

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET

October 13, 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.

Friday, October 18: The Joan Ringerwole Organ Recital Series presents Alexander Meszler in a solo organ recital at 7:00pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt University. Dr. Meszler is an organist dedicated to interdisciplinary performance and research. His performances and research aim to inspire new perspectives on the organ and its capabilities both within and beyond the liturgy. He serves as College Organist and Assistant Professor of Music at Luther College. With Kimberly Marshall, he is the General editor for a forthcoming online Encyclopedia of the Organ that will contain 4,000 articles about the organ. Dr. Meszler's performance at Dordt is part of the Ringerwole Organ Recital Series, which 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.

Advance Announcements

Monday, October 21: Fall Concert - The Unity Christian music department will present their Fall Concert at 7:00 pm in the Knight Center. This is a great opportunity to hear all the large group ensembles: Chorale, Concert Choir, Orchestra, and Symphonic Band. A free-will offering will be received.

Friday, October 25: Join the Dordt University Music Department for an unforgettable afternoon of jazz as Dordt's 4th Avenue Singers and 4th Avenue Band take the stage in the BJ Haan Auditorium at 3:10pm. Music will include a jazzy setting of "His Eye Is on the Sparrow;" favorites by Bob Dylan, The Beatles, and Toto; and other standards like "Blue Skies," "Over the Rainbow," and "St. Louis Blues." The concert will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>. Parking near the B.J. Haan Auditorium is limited due to construction; making plans to arrive early and/or arrange for drop-offs near the Campus Center are encouraged.

Friday, October 25: Please join the Dordt University Music Department for an exhilarating evening of music as the Dordt Wind Symphony, Chamber Orchestra, and Campus-Community Band perform at 7:00pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Campus Community Band will open the concert and will perform three works, one of which is the vibrant and energetic "Fracas" by Randall Standbridge. The Chamber Orchestra will follow with music by Fasch, Ewazen, and Bohm. The Wind Symphony will perform a thrilling line up consisting of wind band staples "Tocatta Marziale" by Vaughn-Williams, Frank Ticheli's heartfelt setting of "Amazing Grace," and the contemporary and exciting masterpiece "Asphalt Cocktail" by John Mackey. The concert and the PDF program will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>. Parking near the B.J. Haan Auditorium is limited due to construction; making plans to arrive early and/or arrange for drop-offs near the Campus Center are encouraged.

Friday, October 25: The second half of the Fall Music Festival at 8:30pm on Friday October 25 in the B.J. Haan Auditorium will feature four of the Dordt Choral Ensembles: Bella Voce (women's chorus), Canons of Dordt (men's chorus), Chorale, and Concert Choir. Repertoire will draw from a wide range of styles from the Renaissance to the 21st century and explore themes of joy, peace, praise, and community. Bella Voce is conducted by Dr. Carrie Groenewold, Canons of Dordt by Tim Van Voorst, and Chorale and Concert Choir by Dr. Ryan Smit. The concert and a PDF program will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>. Parking near the B.J. Haan Auditorium is limited due to construction; making plans to arrive early and/or arrange for drop-offs near the Campus Center are encouraged.

Saturday, October 26: Please join the Dordt Music Department for the Defender Days Hymn Festival: "Praise God in His Sanctuary: A Festival of Psalms and Hymns" at 10:30am in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. A prelude offered by Dordt organ students will begin at 10:00 a.m. The Hymn Festival will feature Bella Voce, brass, organ, and poetry composed by Kendra Thompson. Come for a celebrative time of worship with timeless hymns! Parking near the B.J. Haan Auditorium is limited due to construction; making plans to arrive early and/or arrange for drop-offs near the Campus Center are encouraged.

Saturday, October 26: Winter Warm Up is a group of local volunteers who collect new and gently used winter gear to give away to hundreds of individuals and families in need in our community. Our annual Distribution will be held on Saturday, October 26th at Kinsey Elementary. We know our communities have experienced many

challenges this past year, and we anticipate the needs to be higher than ever. Would you consider helping? The items we are most in need of at this time are boys and girls size 8-10 coats, toddler girls and boys coats, car seat covers, and waterproof gloves of all sizes. If you have items that you would like to donate, they can be dropped off or shipped to 906 4th Street NW, Sioux Center, IA 51250; cash or gift card donations are also appreciated as they help us purchase items immediately when there is a need. All donations go directly to providing winter gear. Thank you!

Tuesday, November 19: Families with students of all ages are invited to attend our fall showcase, Explore Western, at 7:00pm. Our goal is to share an authentic, relational, and enjoyable experience for prospective WC families as they learn about “Who We Are” and “What We Do” at Western Christian High School. If you plan to attend Explore Western or have any questions or would rather schedule an individual tour, please email, or contact Brad Vis - brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com or 605-359-5704.

Thursday, November 21: Inspiration Hills invites everyone to join them for their annual fundraiser which will be a joyful Christmas concert this year by Point of Grace and Jason Gray at the Canton Performing Arts Center at 7pm. Tickets are \$35; purchase online at <https://www.inspirationhills.org/fundraiser> or call 712-986-5193.

Requested Announcements

Love In the Name of Christ Sioux County is seeking a part-time (20 hours) MINISTRY COORDINATOR/OFFICE ASSISTANT. This position requires strong interpersonal skills, attention to detail and excellent organization. The ability to be a self-starter, work independently and collaboratively within a team setting is essential. Proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel is required. Knowledge of Canva is helpful. Four-day work week. For more information, please contact Debbie at 712-476-5990 or send resume to Love INC Sioux County, PO Box 85, Rock Valley, IA 51247.