

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET

April 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, 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.

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.

Saturday, April 13: Please come to Sioux Center Christian School's Trail'Raiser Trek! It is a come and go event from **8:00am – 11:30am** at school where you can give to help build the Blazer Center gym floor – a foundation for God's kids to worship, gather, run, jump, and perform. Walk through school, find Trek Quest clues, enjoy a delicious brunch, purchase gourmet cupcakes, bars, and snack mixes, iced coffees and fruit refreshers, Truth t-shirts, and Truth decals. Look for the flyer in your church mailbox or go to siouxcenterchristian.com > Support SCCS > Trail'Raiser Trek.

Advance Announcements

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.

Sunday, April 14: ETM (Early Teen Ministry for 7th and 8th graders) will meet at First CRC at 7:30pm.

Tuesday, April 16: We invite all Unity supporters to attend the Unity Society Meeting at 7:00pm in the Knight Center. Board members will be elected at this meeting. The nominees are from Immanuel CRC OC - Randy Smit and Benji Hulstein; Covenant CRC - Melissa Bailey and Jeff Ploegstra; Bethel CRC - Candi Te Krony, Dean Dekkers and Julie Hoogland. We will have updates from the Board and also a budget to pass for the 24-25 school year.

Wednesday, April 17: Dordt University's Criminal Justice and Social Work departments, in cooperation with the Sioux County Sheriff's Office, are hosting the screening of the documentary, *Gridshock: A Documentary about Sex Trafficking in Iowa*. This will be followed by a panel discussion. The event will be held from 7-9pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The event is open to all, but due to the sensitive nature of this topic, discretion is advised. Invited guests represent the following offices: Iowa Attorney General, U.S. Attorney, FBI, Sioux County Attorney, CAASA, and the Family Crisis Center.

Thursday, April 18: All grandparents of freshmen students at Unity Christian High School are invited to attend Freshmen Grandparent Day at the school. The event is scheduled to begin at 9:30am and will finish at lunch with your grandchild. Please call 737-4114 or email aobbink@unitychristian.net to make a lunch reservation.

Thursday, April 18: Western Christian High School invites you to attend a Spring Society Meeting at 6pm. We will gather in The HUB at Western Christian High School. Our Head Administrator, Mr. Verwolf, will share a State of School Report which includes staffing and program updates for the upcoming school year. Additionally, we have an opportunity as a society to approve the annual budget for the 2024-2025 school year and vote on proposed revisions to our Bylaws. To review the proposed changes, please go to www.westernchristianhs.com. You will be able to access the document on the front page of our website.

Friday, April 19: Dordt University student Anna Herman of Boise, Idaho, will present a senior organ recital at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Herman will be playing works by Bach, Brahms, Speuy, and Visser, the latter three of which were selected because they are arrangements of chorale, psalm, and hymn tunes, reflecting her passion as a church organist. For Herman, a highlight of the recital is the Canonic Variations on Slane by Larry Visser because "he expresses many of the emotions of the Christian faith and excellently captures the text of the hymn Be Thou My Vision." The recital will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>.

Saturday, April 20: The Joan Ringerwole Organ Recital Series presents Dutch organist Willem van Twillert in a solo organ recital at 7:30pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt University. Van Twillert is an organist, composer, improviser, and teacher. He has published many psalm and choral arrangements and has received international awards for many of them. His performance at Dordt is part of the Ringerwole Organ Recital Series, which is currently in its eleventh year. The Joan Ringerwole Organ Recital series seeks to promote the organ and its repertoire for the musical education and enjoyment of students, alumni, and the community by bringing celebrated organists to Dordt University.

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 or 605-359-5704 if you plan to attend. We hope to see you there.

Saturday, April 27: MOZART REQUIEM - The Sioux County Oratorio Chorus, joined by Northwestern College's A Cappella Choir, will be presenting Mozart's Requiem—one of the most powerful and beloved choral works of all time! Under the direction of Dr. Thomas Holm, and featuring orchestra and professional soloists, the concert will be presented at 7:30pm in Christ Chapel at Northwestern College. Tickets for adults are \$15 in advance/\$20 at the door and \$5 for students. Advance tickets can be purchased at Northwestern's music office in Orange City, Dordt's music office in Sioux Center, Evie's Hallmark in Sioux Center, and Windmill Park Jewelers in Orange City.

Saturday, April 27: Love INC Sioux County invites everyone to their Spring Share Event at the Parkview Event Center in Rock Valley. Doors will open at 5pm and food will be served starting at 5:30pm. Very Good Trivia will be our entertainment so come with your knowledge skills sharpened! Tickets are \$50 each or get a team together and reserve a table of 8 for \$360. You can purchase tickets by calling the Love INC office at 712-476-5990 or go online to www.loveincsiouxcounty.org. Deadline is April 17.

Friday, May 3: Mark your calendars for the annual ATLAS/CFE Auction at New Life Church with a dinner from 5:30 to 6:30pm and auction from 6:30 to 8:00pm. See our website (www.atlasofsiouxcenter.org) for donating items. If you'd love to donate in other ways, you may donate pop, 300 3-section paper plates, or gift cards to cover food costs. We could also use two volunteers to supervise the kids' movie room or to have juice boxes and a snack provided for the movie room (we plan for about 75 kids). If interested in helping in any of these ways, please give their office a call at 712-722-4900. Find updates via ATLAS Facebook!