

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET**  
**December 29, 2019**

**Please turn in announcements by 10:30 on Wednesday mornings to the office of the First Christian Reformed Church: [office@firstcrc.com](mailto:office@firstcrc.com) or 712-722-0717.**

**Advance Announcements**

**Tuesday, January 7:** KBB at 3:15-4:15pm at the Sioux Center Christian School gym. All ages—young and old—are invited to attend! Questions? Contact Peter Kuipers: [pkuipers@siouxcenterchristianschool.com](mailto:pkuipers@siouxcenterchristianschool.com).

**Tuesday, January 7:** 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. Jeanne Kleinhesselink and Hannah Buteyn of Sioux Center Health will discuss EMDR and Medication Management. Individuals and family members living with mental illness are welcome. For information call Shirley Matheis 722-4462.

**Wednesday, January 8:** You are invited to a monthly community prayer meeting with a global focus from 7:30-8:30pm at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley (2020 8<sup>th</sup> St SE). The global focus will be Central Asia. The local focus will be Love INC. Future gatherings will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month and will be hosted and led by members of various local churches. We now have a Facebook group for people to stay informed of prayer meeting locations. You can find it by searching: "Sioux County community global prayer meetings".

**Friday, January 10:** Soup/sandwich/dessert supper at Unity Christian High School sponsored by the sophomore class. Serving is from 5:00-7:00pm in the cafeteria. Free will donation for the sophomore class.

**Friday, January 10:** The Dordt University Chamber Orchestra from Sioux Center, Iowa, invites you to a concert at 7:30pm at the B.J. Haan Auditorium. This free concert is part of a winter tour with performances scheduled in Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Iowa. Directed by Mrs. Susan De Jong, the Chamber Orchestra will perform a wide variety of repertoire from the Baroque era to the 21st century. Featuring four student soloists and guest directed by Dr. Onsby Rose, program highlights include the music of J.S. Bach for flute and strings, several beloved hymn tunes, the sublime writing of Saint-Saëns for cello and harp, and the contemporary writing of James Stephenson that utilizes extended string techniques. A freewill offering will be received to help defray tour expenses.

**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](mailto:office@cornerstonepcsd.org) or call 507-215-3670.

**Saturday, January 18:** The Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra will present its popular WINTER POPS CONCERT with NISO in concert with The Texas Tenors at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium on the campus of Dordt University in Sioux Center, Iowa. NISO's Celebrity Conductor Contest will be held in conjunction with this Concert. Tickets are available to purchase online at <https://niso.dordt.edu>. Concert attendees are encouraged to purchase tickets in advance for this anticipated sell-out concert. For more information, contact the NISO office at 712-722-6230 or [niso@dordt.edu](mailto:niso@dordt.edu).

**Requested Announcements**

Love INC's Winter Love & Learn classes will begin January 21 at 6:45pm at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley. Classes being held are Affirming Potential, Faith & Finances, Parenting, Grief Share, and Redemptive Compassion. Please register by calling 712-476-5990 by January 14.

Attention: Men who love to sing and have a passion for the work of Hope Haven, please consider joining the Valley Male Chorus. Rehearsals will begin January 5, 2020 at 2:00pm at the First Christian Reformed Church in Sioux Center. For more information, contact Ron Boote at 712-441-5225 or [rjboote@premieronline.net](mailto:rjboote@premieronline.net).

Are you looking at your end of year taxes and realizing that you will owe Iowa income tax? Did you know that a donation to a state tuition organization (like NICSTO) will earn you an Iowa tax CREDIT equal to 65% of your donation? Your donation to NICSTO (Northwest Iowa Christian Schools Tuition Organization) benefits YOU with an Iowa tax credit and directly benefits SCCS families with tuition assistance. Donations to NICSTO can be dropped off or mailed to school. We will be accepting donations until we reach our goal or Dec. 31 (whichever comes first). More information and the contribution form can be found at <https://www.siouxcenterchristian.com/support/nicsto.cfm>. The SCCS Office will be closed until Jan. 3, but you are welcome to call Amy Vander Berg at 712-441-4530 if you would like to drop off a donation before the end of the year.

Beginning in January, Family Crisis Centers has partnered with the Allstate Purple Purse Foundation to offer 5 financial courses (1 hour each), learning about healthy financial relationships, budgeting, saving, credit, loans and more. Courses are offered 1 on 1 with an advocate, at a location convenient to the participant. If all 5 classes are completed, Allstate provides each participant \$125. If you would like to participate, please contact Stefanie at 712-722-4404 or email: [stefanieb@familycrisiscenters.org](mailto:stefanieb@familycrisiscenters.org).

Due to a retirement, Sioux Center Christian School is seeking to fill the position of office assistant. This is a part-time position of 20-25 hours/week throughout the school year, with the possibility of fewer hours in the summer and more hours during certain times of the year. The position will partner with the director of development and promotions in the areas of school newsletters, social media, school events and fundraisers, promotional items, donor campaigns, donor records, the school website, and other areas. The position will also support other office and school tasks, working with the director of learning and others. Interested applicants should complete the Staff Application, located at <https://www.siouxcenterchristian.com/about/employment.cfm>, and send that application and a resume to Josh Bowar, head of school, at [jbowar@siouxcenterchristian.com](mailto:jbowar@siouxcenterchristian.com).