COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET December 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.

Tuesday, December 3: The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7 to 8pm. Janelle Hultquist, a Crisis Care Specialist at Seasons Center for Behavioral Health, will discuss the wide variety of services they offer in NW Iowa, including psychiatry, therapy, substance use, counseling, and a 24/7 Crisis Hotline. For information, call Shirley Matheis at 722-4462.

Friday, December 6: Pizzas, Puzzles, & Pints (of Ice Cream) - Join us for a fun night out at Ireton Christian School. Get a six-person team together for \$180/team. The fastest team to finish a 520-piece puzzle, eat a large pizza, and three pints of ice cream wins a cash prize! This event, including a silent auction, will be held at the Ireton Christian gym. Doors open at 6:00pm. Competition starts at 6:30pm. Register online or email Ireton Christian School at <u>icsauxiliary@gmail.com</u>.

Friday, December 6: The Dordt University Choral Department will present "Born Thy People to Deliver," a Christmas Choral Concert at 7:00pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. This concert will feature Bella Voce women's chorus, Canons of Dordt men's chorus, Chorale, and Concert Choir. The choirs will share a wide range of repertoire contemplating and celebrating the coming of the Christ child in old ways and new. Joining the choirs will be several instrumental collaborators including piano, organ, percussion, and brass. The concert will also be available on livestream at www.dordt.edu/live-events.

Saturday, December 7: The Dordt University Instrumental Ensembles will present their final concert of the fall semester at 7:00pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The concert will include Johann Sebastian Bach's "Brandenburg Concerto No. 3" as well as the monumental work for winds by Paul Hindemith entitled "Symphony in Bb." Other music by Puinno, Lo Presti, and Grieg. The wind symphony will also feature Dordt Professor of Clarinet, Dr. Beverly Gibson, as soloist on a fun work titled "A Klezmer Tribute!" We hope you can join us to celebrate the accomplishments of all of our Dordt University Instrumental musicians. The concert will also be available on livestream at <u>www.dordt.edu/live-events</u>.

Advance Announcements

Sunday, December 8: ETM's (7th & 8th Graders) Christmas Party will be at 7:30pm at the First CRC ministry building. We ask each to bring a \$10.00 grab bag gift and come in your favorite Christmas shirt.

Requested Announcements

Employment Opportunity at Bridge of Hope Church – Part-time Youth Director:

Bridge of Hope's Youth Director oversees programming, apart from Sunday School, for the junior high (CONNECT) and senior high (UNITE) youth. They plan and carry out the week-to-week operations of CONNECT and UNITE by planning activities and creating educational programs that help students in their walk with God. They are responsible for ensuring programs offer welcoming and safe environments while building positive relationships with youth and their parents. This position will be open for job-shadowing sometime between February 1, 2025 and March 1, 2025, with taking over full responsibility of the position early summer. See job description at https://www.bridgecrc.org/files/ugd/ede95a_fd5fadd6baad4eda96af39fd06dd672c.pdf. To apply, please send a cover letter with a resume and references to office@bridgecrc.org.