

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET
October 3, 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, October 5: 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, October 5: 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, October 5: 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.

Tuesday, October 5: 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. Speaker Wade Koenen will present "At My Wit's End: My Experience with Schizophrenia." Individuals and family members affected by mental illness are welcome. For information, call Shirley Matheis 722-4462.

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.

Advance Announcements

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 9-11am and from 11:30am - 1pm 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!

Friday, October 15 – Saturday, October 16: Dordt University hosts its Defender Days celebration with a wide range of events, including the 4th Avenue Jazz Concert at 3:00pm on Friday, October 15, the Fall Music Festival featuring Campus-Community Band, Chamber Orchestra, Wind Symphony, Bella Voce, Canons of Dordt, Chorale, and Concert Choir at 7:00pm on Friday, October 15, and a hymn festival titled "In Christ Alone: Hymn-Based Organ Music by Larry Visser" on Saturday, October 16, at 10:30am presented by organist, choral conductor, and composer Larry Visser as part of the Joan Ringerwole Organ Recital Series. Go to www.dordt.edu for more Defender Days weekend highlights.

Thursday, October 28: Justice for All is having their Annual Meeting and Fall Auction at 5:30pm in the Parkview Event Center – Rock Valley, IA. There will be an update about the ministry, short business meeting, and a live auction with Mark Zomer and Doug Kooima. Enjoy a meal and fellowship while supporting Justice for All ministry.

Monday, 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.

Monday, November 15 - Friday, November 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

The First/Bethel CRC GEMS are currently doing their annual fundraiser to cover costs of activities/supplies for their program year. Napkins, cards, gift and home items along with gourmet popcorn are available. If interested, please reach out to any 4th through 8th grade GEMS students or contact counselors Heidi Ochsner (712-449-7978) or Ashley W (441-5645) by October 26.

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!