

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET

March 26, 2017

Please turn in announcements by 10:30 on Wednesday mornings to the office of the First Christian Reformed Church: office@firstcrc.com or 722-0717.

Monday, March 27: Have you ever considered building your family through domestic or international adoption? If so, please consider attending a "Discover Bethany" meeting at 6:30pm at our office located at 123 Albany Ave. SE in Orange City. You will learn more about Bethany's mission, our services, and receive an overview of the adoption process. If you are interested in attending, please contact Heather Jackson at hjackson@bethany.org.

Tuesday, March 28: Sioux Center Christian School Moms in Prayer Group will meet in the Council Room of First CRC at 9:00am. Childcare is provided. Contact Mel Klein with questions at 722-0668.

Tuesday, March 28: The Grandmothers Moms in Prayer group will be meeting in Room 3 of First CRC at 10:00am. New women are always welcome!

Tuesday, March 28: The College and Career Moms in Prayer group will be meeting in Room 3 of First CRC at noon. New women are always welcome!

Thursday, March 30: All grandparents of freshmen students at Unity Christian High School are invited to attend Freshmen Grandparent Day at the school at 8:45am and will finish at lunch with your grandchild. Please call 737-4114 to make a lunch reservation.

Thursday, March 30: Facing Darkness is a documentary film created by Samaritan's Purse about the 2014 Ebola pandemic in Liberia and will be shown one night only at Cinema 5 in Sioux Center at 7:00pm. Joni Byker, a local missionary from Sioux Center, worked with Samaritan's Purse during the pandemic. One Body One Hope, also based out of Sioux Center, has sent numerous missionary teams to Liberia recently. Please go to www.facingdarknessmovie.com to learn more about this film.

Friday, March 31: Hunger Free Kids of Sioux County is hosting a free-will dinner (5:30pm) and auction (6:30pm) at the Dordt College Rec Center. The proceeds will go towards the funding of sack packs in the Boyden-Hull, MOC-Floyd Valley, Sioux Center, and West Sioux school districts. These sack packs of food are provided to children every weekend; these children may not get enough to eat when they are away from school. If you would like more information on the auction or to learn more about the sack pack programs in our communities, please contact Jared Terpstra at jwterpstra@fcs.cc or 712-441-4343.

Friday, March 31: Dordt College invites the public to a Duo-Piano Concert featuring guest performers Michael and Kyung Kim. The free concert will be held in the B.J. Haan Auditorium at 7:30pm. The two will perform works by Bach, Mozart, Brahms, Rachmaninoff, and more.

Saturday, April 1: Registration opens for Dordt Discovery Days, which is a five-day camp from June 19 to 23, for students who have completed 6th, 7th, or 8th grade. This camp offers more than 30 classes in the arts, sciences, and recreation. Residential, commuter, and day camp options are available. Go to www.dordt.edu/events/ddd to see this year's class line and to register. Contact Allison Kraayenbrink (Allison.Kraayenbrink@dordt.edu) with questions.

Advance Announcements

Monday, April 3: The community is invited to hear Dordt College's First Monday Speaker Series presenter Roger Wiens as he presents "Exploring Mars with *Curiosity*" at 11am in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Wiens leads the laser instrument team on the one-ton *Curiosity* rover that has been exploring Mars for the last four years.

Wednesday, April 5: A free Organ & Panflute Benefit Concert for Word & Deed Ministries' Children's Project in Ecuador will be held at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium, featuring Andre Knevel, a Dutch-Canadian organist, and Liselotte Rokyta, a European pan flutist. A free-will offering will be taken for Word & Deed who partners with the Luke Society in Quininde, Ecuador.

Thursday, April 6: Western Christian High School invites all eighth graders, regardless of their high school plans, to visit Western Christian on Eighth Grade Day at 3:00pm. Western will provide transportation for all the students to attend, and parents are asked to join their eighth grader at Western at 5:30pm for a free meal, displays, and tours. If parents are not able to attend, we would be glad to arrange transportation home for any student. Call Western Christian at 439-1013 if you have questions or need additional information.

