

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET

October 15, 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.

Sunday, October 15: ETM (Early Teen Ministry for 7th & 8th graders) will meet at the Dordt Campus Center for a scavenger hunt 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 7:30pm 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 7:30pm 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.

Advance Announcements

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

Dordt University hosts its Defender Days celebration with a wide range of events, including:

- the **4th Avenue Jazz Concert** at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, October 27
- the **Fall Festival: Instrumental Ensembles Concert** featuring Chamber Orchestra, Campus-Community Band, and Wind Symphony at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 27
- the **Fall Festival: Choral Ensembles Concert** featuring Bella Voce, Canons of Dordt, Chorale, and Concert Choir at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, October 27
- a **Hymn Festival titled "As People Called by God"** on Saturday, October 28 at 10:30 a.m. presented by guest organist Jeffrey Brillhart as part of the Joan Ringerwole Organ Recital Series.

All events will be in the B.J. Haan Auditorium and will also be available on livestream at www.dordt.edu/livestream. Go to www.dordt.edu for more Defender Days weekend highlights.

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 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

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.

LOVE INC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

1. Love In the Name of Christ Sioux County is looking for volunteers that would be part of a hospitality team as we develop a new ministry called R&R:Refresh & Renew. These are once a month "Lunch and Learns" to encourage and equip our local pastors. Volunteers would coordinate and provide a light lunch for our pastors, speakers, and staff. The meetings run from September - April (not in December) at the office in Rock Valley.
2. We are recognizing our ever-growing need for a bilingual person to help our staff as we serve our community. At this time, we are seeking a volunteer who would be willing to donate a few hours each week. Days and times would be flexible with your schedule.
3. Our Rides of Love Transportation ministry is very busy! If you are willing to give of your time and provide rides from your community to medical appointments, please contact Pat at Love INC. You, as a volunteer, can set the boundaries for days, times and even how far you're willing to drive. Bilingual volunteers are encouraged as well.

Email director@loveincsiouxcounty.org or call 712-476-5990 for more information.