

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET
December 22, 2019

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.

Advance Announcements

Tuesday, January 7: KBB at 3:15-4:15pm at the Sioux Center Christian School gym. All ages—young and old—are invited to attend! Questions? Contact Peter Kuipers: pkuipers@siouxcenterchristianschool.com.

Requested Announcements

Are you looking at your end of year taxes and realizing that you will owe Iowa income tax? Did you know that a donation to a state tuition organization (like NICSTO) will earn you an Iowa tax CREDIT equal to 65% of your donation? Your donation to NICSTO (Northwest Iowa Christian Schools Tuition Organization) benefits YOU with an Iowa tax credit and directly benefits SCCS families with tuition assistance. Donations to NICSTO can be dropped off or mailed to school. We will be accepting donations until we reach our goal or Dec. 31 (whichever comes first). More information and the contribution form can be found at <https://www.siouxcenterchristian.com/support/nicsto.cfm>. The SCCS Office will be closed from Dec. 23 – Jan. 3, but you are welcome to call Amy Vander Berg at 712-441-4530 if you would like to drop off a donation before the end of the year.

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 begin January 5, 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.

Beginning in January, Family Crisis Centers has partnered with the Allstate Purple Purse Foundation to offer 5 financial courses (1 hour each), learning about healthy financial relationships, budgeting, saving, credit, loans and more. Courses are offered 1 on 1 with an advocate, at a location convenient to the participant. If all 5 classes are completed, Allstate provides each participant \$125. If you would like to participate, please contact Stefanie at 712-722-4404 or email: stefanieb@familycrisiscenters.org.

Due to a retirement, Sioux Center Christian School is seeking to fill the position of office assistant. This is a part-time position of 20-25 hours/week throughout the school year, with the possibility of fewer hours in the summer and more hours during certain times of the year. The position will partner with the director of development and promotions in the areas of school newsletters, social media, school events and fundraisers, promotional items, donor campaigns, donor records, the school website, and other areas. The position will also support other office and school tasks, working with the director of learning and others. Interested applicants should complete the Staff Application, located at <https://www.siouxcenterchristian.com/about/employment.cfm>, and send that application and a resume to Josh Bowar, head of school, at jbowar@siouxcenterchristian.com.

JUSTICE FOR ALL is planning the 2020 *Service and Learning* Opportunities and would love to have you join one of the teams! These weeks are wonderful opportunities to serve others but also to experience and understand God's Kingdom in new and important ways! Dates and places: Harvest Hands Ministries, Juarez, MX – January 17-24; JVMP Perkins Foundation, Jackson MS – February 8-14; Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson, MS - February 15-21; Grace Reigns, Colorado City UT – March 14-20. Each week is a wonderful opportunity of building relationships with people from a community which is very different than our own, through serving, learning, and studying God's Word together. For more information or to sign up for a project, please call Nick Leloux at JFA 712-476-2804 or email nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org. If you would like to attend an informational meeting, come to the JFA Ministry Center, Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 7pm.

JUSTICE FOR ALL is excited to invite you on another *Discovery Bus Tour!* This tour will focus on our ministry partners in Utah, Great Commission Utah and Grace Reigns. Come along, see and experience how God is shining HIS love and light through these amazing ministries to the FDLS communities. The dates for this trip are April 21-28, 2020. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Joel De Wit at JFA, 712-476-2804 or joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org. Seats are filling up, so respond soon.