

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET
September 26, 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.

Monday, September 27: Dordt welcomes Rev. Dr. Jennifer Powell McNutt at 11am in the B.J. Haan Auditorium for her presentation, "Making Space for the Dead in Conversations of Faith and Science." This event is free and open to the public. Find more info at www.dordt.edu/first-mondays-speaker-series.

Tuesday, September 28: Sioux Center Christian School's Moms in Prayer group will meet at Frist CRC from 9-10am in the Council Room. Contact Mel Klein (712-541-8694) with questions.

Tuesday, September 28: 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 28: 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.

Saturday, October 2: Experience Art in the Prairie from 3-4 pm at the Dordt University Prairie. Arts in the Prairie is an interactive event where Dordt departments such as the Environmental Studies department, the Art department, the Theatre department, the English department, and various musicians all come together to set up booths and/or activities in Dordt's prairie for community members and Dordt students alike.

Saturday, October 2: *Sounding light*, a professional choir from the Omaha area conducted by Tom Trenney, will perform at Dordt University at 7:00 pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Also featured will be a performance by Dordt University's Concert Choir, conducted by Ryan Smit. They will together present a concert titled "...and so we go on..." with music to help us make sense of the uncertainty around us while also looking forward with hope.

Advance Announcements

Thursday, October 7: The Faith CRC annual Fall Supper and Auction will be at the SCCS gym with Pizza Ranch buffet to be served from 5-6:30pm with a freewill donation for the meal. The auction begins at 6:00pm. Proceeds go towards Faith's Christian education fund.

Thursday, October 7 – Friday, October 8: Christians Get Depressed Too – The Tri-State Bible Conference welcomes Dr. David Murray to the B.J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt University on October 7 and 8 at 7:00pm to speak from God's word on the topic of Depression: The Hidden Affliction. The goal of this conference is to strengthen and encourage the people of God; we consider this to be a highly relevant topic for our times. There is no charge although there will be a free will offering to defray the cost of the event. For more information, go to www.tristatebibleconference.com or contact Rev. John Vermeer at jvermeer61@hotmail.com.

Wednesday, October 13: Western Christian students will be hosting a free will donation car wash at Hull CRC and Bethel CRC in Sioux Center. Students will wash your car in Hull from 9-11 a.m. and from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Sioux Center! Funds raised will go towards the DeHoyos and Kooima families' little boys that have lots of medical expenses. There will also be baked goods for sale as you leave with your clean car! Thank you for your support!

November 1: Andrew Peterson, Christian singer, songwriter, and author from Nashville will be performing a Live Concert at 7pm at Dordt University's B.J. Haan Auditorium. Tickets available [here](#) or on his website: www.andrew-peterson.com.

November 15-19: Celebrate Western - We praise God for the blessings and opportunities that God is providing for Western Christian and through Christian education. *Celebrate Western* is a weeklong celebration, capped off with a community thanksgiving Banquet (meal) and kid's carnival, an event formerly known as the "fall bonanza". Everyone in our learning community is invited to participate - that's you!

Celebrate Western will take place during the week of November 15 -19, the week before Thanksgiving. Here's a breakdown of events:

- Western Christian will host an online auction from October 25 - November 15. We ask businesses to consider a cash donation or a gift card to put up for auction. Zomer Auctions will organize the online bidding. If you would like to donate items for bidding, please have your donation to the office by October 22.
- Meat sales and freezer meals can be ordered at any time. Order forms were placed in church mailboxes, or can be found online: www.westernchristianhs.com
- On Tuesday, November 16, we will be hosting Explore Western. This is an opportunity for potential new families to learn more about Western Christian. All grade levels of students are welcome to join. We especially encourage upper elementary and middle school students and parents to attend.
- On Friday, November 19, we will host a Thanksgiving Banquet in the Event Center, a Silent Auction, and Kid's Carnival in the gym. This will be from 5:00 - 8:00 PM. Meat, freezer meals, and purchased auction items can be picked up at this time.

Please contact Brad Vis if you have any questions: brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com or 605-359-5704.

Requested Announcements

Friends of Unity - We are kicking off our Fall Drive for the 21 Campaign. Our goal is to reach \$6 million by December 31. We are seeking gifts from current and new supporters. We have distributed our Lets Dig Deep brochures to area churches. You can also learn more about the project on our website www.unitychristian.net. Thank you for your consideration in support of the project!

Apple Pie Sales! Bridge of Hope is once again making and selling delicious apple pies as a fundraiser for their Christian Education Fund. Pies are \$15 each. If interested in purchasing, please contact the church office (722-3951 or office@bridgecrc.org) with your name, phone number and number of pies you wish to purchase by Monday, September 27. Pies will be made on Saturday, October 23, and will be ready for pickup at the church office/Ministry Center (43 2nd Street NE) on Tuesday, October 26 or Thursday, October 28, from 9:00am to 5:00pm. (If neither of those pick-up dates work, arrangements can be made for a different time.) Thanks for your support!