COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET January 12, 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.

Monday, January 13 – 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/.

Tuesday, January 14: 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 14: 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 14: 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.

Friday, January 17: The Dakota Wind Quintet will perform a recital at Dordt University at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Founded in 1982, the Dakota Wind Quintet travels throughout the Midwest, giving concerts and lecture demonstrations at concert halls, colleges, community centers and public schools. The group features principal players of the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra. For more information, visit www.sdsymphony.org/about-us/musicians/dakota-wind-quintet. The recital is free and open to the public.

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.

Advance Announcements

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.

Friday, January 24: The Dordt University Music Department will present a Faculty Recital at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The recital will feature music by or in the style of Beethoven in honor of his 250th birthday. Performances will include compositions for marimba, flute, piano, and more. The recital is free and open to the public.

Friday, January 24: Homecoming 2020 will be held at Unity Christian High School. An alumnus from the class of 2010 will speak at the chapel at 1:15pm. The Homecoming court will be presented after the speaker, followed by a student talent show. Evening activities, beginning at 6:00pm, will include basketball games, presentation of Homecoming royalty, and dance team performances. All alumni and friends of UCHS are invited to the afternoon and evening activities. New activities and decades dress will be highlighted for our alumni in the evening.

Requested Announcements

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 be on Sundays from January through March 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.

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!