COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET August 19, 2018

Please turn in announcements by 10:30 on Wednesday mornings to the office of the First Christian Reformed Church: office@firstcrc.com or 712-722-0717.

Sunday, August 19: Everyone is invited at 7:30pm to Unity Christian High School's 7th annual Prayer Walk. All areas of the school will be walked through as we pray together to seek God's blessing for this school year. "Arise, cry out in the night, as the watches of the night begin; pour out your heart like water in the presence of the Lord. Lift up your hands to Him for the lives of your children..." Lamentations 2:19. Contact Sue Dykstra for more information, 712-360-0650. Our prayer walk will conclude at 8:30pm with make your own ice cream sundaes! Hope you are able to come!

Wednesday, August 22: Freshmen Orientation will be held at Unity Christian High School at 7:00pm. All freshmen and their parents are expected to attend. Informational meetings, walk through of classes, meeting teachers, and a parent/student photo for freshmen directory will also be taken this evening.

Thursday, August 23: School begins at Unity Christian High School at 8:20am with dismissal at 11:50am.

Thursday, August 23 – Thursday, November 8: A *GriefShare* support group in Sioux Center will begin again on Thursdays from 6:45pm – 9:00pm for 13 weeks at New Life Reformed Church's Chapel. The cost is \$20 for the workbook; scholarships are available to cover this cost. For more information or to register, please call Arlis De Boer at 712-441-0217. Registration is also available online at www.nlrchurch.org.

Saturday, August 25: Sioux Center Christian School invites you to join our Back to School Bash! Please come for a freewill supper served from 5-7pm, proceeds support The Legacy Plan. Inflatables and activities for kids will be held from 4-8pm and an Outdoor Movie, "The Little Rascals", starting at 8pm.

Advance Announcements

Thursday, August 30: Are you an expectant mother or the mother of a child/children up to five years old? Then Mother Of PreSchoolers is looking for you! Come join the Sioux Center MOPS group where you'll find spiritual encouragement, friendship, and lots of coffee as well as childcare. Drive-through registration is set for 10am-12pm at First Reformed Church in Sioux Center. For details, find us on Facebook @SiouxCenterMOPS.

Thursday, August 30: FRIENDSHIP Bible Study, a group of Sioux Center area community believers, will begin at 7pm at First CRC in Sioux Center for its 2018-19 season. The purpose of the Friendship program is to nurture the spiritual growth of people with intellectual disabilities in the context of personal and meaningful relationships. Current members range from teens to retirees. If you are interested in this program, either as a student or mentor, please contact Dave & Marian Smit, 712-722-1247, or Kathy Schreurs, 712-324-2379, soon for details.

Friday, September 7 & Saturday, September 8: NISO Auditions - Auditions for membership in the Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra will be held on Friday (Winds & Percussion) and Saturday (Strings). Anyone wishing to play in the orchestra for the first time must audition, and all student members need to re-audition each year. For more information or to schedule an audition, contact the NISO office at <u>niso@dordt.edu</u> or 712-722-6230.

Tuesday, September 11: Bible League International's MINN-IA-KOTA retreat will be held at First Reformed in Sioux Center at 9:30am. Sign up today; space is limited. Late fees are charged for registrations after August 24. Enjoy the day of fellowship with special guests including key note speaker Liz Curtis Higgs. Register online at bibleleague.org/retreat18.

Tuesday, September 11: Love INC's fall session of Love & Learn classes will begin at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley. We will be offering our Faith & Finance class and GriefShare. If you would be able to share your time, talent or treasure to help support these programs, it would be a wonderful opportunity to serve in the community. We could use volunteers for greeters, coffee/snack makers, and servers, childcare coordinator/workers, and Faith and Finance mentors. If you would like to volunteer or register for these classes, please contact Love INC at 712-476-5990.

Tuesday, September 11: The Kyiv Symphony Orchestra Chorus, in association with Music Mission Kiev (Ukraine), will be touring the Midwestern United States and making a stop in Sioux County for a concert at Dordt College. This will be the 14th tour to the U.S. for this fine ensemble. Their mission is to transform lives through music, and to share a message of what is currently happening in Ukraine. <u>Homestays for Tuesday evening are needed for the approximately 50 adult musicians in this ensemble</u>. If you are willing to contribute to this effort, please contact Sanneke Kok at <u>sanneke.c.kok@gmail.com</u> or 712-722-2254.

Requested Announcements

Family Crisis Center is seeking a housing volunteer to make a positive impact in the lives of housing guests and their children. If you are passionate about helping others, we have the perfect opportunity for you! We are looking for an individual who can dedicate 8 - 10 hours/week assisting our housing guests. Projects will include helping clients seek financial and emotional resources, assisting the Housing Director in administrative tasks, and building positive, supportive relationships that encourage our housing guests on their healing journey. If you are interested in learning more about this volunteer opportunity, please email <u>mirandab@familycrisiscenters.org</u> or call 712-722-4404. We look forward to hearing from you!

Want to help us transform people's lives? Need a job during school hours? Like greeting people and keeping things organized? Center for Financial Education is searching for an energetic, organized, friendly self-starter with competent phone skills and knowledge of, or ability to learn Microsoft Office and work for 25-30 flexible daytime hours/week. To learn more or to apply (cover letter and resume), email tricia@cfeministries.org or mail to Center for Financial Education, Attn: Tricia, PO Box 343, Sioux Center, IA 51250.

Sioux Center MOPS is looking for babysitters for the 2018-2019 season. Please contact Vanessa Steiger at 712-463-2004 if you are willing to help (background check required). Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of September through May, and we would appreciate the hours of 8:45-11:15am. Ages range from newborn to preschool, and a small group of older homeschool kids.

MANAGER OF CHURCH AND PUBLIC RELATIONS: Hope Haven is looking to hire a leader who seeks more than a job, but a calling to work through your belief as a Christ-centered person of faith. This position will represent the philosophy of Hope Haven to the public and assure a dynamic and on-going public relations effort with churches, civic groups, schools, the business community, the Hope Haven constituency, and the general public. This position will also be active in fund raising through the support of the Hope Haven Foundation. The successful candidate will be a self-starter, comfortable with public speaking, demonstrate above average writing and computer skills, and be willing to travel extensively to call on churches and civic groups within a 100 mile radius of Rock Valley, IA. Occasional overnight travel and work on Sundays is required. A bachelor's degree or significant applicable experience is required and five years' experience in a related field. Please contact Mark Siemonsma at msiemons@hopehaven.org for more information or go to www.hopehaven.org/careers.