

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET
September 1, 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, 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. Freewill donations will be received for their youth group's future mission trip.

Tuesday, September 3: The NAMI Support Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7 to 9pm. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS NAMI MEETING! Program: "Your Mind-Boggling Brain: An Introduction to Basic Neuroscience." Dr. Ralph Davis will use visual aids, models, and interactive activities to discuss the basic structure and function of the brain and nervous system. Learn about the nervous system's marvelous complexity and intricate beauty. For information, call Shirley Matheis at 722-4462.

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.

Advance Announcements

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.

Tuesday, September 10: Love INC's Love & Learn classes have rescheduled their fall start date to Sept. 10 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 the new date of Sept. 4.

Friday, September 13: You are cordially invited to the BJ Haan Auditorium at 7:00pm for the annual POPS Concert performed by the Dordt University Instrumental Ensembles. This year the Chamber Orchestra and Mass Band will raise the red, white, and blue as they perform a concert of patriotic favorites! Come and join us for an evening of inspiration and fun.

Monday, September 16: JUSTICE FOR ALL is planning the 2025 Service and Learning Opportunities and would love to have you join one of the teams! These weeks are wonderful opportunities to serve others but also to experience and understand God's Kingdom in new and important ways! Dates and places: Harvest Hands Ministries, Juarez, MX – January 17-25; JVMPerkins Foundation, Jackson MS – February 1-7; Voice of Calvary

Ministries, Jackson, MS - February 8-14; Grace Covenant Ministries, Annsville, KY – March 1-7; Grace Reigns, Colorado City AZ – April 4-12. Each week is a wonderful opportunity of building relationships with people from a community which is very different than our own, through serving, learning, and studying God's Word together. Nick LeLoux, Service and Learning Coordinator will be holding an informational meeting at 6:30pm at the JFA Ministry Center. If you can't make it to the meeting but would like more information or sign up for a project, please contact Nick at JFA 712-476-2804 or email nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org. You can also check out our website: jfa-niowa.org

Tuesday, October 22: Justice For All invites you to attend their Annual Meeting at 5:00pm at the Rock Valley Event Center. Along with the business meeting a delicious meal will be served. Because of the historic flood in June, JFA will not hold their fall auction so that many businesses and individuals who generally donate towards the auction can continue to get back on their feet. In place of the auction, JFA will host a panel of area ministries who will share their ministry but also how through collaboration, many needs continue to be met in our local area. Reservations for the meal can be made by calling 712-476-2804 or emailing joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org by Oct 15. Please join us as we celebrate JFA ministry over the past year and look forward to what God is calling JFA to in the next year! An offering will be taken for JFA ministry.

Requested Announcements

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's Moms in Prayer group invites moms to join us on Tuesdays from 12:00-1:00pm in the conference room to pray over students and staff of Unity. We follow a prayer sheet that focuses on praising God for one of his attributes, and then praying a specific verse over a group of students and staff each week. God moves in powerful ways when we pray together! Questions? Contact Candi TeKrony at canditekrony@gmail.com

Sioux Center Health and Community Health Partners of Sioux County are hosting a Keys to Dementia Prevention class. This program is designed for people ages 50+ with no previous dementia diagnosis. Learn the 10 lifestyle factors that are proven to prevent or delay dementia. The class will begin September 9, running every Monday from 9:30-11:30am until November 11 at Crown Pointe – The Gathering Place. During the 10-class program, enjoy brain healthy snacks, educational materials, and one-on-one time with subject-matter experts. Register by calling CHP at 712-737-2971 or email angela.loutsch@siouxcountychp.org. There is a \$40 fee per participant, but \$20 will be refunded to any registrant that completes 8+ classes. Registration deadline is September 4.

Please consider partnering with a farmer in Liberia, Africa this fall with a donation of grain. One Body One Hope is a ministry partnership between northwest Iowa and Liberia. Your grain donation would support a farm community of families in West Africa. To learn more, visit onebodyonehope.org and click the grain donation link or call 712-395-8987. Thank you.

The City of Sioux Center is seeking to hire a full-time SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER who will work in Sioux Center Christian School, maintaining a positive presence on campus during regular school hours, handling situations on campus, while fulfilling additional roles such as teacher, counselor, and mentor. For more information on the position and how to apply, go to siouxcenterchristian.com > Connect with Us > Employment. If you know someone who would be a good fit for this position at our school, please share this opportunity with them!