

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET
March 25, 2018

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.

Sunday, March 25: ETM – Early Teen Ministry for 7th and 8th graders will meet at First CRC at 7:30pm.

Monday, March 26: Western Christian High School desires to expose our students to various perspectives in regard to the origins of Creation. Earlier this school year Dr. Terry Mortenson shared his perspective on the origins of Creation and Noah's Flood. At 9:00am in the Event Center at Western Christian, Dr. Leslie Wickman will share her perspective about the harmony and reconciliation of faith and science. Wickman brings a wealth of experience as a researcher, teacher, and administrator, both in academia and in industry. She received her PhD in human factors and biomechanics from Stanford University and most recently was Program Director of Engineering and Director of the Center for Research in Science, both at Azusa Pacific University. The public is invited to attend.

Monday, March 26: Please join Love INC as we meet to discuss how the Lord has used the church to bless the people of Sioux County in 2017! Our annual meeting will be held at 7pm at the Main Street Plaza (across from M & H True Value). Everyone is welcome!

Tuesday, March 27: Sioux Center Christian School's Moms in Prayer group will meet at the First Christian Reformed Church at 9:00am in the Council Room. Childcare is provided. Contact Mel Klein with questions at 712-541-8694.

Tuesday, March 27: 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, March 27: 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.

Wednesday, March 28: Everyone is invited to join in the conversation on "Loving Our Neighbor: A Christian Approach to DACA" to be held at the First CRC sanctuary in Sioux Center at 6:30pm to help Christians in Sioux Center become informed on the issue of DACA and immigration reform. You are also welcome to join us for a meal (please RSVP by March 26 to jsonlief@gmail.com; \$2 donation for meal) from 5-6:30pm in the First CRC Fellowship Hall. Sponsored by the Christian Reformed Church Office of Social Justice and SALUD of Storm Lake.

Advance Announcements

Sunday, April 1: Everyone is invited to join in worship at an Easter Sunrise Service to be held at Faith CRC at 7:00am. Pastor Chad Van Ginkel's message will be on Matthew 28, "Joy of the Resurrection." An offering will be taken for ATLAS.

Tuesday, April 3: Josh Larsen, a film critic and editor of *Think Christian*, a digital magazine on faith and culture, will speak at Northwestern College at 7pm. Larsen is co-host of Filmspotting, a popular podcast on class and contemporary cinema. This is a great opportunity for parents and anyone working with youth to discuss and reflect together how to engage with culture from a Christian perspective. Space at this event is limited, but is free and sponsored by Northwestern's Youth Theology Institute: Living Your Faith.

Thursday, April 5: Western Christian High School's Eighth Grade Day will be held at 3pm. All eighth graders, regardless of their high school plans, are invited to visit Western on that day. Western will provide transportation for all the students to attend, and parents are requested to pick them up at Western that evening. If parents are not able to attend, we would be glad to arrange transportation home for any student. All parents are invited to come to Western at 5:30pm for a free meal, displays, and tours. If you have any questions, please contact the office at Western Christian at [712-439-1013](tel:712-439-1013).

Friday, April 6: Hope Haven, Inc. will host their Annual Benefit Auction at Te Slaa Trucking (corner of Hwys 75 & 18). Help support the local and global ministries of Hope Haven through this exciting evening of fun and fellowship. The evening's schedule is: doors open at 4:30pm; food booth and buy-it-now table opens at 5:00pm; the live auction begins at 5:30pm. Visit our website (www.hopehaven.org) for a list of items that will be auctioned off. The whole family is invited to this community event!

Monday, April 9: Cornerstone Prison Church Council, Board and Congregation would like to invite you to their 12th Annual Benefit banquet at 6:30pm at Trinity Christian Reformed Church in Rock Valley, IA. Enjoy an evening of praise to God for his work inside the South Dakota State Penitentiary. Doors open at 6pm. Please RSVP by April 2 to 712-476-5292 or at www.cornerstonepcsd.org. A free will offering will be taken.

Tuesday, April 10: The Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra will present its annual Spring Concert, *A Mighty Fortress*, at 7:30pm in the BJ Haan Auditorium. Guest artist for the evening is Dr. Richard Steinbach, Professor of Piano at Briar Cliff College and the M.A. Martin Everist Foundation Artist-In-Residence. As in the past, this Spring Concert will also feature the announcement of the 2018-2019 Season of the Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra. Season tickets for next year will be offered that evening for a special discounted price. Advance tickets are available at Evie's Hallmark in Sioux Center and Jubon Juweelen in Orange City. Tickets are also available at the door the night of the concert. For more information, contact the NISO office at 712-722-6230 or niso@dordt.edu.

Thursday, April 12: All women and girls are invited to a *Night to Shine & Sparkle* at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley with doors opening at 5:00pm with multiple vendors to shop from and a light meal will be served. The event speaker, Image Truth, will share a message of hope, truth and beautiful freedom. Tickets will go on sale on March 10 for \$15 each and can be purchased by emailing shinesparkle2018@gmail.com or calling/texting [712.449.8150](tel:712.449.8150).

Saturday, April 14: SAVE the DATE for Sioux Center Christian School's 4th Annual Trail'Raiser Night! Gourmet Cupcakes, Sub Sandwiches (perfect for busy field work season and spring sports!), Truth T-shirts, Freewill supper, Silent Auction and Buy-it-Now tables, plus a Live Auction starting at 6:30pm. More information plus a full schedule will be coming out over the next couple weeks. If you would like to donate to the auction, please contact Amy Vander Berg (712-722-0777 x3, avanderberg@siouxcenterchristian.com) or drop off your donation at school. We appreciate your support of our school and your help in clearing the remaining debt on our building expansion!

Friday, April 20 – Sunday, April 22: MINN-I-KOTA Youth and Dordt College are partnering to present the 8th Annual Jr. High Retreat at Inspiration Hills. Join in worship, speakers, games, service, small groups, and great food as highlights for the weekend. Register with your church youth leader or call Lee De Groot at 712-470-4244.

Monday, May 7: The Bible League International Spring Salad Luncheon will be held at 11:30am at the First Christian Reformed Church of Orange City, Iowa (408 Arizona Ave SW). Come learn about the work of Bible League in Latin America and enjoy the music of the Siouxland Women's Chorus. You are asked to bring a salad for every two people to share; drink will be provided. Please give this prayerful consideration. It would be so great to have a large group come to support the work of Bible League International.

Requested Announcements

The Unity Christian High School Auxiliary's Bakeless Bake Sale is being held during March to help keep tuition costs down and purchase items such as books, lab equipment, music play scripts, tables, chairs, etc., all which help make Unity a stronger school. At this point the Auxiliary has already donated \$14,400 to the school from the proceeds of the Hostess Supper. We appreciate any contribution you can give to help UCHS. Please send your gift to LouAnn Franken, Treasurer, 3009 420th St., Sioux Center, IA 51250 or drop your gift at Unity marked for the Bakeless Bake Sale.

Are you or someone you know in need of a safe, decent and affordable place to live? Siouxland Habitat for Humanity is accepting partner family applications for our homeownership program for a future home in Hull. Application forms are available at the Hull City Office, Hull Library, and online at <http://siouxlandhabitat.org/our-programs/home-ownership/>. Completed applications are due by April 20. If you have questions, please contact Kurt Franje, [712-476-2804](tel:712-476-2804) or email kfranje@siouxlandhabitat.org.