

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET
December 3, 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.

Tuesday, December 5: The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Support Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7 to 9pm. Video: "Schizophrenia: The Worst Symptoms." Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. For information, call Shirley Matheis 722-4462.

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.

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 Stadtkapellmeister 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.

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.

Tuesday, December 12: You are invited to the Sioux Center Christian School Christmas Choral Concert at 7:00pm at Centerpoint Church. This concert will feature our 5th-8th grade choirs, who will be singing songs from Christmas movies, songs in other languages, the Christmas classics and will also include instruments, duets, and solos. A freewill offering will be received for our music dept.

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.

Friday, December 15: The Dordt University Music Department will present a 4th Avenue Jazz concert at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Featured on the concert will be the 4th Avenue Singers and 4th Avenue Band. Come for a relaxed evening of jazzy Christmas songs and carols, big band standards, and a variety of collaborations between singers and instruments. The concert will also be available on livestream at www.dordt.edu/live-events.

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 by Friday, December 8. Pick them up at Faith CRC at 10:00am on Saturday, December 16.