

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET

April 16, 2023

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.

Monday, April 17: Western Christian High School - Spring Society Meeting - We invite you to attend the annual Spring Society Meeting to be held at 6pm. Our Head Administrator, Mr. Verwolf, will share a State of School Report which includes staffing and program updates for the upcoming school year and beyond. Lastly, as a society, we have an opportunity to approve the annual budget for the 2023-2024 school year and discuss the impact of Education Savings Accounts in Iowa.

Tuesday, April 18: We invite all Unity supporters to attend the Unity Society Meeting at 7:00pm in the Knight Center. Board members will be elected at this meeting. The nominees are: Jeff Van Bommel & Jon Kiel (Redeemer URC, Orange City); Samantha "Sam" Zomer from (Sioux Center URC / Cornerstone URC, Sanborn, running unopposed); At Large (2 needed for a vote/1 selected), Mike Calkhoven (Faith CRC, Sioux Center), & Matt Van Essen (Bridge of Hope, Sioux Center). We will have updates from the Board on the Building Project and also a budget to pass for the 23-24 school year.

Wednesday, April 19: Grandparents and Special Friends - we invite all Grandparents and Special Friends of senior students to Western Christian after 12:30pm on that day. A program will start in the Event Center at 1:00pm, followed by tours. We encourage guests to dismiss with their senior student(s) at 2:15pm.

Thursday, April 20: FRESHMEN GRANDPARENT'S DAY is scheduled at Unity Christian High School. Contact the Unity office at 712-737-4114, or email Alison Obbink (aobbink@unitychristian.net) to RSVP grandparents for lunch that day.

Thursday, April 20: The Dordt University Social Work Department is hosting a talk and Q&A with professional counselor, Aundi Kolber, at 4pm in SB1606. Kolber is the author of two books, *Try Softer: A Fresh Approach to Move Us Out of Anxiety, Stress, and Survival Mode—and into a Life of Connection and Joy* and *Strong Like Water: Finding Freedom, Safety, and Compassion to Move Through Hard Things and Experience True Flourishing*. Kolber's talk will focus on content from both of her books along with helping us think about what it means to truly "love your neighbor as yourself" through the lens of self-compassion and mutuality. If you have questions, please contact Erin Olson at erin.olson@dordt.edu.

Thursday, April 20: Come hear Emilia Marroquín talk about her immigration story as she moved from El Salvador to California to Storm Lake, IA. This event will be held at Maria Magdalena Reformed Church, 305 N. Main, Sioux Center, IA, from 6:30-9:00pm. Emilia will discuss practical ways Northwest Iowa can be a place of welcome for all people. We will also hear a panel discussion from leaders in Sioux Center about ways we can break down barriers and build friendships across cultural differences. FREE FOOD! This event will be in Spanish and English. For more information and to RSVP click the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/welcoming-the-immigrant-and-refugee-a-journey-to-friendship-tickets-595306637177>

Friday, April 21: Sioux Center Habitat Home Groundbreaking Ceremony will be at 10:00am at 1436 11th Ave. NE in Sioux Center. Please join Siouxsland Habitat for Humanity as we give thanks to God and break ground on this Habitat home with the Nancy Martinez family. Everyone is welcome!!

Friday, April 21: Dordt University would like to invite the public to attend an open house from 3-4pm in the De Yager Student Activity Center, located on the first level of the Campus Center. This open house is in honor of the following individuals upon their retirement: Dr. Robert De Smith - Professor of English; Dr. Jay Shim - Professor of Theology; Howard Wilson - Vice President for University Operations. Refreshments will be served.

Friday, April 21: The Dordt University Music Department will present a Small Ensembles Recital at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The recital will feature Dordt University's Percussion Ensemble and Clarinet Choir. The Percussion Ensemble will perform a keyboard duet arrangement by Dordt student Jenna Kuperus, an arrangement of Bach for mallet trio, a marimba solo, and multi-percussion sextet. The Dordt Clarinet Choir will

perform *Three Yiddish Tangos*, *Cuartetos Criollos*, and *Chicago*. The recital will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>.

Advance Announcements

Friday, April 28: At 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium, the 4th Avenue Singers will present a concert in conjunction with the 4th Avenue Band and Jazz Combo. The concert will feature familiar jazz standards. The Band and Singers will join forces on settings of "Come Fly With Me," written for Frank Sinatra, and "Chattanooga Choo Choo," made famous by Glenn Miller and his orchestra in 1941. The concert will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>.

Saturday, April 29: MENDELSSOHN, SONGS & PSALMS - The Sioux County Oratorio Chorus, joined by Northwestern College's Heritage Singers, will be presenting a varied program of psalms, hymn, and sacred songs by Mendelssohn, Schütz, Thomson, Handel, and Duruflé at 7:30pm in B.J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt University. With guest conductor Michael Pekel, chamber orchestra, and soprano soloist Shannon Salyards, the choirs will bring vibrant settings of Psalms 90, 100, and 42, along with enduring favorites like Handel's "Zadok the Priest" and Duruflé's "Ubi caritas." Tickets are \$15 in advance/\$20 at the door for adults and \$5 for students. Tickets can be purchased at Evie's Hallmark, Windmill Park Jewelers, Dordt/NWC music offices, or from any SCOC member.

Requested Announcements

Habitat Sponsor A Stud! - Gather your friends, family, church group or business to sponsor one or more 2x4 studs for \$100 each to help build the Martinez family's Habitat home! We will deliver the stud to you to decorate with Bible verses, encouraging words, prayers, pictures, etc. The studs will be framed into the house, and everyone will be invited to a Stud Finder Event later on to see the studs and pray for the home and family. Get more details and sign up by May 1 by contacting Kurt Franje: 641-780-9054 or kfranje@siouxlandhabitat.org.

Are you ready to do some spring cleaning? Or maybe you are considering "downsizing" to a condo, apartment, or assisted living? Western Christian's Bargain Alley Furniture Outlet may be able to help. We are willing to come to your residence to pick up any donated furniture. Please consider donating your used items to the Bargain Alley Thrift Store or the Bargain Alley Furniture Outlet! Contact Lawrence at the Outlet: 712-439-6802, or check us out on [facebook.com/BargainAlleyThriftStore](https://www.facebook.com/BargainAlleyThriftStore) for more information.