

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET

August 25, 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.

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 - 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.

The Dordt faculty organ recital given by Dr. Carrie Groenewold, originally scheduled for August 31 at 7:00pm, has been postponed. A new date will be forthcoming soon.

Advance Announcements

Monday, September 2: The First CRC Youth Group will be hosting a Labor Day Pancake Breakfast from 7:30 to 9:30am at First CRC (321 2nd St SE) serving pancakes with toppings of strawberries/chocolate chips, sausages, juice, and coffee. Free will donations will be received for their youth group's future mission trip.

Wednesday, September 4: Calvary CRC and Heartland Christian Schools invite you to a Rook Tournament and Trivia Night Fundraiser at Orange City Christian School from 4:30 - 9:00pm. Funds raised will go toward sending Heartland teachers and Calvary members to Guinea, Africa to work with Sosthene and Kara Maletoungou (ACSI Global and Resonate Mission) sharing educational resources with Christian School teachers in Africa. Food trucks will be available from 4:30 - 7:30pm, the Rook Tournament will take place from 5:30 - 7:00pm, and the Trivia Competition will be from 7:30 - 9:00pm. Rook teams and Trivia teams can register by calling Nicki Kuiper at 712-301-3839, or an email to heartland@dordt.edu. Registration for Rook is \$30 for a team of 2. Trivia teams can register a team of 2 - 6 members for \$50 per team. Desserts will be available, and donations will be received.

Saturday, September 7: Educational Savings Accounts, the Church, and the Christian School: Save the date! On September 7, from 9am-12pm, Dordt University and the Center for the Advancement of Christian Education (CACE) will host a morning seminar to help encourage and equip leaders in our churches and Christian schools. Parents and families that support Christian education are also encouraged to attend. During this time, speakers will reaffirm our covenant commitment for Christian education, as well as provide best practices and ideas for parents, churches, and Christian schools during this new era of Educational Savings Accounts. More information will be coming soon about registration, speakers, and schedule.

Requested Announcements

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.

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.

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.

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>