

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET

March 31, 2024

**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.**

**Tuesday, April 2:** 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 pm. Video: Dr Xavier Amador: How To Help Someone With Mental Illness Accept Treatment. Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. For information, call Shirley Matheis 722-4462.

**Thursday, April 4:** Are you ready for high school? We would like to welcome all 8th grade students and parents to Western Christian High School. We will serve a free supper to our guests between 5:15-6:15pm, and the main program will start in the Event Center at 6:15pm. We ask that parents and students attend 8th Grade Day together. If you have any questions, please contact Brad Vis, [brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com](mailto:brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com) or 605-359-5704.

**Friday, April 5:** It's BACK and BIGGER - Hope Haven's BIGGEST fundraiser, the Annual Benefit Auction at Te Slaa Trucking in Hull, IA! Help support individuals with disabilities by attending our Buy It Now opening at 5pm, followed by our live auction at 5:30pm. Choose from over 450 incredible items for all ages to bid on - John Deere Gator, Youth ATV 4-Wheeler, Simplicity Lawn Tractor, South Africa Safari Hunting Trip to meat bundles, electronics, power tools, trips, concerts, grills, toys/games, gift cards, and so much more! For a sneak peek of the items, check out our online catalog by visiting: [www.hopehaven.org](http://www.hopehaven.org).

**Friday, April 5:** The Dordt University Music Department will host fortepianist Daniel Adam Maltz for a recital at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Enjoy Haydn and Mozart's piano works performed as they intended them to be heard — on a Viennese fortepiano. Fortepianist Daniel Adam Maltz is based in Vienna and studied Historical Performance at the Royal Academy of Music in London and at Vienna's University for Music and Performing Arts. He performs on historic Viennese fortepianos, utilizing the vast range of tones, colors, and techniques familiar to Classical-era composers.

**Saturday, April 6:** Hope for the Journey Conference - Join Katelyn's Fund at New Life Church, from 8:30am - 4:30pm to learn from the online Hope for the Journey Conference. It is designed to encourage and equip parents, caregivers, church communities, and professionals caring for children, particularly those impacted by adoption and/or foster care. Hope for the Journey includes an introduction to TBRI (Trust-Based Relational Intervention) and how to address big behaviors and more. By attending this event, 5.25 foster hours are available. There is a half hour lunch break—you can take your own or order lunch in.

**Saturday, April 6:** Dordt University student Isabel Alsum of Lakeville, Minnesota, will present a senior organ recital at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The program will feature numerous musical styles and composers, including J.S. Bach, Jehan Alain, and Olivier Messiaen. Dordt University senior Miranda Munson will be featured as a soprano soloist. The program will follow a musical journey of darkness and grief to light and joy, concluding with a transcription of Gustav Holst's "Jupiter: the Bringer of Jollity" from The Planets: Suite for Organ. The recital will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>.

### Advance Announcements

**Tuesday, April 9:** Bethel CRC in Sioux Center will host a volunteer training workshop at 6:30-8:00pm for all Crossroads Prison Ministries mentors and anyone who is interested in learning more about the ministry. You will hear from Crossroads' president, Joe Pryor, and director of church mobilization, Douglas Cupery. Please consider bringing a friend with you! Register for the event at [forms.office.com/r/t8FfKaX83d](https://forms.office.com/r/t8FfKaX83d).

**Tuesday, April 9:** Don't miss NISO's Spring Concert in the B.J. Haan Auditorium on Dordt University's campus at 7:30pm, which concludes the concert season with a performance which includes not only two enchanting pieces of music but also a symphony for organ featuring Dordt's own Dr. Carrie Groenewold. Tickets are available at the door, or online through ticketleap. \$20 adults, \$6 students (buy one get one free). <https://nisoowa.ticketleap.com/spring-concert/dates/Apr-09-2024> at 0730PM

**Thursday, April 11:** Join the Dordt Music Department for a Community Choir Evening of Worship at 7:00pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. This event will be a time of worship through choral music, Scripture readings, litanies, meditations, and other musical reflections. A combined Community Choir will sing four choral pieces composed or arranged by guest composer-in-residence Dan Forrest. The Dordt choirs will join the Community Choir for two of those pieces as well as sing a few other Dan Forrest works on their own.

**Friday, April 12:** The Dordt University Choral Department will present the High School Choral Festival Concert at 7:00pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium and De Witt Gymnasium. This concert will feature a massed festival choir including singers from 13 Christian high schools representing 6 different states, as well as four Dordt choirs: Bella Voce women's chorus, Canons of Dordt men's chorus, 4th Avenue Singers, Chorale, and Concert Choir. In addition, most of the participating choirs will perform one song on their own. Also present for the day festival and the concert will be internationally acclaimed composer Dan Forrest.

**Saturday, April 13:** Dordt University student Philip Shippy of Sioux Center, Iowa, will present a junior voice recital at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The program focuses on German Art Songs and Contemporary English songs, featuring a range of tones such as bright and bouncy, smooth and beautiful, adventurous, or dark and intense. Shippy will be accompanied by Dordt University junior Abe Hall of Machesney Park, Illinois.

**Sunday, April 14:** Come hear the biblical foundation of God's mission to reach the world with the gospel. Walk through passages all the way from Genesis to Revelation, seeing that the Bible is one book with one common theme: God's name is to be known and worshipped throughout all the world. Learn why & how you should play a role in this mission! Refreshments will be provided. This will be held at 7:30pm in SB 1606 on Dordt's campus.

**Wednesday, April 24:** We invite you to attend the Annual Western Christian Foundation Luncheon at noon in the Western Christian Event Center. Mr. Brad Van Heuvelen, Chief Wealth Management Officer at Peoples Bank, will be the guest speaker. Lunch will be provided by Beyer Catering and Amie Smit and the Western Christian Orchestra will provide special music. Please RSVP to Brad Vis - [brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com](mailto:brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com) or 605-359-5704 if you plan to attend. We hope to see you there.