

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET

September 16, 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.

Tuesday, September 18: All grandmothers and great-grandmothers are invited to pray together for our grandchildren from 10-11am in Room 3 of First CRC.

Tuesday, September 18: The College and Career Moms in Prayer group will be meeting in Room 3 of First CRC at noon. New women are always welcome!

Tuesday, September 18: Sioux Center Christian School's Moms in Prayer group will meet at First CRC at 1:30-2:30pm in the Council Room. Childcare is provided. Contact Mel Klein (712-541-8694) with questions.

Wednesday, September 19: An adoption & foster care group will be offered for school-aged children who have been adopted or are in foster care. It will work with children to process their experiences, help create growth, and foster healthy supports in a closed six week group at Seasons Center in Sioux Center. Register at 800-242-5101.

Friday, September 21: The annual Dordt College Honors Recital will take place at 3:00pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Performers in the honors recital have all received named music scholarships made possible by Dordt College donors. All are welcome to a reception honoring the performers in the auditorium lobby after the recital.

Friday, September 21: Dordt College's annual Instrumental Pops Concert showcasing the Chamber Orchestra and Combined Band will perform "On with the Show!" at 7pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium in Sioux Center. The ensembles, directed by Dr. Bradley Miedema, will dress in costume and will feature music from your favorite Broadway musicals from the past decades. The event will be co-hosted by students Zach Dirksen and Nick Schnell.

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.

Advance Announcements

Sunday, September 23: ETM – Early Teen Ministry for 7th and 8th graders will meet at First CRC at 7:30pm.

Wednesday, October 3: Bethel CRC's Annual Harvest Sale will be held in the SCCS gym with a Pizza Ranch supper of chicken, potatoes, coleslaw, and pizza, with pie and ice cream for dessert served from 5-7pm. Auction begins at 6:30pm. Come out to enjoy a fun night of fellowship and great food with proceeds going to Bethel's Christian Education Fund.

Tuesday, October 9: Justice For All invites you to their Fall Banquet & Annual Society Meeting at 6:30pm at Faith Reformed Church of Rock Valley, IA. Special guests Mike & Dawn Menning with Great Commission Utah will share about their work in Utah, supporting/mentoring the wonderful Christian ministries that are ministering among the FLDS, as well as their own experiences of reaching out and being a presence in a community which so desperately needs to hear God's truth!! There will also be a short business meeting. Reservations for the meal are necessary by calling 712-476-2804 or emailing joevz@jfa-nwiowa.org by Oct. 5. An offering will be taken for JFA ministry.

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, 712-439-1013, or emailing wes.fopma@westernchristianhs.com before October 8 to make your reservation.

Friday, October 12: Service Projects are needed for Western Christian High School's Faithpacks who will be working in Hull and surrounding communities for their annual Stewardship Day. (The rain date is October 19.) Western Faithpacks have a faculty leader and 13-14 students in each group. Do you know of an individual or an organization that could use some help with a project? Please email darren.vanthul@westernchristianhs.com or karen.christians@westernchristianhs.com with details/ideas or call the school 712-439-1013.

Saturday, October 13: 1st Annual NISO Soup and Bread Cook-off will be held at 5:30pm at The Ridge in Sioux Center. RSVP to niso@dordt.edu or Nancy Vermeer at nancyv@mtcnet.net if you are willing to make soup or bread (Deadline is Sept 22; for rules see <http://niso.dordt.edu>), OR if you would like to attend, tickets are \$25 per person; RSVP by Oct. 4 to niso@dordt.edu or Nancy Vermeer at nancyv@mtcnet.net. Come for an evening of great food, enjoyable music, and succulent wines from Bon Croix Vineyard.

Friday, November 2 & Saturday, November 3: Speakers Rev. Walt & Valerie Shepard (daughter of Jim & Elisabeth Elliot) will be at the Unity Knight Center on Friday 7-8:30pm; no registration required on Friday; freewill offering. Register online by Oct. 22 at www.shepards.eventbrite.com for Saturday's Men's Leadership Breakfast at 9-10:30am at The Triple Box or the Women's Conference from 9-2pm (lunch included) at the Unity Knight Center. May also purchase discounted tickets at Radio Shack in Sheldon, Rock Valley, or Orange City.

Requested Announcements

Nursery and Story Hour volunteers are needed for the morning Coffee Break Bible Study held on Wednesdays at Covenant CRC beginning September 19. Contact Maria Muilenburg (722-3311; hmaslm@premieronline.net) if you can help.

The Bethel & First CRC GEMS are selling boxed cards, gifts items, and napkins until October 10. Please contact any GEM to place an order. Call Becky Groeneweg (712-540-1400) for more information.

Search Task Force requests your input: The Western Christian High School Board is excited to announce that we will be hiring a new principal for the 2019-2020 school year. It is important to us to include the students, staff, parents, and the community in the search process. This survey will help us better understand the characteristics you are looking for in a principal so that we can identify the best candidates that match those areas. We hope to be conducting interviews by the end of the calendar year. We will keep you posted regarding this process. In the meantime, we appreciate your prayers for this process as well as your input through this survey: <https://westernchristianhigh.questionpro.com>. A link to this survey can also be found on our website, www.westernchristianhs.com.

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.