

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET
September 2, 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.

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.

Tuesday, September 4: Sioux Center Christian School's Moms in Prayer group will meet at the First Christian Reformed Church at 1:30-2:30pm in the Council Room. Childcare is provided. Contact Mel Klein (712-541-8694) with questions.

Tuesday, September 4: Love INC's Love & Learn class registration will be held for classes beginning on September 11. If you would like to register/volunteer for Faith & Finances or Grief Share, please call the Love INC office at 476-5990. Our food pantry is also in need of Personal Hygiene items. If you are willing and able to donate any items such as shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, etc., please drop them off at Pioneer Methodist Church in Rock Valley.

Tuesday, September 4: The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Support Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7 - 9pm. Dr. Ralph Davis will present a video "*Shadow Voices: Finding Hope in Mental Illness.*" Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. For information, call Shirley Matheis 722-4462.

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.

Advance Announcements

Tuesday, September 11: Ask a friend or two to join you at the "God's Word for the World" retreat and/or evening concert hosted by Bible League International Volunteers at First Reformed Church. Registration deadline is September 4. Register online at bibleleague.org/retreat18.

Tuesday, September 11: A Grandmother's Moms in Prayer group will begin meeting for the school year from 10-11am in Room 3 of First Christian Reformed Church. All grandmothers and great-grandmothers are invited to come and pray together for our grandchildren from infancy to young adults and also their schools.

Tuesday, September 11: Are you a mother of college age – adult children? Come and join the Moms in Prayer College/Career group that meets every Tuesday from noon-1pm in Room 3 of First CRC. The first meeting this fall will be Tuesday, September 11.

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.

Wednesday, September 12: Coffee Break Bible Study is gearing up for another year! Women of the community are invited to join us for a time of fellowship and Bible study held every Wednesday morning. Our season kicks off with registration on Wednesday, September 12th at Covenant CRC in Sioux Center at 9:30am. This year, we will begin our study with the book *Discover Mark*, with the first lesson scheduled for Wednesday, September 19. Do you have preschool children? We have a nursery for children ages 0-2 and Story Hour for children ages 3-5. Hope to see you there and bring a friend!

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.

Saturday, September 22: Hope Haven will be holding its annual Trail Ride at a new location, Newton Hills State Park! Registration starts at 8:30am with the ride beginning at 10:00am. Lunch will be served from 11:00-2:00. We ask that you support this event by making a donation towards wheelchair sponsorships. For more information please visit, www.hopehaven.org.

Thursday, September 27: Dordt Campus-Community Band — Brass, woodwind, and percussion players interested in joining Dordt's Campus-Community Band are invited to attend the first rehearsal of the season. The band rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7-9pm and will perform in five concerts from October 19 through May 3. For more information or to sign up, please contact Dr. Bradley Miedema at 712-722-6204 or Bradley.Miedema@dordt.edu before September 14.

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.

Thursday, October 11: All are invited to the Friends of Western Banquet to be held at 5:30pm with the cost per meal of \$10. Orlin Te Slaa, an attorney from Minneapolis, a 1976 graduate of Western Christian, will share some of his thoughts about Christian education. Attendees will also be treated to a recital by Mary Lou Wielenga on the new Steinway grand piano that was recently donated to Western Christian. Please RSVP by calling the school, 439-1013, or emailing wes.fopma@westernchristianhs.com before October 8 to make your reservation.

Friday, November 2 and Saturday, November 3: Save the date! Valerie Elliot Shepard (daughter of missionaries Jim and Elizabeth Elliot), along with her husband Walt Shepard, will be speaking in Orange City at 7:00-8:30pm on Friday (free admission) at the Unity Christian Knight Center and Saturday at a Men's Breakfast at 9:00-10:30am (\$5; Location TBA). A Women's Conference (with lunch) will be held on Saturday 9:00am-2:00pm (\$10) at the Unity Christian Knight Center. Registration opens September 1. Contact Esther at sediekevers@gmail.com for more information.

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

Requested Announcements

The Valley Male Chorus is currently seeking new members to join the Chorus this fall for their 46th season. The Valley Male Chorus is also actively searching for a new director. If you are interested in either position, please contact Ron Boote at 712-441-5225.

Sioux Center Christian School is in need of mentors for Grace Groups. Grace Groups is an opportunity for 7-8 grade students at Sioux Center Christian School to grow, go, nurture, empower. Mentors meet with 4-5 students Thursday afternoons from 2:30-3:00 to study God's Word and to better understand each of our roles in God's Story related to real-life issues. Session guides are provided each week, along with any additional supports a mentor may need to come alongside our kids. If you would like to be a mentor or know someone we should ask, please email Lisa Mouw, lmouw@siouxcenterchristian.com.

Stepping Stones Preschool is a faith-based preschool located in Sioux Center. Classes meet Monday-Thursday from 8:30-11:30 or 12:15-3:15. We would love to partner with you for your child's preschool education. Please call Christy Hulstein at 712-449-8283 to register or ask additional questions.

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.