

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET
December 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.

Tuesday, December 4: Sioux Center Christian School's Moms in Prayer group will meet at First CRC at 9:00-10:00am in the Council Room. Childcare is provided. Contact Mel Klein (712-541-8694) with questions.

Tuesday, December 4: The Grandmother's Moms in Prayer group will be meeting in Room 3 at First CRC at 10am. New women are always welcome.

Tuesday, December 4: 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, December 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 to 9pm. Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. For information, call Shirley Matheis 722-4462.

Thursday, December 6: There will be a Smokin' Hot Fundraiser to help defray expenses for John Van Engen's cancer treatments from 11am - 6:30pm at Faith CRC (use south kitchen door) in Sioux Center. John will be smoking "grab 'n go" pork loin sandwiches. You can preorder your sandwiches, half or whole loins by calling or texting 712-389-2432. All preorders will be guaranteed.

Friday, December 7: The Dordt College Campus-Community Band, Chamber Orchestra, and Concert Band will present a concert at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. This concert of praise and celebration will feature a variety of musical selections, including Philip Sparke's *Mary's Boy Child, Riu, Riu, Chiu* arranged by Marshall Fine, and *Of Sailors and Whales: Five Scenes from Melville* with Dordt English Professor Mary Dengler as narrator.

Saturday, December 8: The Dordt College Agriculture Department would like to invite the community to an open house from 9-11am at the new Dordt Agriculture Stewardship Center on Highway 75. Take a tour of the building and learn more about the new facility, meet Dordt agriculture students, and have an opportunity to win door prizes.

Saturday, December 8: The Northwest Iowa Symphony Youth Orchestra, led by conductor Dr. Angela Holt, will present its Fall Concert at 3:00pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium on the campus of Dordt College. Consisting of talented middle school and high school string players, NISYO will perform works by Dvorak, Bohm, Plante and Stamitz as well as string arrangements from the PBS Series "The Civil War" and a traditional Christmas carol. The concert is free and open to the public.

Saturday, December 8: Join us for the annual Reach Out event sponsored by Unity Christian/MOC/Floyd Valley! MOC/Floyd Valley is hosting the event this year. Basketball games between MOC-FV and Unity begin at 1:00pm (girls & boys JV games, girls & boys varsity games). A silent auction will run from 1:00 through half time of the boys' varsity game. Pre-orders of reach out t-shirts is closed but extras will be available on a first come first serve basis. All proceeds from this community event will benefit local families with high medical costs.

Advance Announcements

Monday, December 10: The Western Christian High School Music Department invites all to celebrate Christmas by attending the Western Christian High School Choral and Instrumental Christmas Concert at 7:00pm at Western's Event Center. All the choral and instrumental groups at Western Christian will be performing and celebrating in music the birth of our Lord and Savior.

Tuesday, December 11: 'Christmas Jazz Night' at Dordt College will take place at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium and will feature the Kantorei (a 16 voice jazz choir) and Jazz Band. The Kantorei will be celebrating the birth of Christ in unique and intricate ways with a cappella renditions of *Mary Did You Know* by Pentatonix, familiar carols like *Silent Night* and the Coventry Carol approached from a jazz perspective, and songs performed in collaboration with the Jazz Band. The Dordt Jazz Band will be swinging to some holiday classics like, *Here Comes Santa Claus*, *Santa Claus is Coming to Town*, and *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*. Come in out of the cold for a night of light, bright jazz music.

Thursday, December 13: Unity's FFA chapter will sponsor a chicken/chili soup/cinnamon roll supper with serving from 4:30-6:30pm (before the Christmas concert) in the Unity cafeteria. Free-will donation for FFA.

Thursday, December 13: Everyone is invited to a Free "Community Unity Meal" at New Life Reformed Church from 6-7:00pm. Meal host: Pella Corporation.

Thursday, December 13: Unity Christian High School's annual Christmas concert will be presented at 7:00pm at the Unity Christian Knight Center. All the school's music ensembles will participate. A free will offering will be received for the Music Department. Come and celebrate the birth of the King!

Friday, December 14: The Dordt College Christmas Choral Concert will be held at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium and will feature Bella Voce (women's chorus), Chorale, and Concert Choir - over 160 singers. The choirs will explore a wide range of repertoire for Christmas to commemorate and marvel at the great mystery and wondrous gift of the birth of Christ. Highlights include works by Eric Whitacre, Jake Runestad, John Rutter, Ola Gjeilo, Knut Nystedt, Vijay Singh, and Michael Engelhardt. Stunning a cappella compositions will be side by side with several forms of accompaniment that will bring a deep texture to the program, including piano, cello, guitar, flute, harp, percussion, and hand bells.

Requested Announcements

SCCS is looking for a part-time Adult Custodian to work 2-2 ½ hours per day, five days week. Hours are flexible, but we prefer the person to work between the hours of either 3:15-5:45 pm or 5-7:30am. Duties will include sweeping classrooms and hallways, vacuuming, and restroom and window cleaning. Must be able to work unsupervised. Contact Eileen Buitter (ebuitter@siouxcenterchristian.com) for more information. If interested, please complete the Staff Application, located at <https://www.siuoxcenterchristian.com/glance/employment.cfm>, and submit to Josh Bowar (jbowar@siouxcenterchristian.com). A review of applicants will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

Tuition Assistance Opportunity - Hull Christian School is \$41,000 short of its NICSTO (Northwest Iowa Christian Schools Tuition Organization) goal. The money needs to be raised by December 7. This gift helps families with tuition assistance. In exchange for your donation, you will receive a 65% tax credit on your Iowa income tax (C Corporations, S Corporations, LLC and Partnerships are also eligible for STO tax credits). If you are interested in donating to this fund, please contact Randy Ten Pas (712-439-2273) at Hull Christian.

JUSTICE FOR ALL is planning the 2019 Service and Learning Opportunities and would love to have you join one of the teams! These weeks are wonderful opportunities to serve others but also to experience and understand God's kingdom in new and important ways! Dates and places are: Harvest Hands Ministries, Juarez, MX – January 18-26 (must have passport); JVM Perkins Foundation, Jackson MS – February 9-16; Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson, MS - February 17-23; Grace Reigns, Colorado City UT – March 16-23. For more information, please call Luke Grooters at JFA 712-476-2804 or email lukeg@jfa-nwiowa.org. You can also check out the JFA website: www.jfa-nwiowa.org.