

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET**  
**December 8, 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.**

**Sunday, December 8:** ETM's (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Friday, December 13:** The Dordt University music department will present a 4th Avenue Jazz concert at 7:00pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Featured on the concert will be the 4th Avenue Singers and 4th Avenue Band. Come for a relaxed evening of jazzy Christmas songs and carols, big band standards, and a variety of collaborations between singers and instruments. Featured will be vocal arrangements by Pentatonix and Straight No Chaser, along with band arrangements of Hark! The, O, Little Herald Town of Bethlehem, Feliz Navidad, and We Wish you a Merry Christmas. The concert will also be available on livestream at [www.dordt.edu/live-events](http://www.dordt.edu/live-events).

**Advance Announcements**

**Monday, December 16:** The Unity Christian FFA is hosting their annual soup supper from 4:30-6:30pm prior to our Christmas Concert. The soup supper will take place in the Unity cafeteria. Freewill donations will be taken. Come and enjoy food and fellowship, while supporting future FFA projects!

**Monday, December 16:** The Unity Christian High School Music Department invites you to join them for an evening of music focused on the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, at 7:00pm in the Knight Center. The concert will feature the choirs, symphonic band, and orchestra, and ending with the singing and playing of the Hallelujah Chorus. Please join us for an evening filled with the musical joy recognized as part of the Christmas season.

**Tuesday, December 17:** You are invited to the Sioux Center Christian School Christmas Instrumental concert at the B.J. Haan Auditorium, starting at 7pm. This concert will feature our 4th – 8th grade orchestras and our 6th – 8th grade bands. The orchestras will be sharing a variety of Christmas and winter songs that include “Pacem Noel” and “Inverno” (an arrangement of Vivaldi’s Four Seasons - Winter). The 6th grade band will be playing an arrangement of Christmas Carols and an energetic new composition, “Against All Odds”. The 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade band will perform a compilation entitled “Christmas Joy, the Nutcracker” and an exciting piece, “Above and Beyond”. We hope you can attend! A freewill offering will be received for our Music Department.

**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](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](mailto:office@bridgecrc.org).

Will you prayerfully consider *Celebrating Western* with a Thanksgiving or year-end gift? Information has been recently mailed, placed in church mailboxes, and is also available on our website: [www.westernchristianhs.com](http://www.westernchristianhs.com). Funds raised will support the General Fund and be allocated for capital improvements. You can contribute to Western through various means, including checks, gifts of grain, stocks or bonds, or the minimum distribution from your IRA. Thank you to everyone who has already given! Together, we are partnering to train the next generation to build His Kingdom! -Brad Vis, Director of Mission Advancement  
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