

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET
December 8, 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.

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: ETM – Early Teen Ministry for 7th and 8th graders will meet for their Christmas Party at 7:30pm at First CRC in their new building. Remember a \$5 white elephant gift and wear something festive!

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

Tuesday, December 10: 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 10: “Christmas Jazz Night” at Dordt University will begin 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.

Advance Announcements

Monday, December 16: Western Christian Music Department will present their annual Christmas Concert at 7:00pm in Western's Event Center. Please join us in celebrating the birth of our Savior. In addition to great music, we will have a bake sale that evening to help support the arts at Western.

Thursday, December 19: Don't miss the Sioux Center Christian School's TK-4th Grade Christmas Program at 7pm at the B.J. Haan Auditorium on the Dordt University campus. The TK-K students will begin the program with songs of Advent and Christmas, and the 1st-4th grade students will present "*Light of the World*," a musical written by Mark Patterson. Come join us for a musical celebration of Christ's birth with songs from around the world!

Requested Announcements

Carol-o-grams: 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.

JUSTICE FOR ALL is planning the 2020 *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: Harvest Hands Ministries, Juarez, MX – January 17-24; JVMPerkins Foundation, Jackson MS – February 8-14; Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson, MS - February 15-21; Grace Reigns, Colorado City UT – March 14-20. Each week is a wonderful opportunity of building relationships with people from a community which is very different than our own, through serving, learning, and studying God's Word together. For more information or to sign up for a project, please call Nick Leloux at JFA 712-476-2804 or email nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org. If you would like to attend an informational meeting, come to the JFA Ministry Center, Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 7pm.

JUSTICE FOR ALL is excited to invite you on another *Discovery Bus Tour*! This tour will focus on our ministry partners in Utah, Great Commission Utah and Grace Reigns. Come along, see and experience how God is shining HIS love and light through these amazing ministries to the FDLS communities. The dates for this trip are April 21-28, 2020. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Joel De Wit at JFA, 712-476-2804 or joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org. Seats are filling up, so respond soon.