

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET

August 1, 2021

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.

Tuesday, August 3: The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Support Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7 to 9pm. Individuals and family members affected by mental illness are welcome. For information, call Shirley Matheis 722-4462.

Advance Announcements

Friday, August 20: JUSTICE FOR ALL Foundation invites you to an evening of entertainment, catered meal, and updates on how the Foundation has been benefitting JFA ministry efforts over the past year. It will be held at the Parkview Events Center in Rock Valley, IA at 6pm. You can save your spot by calling JFA at 712-476-2804. If you would like more information, please contact Joel De Wit (joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org). We hope that you will come out and support the on-going ministry of JFA as we continue to 'share and care in Christ's name'!

Saturday, August 28: The Unity Christian High School Booster Club is sponsoring their annual Golf Outing at the Landsmeer Golf Club in Orange City. Registration for the 4-person, 18-hole event is scheduled to begin at 8:30am. 9am shotgun start and pulled pork meal to follow for lunch. Fee for 18 holes of golf and the meal is \$100 per adult player & \$50 for K-12 students. Link for registration is provided on Unity's website & here @ <https://forms.gle/HmBdBXNVhiH5Ee1U9>. Registration will remain open until the outing is full or on August 23rd. Contacts are Deb Oolman at 449-0814 or oolman@c-i-service.com or Cheri Horstman at 441-4562.

Requested Announcements

JUSTICE FOR ALL is very excited to announce dates for upcoming Service and Learning Trips! Please prayerfully consider joining us on one of these trips. The trips are designed to be an opportunity to use our hands and feet to bless others through work projects, but also to learn and experience a different culture than our own and see what God is doing through the incredible ministry partners serving in these communities. The sites/dates are: JMVM Perkins Foundation, Jackson MS – Sept. 11-17; Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson MS – Sept. 18-24; Grace Reigns, Hildale UT – Oct 1-8; Harvest Hands Ministries, Juarez MX – Oct 16-22. If you would like to sign up or want more information on any of these opportunities, please contact Nick Leloux at JFA (712-476-2804, nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org).

The Dordt University football program is seeking hosts for incoming football players. This year the need is great again due to another large class of incoming freshmen. Have you hosted before and could take on another student or two? Have you considered hosting but just not sure? Either way, this is a great opportunity to be a blessing to a student athlete. Hosts typically love on these guys with meals, church invitations, support at games, birthday well-wishes, care packages, a home away from home, or any other way you feel led to host. A welcome lunch will be provided where you get to meet your players. If interested, please respond by emailing assistant football coach Devin Eekhoff, devin.eekhoff@dordt.edu by August 3.

After a COVID-19 induced long separation, Friendship Bible Study students are eager to reunite with former mentors and meet new ones. *New ones:* is God calling *you* to spend an hour (approximately three times a month) with a new friend? The Friendship program nurtures the spiritual growth of people with special needs in the context of personal and meaningful relationships with members of the Christian community. Current members range from teens to retirees. "Friendship" meets on Thursday evenings from September through March with a month-long break in December. If you are interested in more details, either as a student or mentor, please contact Marian Smit (712-441-9243).

Love INC volunteer opportunities:

- Love INC is looking for individuals willing to provide mentoring for participants in the **Faith and Finances** class this fall. Mentors will assist participants with financial goal setting, budgeting, credit (re)building, planning for debt repayment and savings. This opportunity begins on August 31 and requires mentors to

meet once a week for 12 weeks, on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 8:15pm in Rock Valley. Love INC will provide training and guidance throughout the mentoring process.

- We are also looking for individuals with experience in walking a grief journey after losing a loved one for our **Grief Share** support group. Volunteers would provide support, guide discussion and encourage others through their own journey of grief. Grief Share curriculum and training is provided by Love INC.

Please call the Love INC office for more information at 712-476-5990 or email Noemi DeWeerd at

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