

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET

October 10, 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, October 12:** Come to the Kiwanis Pancake Supper, serving from 5-7pm at the Centre Mall in Sioux Center. The funds raised at this event support the SCCS 5<sup>th</sup> grade class trip to Des Moines and the SC Community 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Des Moines, plus other local Kiwanis projects. Freewill donation, with a suggested donation of \$6 per person (2 & under free).

**Tuesday, October 12:** 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 12:** 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 12:** 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.

**Wednesday, October 13:** Western Christian students will be hosting a free will donation car wash at Hull 1<sup>st</sup> CRC and Bethel CRC in Sioux Center. Students will wash your car in Hull CRC 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.dordt.edu) for more Defender Days weekend highlights.

### Advance Announcements

**Friday, October 22:** Internationally acclaimed pianist Andreas Klein will perform a recital in the B. J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt University at 7:30pm. His program, "Bach, Beethoven, and Beyond," will include works by J. S. Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, and Prokofiev. He will conduct a Masterclass the following day, Saturday, October 23, at 11:00 a.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium, at which several Dordt piano students will perform.

**Monday, November 1:** First Mondays Speaker Series at Dordt University welcomes Andrew Peterson at 11am, in the B.J. Haan Auditorium for his presentation about making art in a time of exile. He is the author of the *The Wingfeather Saga* fantasy adventure series for young people, and more recently of *Adorning the Dark: Thoughts on Community, Calling, and the Mystery of Making*. He lives in Nashville with his wife and about 80,000 honey bees. This event is free and open to the public. Find more info at [www.dordt.edu/first-mondays-speaker-series](http://www.dordt.edu/first-mondays-speaker-series).

**Monday, November 1:** Live Concert: Andrew Peterson, a singer-songwriter, an author, and the founder of the Rabbit Room, a ministry dedicated to fostering spiritual formation and Christ-centered community through story, art, and music, will be performing a Live Concert at 7pm at Dordt's B.J. Haan Auditorium. Tickets available [here](#) or on his website: [www.andrew-peterson.com](http://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](http://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](mailto:brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com) or 605-359-5704.

### **Requested Announcements**

The Friendship Bible group would like to welcome a new member with a hearing impairment. This young man can sign, and ideally, his new mentor would also be able to communicate in basic ASL. He does respond well to pointing and also reads lips fairly well. We're praying that someone in the community, with or without the ability to sign, will step forward to make Bible study accessible to him. Contact Marian Smit (712-441-9243) with questions.

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 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade GEMS students or contact counselors Heidi Ochsner (712-449-7978) or Ashley W (441-5645) by October 26.