a great way for international students to build relationships with families in the community and for community members to learn more about the diverse cultures of our international students. For more information, please contact Rebecca Tervo at Rebecca.Tervo@dordt.edu or 712-722-6273.

GEMS Girls' Clubs is celebrating its 60th birthday this year, and plans to kick off the celebration at the 2018 Conference. Any woman is invited to attend! You don't have to be a GEMS counselor to attend this conference. Will you help us celebrate? Join us in Ancaster, Ontario at Redeemer University College on July 13-15, 2018. You can find more details on the GEMS website: www.gemsgc.org. Discounted individual and group rates are available until March 10. Register soon!