

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET

August 27, 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.

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.

Advance Announcements

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: Hope Haven Talsma ATV & Horse Ride Benefit: Ready for an adventure? Bring your ATV's, side by sides, dirt bikes, or horses and join Hope Haven for their Talsma Benefit Ride at Talsma's Trail Park at 8:30am. Talsma's Trail Park is an ATV park located along the Missouri River in Southeast South Dakota. Trails range from easy to extreme, and include creek crossings, scenic river bluffs, open prairies, river bottom terrain, and more. Don't miss this fun opportunity to support Hope Haven International Ministries! Sign up today by visiting, hopehaven.org/events.

Requested Announcements

The Sioux Center area Friendship Bible group begins its season at the end of this month. A young man in his early twenties—talkative, fun and funny, excited about his job (and Friendship)—needs a new mentor. If you are an adult male who feels led to spend an hour on Thursday evenings alongside a room full of fellow believers with a wide variety of gifts and abilities, please contact First CRC (office@firstcrc.com) to connect you with the Friendship team leaders.

JUSTICE FOR ALL is very excited to announce dates for the upcoming 2024 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 20-26; JVM Perkins Foundation, Jackson MS – Feb 03-09; Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson MS – Feb 10-16; Grace Covenant Ministries, Annville, KY – Mar 02-08; Grace Reigns, Hildale UT – Mar 16-22. There may be flyers with more information about each project in your church information area. If not, email nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org and he will get one to you. To sign up or for more information, please contact Nick LeLoux at JFA (712-476-2804, nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org). Or you may join us on October 23rd at 1335 Valley Drive, Rock Valley, IA, for an information meeting at 6:30pm (refreshments will be provided).