

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET
October 29, 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 29: Combined Reformation Day Service: Bethel CRC and Bridge of Hope CRC invite you to the annual combined Reformation Day service at 6:00pm at Bethel CRC. Pastor Sam Ashmore will be giving the message, "Take a Seat" based on Psalm 91. An offering will be received for One Body One Hope and a nursery will be provided. We look forward to a time of worship together.

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>.

Advance Announcements

Friday, November 10: Dordt University student Kayla Vande Zande of Hamilton, MI, will present a senior flute and piccolo recital at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Recital repertoire includes *La flûte de Pan* by Jules Mouquet; Doppler's *Duettino Hongrois*, a duet featuring Dordt University senior Allie Strong of Mitchell, SD; and the solo piccolo piece *Concerto in Do Maggiore* by Vivaldi. Vande Zande will be accompanied by Dordt University senior Karli Vreugdenhil of Orange City.

Saturday, November 11: Ryan Smit and the Dordt University Concert Choir will be presenting a lecture recital at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. This event will feature a 30-minute lecture on the topic "Twentieth Century Dutch Composers: An Analysis of Selected Psalm Settings" followed by a 30-minute concert featuring choral performances of several Psalm settings. This recital is in partial fulfillment of the requirements for Smit's Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Choral Conducting from North Dakota State University. 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

Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts may be brought to New Life Church in Sioux Center November 13-19. Contact Loralie Wiese, 712-441-2371, for more information. www.samaritanaspurse.org/occ

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.