

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET

August 18, 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.

Monday, August 19: Western Christian's Board of Trustees invites the Society of Western to participate in our annual Fall meeting. We welcome your in-person attendance at 6:30pm. All committee reports will be available for review. At the meeting we will update the society on current events and vote on elected board members: Kevin Harthoorn (Sanborn), Chad Feenstra (Sioux Center), and Jason Kooima (Rock Valley); each for a first term.

Friday, August 23: Benefit Concert - Trinity CRC in Rock Valley will host The Hope Heralds, a reformed men's chorus from West Michigan, at 7:00pm. A group of men from this area will also be joining this choir for some of the songs. There will be a free will offering taken and all proceeds will be donated to assist the flood relief in NW Iowa.

Advance Announcements

Tuesday, August 27: Love INC's Love & Learn classes will begin this fall at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley as they offer Faith & Finances, Boundaries, Grief Share, and Redemptive Compassion. Please contact Love INC (712-476-5990; ministries@loveincsiouxcounty.org) for more information and to register by August 21.

Wednesdays, August 28 – November 20: Are you grieving the loss of someone near and dear to you? Are you wondering if what you are experiencing is normal? A local Grief Share Support Group will begin sessions on August 28 through November 20. You may join at any time for help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. This group meets at New Hope Evangelical Free Church's south wing in Orange City from 7-8:30pm for 13 weeks which includes a video and confidential small group discussion. Cost: A suggested donation of \$20 covers all costs for the entire series. Call Ken Fry (712-441-4684) or Elaine Elgersma (712-737-3227) for more information.

Saturday, August 31: You are cordially invited to a faculty organ recital by Dr. Carrie Groenewold, Associate Professor of Church Music and Organ at Dordt University at 7:00pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The evening will feature standards by Bruhns, Bach, and Sweelinck, along with works by composers of our time—a duet for flute and organ by Emma Lou Diemer, a fanfare by Craig Phillips, and variations on the beloved "Old Hundredth" tune by Denis Bédard. The recital will include collaborations with Jessi Rose, flute, and Rheinberger's lyrical Cantilène with Marian Casey, cello. In addition, Dr. Michael Kearney, a new faculty member in the Communication Department, will perform one of his own organ compositions based on the hymn tune MELITA and the Genevan Psalter tune of Psalm 107.

Saturday, September 7: The Hope Haven Rick Harmelink Commemorative Trail Ride is set for Newton Hills! The ride features six miles of horse trails filled with scenic hills and trees. For over ten years, Rich helped make this fundraiser a success, and now you can ride in his honor. Find out all the details about the ride, parking, lunch (grilled pork loin), and more at hopehaven.org/events. All proceeds benefit Hope Haven International Ministries.

Monday, September 9 & Tuesday, September 10: Bible League Volunteer Ambassadors will host two special events for men and women on "Grip, Grit, and the Gospel" at Bethel CRC in Sioux Center. Monday evening, Sept. 9, at 6:00-7:30pm, you can join friends of Bible League for a special dinner and fellowship for \$25 by registering by Sept. 3. On Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 9:30am - 3:00pm, speakers Craig and Molly Sanborn will join us, along with Jennifer Frens and Ensemble for worship and music, and Santosh Chandran from South Asia/Pacific. Monday dinner registration is \$25 by Sept. 3; the Tuesday Conference, with lunch, is \$40 if registering by August 15; \$45 late registration by Sept. 3; conference only, no lunch - \$35. Sign up at www.bibleleague.org/tickets. If you do not have internet access, call 708-367-8921 for assistance. Registration closes Sept. 3.

Saturday, September 14: Ready for an adventure? Bring your ATV's, side by sides, dirt bikes, or horses and join Hope Haven for their Talsma Benefit Ride at Talsma's Trail Park on September 14. Talsma's Trail Park is an ATV park located along the Missouri River in Southeast South Dakota. Trails range from easy to extreme, and include creek crossings, scenic river bluffs, open prairies, river bottom terrain, and more. Don't miss this fun opportunity to support Hope Haven International Ministries! For more details, visit hopehaven.org/events.

Requested Announcements

Local church members are invited to participate in Dordt University's International Friendship Family Program. Families can sign up to host one or more international students. We are hoping that this program serves both the international students and families well. For international students, the program provides an opportunity for them to get off campus, build new relationships, be invited to an American home, and engage in the local community. Families can take this as an opportunity to learn and embrace different cultures and get to know students and their stories. Contact David Lee (David.Lee@dordt.edu; 712-722-6273) for more information.

Western Christian's Bargain Alley Thrift Store and Furniture Outlet are seeking more volunteers. Please contact Kari Hoekstra at bargainalleyhull@gmail.com or call the store 712-439-6800 if you are interested.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LOVE INC CLASSES: If you have a heart for helping others, we have many opportunities for you to use your gifts and talents. Some of the opportunities include childcare, financial mentors, prayer partners, and hospitality! Please call the Love INC office (712-476-5990) to find out more about ways to serve your community! Our fall class session in Rock Valley starts August 27.

Unity Christian High School is seeking applications for a kitchen staff position as soon as possible. Work hours are expected to be from 10am-1:45pm each day. To learn more about the position contact Maggie Reinke at 712-737-4114 or at mreinke@unitychristian.net. Applications can be found on our website: <https://www.unitychristian.net/employment>

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (March 28 - April 8, 2025): Travel by motor coach (7 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.