

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET

August 29, 2021

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 712-722-0717.

**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.

**Thursday, September 2:** Friends of Unity are invited to join us for our groundbreaking celebration of the 21 Campaign at 12:00pm. We will unveil new 3D animations of the inside and outside of the building, share our projected timeline and give thanks to God for this exciting new chapter for Unity. We will meet in the Knight Center and then briefly move outside for the groundbreaking. Juice and cookies will be provided.

**Friday, September 3:** American State Bank will be hosting a tailgate prior to the Western Christian vs. BHRV football game from 5:30 – 7:00pm at Hesla Field in Hull. The proceeds for this Western Christian tailgate will be given to the Nathan & Clare DeHoyas and Travis & Megan Kooima families. A freewill donation will be taken.

**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](http://NISO.Dordt.edu). To schedule an audition, contact director Dr. Angela Holt at [angela.holt@nwciowa.edu](mailto:angela.holt@nwciowa.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.

### Advance Announcements

**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.

**Friday, September 10:** You are invited to join the Dordt University Music Department at 7:00pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium for *Video Games Live*, as the Dordt University Mass Band and Chamber Orchestra open this year's instrumental concert series. Hear music from *Bounty Hunter*, *Halo*, *Civilization V*, *Super Mario Brothers*, and more. Dress as your favorite video game character and join us for an evening of fun and gaming!

**Sunday, September 12:** All Supporters and Parents of Unity Christian High School are invited to join together at 7:30pm for a Prayer Walk. We will divide into groups and each group will follow a map covering prayer requests over specific parts of the school and to seek God's blessing for this school year. "Arise, cry out in the night, as the watches of the night begin; pour out your heart like water in the presence of the Lord. Lift up your hands to Him for the lives of your children..." Lamentations 2:19. Any questions? Call Sue Dykstra at 360-0650. Our prayer walk will conclude at 8:30pm with make your own ice cream sundaes!

**Tuesday, September 14:** A Grandmother Moms in Prayer group will be begin meeting at First CRC from 10 – 11am in the upstairs Fireside Room. New women always welcome. For more information, contact Rachel Raih, 712-441-0885.

**Tuesday, September 14:** A College/Career Moms in Prayer group will be begin meeting at First CRC from noon to 1pm in the upstairs Fireside Room. New women always welcome. For more information, contact Rachel Raih, 712-441-0885.

**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:nsmath@mtcnet.net)), and Lynn Wielenga (722-1828). For more information, please call today!

From Faith CRC's Lao BiLD Committee: We have a request for winter clothing for men, women, boys, girls, and infants to be sent to the country of Laos. This request comes from Charlie Dee in LaCrosse, WI who is sending medical equipment and an ambulance to Laos. He would like 1600 lbs. of clothing to pack around the equipment in the shipping container. JFA is also helping us reach the goal of 1600 lbs. Please bring your donated clothing items to the south entrance of Faith CRC, or to the box located inside the door of the First Avenue entrance of the Furniture Mart. Remember Laotian people are not large people so smaller adult sizes will be the most needed. Deadline for clothing collection is September 9.

Community Gospel Choir at Dordt - Join London-based artists Geraldine Latty & Carey Luce for a very special Sioux Center community choir. Rehearsals will occur on August 30, September 13, & September 20 from 7:30–8:45 pm in the Dordt choir room with workshop and performance on Saturday, September 25, from 1:00–9:00 pm. Open to adults and high school students. To sign up, please go to this URL or look up on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/community-gospel-choir-with-geraldine-latty-luce-carey-luce-dordt-tickets-167526944601>. For more information, please email [jeremy.perigo@dordt.edu](mailto:jeremy.perigo@dordt.edu)