

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET**  
**September 23, 2018**

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

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

**Tuesday, September 25:** All grandmothers and great-grandmothers are invited to pray together for our grandchildren from 10-11am in Room 3 of First CRC.

**Tuesday, September 25:** 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 25:** 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.

**Friday, September 28:** "Abuse, Trauma & Spiritual Warfare" workshop with Dr. Dan Allender will be held at First Reformed Church from 8am – 3:30pm. This workshop geared towards educators, pastors, and therapists, addresses the damage of abuse. Attendees will learn why the kingdom of darkness delights in the aftereffects of sexual abuse; how to help people understand why they need to address past trauma; and gain practical tools that help disrupt the harm of sexual abuse. Registration is \$35 per person. For more info and registration go to <https://www.siouxcenterchristian.com/support/allender.cfm>. This workshop is sponsored by Sioux Center Christian School.

**Friday & Saturday, September 28 & 29:** "Healing the Wounded Heart" conference with Dr. Dan Allender will be held at the BJ Haan Auditorium. This 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 sponsored by Sioux Center Christian School, Bethesda Christian Counseling and Dordt College. For more information and to register for the conference (\$90 per person) go to <https://theallendercenter.org/event/healing-the-wounded-heart-september-28-2018/>.

**Advance Announcements**

**Tuesday, October 2:** 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. Shelly Rock will be presenting "Make It OK – Stop Mental Illness Stigma." Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. For information, call Shirley Matheis at 722-4462.

**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.

**Thursday, October 4:** Faith CRC's Annual Fall Supper and Auction will be at the SCCS gym. Pizza Ranch buffet will be served from 5-6:30pm with a freewill donation for the meal. The auction begins at 6:00pm. Proceeds go toward Faith'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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:darren.vanthul@westernchristianhs.com) or [karen.christians@westernchristianhs.com](mailto: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. If you would like to attend, tickets are \$25 per person; RSVP by Oct. 4 to [niso@dordt.edu](mailto:niso@dordt.edu) or Nancy Vermeer at [nancyv@mtcnet.net](mailto:nancyv@mtcnet.net). Come for an evening of great food, enjoyable music, and succulent wines from Bon Croix Vineyard.

### **Requested Announcements**

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.