

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET
March 31, 2019

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, April 2: Sioux Center Christian School's Moms in Prayer group will meet from 9:00-10:00am in the Council Room of First CRC. Childcare is provided. Contact Mel Klein (712-541-8694) with questions.

Tuesday, April 2: The Grandmother's Moms in Prayer group will meet from 10:00-11:00am in Room 3 of First CRC. All grandmothers and great-grandmothers are invited to come.

Tuesday, April 2: The College and Career Moms in Prayer group will meet from noon – 1:00pm in Room 3 of First CRC. Moms and grandmothers are invited to join us in praying for our college age and adult children.

Tuesday, April 2: Unity Christian 8th Grade Day will be from 9:15am until noon. All 8th grade students are invited to visit Unity. We are excited for them to experience a tour of the school, to let our current students tell what they like best about Unity, and a chance to connect with teachers and meet new friends. The evening event for parents and students will begin at 6:00pm with a meal and tours, followed by an informational meeting at 7:00pm.

Tuesday, April 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 to 9pm with the video: "I'm Not Sick, I Don't Need Help." Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. For information, call Shirley Matheis 722-4462.

Tuesday, April 2: A fundraising event is brewing for Bethany Christian Services of NW Iowa as they celebrate 75 years nationally. Join us for coffee and punch at 6pm with a complimentary meal to follow at 6:30pm at the Terrace View Event Center in Sioux Center. Call 712-737-4831 or email Kari at kjohnson@bethany.org to donate.

Tuesday, April 2: The Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra will present its annual Spring Concert, *The Organ: King of Instruments*, at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt College. Guest artist on the organ for the evening is MaryLou Wielenga. As in the past, this Spring Concert will also feature the announcement of the 2019-2020 Season of the Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra. Season tickets for next year will be offered that evening for a special discounted price. Advance tickets are available at Evie's Hallmark in Sioux Center. Tickets are also available at the door the night of the concert. For more information, contact the NISO office at 712-722-6230 or niso@dordt.edu.

Thursday, April 4: Western Christian High School's 8th Grade Day will be held at 3:00pm. All 8th graders, regardless of their high school plans, are invited to visit Western Christian on that day. Western Christian will provide transportation for all students who want to attend. Parents are invited to join them that evening at 5:30pm for a meal, tours, and a program. If you have questions, please call 712-439-1013 or email wes.fopma@westernchristianhs.com.

Friday, April 5: Hope Haven, Inc. will host their Annual Benefit Auction at TeSlaa Trucking (corner of Hwys 75 & 18). Help support the local and global ministries of Hope Haven through this exciting evening of fun and fellowship. The evening's schedule is: doors open at 4:30pm; food booth and buy-it-now table opens at 5:00pm; the live auction begins at 5:30pm. Visit our website for a list of auction items: www.hopehaven.org. The whole family is invited to this community event!

Friday, April 5: The Seipp/Sheets Trumpet and Organ Duo will present a recital at Dordt College at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Dr. Chuck Seipp, trumpet, is on faculty at the Shenandoah University Conservatory of Music and has been a member of The United States Army Band, "Pershing's Own." Dr. Randall Sheets is the Ceremonial Organist for Arlington National Cemetery. The recital is free and open to the public.

Saturday, April 6: You are invited to a Disability Connection Event to be held at Covenant CRC in Sioux Center from 9am - 1pm (includes a free lunch with requested RSVP to Dan De Vries at ddevries@hopehaven.org), with keynote speaker, Rev. Mark Stephenson from the CRC Disability Concerns. Explore ways your church might welcome, advocate for, and reach out to people with disabilities in your church and neighborhood.

Advance Announcements

Monday, April 8: The Northwest Iowa Symphony Youth Orchestra will present its Spring Concert at 7:30pm in Christ Chapel on the campus of Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa. The concert is free and open to the public. Led by conductor, Dr. Angela Holt, NISYO will perform works by Anderson, Tippette, Stravinsky, and Mozart, among others. Now in its 12th season, NISYO is an auditioned group that consists of some of the most talented string students in middle school and high school from the surrounding area.

Friday, April 12: The biennial Dordt College High School Band Festival will be held at 7:00pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. In addition to the two Dordt bands, 9 high school bands are participating in the festival, bringing nearly 400 high school students to Dordt's campus. The concert will feature the Gaudete Brass Quintet performing with the Dordt College Concert Band and will end with a mass band consisting of more than 500 instrumentalists.

Saturday, April 13: SAVE the DATE for Sioux Center Christian School's 5th Annual Trail'Raiser Night! Gourmet Cupcakes, Bars, & Snack Mixes, new designs in Truth T-shirts, Celebration of Learning Open House, Freewill supper, plus the Price is Right starting at 7pm. Mouw Motor is also hosting a Ford Drive4UR School test drive event. Cherished Chip Clips are wood clips custom-designed by our students. If you would like to order them, please visit <https://www.siouxcenterchristian.com/support/trailraisernightkids.cfm> for the order form (orders due April 5). Would you like to donate cupcakes, bars or snack mixes? Please call or email the school office because we have recipes and containers for your donations (722-0777; sccsoffice@siouxcenterchristian.com). We appreciate your support of our school and your help in clearing the remaining debt on our building expansion!

Saturday, April 13: The Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra in conjunction with a generous grant from Sioux Center Recreation and Arts Council will present a Guest Concert by Gaudete Brass at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt College. Advance tickets are available at Evie's Hallmark in Sioux Center. Tickets are also available at the door the night of the concert. For more information, contact the NISO office at 712-722-6230 or niso@dordt.edu. Pre-Season tickets for the 2019-2020 Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra will be offered that evening for a special discounted price.

Friday, May 3: Save the Date for ATLAS of Sioux Center's Community Auction and Meal at New Life Reformed.

Monday, May 6: Mark your calendar for the Bible League International Spring Salad Luncheon at 11:30am at Alton Reformed Church. Come enjoy a fashion show featuring clothes from the Bible for Missions Thrift Center. John Scafe, the national director of Bibles for Missions Thrift Centers, will also be at the luncheon. You are asked to bring a salad for every two people to share. Drinks will be provided.

Requested Announcements

Unity Christian has an opening for the 2019-2020 school year for a music teacher that includes choral and symphony instruction and leadership. This position is set at 100% but could be separated into two part-time positions. To learn more about this position and how to apply, contact Wayne Dykstra, Head of School at wadykstra@unitychristian.net or by calling 712-737-4114.