

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET

April 1, 2018

**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.**

**Sunday, April 1:** Everyone is invited to join in worship at an Easter Sunrise Service to be held at Faith CRC at 7:00am. Pastor Chad Van Ginkel's message will be on Matthew 28, "Joy of the Resurrection." An offering will be taken for ATLAS.

**Tuesday, April 3:** 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, April 3:** 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, April 3:** 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. Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. For information, call Shirley Matheis at 722-4462.

**Tuesday, April 3:** Parents, youth leaders and church members who invest in youth: Come to hear Josh Larsen, a film critic and editor of *Think Christian*, a digital magazine on faith and culture, speak at 7pm in the Vogel Community Room located in the DeWitt Learning Commons on Northwestern College's campus. We will reflect together on how to engage with culture from a Christian perspective. This is a free event sponsored by Northwestern's Youth Theology Institute: Living Your Faith.

**Thursday, April 5:** Western Christian High School's Eighth Grade Day will be held at 3pm. All eighth graders, regardless of their high school plans, are invited to visit Western on that day. Western will provide transportation for all the students to attend, and parents are requested to pick them up at Western that evening. If parents are not able to attend, we would be glad to arrange transportation home for any student. All parents are invited to come to Western at 5:30pm for a free meal, displays, and tours. If you have any questions, please contact the office at Western Christian at [712-439-1013](tel:712-439-1013).

**Friday, April 6:** Hope Haven, Inc. will host their Annual Benefit Auction at Te Slaa Trucking (corner of Hwys 75 & 18). Help support the local and global ministries of Hope Haven through this exciting evening of fun and fellowship. The evening's schedule is: doors open at 4:30pm; food booth and buy-it-now table opens at 5:00pm; the live auction begins at 5:30pm. Visit our website ([www.hopehaven.org](http://www.hopehaven.org)) for a list of items that will be auctioned off. The whole family is invited to this community event!

### Advance Announcements

**Monday, April 9:** Cornerstone Prison Church Council, Board and Congregation would like to invite you to their 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit banquet at 6:30pm at Trinity Christian Reformed Church in Rock Valley, IA. Enjoy an evening of praise to God for his work inside the South Dakota State Penitentiary. Doors open at 6pm. Please RSVP by April 2 to 712-476-5292 or at [www.cornerstonepcsd.org](http://www.cornerstonepcsd.org). A free will offering will be taken.

**Tuesday, April 10:** Unity Christian's 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Day will be held for all 8th grade students to visit Unity from 9:15am until noon. We are excited for them to experience a tour of the school, to let our current students tell what they like best about Unity, and to connect with teachers and meet new friends. The evening event for parents and students will begin at 6:00 with a meal and tours, followed by an informational meeting at 7:00pm.

**Tuesday, April 10:** The Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra will present its annual Spring Concert, *A Mighty Fortress*, at 7:30pm in the BJ Haan Auditorium. Guest artist for the evening is Dr. Richard Steinbach, Professor of Piano at Briar Cliff College and the M.A. Martin Everist Foundation Artist-In-Residence. As in the past, this Spring Concert will also feature the announcement of the 2018-2019 Season of the Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra. Season tickets for next year will be offered that evening for a special discounted price. Advance tickets are available at Evie's Hallmark in Sioux Center and Jubon Juweelen in Orange City. Tickets are also available at the door the night of the concert. For more information, contact the NISO office at 712-722-6230 or [niso@dordt.edu](mailto:niso@dordt.edu).

**Thursday, April 12:** All women and girls are invited to a *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. Tickets will go on sale on March 10 for \$15 each and can be purchased by emailing [shinesparkle2018@gmail.com](mailto:shinesparkle2018@gmail.com) or calling/texting [712.449.8150](tel:712.449.8150).

**Thursday, April 12:** Everyone is invited to a Free "Community Unity Meal" at New Life Reformed Church from 6-7:00pm. Meal Host: Faith Christian Reformed Church.

**Saturday, April 14:** SAVE the DATE for Sioux Center Christian School's 4th Annual Trail'Raiser Night! Gourmet Cupcakes, Sub Sandwiches (perfect for busy field work season and spring sports!), Truth T-shirts, Freewill supper, Silent Auction and Buy-it-Now tables, plus a Live Auction starting at 6:30pm. If you would like to donate to the auction, please contact Amy Vander Berg (712-722-0777 x3, [avanderberg@siouxcenterchristian.com](mailto:avanderberg@siouxcenterchristian.com)) or drop off your donation at school. We appreciate your support of our school and your help in clearing the remaining debt on our building expansion!

**Friday, April 20 – Sunday, April 22:** The 8th Annual Minnikota Youth / Dordt College Junior High (6th-8th graders) Retreat is April 20-22 at Inspiration Hills. The theme this year is "Transformed" from Romans 12:1-2. The registration deadline is April 12. Register with your church youth leader or call/email Lee De Groot at [712-470-4244](tel:712-470-4244); [mikyouthnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:mikyouthnetwork@gmail.com). Hope to see all Junior Highers there!

**Monday, May 7:** The Bible League International Spring Salad Luncheon will be held at 11:30am at the First Christian Reformed Church of Orange City, Iowa (408 Arizona Ave SW). Come learn about the work of Bible League in Latin America and enjoy the music of the Siouxland Women's Chorus. You are asked to bring a salad for every two people to share; drink will be provided. Please give this prayerful consideration. It would be so great to have a large group come to support the work of Bible League International.

### Requested Announcements

Siouxland Habitat for Humanity is accepting partner family applications for our homeownership program for a future home in Hull. Application forms are available at the Hull City Office, Hull Library and online at <http://siouxlandhabitat.org/our-programs/home-ownership/>. Completed applications are due by April 20. A meeting will be held April 10 at the Hull Library from 5:30-6:30 to provide information and answer questions. If you have questions, please contact Kurt Franje, [712-476-2804](tel:712-476-2804) or email [kfranje@siouxlandhabitat.org](mailto:kfranje@siouxlandhabitat.org).

Siouxland Habitat Home Dedication - Please join us on Saturday, April 21, 11:00am to give thanks to God and ask for His blessing on this home and the Garcia family. The home is located at 844 8th Ave. NW in Sioux Center. Refreshments will follow a short program, and everyone is welcome!