

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET
December 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.

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 7pm 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. Bake sale items to make your Christmas season easier will also be available.

Tuesday, December 11: 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 11: 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 11: 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 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 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.

Advance Announcements

Thursday, December 20: Faith Christian Reformed Church of Sioux Center invites you to a Blue Christmas Service at 7pm. While many are filled with joy during the Christmas season, for others it is a painful time as they grieve the death of someone they love, experience financial concerns or depression, work through relational difficulties, or feel brokenness because of the sin in this world. This will be a time of worship with scripture, songs, and reflection, acknowledging that God's presence is with us and that His Word comes to shine light into our darkness. Please invite family, friends, or anyone you know who needs to be reminded of Immanuel, "God with us," this Christmas season. All are welcome!

Friday, January 25 - Sunday, January 27: Cornerstone Prison Church's Faith Fellowship Weekend will be held on Friday 6-8pm; Saturday & Sunday 7:15am – 4pm with the theme of "Year of Reconciliation" based on 2 Chronicles 7:14. Join us for worship, large group talks and small group discussions. The deadline for signing up is Monday, January 7. We would be happy to have you join us for part of the weekend or all of it. If you would like more information or to sign up, please contact us at office@cornerstonepcsd.org or call 507-215-3670. Thank you for considering this wonderful ministry opportunity!

Requested Announcements

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.