

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET

March 12, 2017

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 722-0717.

**Tuesday, March 14:** 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 14:** 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 14:** 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, March 14, and Wednesday, March 15:** The Unity Christian High School Board requests your presence at either one of two town hall meetings at 7:00pm in the Knight Center. The Board will present a proposal for a new building addition that would include new or remodeled spaces for the following features of Unity's overall program: athletic facilities, ag program classrooms, a larger cafeteria, additional music rooms, and adequate housing for our buses. Included also will be information on the possibility of Christian business partners sharing some of these spaces. We look forward to sharing this proposal and receiving your feedback.

**Thursday, March 14:** Everyone is invited to attend the Center for Financial Education's Annual Meeting at 6:30am at the CFE office. Hear about the previous year, elect officers and plan for the coming years.

**Thursday, March 16:** Western Christian vocal music department and jazz band will present a concert at 7:00pm which will include a wide assortment of songs from traditional to pops and jazz. Please join us for an enjoyable evening of music.

**March 16, 17, 18:** *Charlotte's Web*, one of the most beloved children's stories, will hit the Unity Christian stage at 7:30pm. This love story in many ways, teaches us all about friendship, the tough times of life, and the love of a community. Tickets are on sale - \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for k-12 students.

**Friday, March 17:** The Dordt College Chamber Orchestra and Concert Band invite you to their free homecoming tour concert at 7:30pm at the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Directed by Dr. Bradley Miedema, the ensembles will perform a wide variety of instrumental selections, ranging from orchestral works by Boccherini, Holst, Järnefelt, Quantz, and William Grant Still to contemporary wind band pieces by Arnold, Grainger, Hearshen, Markowski, and Peter Graham. A freewill offering will be taken to help defray tour expenses.

**Saturday, March 18:** A seminar--*Gospel Outreach to People of Other Faiths*--will be hosted by New Roots Ministry from 10am - 2:15pm in the Community Room of the Sioux Falls Ministry Center (225 E. 11th St., Sioux Falls, SD 57104). Speakers will include Salom Silwal, formerly a Hindu and now a Christian pastor, and Aaron Myers of the Crescent Project. Come to learn, to be inspired, and to enjoy an ethnic meal! There is no cost, but free-will donations can be given. - Please RSVP by March 13 if you will attend by calling or texting (605)376-6330.

### Advance Announcements

**Tuesday, March 21:** Love INC is holding its Annual Meeting at 7:00pm in their office at 962 Westview Drive in Rock Valley, just west of Dollar General. Please join us as we meet to discuss how the Lord has used the church to bless the people of Sioux County in 2016. Refreshments will be served!! We would love to see you!

**Tuesday, March 21:** OPERA Iowa is coming to perform Rossini's comedic masterpiece, *The Barber of Seville* (sung in English). The education touring troupe will present the two-hour performance at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The family friendly performance, sponsored by Sioux Center Recreation and Arts Council, is free and open to the public.

**Wednesday, March 22:** The community is invited to attend Ag Summit 2017 "*Thou Shalt Not Kill-What's the Christian Response to the New Food Movement*" from 8:15am to noon, beginning in the Dordt College Campus Center. The event features keynote speaker Kevin Murphy, owner and founder of Food-Chain communications. The event will consist of a breakfast, a 9am presentation by Murphy in the Campus Center, a panel discussion at 10am in B.J. Haan Auditorium, and a final presentation by Murphy at 11am in conjunction with Dordt College's Chapel Series. Ag Summit 2017 is presented by Dordt College and the Sioux Center Chamber of Commerce Ag Committee. Tickets are \$15 and please register by Thursday, March 16, by contacting the Chamber Office at (712) 722-3457 or [admin@siouxcenterchamber.com](mailto:admin@siouxcenterchamber.com).

