

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET

April 29, 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.

Tuesday, May 1: 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, May 1: 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, May 1: 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, May 1: 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. A video about psychosis will be shown. Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. For information, call Shirley Matheis at 722-4462.

Wednesday, May 2: The students and staff of Unity Christian High School are launching their 4th Creation Caretaker Clean-a-thon! We are excited to clean over 50 miles of Sioux County roadways. Our fundraising goal is set at \$40,000. Raised funds will be used for our annual budget. We are asking students to seek sponsors from families, friends and church members. Donors are welcome to give to this cause, either through a student, or through a direct donation to the school. If you do not receive a brochure in the mail, but would like to participate, just send in a donation to Unity before May 31.

Friday, May 4: The Dordt College Concert Band will present a Pre-European Tour Concert at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium in Sioux Center. This concert kicks off a European tour with performances in Germany, Austria, and Hungary. The Concert Band will perform a wide variety of wind band music including selections by Berlioz, Grainger, Gould, Hanson, Hidas, Hindemith, Knox, Strauss, Sullivan, and Clarke's *Carnival of Venice* featuring junior Karissa Van Surksun on trumpet.

Saturday, May 5: The Dordt College Choral Ensembles spring concert at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium will feature the Concert Choir, Chorale, Kantorei, and Bella Voce. A wide variety of choral music will be performed, including classical choral works by Mozart and Haydn, deeply moving spirituals, vocal jazz standards, poignant hymn arrangements, energetic gospel songs, and a surprise or two along the way.

Advance Announcements

Monday, May 7: The Bible League International Spring Salad Luncheon will be held at 11:30am at First CRC of Orange City, IA (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. Please 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.

Friday, May 11: ATLAS of Sioux Center's Auction will be held at New Life Reformed Church. A meal will be served from 5:30-6:30pm and the auction will be at 6:30 - 9:00pm. To donate items, please call 722-4900 or email atlas@mtcnet.net. Visit www.atlasauction.blogspot.com for an updated list of items.

Saturday, May 12: The National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive will be held in Sioux Center; please leave nonperishable donations by your home mailbox this day or donate throughout the week before by bringing in to Sioux Center's Post Office, HyVee, or Fareway. Donations will be distributed among our local food banks.

Saturday, May 19: Come support the 39th Annual New Life Treatment Center's Horse Ride-a-Thon at 10am from Pipestone County Fairgrounds to NLTC in Woodstock, MN. Lunch, awards, and prizes will be at 1:30pm. Call to register at 507-777-4321.

Requested Announcements

Western Christian High School is conducting their annual spring drive. The Board of Directors has designated \$30,000 from the Spring Drive to help reduce tuition for all students. The Board has also allocated up to \$100,000 to renovate the new thrift store that Western Christian will be opening this summer. This will be a great source of additional revenue to support Christian Education. Currently about 1/3 of the funds have been raised. If you have not yet made a gift, please consider making a gift soon as Western would like to conclude this drive by May 4.

Lord willing, SHIPWRECKED Vacation Bible School will be landing at Bethel CRC July 23-26! We need lots of volunteers in many different areas for VBS! The volunteer sign-up is on Bethel's website, www.bethelsc.org under the Ministry tab. Registration for VBS participants will open June 1 so we want to be sure we have enough volunteers by then! We have an urgent need for Music leaders and Bible leaders this year as the volunteers who have filled these roles in the past are unable to do it this year. Please prayerfully consider helping with VBS! Any questions, contact Shawn Meyers at vbs@bethelsc.org.