

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET

January 7, 2024

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, January 9: 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 9 p.m. Dr. Robert Hubbard will discuss and read from his new book, *Scenes with my Son: Love and Grief in the Wake of Suicide*. Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. For information, call Shirley Matheis 722-4462.

Thursday, January 11: Hope Haven's Dueling Duo's: Come enjoy a Dueling Piano Show at The District in Sioux Falls featuring Andy and Ryno! This is the perfect event to enjoy some great music requested by the audience, spend a night with your friends, and support Hope Haven! Doors open at 7 pm and the show begins at 8 pm. Purchase tickets: hopehaven.org/events

Thursday, January 11: Katelyn's Fund January Support Meeting for Foster Care and Adoption: The Journey Through a Mom's Eyes will be held at 7pm in the Fireside Room (Room 99) at Centerpoint Church in Sioux Center. A panel of adoptive and foster mothers will share the unique challenges and blessings of their adoption journeys. Come with questions for our panel of moms in this open question/answer format.

Thursday, January 11: The NW Iowa Dyslexia Support Group will have a guest speaker, Ashley Anderson, at 7pm at the Sioux Center Public Library. Ashley will be sharing how dyslexia can affect your students' mental health on a daily basis. Educators, parents, caregivers, and anyone interested in learning more about dyslexia is welcome to attend. Registration on the Sioux Center Public Library website is requested so we can have enough materials for attendees, but feel free to come even if you have not registered.

Friday, January 12: The Dordt University Chamber Orchestra invites you to a concert at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. This free concert is part of a winter tour with performances scheduled in Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, and Iowa. Under the baton of Associate Professor of Music and Director of Instrumental Activities Dr. Onsby C. Rose, the Chamber Orchestra will perform a wide variety of repertoire ranging from the Romantic era with Tchaikovsky's Serenade for Strings, to music by living composers, such as Only Light by Minnesota native Aaron Perrine. Join us for an evening of music for the Glory of God! The concert will also be available on livestream at www.dordt.edu/live-events.

Advance Announcements

Friday, January 19: Homecoming 2024 will be held at Unity Christian High School. The Homecoming Court will be presented after chapel. Evening activities, beginning at 4:30, will include four basketball games, presentation of the Homecoming Royalty, and Dance Team performances. Alumni and friends of UCHS are invited to all the activities.

Friday, January 26 and Saturday January 27: Sioux Center Christian School invites you to attend one of the 7th/8th grade performances of *The Elves and the Shoemaker* at 7pm in the TePaske Theater. This production is a fanciful and charming reframing of the traditional store of shoemaking elves. No tickets needed; a freewill offering will be received.

Thursday, March 14: Hope Haven Presents Dylan Scott: Exciting News! Mark your calendars for this fun event for all ages at The District in Sioux Falls. Doors open at 7 pm and the show begins at 8 pm. Curb Records recording country artist Dylan Scott is a triple threat — a powerful vocalist with a deep, unmistakable drawl; an old-soul songwriter with a young spirit; and a family man with a tender heart. Scott is a 2023 ACM nominee in the category, New Male Artist of the Year. Purchase tickets: hopehaven.org/events

Requested Announcements

Are you seeking to travel overseas with a mission purpose? Hope Haven International Ministries has one upcoming trip and we need team members. We are traveling to Uganda Africa. We are seeking up to 12 people to travel with us. The dates look to be the second half of March, 2024 departing on March 23, 2024. We are distributing two containers of wheelchairs with three different ministries in Uganda. You have an option of ending with an African safari at the end of the distribution trip. No special skills needed, just a heart to help. There will be a little time to tour with each group. Please contact Kelly Te Slaa at Hope Haven, kteslaa@hopehaven.org or 605-401-3675, or Mark Siemonsma at msiemons@hopehaven.org or 712.470.0298. Direct any questions to Mark.

SING THE MOZART REQUIEM IN 2024: The Sioux County Oratorio Chorus will kick off its 2024 season in January, and you are invited to sing with us! This season, we will be returning to perennial favorite, Mozart's *Requiem*, performing with orchestra and professional soloists on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at Northwestern College's Christ Chapel. Rehearsals are held Tuesdays 7:30-9:30 in DeWitt Music Hall on Northwestern's campus, beginning January 9. Singers of all ages and experience are welcome! Please contact Mike Ochsner mkchsnr@gmail.com with any questions. We look forward to making music with you in the new year!

Love INC Sioux County (ministries@loveincsiouxcounty.org; 712-476-5990) has opportunities for you to serve your local community with your time and talents! We have several open volunteer positions for our upcoming Love & Learn class session that begins January 23, 2024.

- We need mentors in our Faith & Finances class. If you have a passion for helping people overcome financial challenges and understand basic budgeting, you'd be a great Faith & Finance mentor. Love INC provides mentor training, and you'll work closely with Love INC staff and the class facilitator.
- We provide no cost childcare for our class participants, and we are looking for people (18 and older) to supervise children while their parents attend classes from 6:45 – 8:15 p.m. on Tuesday evenings. Volunteers can sign up for as many nights over the 12-week period as they want to – you pick your dates. Or you can be put on a substitute list.
- Our Boundaries class is based on the best-selling book by Cloud and Townsend – we are looking for someone to facilitate this class for our January session. If you have a passion for how to set and maintain healthy boundaries in your relationships, please consider guiding others through this process. Love INC staff will train you to use the leader guide and videos.