

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET
October 24, 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.

Sunday, October 24 & October 31: All singers high school and up are invited to sing in the choir for the joint Reformation Day service to be held at 6:00pm on October 31 at the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Ryan Smit of Dordt University will direct. If you are interested, please plan to attend rehearsals on October 24 at 4:15pm at Covenant CRC and October 31 at 4:45pm at the B.J. Haan Auditorium.

Sunday, October 24: ETM (7th & 8th graders) will meet from 7:30 to 9:00pm at the Dordt Campus Center for a scavenger hunt.

Tuesday, October 26: Sioux Center Christian School's Moms in Prayer group will meet at First CRC from 9-10am in the Council Room. Contact Mel Klein (712-541-8694) with questions.

Tuesday, October 26: All grandmothers are invited to pray together for their grandchildren in a Moms in Prayer group from 10 - 11am at First CRC in the upstairs Fireside Room. (Use upper East door.)

Tuesday, October 26: All women are invited to pray together for their college and career age children in a Moms in Prayer group from noon to 1pm at First CRC in the upstairs Fireside Room. (Use upper East door.)

Tuesday, October 26: You are invited to the Annual Society Meeting of the members of Hope Haven, Incorporated. The annual meeting will be held at 4:00pm at Hope Haven's office: 1800 19th Street, Rock Valley, IA 51247. There will be updates on our various programs and goals. We want to celebrate with you God's faithfulness during the year of pandemic and look forward to exciting opportunities. At the meeting, the members will be asked to adopt Restated Articles of Incorporation, these Restated Articles of Incorporation update the governance structure of Hope Haven in a variety of ways. The full document and summary of changes can be found at www.hopehaven.org/oct21.

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.

Saturday, October 30: The Luke Society invites you to share in an open house at our central office (3409 S. Gateway Blvd.) in Sioux Falls, SD, from 1-4pm. The open house is a chance to wish Dr. Wrede Vogel well in his retirement, while also providing an opportunity to meet our new executive director, Dr. Brent Van Anel. Regional coordinators from Mexico, Ghana and Indonesia will also be in attendance. There is no formal program, so come and go as you please.

Saturday, October 30: From New Roots Ministry - All Nations City Church REUNION event is at 6:30pm at Ransom Church downtown, 700 N Main Ave, Sioux Falls, SD. All are welcomed to this time of fellowship of Jesus-followers of many nations and languages, as well as worship, testimony, and music. Enjoy a variety of refreshments from many ethnic backgrounds. Contact Fred Wilgenburg with questions, 605-376-6330.

Saturday, October 30: Dordt University student Janna Vanden Brink will present a senior flute & violin recital at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The program includes works by Franck, Bach, Ewazen, and Fauré, including the dramatic and passionate *Sonata in A Major for Violin and Piano* by Franck, which explores the beauty of tonal color and range in the violin and effortlessly blends piano and violin in a powerful duet. All are welcome to a reception following the recital.

Advance Announcements

Monday, November 1: First Mondays Speaker Series at Dordt 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.

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.

Friday, November 5: Dordt University student Rachel Wordes will present a senior organ recital at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Louis Vierne's fast and exciting *Carillon No. 21* will open the recital, followed by a more subdued *Passacaglia* by Buxtehude. The recital will also feature a Bach *Praeludium* and will conclude with all four movements of Boëllmann's *Suite Gothique*, ending with the iconic "Toccata." All are welcome to a reception following the recital.

Saturday, November 6: Dordt University student Brianna Miedema will present a senior violin & flute recital at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Highlights of the recital include Felix Mendelssohn's intense and captivating *Violin Concerto in E Minor* and the fun and playful *Piccolo Moods* by Blaž Pucihar, which has beautiful melodies that can be found throughout its three movements, "Happiness," "Sorrow," and "Joy." All are welcome to a reception following the recital.

Requested Announcements

Unity Christian High School is seeking a full time art instructor for the 22-23 school year. We are seeking a teacher who loves the Lord and is passionate about teaching art. The teacher we hire needs to have an K-12 or 5-12 education degree and have or be working towards secondary art certification for the State of Iowa. To learn more about the position contact Wayne Dykstra - Head of School at 712-737-4114 or at wdykstra@unitychristian.net.

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 "Celebrate Western Online Auction" begins Monday, October 25 and will run through Monday, November 15. Please go to zomerbid.com to purchase donated items. **Meat and freezer meal orders are due** Monday, November 1. Go to www.westernchristianhs.com to either order online or download an order form.

Explore Western is Tuesday, November 16 from 7-8pm. Hear "staff stories" about student services, fine arts programs, student activities, a refreshed vision of the Bible curriculum, and most importantly all the ways that your faith will be developed and strengthened. Check out our new Mission Statement that clearly articulates "who we are" and "what we do." Our Celebration Video which highlights all the blessings that Western is "giving thanks" and "Celebrating." This night is targeted for families with children in grades 3-8 but anyone interested in Western is welcome.