

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET

October 1, 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.

Tuesday, October 3: 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. Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. For information, call Shirley Matheis 722-4462.

Wednesday, October 4: Join us on Wednesday, October 4, for Bethel CRC's annual Harvest Sale in the SCCS gym. A supper of Pizza Ranch pizza and chicken will be served from 5-7pm with pie and ice cream for dessert. Take part in the Bake Sale and the Silent Auction, with the main Auction beginning at 6:30pm. Come for some fun and fellowship, with all proceeds going to the Bethel Christian Education Fund.

Thursday, October 5: The Faith CRC annual Fall Supper and Auction will be at the SCCS gym. A Pizza Ranch buffet will be served from 5-6:30pm in the cafeteria with freewill donation for the meal. The auction begins at 6:00pm. Proceeds go towards Faith's Christian Education Fund.

Friday, October 6: Do you enjoy listening to inspirational Christian music? If so, please mark your calendars for "An Evening of Praise" with Bible League International (BLI) Ambassadors who are sponsoring a music concert at the B.J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt University in Sioux Center at 7pm. The groups that will be performing are Four for Him, the Klaasens, and Ensemble Royale. There will also be a featured six-handed piano arrangement performed by Trio BDT. A free will offering will be taken for BLI. This year BLI is celebrating its 85th anniversary. Every \$5.00 raised will cover the cost of putting a Bible written in a language that they can understand in the hands of people around the world. Please invite your friends and family to "An Evening of Praise." Everyone is welcome!

Saturday, October 7: Joynd Together, a non-profit organization dedicated to uniting school and church communities through running and literacy activities rooted in faith, will be hosting a Young Authors Conference at 9:00am to noon at Sioux Center High School. The conference will feature the esteemed award-winning author, Daniel Nayeri, as the keynote speaker. Mr. Nayeri is a remarkable storyteller and possesses a distinctive ability to captivate young minds with his creative works. His compelling story of faith will also be key to his involvement with our conference. All community members are invited to hear his opening session where he will share this inspiring story that he recounts in his New York Times best-selling novel, *Everything Sad is Untrue*. A book signing and breakfast will follow the opening session and students in grades 3-12 will stay for fun activities and instruction led by Mr. Nayeri. Please follow the link for more information and to register for the event:

<https://joyndtogether.com/young-authors-conference>

Advance Announcements

Wednesday, October 11: Hope Haven would like to invite you to Double HH's 50th Anniversary Open House from 4 until 7pm. Come out to their community-wide open house to recognize their employees, customers, community supporters, and all the agricultural producers who rely on the quality of the Double HH hitchpins. There will be refreshments available and tours, including their 35,000 square foot expansion. Hope to see you as a way of saying thank you for pulling together for the past 50 years!

Friday, October 13: Dordt University student Alice Ymker will present a senior violin and organ recital at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The recital features a Mendelssohn organ sonata based on the choral tune Vater unser, a violin/organ duet on Be Thou My Vision, and Souvenir de Sarasate, a lively fiddle-style piece with double-stops and left-hand pizzicato. Ymker will be accompanied by Dordt University seniors Jenna De Jong of Rock Valley, Iowa, and Karli Vreugdenhil of Orange City, Iowa.

Saturday, October 14: Dordt University student Kylie Sorensen will present a senior voice recital at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The recital will feature works sung in various languages, including Hebrew, German, French, Spanish, and Italian. Genres will include 20th Century and Jazz styles and Musical Theatre selections such as from the musical Hamilton. A highlight of the recital is the piece Alto's Lament by Zina Goldrich because it

allows Sorensen to showcase her personality and love of performing. All are welcome to a reception following the recital. The recital will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream> .

Thursday, October 19: Mark your calendars and gather your friends for a memorable night at Promise Community Health Center's 14th annual "Evening of Promise" Celebration to take place at 6pm at the Terrace View Event Center in Sioux Center. This event promises an evening of entertainment (Dueling Duos, dueling pianos), great food, and an opportunity to make a meaningful impact in your community. See this link, <https://promisechc.org/an-evening-of-promise-2023/> for tickets and more information.

Requested Announcements

Orders are being taken for delicious homemade apple pies to help offset Bridge of Hope's Christian Education fund. Deadline for ordering is Sunday, October 1. Pies will be ready for pick up at the church office (43 2nd St NE, Sioux Center) on Thursday or Friday, October 26 or 27, between 9am & 4pm. Payment of \$15 per pie will be collected at that time. If a different pickup time is preferable, contact the office to make arrangements. If you would like to place an order, please email office@bridgecrc.org and indicate the number of pies you would like to purchase, along with your name and cell phone number. Thanks!

Please consider partnering with a farmer in Liberia, Africa this fall with a donation of grain. One Body One Hope is a ministry partnership between northwest Iowa and Liberia. Your grain donation would support a farm community of families in West Africa. To learn more, visit onebodyonehope.org and click the grain donation link or call 712-395-8987. Thank you.