

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET

August 22, 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 24: Sioux Center Christian School is excited to begin classes this Tuesday, August 24! 512 of God's children will walk through our doors and into daily training by master Christian teachers, who intentionally invite, nurture, and empower kids to see and live God's Story. We ask you to daily lift before God's throne our students and parents, our faculty, staff and administration, and our board of trustees, praying that we will rely on His strength and obediently listen to His voice throughout this 2021-22 school year! Thank you!

Advance Announcements

Tuesday, August 31: Love and Learn Classes will begin at 6:45pm at Trinity CRC (lower level) in Rock Valley. Join us for one of these practical topics: *Faith and Finances*, *Grief Share*, *Boundaries*, *Have a New Kid by Friday*, *Affirming Potential*, and *Redemptive Compassion*. For more information visit <http://loveincsiouxcounty.org/site/our-ministries/> or to register call the Love INC office at 712-476-5990. Registration deadline in August 27.

Saturday, September 4: Auditions for membership in the Northwest Iowa Symphony Youth Orchestra will be held on Saturday morning at Northwestern College in Orange City. NISYO is seeking string players from middle school through high school to join all sections of the orchestra. For more information, check NISO.Dordt.edu. To schedule an audition, contact director Dr. Angela Holt at angela.holt@nwciova.edu.

Saturday, September 4: All are invited to a Faculty Recital presented by Dr. Carrie Groenewold at Dordt University at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The program will feature several collaborative works with trumpeter Richard Neckermann, including J. S. Bach's *Concerto in D Major* and Peter Eben's *Okna*, depictions of several Jerusalem windows by artist Marc Chagall. The recital will include several psalm-based organ works by J. P. Sweelinck and Sietze de Vries, and an exciting *Fugue on BACH* by Robert Schumann. Neckermann holds degrees from Western Michigan and Boston Universities, and is Principal Trumpet for the Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra. Groenewold serves as the Joan Ringerwole Chair of Church Music and Organ, Associate Professor of Music, Director of Keyboard Activities, and University Organist at Dordt University.

Monday, September 6: The First CRC Youth Group will be hosting a Labor Day Pancake Breakfast at First CRC (321 2nd St SE) in Sioux Center. Serving will be from 7:30-9:30am and free will donations will go towards their 2022 Mission Trip.

September 20 - 21: COMING SOON – Bible League's *Spreading the Fragrance of Life* dinner is September 20 at 6:30pm. Their daylong conference is Tuesday, September 21. Both events will be held at First Reformed Church in Sioux Center. Register online at www.bibleleague.org/tickets. Cost \$20 for dinner; \$40 for conference.

Requested Announcements

NICSTO contribution forms can be found at the information table/mailboxes at your church. If you have any questions about this program, please contact Brad Vis: brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com; 605-359-5704.

The NAMI Iowa Family-to-Family Education Program for family members of persons with serious mental illness will be offered at Central Reformed Church this fall if there is enough interest. The course is FREE and will be taught by trained family member volunteer leaders, Barb Addink (712-567-4727), Shirley Matheis (722-4462 or nsmath@mtcnet.net), and Lynn Wielenga (722-1828). For more information, please call today!

Habitat Sponsor A Stud! - Gather your friends, family, church group, business, etc. to sponsor one or more 2x4 studs for \$100 each to help build the first Habitat House in Hawarden! We will deliver the stud(s) to you, so you can decorate it with Bible verses, encouraging words, prayers, pictures, etc. The decorated studs will be framed into the house, and everyone will be invited to a Stud Finder Event later on to see the studs and pray for the project. Get more details and sign up by August 23 by contacting Kurt Franje: 641-780-9054 or kfranje@siouxlandhabitat.org