

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET
December 1, 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, December 3: Sioux Center Christian School's Moms in Prayer group will meet at First CRC from 9-10am in the Council Room. Childcare is provided. Contact Mel Klein (712-541-8694) with questions.

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

Tuesday, December 3: The College and Career Moms in Prayer group will be meeting in Room 3 at First CRC at noon. New women are always welcome.

Tuesday, December 3: 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 living with mental illness are welcome. For information, call Shirley Matheis, 722-4462.

Wednesday, December 4: Join Bethel CRC's YPS at 6pm in their fellowship hall for a Trivia Night and Catered Meal by Water's Edge. Cost is \$40 per ticket (pay at the event). Entrée options are beef or chicken. Proceeds assist Bethel YPS for operating expenses and summer missions. RSVP to the Bethel CRC office at 722-3101 by November 29.

Wednesday, December 4: You are invited to a monthly community prayer meeting with a global focus from 7:30-8:30pm at Living Water Community CRC in Orange City (1005 8th St SE). The global focus will be Alaska. The local focus will be Atlas Orange City. Future gatherings will be on the first Wednesday of each month and will be hosted and led by members of various local churches. Come and check it out!

Friday, December 6: A Christmas Choral Concert at Dordt University at 7:30pm will feature Bella Voce (women's chorus), Canons of Dordt (men's chorus), and Concert Choir and 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 Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of Carols* for choir and harp, Christmas spirituals, works by Kim André Arnesen, and a few humorous moments including "The Twelve Days *After* Christmas."

Friday, December 6 & Saturday, December 7: Sioux Center Christian School invites you to the 7th/8th grade performances of *The Adventures of Peter Rabbit and His Friends* at 7pm in Te Paske Theatre. This play takes us through the fascinating life of Beatrix Potter with five of her delightful tales interwoven with the story of Beatrix Potter herself. No tickets needed; a freewill offering will be received.

Advance Announcements

Sunday, December 8: You are invited to join Faith CRC for their evening service at 5pm. The service will be a time of reflecting on the hope we have at Christmas, even in the midst of darkness and difficulty in our world and lives (this is also known as a Blue Christmas service). This reflective worship will speak to everyone, but especially those going through trials or valleys. All are invited to come to receive the comfort and hope these scriptures and songs will bring.

Sunday, December 8: The Dordt University Chorale will present "Noel! A Service of Lessons and Carols" at 8:00 pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Come and worship with the Chorale as they celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ through song. Lessons from Scripture will alternate with performed anthems and congregational carol singing. The Chorale will be joined by English, Drama, and Music faculty members and an array of accompanying instruments: piano, organ, brass quintet, string quartet, solo violin, solo cello, African drums, and harp.

Tuesday, December 10: “Christmas Jazz Night” at Dordt University will take place at 7:30pm and will feature the 4th Avenue Singers (jazz choir) and 4th Avenue Band (jazz band). The 4th Avenue Singers will be celebrating the birth of Christ in unique and intricate ways with a cappella renditions of *Silent Night* by Pentatonix, familiar carols like *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* and *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* approached from a jazz perspective, and songs performed in collaboration with the 4th Avenue Band. Come for a night of light, bright jazz music.

Thursday, December 12: Unity's FFA chapter will sponsor a chicken and chili soup/sandwich/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 12: 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 13: The Dordt University Instrumental Ensembles will present their final concert of the year at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium entitled, “Old, New, Borrowed, Blue, and a March!” The Dordt University Campus-Community Band and Wind Symphony will perform music by Maslanka, Grant, Persichetti, Thomas, and many more. The Chamber Orchestra will be performing two individual numbers: *Troika* by Prokofiev arr. Paul Lavendar and *We Three Kings* for Cello and Orchestra by Matt Riley. *We Three Kings* features soloist Jaren Brue on cello and joined by Wind Symphony members for a full orchestra experience. *Troika*, meaning trio or triplet, is a traditional Russian harness driving combination, pulled by a team of three horses pulling a sleigh. Cheerful and joyous, percussion parts help bring alive the sleigh ride experience.

Friday, January 17 – Sunday, January 19: Cornerstone Prison Church in Sioux Falls is holding a Faith Fellowship Weekend. Friday will be from 6-8pm and Saturday and Sunday will be from 7:15am-4pm. The theme is “Year of Grace” based on Titus 3:3-8. Join us for worship, large group talks and small group discussions. Deadline for signing up is Monday, December 30. We would be happy to have you join us for part of the weekend or all of it. For more information or to sign up, please contact office@cornerstonepcsd.org or call 507-215-3670.

Requested Announcements

The Dordt University Concert Choir will be delivering the true message of Christmas with their voices this December by travelling around Sioux County and singing 4-5 classic Christmas carols for the person, family, business, or Christmas party of your choosing! A small donation for each “carol-o-gram” is appreciated, and proceeds will support the choir's March tour to the Northeast and Ontario, Canada. To place your order: download [this form](#), pick up a form at the Info Desk of the Dordt Campus Center, or contact Ryan Smit directly at ryan.smit@dordt.edu.

Egg ROLLS are again available from Siouxland Unity CRC in Sioux City: \$15/dozen or \$12.50/dozen for 2 or more dozen; \$4 for sweet chili sauce. Order from Henry Kraayenbrink at 712-540-8617 or svvinc@mtcnet.net by Wednesday, December 11. Pick them up at Faith CRC at 10:00am on Saturday, December 21.