**Wednesday, March 22:** Girls and women, ages 8-88+, join the GEMS Girls Clubs for an evening of REFIT fitness and fun in the Hull Christian School gym. Check-in is 6:30pm; workout from 7-8pm. Goodie bags will be given along with door prizes! Reserved tickets are \$5 or \$8 at the door. Contact Valerie for tickets at [northstar\\_gems@hotmail.com](mailto:northstar_gems@hotmail.com); 712-449-8150. Micah 6:8 t-shirts will be for sale - \$10. Bring along a water bottle.

**Thursday, March 30:** Do you want to "Make a Difference" in the lives of others? Bethany Christian Services staff & volunteers strive to help children find their forever families, we support families in need through Safe Families for Children™, we counsel mothers experiencing an unplanned pregnancy, and we serve adoption minded couples through the complete adoption process. Thanks to our supporters we have been blessed to serve kids and families for more than 40 years. We invite you to join us for an evening of praise and recognition of God's work in our ministry at the Terrace View Event Center in Sioux Center with punch at 6pm; a complimentary meal served at 6:30pm; and a brief program including real and heartfelt stories. RSVP for the meal by March 20 to Bethany Christian Services at 712-737-4831 or [bcsorangecity@bethany.org](mailto:bcsorangecity@bethany.org).

**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-FV, 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](mailto:jwterpstra@fcs.cc) or 712-441-4343.

**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 freewill offering will be taken for Word & Deed who partners with 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 7-9:** Minnikota Youth and Dordt College invite all 6th-8th graders to the 7th Annual Jr High Retreat at Inspiration Hills with the theme of "Fearless," to worship, serve, and meet new friends. Dordt College students will be the small group leaders, as well as lead in song, worship, games, service, and drama. For more information, please contact Lee De Groot at 712-470-4244 or email her at [mikyouthnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:mikyouthnetwork@gmail.com).

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

**Saturday, April 22:** Do you have what it takes to be the ULTIMATE SURVIVOR? We're searching for contestants of ALL AGES - 7th-8th grade, high school, college, adults, teachers, staff, parents and grandparents - to be the 12 castaways on our LIVE GAME SHOW at Sioux Center Christian School's Trail'Raiser Night! Survivor Try-Outs are Tuesday, March 14 at 7pm at the SCCS Gym. Go to [www.siouxcenterchristian.com](http://www.siouxcenterchristian.com) and follow the Survivor logo for more info. You do not need to be related to a SCCS student to try out.

**July 27-30:** GEMS Girls' Club Leadership Conference: Counselors, mark your calendars for the GEMS Girls' Clubs Leadership Conference July 27-30 and join us at Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa. This Conference prepares, encourages and trains women to be mentors that reach girls everywhere with the message of Jesus! For more information, visit [gemsgc.org/conference/](http://gemsgc.org/conference/).

**August 3-5:** Register today to get the early bird registration rates for this summer's Inspire 2017 event. Join Ann Voskamp, Richard Mouw, and men and women of all ages from 1000+ CRC congregations for an unforgettable three days in Detroit, Michigan. You will be fed with great worship, challenged by keynote speakers, equipped and intrigued at interesting sessions, and connected to others – like you - who are inspired to serve God in their local church. Register at [crcna.org/Inspire2017](http://crcna.org/Inspire2017). Rates go up April 1. You won't want to miss this exciting CRC event!

### Requested Announcements

First CRC of Sioux Center is accepting applications for a part-time worship coordinator who will work with the pastor and worship committee, coordinating and supporting their worship and music ministries. If you're interested, please submit a resume and cover letter to the church office ([office@firstcrc.com](mailto:office@firstcrc.com)). To see the job description, contact the church office at 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, as well as share a recipe of your family's favorite side-dish and/or dessert. If you are interested in being a part of this family meal opportunity, please RVSP to [brittney.ryks3@gmail.com](mailto:brittney.ryks3@gmail.com) stating the date you want to attend, the side dish or dessert you are bringing, as well as attaching 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.