

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET
September 9, 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 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. Register online at bibleleague.org/retreat18.

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

Tuesday, September 11: A Moms in Prayer College/Career group begins meeting this week from noon-1pm in Room 3 at First CRC to pray for our college and adult children. Come and join us!

Tuesday, September 11: 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.

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!

Wednesday, September 12: Join us at First CRC in Sioux Center from 5:00 - 6:30pm for a fundraiser for Siouxland Unity CRC of Sioux City. Siouxland Unity Church will prepare a meal of egg rolls, noodles, and curry. Come enjoy foods from a different culture and fellowship with our friends in Christ from Sioux City. Freewill donations will be accepted for Siouxland Unity CRC.

Thursday, September 13: Western Christian High School homecoming activities are planned for the week of September 10-14. All alumni and friends are invited to the Chapel Service on Thursday at 2:30pm featuring two Western Christian alumni. Matt Covey ('95) is the Elementary School Principal at Sioux Falls Christian Schools and will be the speaker. Kim Humphreys ('04) is a Senior Contracting and Licensing Representative with New York Life Insurance in Sioux Falls and will share her musical talent.

Thursday, September 13: Everyone is invited to a Free “Community Unity Meal” at New Life Reformed Church from 6-7 pm. Meal host: Trans Ova Genetics.

Friday, September 14: The Dordt College Music Department will present a Faculty Recital at 3:00pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Performances will include an organ solo, a flute solo, a piano duet, a clarinet solo, a harp solo, and a voice and violin duet composed by Dordt composition instructor Daniel Baldwin.

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.

Advance Announcements

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.

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.

Tuesday, October 9: Justice For All invites you to attend the Fall Banquet & Annual Society Meeting at 6:30pm at Faith Reformed Church of Rock Valley, IA. Our special guests will be Mike & Dawn Menning with Great Commission Utah. They will share about their great 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 and can be made by calling 712-476-2804 or emailing joevz@jfa-nwiowa.org by Oct. 5. Please join us as we celebrate JFA ministry over the past year and look forward to what God is calling JFA to in the next year! 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, 439-1013, or emailing wes.fopma@westernchristianhs.com before October 8 to make your reservation.

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.

Requested Announcements

The Bethel & First CRC GEMS are selling boxed cards, gifts items, and napkins from September 12 through 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.

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.

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!