

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET**  
**October 20, 2024**

**Please turn in announcements by 10:30 on Wednesday mornings to the office of the First Christian Reformed Church: [office@firstcrc.com](mailto:office@firstcrc.com) or 712-722-0717.**

**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 B.J. 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.

**Advance Announcements**

**Sunday, October 27:** ETM will meet at First CRC at 7:30pm in their ministry building.

**Sunday, October 27:** A casual night of contemporary worship and Scripture reflection will be held at Faith CRC at 7:30pm. All church members and community members are invited. Check out our Instagram for updates and more info @faith.communityworship.

**Sunday, November 3:** A Combined Reformation Service hosted by Faith CRC and Lebanon CRC will be held at Faith CRC at 5:00pm. Members of both host churches will participate, and the message will be delivered by Pastor Cal Hoogendoorn, from Sioux Falls, SD. The offering has been designated for Sioux Center ATLAS. A nursery will be provided, and a time of fellowship and refreshments will follow the service.

**Wednesday, November 6:** Praise and Thanksgiving! You are warmly invited to an inspiring evening hosted by One Body One Hope at the Dordt University Agriculture Stewardship Center. Together, we will celebrate and give thanks for the amazing work God is doing in Liberia and Sierra Leone. Fellowship & Refreshments at 7:00pm (Enjoy delicious desserts and refreshing drinks) followed by a program from 7:15–8:20pm (sharp). We look forward to sharing this special time of worship, gratitude, and community with 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](mailto:brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com) or 605-359-5704.

### **Requested Announcements**

Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts may be brought to New Life Church in Sioux Center from November 18 to 24. Contact Loralie Wiese, 712-441-2371, for more information and drop-off times.

[www.samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/occ)

Paul’s Missionary Journeys in Turkey & the Seven Churches of Revelation (May 27 - June 8, 2025): Visit ancient sites connected with Paul’s First, Second, and Third Missionary Journeys as well as the seven churches to whom John wrote the Book of Revelation. Join Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading biblical scholar, for this inspirational biblical tour. Contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or

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