

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET

April 2, 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, 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.

Tuesday, April 4: 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, April 4: The Grandmothers Moms in Prayer group will be meeting in Room 3 of First CRC at 10:00am. New women are always welcome!

Tuesday, April 4: The College and Career Moms in Prayer group will be meeting in Room 3 of First CRC at noon. New women are always welcome!

Tuesday, April 4: The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Support Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7 - 9pm. Carolyn Salberg, the supervisor of Hope Haven Peer Support Services, will be the speaker. Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are invited to join us. For information, call Shirley Matheis at 722-4462.

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.

April 6, 7, 8: Dordt College Theatre Arts presents an original musical written by senior Kyle Fosse. Casually deep and playfully serious summarize the feel of this satirical musical. This lighthearted piece explores ideas relevant to the local community and American culture. Performances are at 7pm and also April 8 at 2pm in the New World Theatre at Dordt College. Purchase tickets at the door or at www.dordttickets.com.

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.

Friday, April 7: Dordt College senior Ashley Verhoef of Sanborn, Iowa, will perform a vocal recital at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The community is invited to attend and to join the reception following the performance.

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 B.J. Haan Auditorium. NISO will perform works by Tchaikovsky, Geminiani, Leroy Anderson, Eduardo Gamboa, and local composer Deanna Wehrspann. The concert is free and open to the public.

Advance Announcements

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: The seniors at Western Christian High School invite their grandparents to come at 9:00am to spend some time with them at Western Christian. They will attend a special chapel service, share a meal, and be shown around the school. The seniors have the information to share with you. Grandparents can have their grandkids let the office know they are coming, or grandparents can contact the office at 439-1013.

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 B.J. 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.

Thursday, April 13: Due to the Maundy Thursday worship service at New Life Reformed Church, there will be no Community Unity meal in April.

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.

Sunday, April 16: The community is invited to come to the annual Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00am at Faith Christian Reformed Church. The youth group from First CRC will be leading the service. An offering will be taken for the Family Crisis Center. Come and celebrate our risen Savior!

Saturday, April 22: Join the Sioux County Oratorio Chorus for its spring concert joined by the Dordt College Concert Choir, the Northwestern College Heritage Singers, soloists, orchestra, and organ at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt College. Led by Dr. Benjamin Kornelis, the chorus will present Haydn's *Missa brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo*, also known as the "Little Organ Mass" and the Midwestern premiere of *Songs of Ascent* by Iowa native Shawn Kirchner. Tickets for adults are \$8 in advance/\$10 at the door and \$5 for students and can be purchased also at Northwestern's music office or Windmill Park Jewelers in Orange City, at True Vine or the Dordt music office in Sioux Center, and at Touch of Hope in Sheldon.

April 28: Last day to register 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.

May 1: All women are invited to attend the Bible League Spring Salad Luncheon on at 11:30am at the Sanborn URC, 805 Sunrise Ave, in Sanborn, IA. Please bring a salad for every two ladies and enjoy the luncheon and fellowship with women from many area churches. We are also extending a special invitation to pastors to join us. Harold Trujillo, Regional Training Coordinator, will speak on the Project Philip program. We would love to see you!

Requested Announcements

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 April 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.