

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET

December 5, 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, December 5: The Dordt University Chorale will present "A Service of Lessons and Carols" at 8:00pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Come and worship with the Chorale as they celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ through song. Lessons from Scripture will alternate with performed anthems and congregational carol singing. The Chorale will be joined by Theatre, Communications, and Music faculty members and an array of accompanying instruments. The concert will also be available on livestream at www.dordt.edu/livestream.

Tuesday, December 7: 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, December 7: 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, December 7: 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, December 7: 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. Video: My Experience with Schizophrenia/Schizoaffective Disorder. Individuals and family members affected by mental illness are welcome. For information, call Shirley Matheis 722-4462.

Tuesday, December 7: The Dordt University Bands will present their final concert of the semester at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. We will welcome guest conductor Dr. Stephen Gage, retired Youngstown State University Directors of Band and elected member of the American Bandmasters Association. Dr. Gage will join the Campus-Community Band by conducting the timeless *Declaration Overture* by Claude T. Smith, as well as joining the Wind Symphony in performance of the highly challenging *Rocky Point Holiday* by Ron Nelson. The centerpiece of the concert will be the Dordt Wind Symphony presenting the wind band masterpiece *Lincolnshire Posy* by Percy Aldridge Grainger. We also welcome Dr. Allegra Fisher, Sioux Center Christian School Director of Bands and Choirs, to conduct the Campus-Community Band in Frank Ticheli's *Cajun Folk Songs*. Also as a special treat, presenting their inaugural performance will be the Dordt University Percussion Ensemble, under the direction of Dordt Applied Percussion Instructor, Mr. Andy Baldwin. The concert will also be available on livestream at www.dordt.edu/livestream.

Wednesday, December 8: The Western Christian High School Foundation Luncheon is at 12:30pm. You are invited to join us in the Event Center at Western. Enjoy a meal served by students, and learn about the incredible ways God is working here at Western Christian. Please RSVP by contacting Mr. Brad Vis - brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com or 605-359-5704.

Thursday, December 9: FFA Soup Supper: Come and support the Unity Christian FFA Program by attending their soup supper from 4:30-7:00pm in their cafeteria. Cost is a freewill donation. Please stay for the Christmas concert after you eat!

Thursday, December 9: Christmas Concert: The Unity Christian High School Music Department invites you to join them for an evening of music focused on the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ at 7:00pm in the Knight Center. The concert will feature the choirs, symphonic band, and orchestra. Please join us for an evening filled with the musical joy recognized as part of the Christmas season.

Friday, December 10: The Dordt University Music Department will present a 4th Avenue Jazz and Orchestra concert at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Featured on the concert will be the 4th Avenue Singers, 4th Avenue Band, and Chamber Orchestra. Come for a relaxed evening of jazzy Christmas songs and carols, big band standards, orchestral compositions, and a variety of collaborations between singers and instruments. The concert will also be available on livestream at www.dordt.edu/livestream.

Advance Announcements

Sunday, December 12: ETM meets for a Christmas party at First CRC at 7:30pm.

Monday, December 13: The Western Christian High School Christmas Concert is at 7:00pm in their Event Center.

Friday, December 17: OPEN HOUSE: Dordt University would like to cordially invite the community to attend an open house from 3:30 – 4:30pm in the De Yager Student Activity Center, located on the first level of the Campus Center on the campus of Dordt University. This open house is in honor of Lois Van De Griend, who has served as the Payroll Coordinator for 20 years, and Paul Kroeze who has served as the Maintenance Technology Technician in the Facilities & Services Department for almost 26 years. Please stop in and join us for a time of refreshments and an opportunity to thank and celebrate Paul and Lois for their years of faithful service at Dordt University.

Sunday, December 19: Pianist Dr. Thomas Van Soelen and cellist Meghan McGuire will perform together at 6:00pm at Covenant CRC in Sioux Center. The concert will feature music from a variety of traditions, including special arrangements of Christmas carols. McGuire and Van Soelen have been partnering in concerts since 2013, mostly in Atlanta, Georgia. McGuire's move to Minneapolis, MN prompted a change in venue and we are excited to host them in Northwest Iowa! The concert is free and open to the public and will feature a freewill offering supporting The Family Crisis Center.

Requested Announcements

Sioux Center Christian School is seeking to fill the following positions:

Principal, starting 2022-23 school year: Provides leadership for the curriculum, instruction, and assessment of our school, oversees faculty, and works in partnership with the head of school as a member of the leadership team;

Part-time K-4th Art Teacher, starting 2022-23 school year; and Part- or Full-time Paraprofessional (starting as soon as possible). For more details on these positions and application packages, please go to

www.siouxcenterchristian.com/about/employment.cfm

Western Christian is in need of volunteers to help with the Alumni Newsletter. We plan on working Tuesday, December 7, beginning at 6:30pm and Wednesday, December 8, at 9:00am here at Western. Please contact Mr. Brad Vis - brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com or 605-359-5704 if you are available to help.