

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET
January 26, 2025

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, January 27 - Friday, January 31: The award-winning January Series of Calvin University continues at Covenant CRC in Sioux Center, IA, until January 31. Covenant CRC will livestream one of the nation's leading lecture and cultural arts series each weekday from 11:30am to 12:30pm. The 2025 lineup features include a variety of speakers who will explore topics ranging from global security to film to personal resilience and innovation. For a full list of speakers and topics, visit <https://calvin.edu/january-series/> and for more information, email covenant@mtcnet.net.

Friday, January 31: Join us for the annual Reach Out event sponsored by Unity Christian and MOC-FV which will be held at Unity Christian this year. The schedule for the evening is JV boys @ 4:00; JV girls @ 4:30; JVR boys @ 5:15; V girls @ 6:00 with V boys to follow. All proceeds from this community event will benefit local families with high medical costs.

Friday, January 31: You are cordially invited to the saxophone recital of Dordt University senior Sierra Meyer at 7:00pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Saxophone repertoire will include pieces consisting of blues, bebop, and classical music. Meyer, of Doon, Iowa is majoring in Nursing. She is currently studying saxophone with Mrs. Pam De Haan.

Saturday, February 1: The ResGen Men's Summit is planned for February 1st, 8:00am-1:00pm, with a livestream location right here in Sioux Center. New Life Church and Christ Community Church are partnering to host the livestream at New Life. Doors open at 7:30 and we'll wrap up by 1:00. The cost is \$30 for men of post-college age and \$15 for college-age and younger. You can learn more about the conference here <https://resgen.org/summit/> and register for the event hosted at New Life here <https://nlrchurch.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2649348>. Contact New Life with questions, at 722-3520.

Advance Announcements

Wednesday, February 5: Are you grieving the loss of someone near and dear to you? Are you wondering if what you are experiencing is normal? A local Grief Share Support Group will begin 13 sessions on February 5 to April 30. You may join in at any time for help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. This group meets at New Hope Evangelical Free Church's south wing in Orange City from 7-8:30pm which includes a video and confidential small group discussion. Cost: A suggested donation of \$20 covers all costs for the entire series. CALL Elaine Elgersma (712- 540-5878) or TEXT Dee Van Dyke (712-540-2533) for more information or to register.

Saturday, February 8: At 7:00pm in the B. J. Haan Auditorium, the Dordt University Music Department will present a Music Faculty Recital. The concert will feature the diverse music of Maurice Ravel, a French composer whose 150th birthday is this year. The program will include Ravel's Sonatine, Pavane, Habanera, and more! Performers will be Pamela De Haan on saxophone, John MacInnis, Carrie Groenewold, and Patrice Ewoldt on piano, Jennifer Frens on violin, Beverly Gibson on clarinet, and Pamela De Haan, vocalist. Stay for refreshments afterwards and meet the performers!

Requested Announcements

Western Christian's Bargain Alley Thrift Store and Furniture Outlet would like to welcome more volunteers. Please contact Kari Hoekstra at bargainalleyhull@gmail.com if you are interested in helping at one of the Bargain Alley locations.

The Classical Academy will open in Alton this fall as a full-time Christian, classical school accredited by CSI. All are welcome to attend one of our upcoming informational meetings to learn more! Meetings will be held on Tuesday, January 28 at 7:00pm at the Alton Public Library, on Saturday, February 8 at 10:00am at the Sheldon Public Library, and on Tuesday, February 25 at 6pm at Bellissimo Coffeeworks in Le Mars. Enrollment for the 2025 - 2026 academic year will open on February 17, 2025. For more information, please email contact@theclassicalacademysc.org and follow us on facebook at www.facebook.com/theclassicalacademysc for updates.