

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET

October 8, 2023

Please turn in announcements by 10:30 on Wednesday mornings to the office of the First Christian Reformed Church: [office@firstcrc.com](mailto:office@firstcrc.com) or 712-722-0717.

**Wednesday, October 11:** Hope Haven would like to invite you to Double HH's 50<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Thursday, October 12:** Katelyn's Fund October Support Meeting at 7:00 pm in the Fireside Room at Centerpoint Church. Holding Fast: Understanding Healthy Relationships and Attachment, led by the Dordt Social Work Department.

**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>.

### Advance Announcements

**Sunday, October 15:** ETM (Early Teen Ministry for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders) will meet at the Dordt Campus Center at 7:30pm.

**Friday, October 20:** The Dordt University Music Department presents guest artists Mariane Lemieux-Wottrich (soprano) and Tyler Wottrich (piano) for a recital at 7:30 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The recital will include a world premiere performance of two songs Tyler composed based on texts from J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings*. Mariane will share some selections in her native French language, including Poulenc's vivid illustration of the beautiful complexities and inevitable dualities of love and life in his cycle *Fiançailles pour rire*. They will end the program with a lively and comical American song from 1910, unearthed for them by a music collector colleague, that describes well their family reality since having two children: "She Used to Sing Grand Opera But Now it's Lullaby." This song will be surrounded by a "grand opera" aria from *Lakmé* and followed by an actual lullaby expanded with virtuosic vocal fireworks.

**Saturday, October 21:** Carrie Groenewold and Jared Ostermann will present an all-Bach organ recital at 7:30 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The program will include the dramatic *Pièce d'Orgue*, BWV 572; many chorale-based works, including the profound settings of *Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten* and *O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig*; and the stirring *Praeludium et Fuga in E*, BWV 566. Both Jared and Carrie are graduates of the University of Notre Dame (M.S.M.) and both hold a D.M.A. from the University of Kansas. They will be performing their all-Bach programs at the upcoming "Bach at Bales" Conference at KU, a conference celebrating 300 years of Bach in Leipzig and 125 years of the Organ and Church Music program at the University of Kansas. The conference will feature Olivier Latry and George Stauffer.

**Monday, October 23:** The Music Department of Unity Christian High School will present their Fall Concert at 7:00pm in the Knight Center. This is a great opportunity to hear all of the large group ensembles: Chorale, Concert Choir, Orchestra, and Symphonic Band. A free-will offering will be received.

**Thursday, October 26:** Unity Christian High School will be hosting the NW Iowa Christian School Orchestra Festival with orchestras from Hull Christian, Orange City Christian, Rock Valley Christian, Sioux Center Christian, Unity Christian, and Western Christian participating. A concert beginning at 4:00pm in the Knight Center will showcase the combined middle school orchestras, combined high school orchestras, and a massed orchestra of all of the participating students. A free-will offering will be received.

**Thursday, October 26:** Justice for All invites you to their annual auction and meeting event to be held at the Parkview Event Center in Rock Valley, IA. Dinner starts at 5pm, short business meeting at 6:15pm, live auction at 6:30pm. Come out to support Justice for All ministry, hear about highlights from the past fiscal year and what God has been doing through JFA in 2023! There will be an online portion of the auction as well. We hope to see you!

### **Requested Announcements**

The Bethel / First CRC GEMS program 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 girls or counselors Cori Van Dyken (712-441-3566) or Ashley Wynia (712-441-5645) by October 11. Thanks for your support!

Homeownership Opportunity! Are you or someone you know in need of a safe, decent and affordable place to live? Siouxland Habitat for Humanity is accepting partner family applications for a 2024 home build in Rock Valley. Application forms are available online at <https://www.siouxlandhabitat.org/> or call 712-224-5117 to receive one. Applications are due October 31.

Join us as we "Celebrate Western."

- Meat and Freezer Meal orders are due Friday, October 20.
  - Our online auction begins Tuesday, October 24. Go to [www.zomerbid.com](http://www.zomerbid.com) to access the auction.
  - Explore Western is Tuesday, November 14.
  - The Celebrate Western Community Meal, Bake Sale, and Kid's Carnival is Friday, November 17.
- For more information and order forms, please visit our website - [www.westernchristianhs.com](http://www.westernchristianhs.com)