

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET
August 20, 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, August 21: Western Christian invites you to join us for lunch at noon in Western's Event Center. Come to learn more about The Wolfpack Edge, an intentional effort to promote Faith, Purpose, Passion, and Service in all our activities and athletics at Western. We encourage you to bring a friend. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP Brad Vis - brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com if you plan to attend.

Monday, August 21: Western Christian High School - Fall Society Meeting
The Board of Trustees invites the Society of Western to participate in our annual Fall meeting. We welcome your in-person attendance at 6pm in which we will update the society on current events and vote on four trustees who have been nominated for a first term (Ryan Beukelman, Bryan Van Kley, Lora Petitt, and Brenda Postma), and one board trustee who is up for a second term (Keith Kelderman).

Saturday, August 26. Women of Renewal is hosting a Teen Girls Retreat, "Living as the aroma of Christ" at Living Water Church in Orange City. This retreat is for girls aged 12-18 and will be from 10am-8:30pm. This daylong retreat will include speakers, times of worship, breakout sessions, and a dance party. For more details and to register, go to www.womenofrenewal.com-- Mary Jo Lee, OTR/L

Advance Announcements

Saturday, September 2: You are cordially invited to a faculty organ and trumpet recital by Dr. Carrie Groenewold, Associate Professor of Church Music and Organ, and Richard Neckermann, trumpet, at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The recital will be followed by a public reception in the lobby. The evening will feature a variety of works for trumpet and organ, as well as some solo organ repertoire, including the opening movement of the Trumpet Concerto in E-flat by Johann Baptist Neruda, the lush Prière ("Prayer") by César Franck, and musical depictions of several paintings of Edvard Munch by living composer Anthony Plog.

Monday, September 4: Mark your calendars for the First CRC Labor Day Pancake Breakfast to be held at First CRC in Sioux Center, with serving from 7:30 to 9:30am. Free will donations for their youth group mission trip.

Tuesday, September 12: Join us at Bethel CRC in Sioux Center at 9:00am for the Growing Inward-Reaching Outward conference for men and women with best-selling author, Carol Kent, whose life turned upside down when their only child was sentenced for murder. Carol shares from God's Word and her family's life experience in growing an enduring faith and impacting the world for Christ. Registration and more information can be found at Bibleleague.org/tickets

Saturday, September 16: Don't miss a conference for couples of all ages to be held at New Life Church in Sioux Center with author Dr. Gary Chapman, who will lead "The Five Love Language Marriage Conference." The primary purpose is to help bless and strengthen marriages in our surrounding communities. Newly married, married for many years, dating couples, engaged couples, and single people are encouraged to attend. Cost is \$59 per couple or \$39 for a single person, which includes refreshments, lunch, and all materials for the day (9am-3:30pm). Register online at nlrchurch.org/events.