

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET

August 26, 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.

Wednesday, August 29 & Thursday, August 30: If you have unanswered questions about your will, you are not alone. James Prichard, a Christian attorney from Barnabas Foundation, will be meeting with Christian families in our area. Jim will be happy to provide easy-to-understand will planning information. If you would like to meet with Jim, please contact Ann Zacek at the Barnabas Foundation at 888-448-3040, ext. 121 to schedule your complimentary appointment.

Thursday, August 30 – Thursday, November 8: A *GriefShare* support group in Sioux Center will continue on Thursdays from 6:45pm – 9:00pm for 12 more 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.

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.

Advance Announcements

Monday, September 3: Join the First CRC Youth Group for their annual Labor Day pancake breakfast from 7:30 - 9:30am at Children's Park. Pancakes, sausages, and beverages will be served. Freewill donations will be taken for their 2019 service trip.

Friday, September 7 & Saturday, September 8: NISO 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 niso@dordt.edu or 712-722-6230.

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 like to volunteer or register for these classes, please contact Love INC at 712-476-5990.

Tuesday, September 11: Kyiv Symphony Orchestra and Chorus will be in concert at 7:00pm at Dordt College's B.J. Haan Auditorium. You will be touched by the high caliber music and truly amazed by their Christian faith testimony. The KSOC music is both a profession and calling for these 42 world class musicians who are on tour. Come enjoy and share in this ministry that transforms lives. Admission is free, and a freewill offering will be received to help defray tour expenses. Visit www.musicmissionkiev.org for more information.

Saturday, September 15: Talsma's Trail Park is hosting an ATV and Horse Ride Benefit at 9:00am to raise money for Hope Haven in Rock Valley, Iowa. The park is located near Avon, SD and has 75 miles of primitive trails by the MO River. The event costs \$35 to participate for a horse or ATV and \$45 for a Side by Side. Contact Tina at the Trail Park to register and to learn more, jtalsma@gwtc.net or 605-369-2401.

Saturday, September 15: The 2nd Annual Breaking the Silence Suicide Awareness Walk/Run will be held from 3-5pm at the Sheldon High School track/football field. Many individuals are affected by mental health and/or have lost a loved one to suicide. Our hope is to help educate the surrounding communities about mental health and the effects of suicide. For questions, contact Maria Schwartz 712-261-0868, Staci Kleinhesselink 712-348-1572, Rachel Kleinhesselink 712-348-3564, or Jenni Vander Sluis 712-631-0749. Check out our Facebook page for more details or to pre-register at 2nd Annual Breaking the Silence Suicide Awareness Walk/Run.

Friday, September 28 & Saturday, September 29: Mark your calendar for an event at Dordt College in Sioux Center, IA, with well-known author, founding seminary president, and therapist, Dr. Dan Allender, who will be speaking at a conference entitled Healing the Wounded Heart. *Healing the Wounded Heart* conference speaks into many of the painful and often hidden issues resulting from sexual abuse, providing hope for survivors and those who know or work with victims of sexual abuse. This event is being brought to Sioux Center by Sioux Center Christian School, Bethesda Christian Counseling and Dordt College. Visit www.theallendercenter.org for more information and to register online. The early bird registration deadline is September 9.

Friday, October 5 – Saturday, October 6: Ladies, you are invited to experience faith-building teaching, worship, and fellowship at Unshaken Minnesota at Wooddale Church of Eden Prairie, MN. Hear from Sally Burke, President of Moms in Prayer International, Jennifer Kennedy Dean, founder of Praying Life Foundation, Nick Hall, PULSE Movement founder, and Arlene Pellicane, author, speaker, and writer for Proverbs 31 Ministries. Join in praise and worship led by Natalie Cromwell. Registration fee is \$30 before September 1 and includes lunch on Saturday as well as event materials. Register at www.MomsInPrayer.org/events.

Saturday, December 1: Advance notice: A Dinner and Selah Concert will be held at Unity Christian High School.

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 mirandab@familycrisiscenters.org or call 712-722-4404. We look forward to hearing from you!

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.