

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET**  
**November 26, 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.**

**Monday, November 27:** You are invited to the Sioux Center Christian School Fall Instrumental Concert at 7:00pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. This concert will feature our 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade orchestras and 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grade bands. You will be blessed by a variety of pieces that share the talents of our students! A freewill offering will be received for our music dept.

**Friday, December 1:** The Dordt University Music Department will present a Small Ensembles Recital at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The recital will feature Dordt University's Saxophone Ensemble and Clarinet Choir. The Saxophone Ensemble will perform *Senbonzakura*, a fast, syncopated song depicting the Japanese Meiji revolution; an arrangement of "Merry-Go-Round of Life" from the film *Howl's Moving Castle*; an arrangement of Vivaldi's "Winter" from *Four Seasons* featuring a soprano saxophone soloist; and an arrangement of *Nearer My God to Thee*. The Dordt Clarinet Choir will perform tangos from Warsaw, Poland; a Peruvian waltz; a Habanera composed in the style of Ravel; and arrangements of Dvorak's *American String Quartet* and Mendelssohn's *Songs without Words*.

**Saturday, December 2:** The ETM (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders) Christmas Party will be held from 6-9pm at the All Seasons Center. Pizza will be served at 6pm in the Senior Center with ice skating to follow from 7 to 9pm. Please bring \$8.00 for skating and skates unless you have your own, which will then be \$5.00 for skating. We will also have a prize for the ugliest Christmas sweater. Please come with your Christmas spirit on!

**Advance Announcements**

**Friday, December 8:** The Dordt University Choral Department will present a Christmas Choral Ensembles Concert at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. This concert will feature Bella Voce women's chorus, Canons of Dordt men's chorus, and Concert Choir. The choirs will combine to perform John Rutter's three-movement *Gloria* with brass and percussion. Each choir will also share a few other songs contemplating and celebrating the coming of the Christ child. The concert will also be available on livestream at [www.dordt.edu/live-events](http://www.dordt.edu/live-events).

**Saturday, December 9:** Join the Dordt University Music Department at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium for the final concert of the fall semester by the Dordt Instrumental Ensembles. The concert will feature music by Bach, Moncayo, and many other to include settings of well-known Christmas music. Joining the ensembles will be two guest conductors. Master Gunnery Sergeant Raul Caldera, Bandmaster of the 1st Marine Division Band from Camp Pendleton, CA, will lead the Wind Symphony in Moncayo's *Huapango*. Also, joining us for his second guest appearance at Dordt will be Stadtkapellemeister Michael Johner. Maestro Johner will lead the Wind Symphony in Englebert Humperdinck's Wagneresque "Evening Prayer and Pantomime" from *Hansel and Gretel*. The concert will also be available on livestream at [www.dordt.edu/live-events](http://www.dordt.edu/live-events).

**Sunday, December 10:** The Dordt University Chorale will present "A Service of Lessons and Carols" at 8:00pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Come and worship with the Chorale as they celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ through song. Scriptural lessons presented by dramatic readers from the Dordt Theatre Department will alternate with performed anthems and congregational carol singing. The Chorale will be joined by an array of accompanying instruments: piano, organ, brass quintet, and string quartet. The concert will also be available on livestream at [www.dordt.edu/live-events](http://www.dordt.edu/live-events).

**Thursday, December 14:** The Unity Christian FFA is hosting a Soup Supper from 4:30-6:30pm. The soup supper will take place in the Unity cafeteria. Free-will donations will be taken. Come and enjoy food and fellowship, while supporting future FFA projects!

**Thursday, December 14:** The Unity Christian High School Music Department invites you to join them for an evening of music focused on the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ at 7:00pm in the Knight Center. The concert will feature the choirs, symphonic band and orchestra, and ending with the singing and playing of the Hallelujah Chorus. Please join us for an evening filled with the musical joy recognized as part of the Christmas season.

## Requested Announcements

EGG ROLLS are again available from Siouxland Unity CRC in Sioux City: \$15/dozen; \$5 for sweet chili sauce. Order from Henry Kraayenbrink at 712-540-8617 or [svvinc@mtcnet.net](mailto:svvinc@mtcnet.net) by Friday, December 8. Pick them up at Faith CRC at 10:00am on Saturday, December 16.