

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET
October 22, 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, 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!

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

- the 4th Avenue Jazz Concert at 3:00pm on Friday, October 27
- the Fall Festival: Instrumental Ensembles Concert featuring Chamber Orchestra, Campus-Community Band, and Wind Symphony at 7:00pm on Friday, October 27
- the Fall Festival: Choral Ensembles Concert featuring Bella Voce, Canons of Dordt, Chorale, and Concert Choir at 8:30pm on Friday, October 27
- a Hymn Festival titled "As People Called by God" on Saturday, October 28 at 10:30am 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.

Advance Announcements

Thursday, November 2: Trick or Treat in the Hall takes place in Covenant and West Hall (underclassmen women dorms at Dordt University) from 7-8pm. Kids can walk the halls and trick or treat at designated rooms.

Friday, November 3: Dordt University student Karli Vreugdenhil will present a senior violin and organ recital at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The full range of the violin will be exhibited in Mendelssohn's *Violin Concerto in E Minor*, with its virtuosic passages and cadenza featuring saltando bowing. Paul Schoenfield's *Café Music* includes swing and jazz-like rhythms and a variety of musical styles, such as light classical and Broadway. Another highlight of the recital is Jehan Alain's *Litanies*; the theme stated at the beginning continues uninterrupted and includes complex harmonies, representing the ascent of faith. All are welcome to a reception following the recital. The recital will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>.

Saturday, November 4: Dordt University student Aaron Galloway will present a senior cello recital at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The recital features pieces from Baroque to contemporary styles that demonstrate a broad range of what the cello is capable of. The recital begins with an unaccompanied suite for cello by Bach, which is a staple in the repertoire. A short elegy by Jacques Offenbach shows the operatic and lyrical quality of the cello, and a few pieces by Aaron Minsky venture into contemporary, popular styles. The final two works are by Ludwig van Beethoven: a duet for viola and cello, and a sonata for cello and piano. All are welcome to a reception following the recital. The recital will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>.

Tuesday, November 14: You're invited to our fall showcase, *Explore Western*, at 7:00pm. Families with students of all ages are welcome to attend the hour-long event. Our goal is to share an authentic, relational, and enjoyable experience for prospective WC families as they learn about "Who We Are" and "What We Do" at Western Christian High School.

Requested Announcements

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.
 - 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

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.