

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET

January 5, 2020

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, January 7: Sioux Center Christian School's Mom's 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, January 7: The Grandmother's Moms in Prayer group will meet from 10-11am in Room 3 of First CRC. All grandmothers and great-grandmothers are invited to come.

Tuesday, January 7: The College and Career Moms in Prayer group will meet from noon – 1pm in Room 3 of First CRC. Moms and grandmothers are invited to join us in praying for our college age and adult children.

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: pkuiipers@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 – Tuesday, January 28: The award-winning *January Series* of Calvin University is coming to Sioux Center. From January 8 through January 28, 2020, Covenant Christian Reformed Church will broadcast one of the nation's leading lecture and cultural arts series from 11:30am-12:30pm each weekday. The 15 speakers will offer informed perspectives on a wide range of today's most relevant topics including poverty and hunger, the global water crisis, immigration, mass incarceration, religious freedom, and big data's inequality and threat to democracy. The lectures are free and open to the public. For a full list of speakers and topics, visit <https://calvin.edu/january-series/2020-speakers/>.

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 8th St SE). The global focus will be Central Asia. The local focus will be Love INC. Future gatherings will be on the 1st 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: A Soup/sandwich/dessert supper will be held 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 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.

Advance Announcements

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. 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.

Tuesday, January 21: Love INC Love & Learn winter classes will begin with four classes offered to the Sioux County community at large: Parenting, Grief Share, Faith & Finances (practical money management skills with optional mentorship), and Affirming Potential (personal evaluation of physical, emotional, relational and spiritual areas of life). A fifth class, Redemptive Compassion, will be specifically offered to church members, leaders and anyone interested in exploring how we can offer help that ultimately brings freedom rather than enables people to remain in a constant state of need. We'll explore together what it means to offer charity compassion hand in hand with developmental compassion. Register by January 14 by calling the Love INC office at 712-476-5990.

Requested Announcements

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LOVE INC CLASSES: If you have a heart for helping others, we have many opportunities for you to use your gifts and talents. Some of the opportunities to serve include child care, small group discussion leaders, financial mentors, prayer partners, kitchen hospitality and more! Please call the Love INC office (712-476-5990) to find out more about ways to serve right here in our community!

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.

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.