

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET
October 9, 2022

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 11: The Luke Society invites you to an open house from 3:30-6:30pm at their central office (3409 S. Gateway Blvd.) in Sioux Falls. We will be joined in fellowship by longtime Luke Society ministry director and Africa regional coordinator Dr. John Oduro-Boateng of Ghana. Light refreshments will be served. Come and go as you please.

Wednesday, October 12: All are invited to a Southeast Asian meal at First CRC of Sioux Center's Fellowship Hall from 5:00-6:30pm with food from Siouxland Unity CRC of Sioux City, IA as a fundraiser for their Lao church. Free will donations for the meal will be received for Siouxland Unity CRC.

Thursday, October 13: From Western Christian High School—
Healthy Sex and Purity - We will never safely escape the struggle for sexual purity in our surrounding culture. We just can't. Pornography and other sexual sin seems practically unavoidable. The good news is marriages are being saved, children are being equipped to find a way through the trap of pornography, and lives are being freed from its enslavement. Even if pornography is not your challenge, it likely is for someone you know and love. Support him or her by joining us for an evening of discussion, awareness, and healing from sexual impurity and the hurt it causes. The evening will be led by Aaron Baart, Chief of Staff and Dean of Chapel at Dordt University. Parents and adults of all ages are welcome to attend "Healthy Sex and Purity" at First CRC in Hull at 7:00pm.

Saturday, October 15: The Joan Ringerwole Organ Recital Series presents organist Damin Spritzer in a solo organ recital at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt University. Dr. Damin Spritzer is the Area Chair and Associate Professor of Organ at the University of Oklahoma and continues to work with the Cathedral Church of Saint Matthew in Dallas as Artist-in-Residence for Cathedral Arts. Her performance at Dordt is part of the Ringerwole Organ Recital Series, which is currently in its tenth year. The Joan Ringerwole Organ Recital series seeks to promote the organ and its repertoire for the musical education and enjoyment of students, alumni, and the community by bringing nationally-acclaimed organists to Dordt University.

Advance Announcements

Tuesday, October 18: Fall Concert - The Unity Christian High School Music Department invites you to join them for an evening of music at 7:00pm in the Knight Center. The concert will feature the choirs, symphonic band, and orchestra.

Wednesday, October 19: All are invited to a Ukrainian meal at First CRC of Sioux Center's Fellowship Hall from 5:00-6:30pm. The food will be prepared with assistance from recent Ukrainian refugees in Sioux County. Menu includes Borscht, layered salads, cabbage rolls, and honey cake. Stay afterwards for a presentation about the process by which the Ukrainians arrived in Sioux County, and personal stories from some of the Ukrainian refugees. A suggested donation of \$3/person or \$12/family to cover the cost of the food is appreciated.

Friday, October 21: The Dordt University Music Department presents guest pianist Mark Valenti in a recital at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Mark Valenti received his Master of Music from Northwestern University, Bachelor of Music from the Philadelphia Musical Academy and has studied with such notable teachers as Benjamin Whitten, Zoltan Kocsis and Mary Sauer. His recital at Dordt will include music that displays the evolution of piano styles from the elegant gracefulness of Classicism to the passionate lyricism of Romanticism through the atmospheric Impressionism of Debussy to the rhythmic percussiveness of Modernism.

Requested Announcements

The Bethel / First CRC GEMS Club is currently doing their annual fundraiser to cover costs of activities and supplies for the program year. Napkins, Cards, Gift and Home items along with Gourmet Popcorn are some of the items available. There is also an online link you can order from. If you are interested in supporting this ministry, reach out to any of our 4th-8th grade GEMS students or counselor Heidi Ochsner (712-441-7978) by October 12. Thanks for your support!

JUSTICE FOR ALL is very excited to announce dates for upcoming 2023 Service and Learning Trips! Please prayerfully consider joining us on one of these trips. The trips are designed to be an opportunity to use our hands and feet to bless others through work projects, but also to learn and experience a different culture than our own and see what God is doing through the incredible ministry partners serving in these communities. The sites/dates are: Harvest Hands Ministries, Juarez MX – Jan 20-27; Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson MS – Feb 3-10; JVM Perkins Foundation, Jackson MS – Feb 11-17; Grace Covenant Ministries, Annville, KY – Mar 3-10; Grace Reigns, Hildale UT – Mar 24-31. There is more information about each project on the JFA website (www.jfa-niowa.org). If you would like to sign up or want more information on any of these opportunities, please contact Nick LeLoux at JFA (712-476-2804, nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org).