Friday, April 7: Finishing Well is a Bible study group for Seniors that meets at 2-3:30pm twice a month in the Council Room at Bethel CRC, Sioux Center. For those of you who are 70 years and older, you are invited to join us as we look at Billy Graham's book *Nearing Home*. Judy De Wit, a Bethel member, will take us through the challenges and struggles of getting older and yet, look closely at what God is calling us to do. *Nearing Home* can be ordered online or you can ask Judy for a book when you come to class.

Saturday, April 8: The Northwest Iowa Symphony Youth Orchestra, led by conductor Dr. Christopher Stanichar, will present its Spring Concert at 3:00pm in the BJ Haan Auditorium. NISYO will perform works by Tchaikovsky, Geminiani, Leroy Anderson, Eduardo Gamboa, and local composer Deanna Wehrspann. The concert is free and open to the public.

Monday, April 10: The Cornerstone Prison Church Council, Board and Congregation invite everyone to their Annual Benefit Banquet at 6:30pm at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley. Doors open at 6:00pm. Make reservations by April 2 with Trinity CRC at 712-476-5292 or www.cornerstonepcsd.org. Gale Van Engen & Arlyn Boon will perform. Hear how the hope of Jesus is working in hearts and lives of inmates at South Dakota State Penitentiary.

Tuesday, April 11: All 8th grade students are invited to visit Unity Christian's 8th Grade Day from 9:15am - noon. We are excited for them to experience a tour of the school, to let our current students tell what they like best about Unity, and a chance to connect with teachers and meet new friends. The evening event for parents and students will begin at 6:00 with a meal and tours, followed by an informational meeting at 7:00pm.

Tuesday, April 11: The Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra will present its annual Spring Concert, *Rocky! An All-Rachmaninoff Program*, at 7:00pm (note time change) in the BJ Haan Auditorium at Dordt College. Guest artists for the evening include University of Northern Iowa professor Sean Botkin on piano; and founding conductor of NISO, Henry Duitman.

Saturday, April 15: Celebrate with southern gospel music as The Dixie Melody Boys present a Hope Haven benefit concert at 6:30pm at the B. J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt College. Also featured will be the Master's Voice Quartet from Sioux Falls, SD and the Triumphant Sound Quartet from Lawton, IA. Tickets are \$15 at the door, which opens at 5:00pm.

Requested Announcements

Seeking Your Help: GEMS Girls' Clubs Leadership Conference is looking for volunteers to help make this year's GEMS counselor conference a success on July 26-30 at Dordt College. You do not need to be a GEMS counselor to volunteer. Any and all help is welcomed!! Visit goo.gl/6GjWcJ to sign up or contact Rina Klynsma at rnhystk@hotmail.com.

First CRC of Sioux Center is now accepting applications for a part-time worship coordinator who will work with the pastor and the worship committee, coordinating and supporting their worship and music ministries. If you are interested, please submit a resume and cover letter to the church office (office@firstcrc.com). If you would like to see the job description, contact the church office at 712-722-0717.

You and your family (on a first come, first serve basis) are invited to a Sunday Dinner Potluck at the Back Room Bistro of the Fruited Plain at noon on any of the following dates: March 19, April 2, 9, or 23 by Brittney Ryks, a senior Dordt College student, who is doing research on an independent study in family communications. You and your family can choose to bring either your favorite side dish or dessert for a traditional family Sunday Dinner. This is an opportunity to get to know one to two other families in the Sioux Center community over a shared meal, and share a recipe of your family's favorite side-dish/dessert. If you are interested in being a part of this family meal opportunity, please RVSP to brittney.ryks3@gmail.com stating the date you want to attend, the side dish or dessert you are bringing with the recipe. Please provide the number of people that will be attending for planning purposes. She will respond to your RVSP in 2-3 days if your family has a spot in this meal opportunity.