COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET
October 18, 2026

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.

Sunday, October 18: ETM – Early Teen Ministry for 7th and 8th graders will meet at the Dordt University's Campus Center for a scavenger hunt at 7:30pm.

Monday, October 19: The Unity Christian HS Music Department will present their Fall Concert at 7:00pm in the Knight Center. This is a great opportunity to hear all of the large group ensembles: Chorale, Concert Choir, Orchestra, and Symphonic Band. A free-will offering will be received.

Friday, October 23: Dr. Michael Bauer and Dr. Marie Rubis Bauer will present an organ recital at 7pm in the BJ Haan Auditorium, featuring works by Sweeklinck, Böhm, Buxtehude, and Bach. Other events include a presentation on Wednesday, October 21 at 4:30pm by Dr. Michael Bauer on his forthcoming book on practicing, to be published by Oxford University Press, and an organ masterclass jointly led by the Bauers on Friday, October 23 at 3:20pm. All events are free and open to the public in the BJ Haan Auditorium. The Bauers' performance is part of the Joan Ringerwole Organ Recital Series, in its fourteenth year, in which it aims to promote the organ and its repertoire for the education and enjoyment of students, alumni, and the community by bringing celebrated artists to Dordt University.

Saturday, October 24: MIK+ POST HIGH YOUNG ADULTS: All Young Adults (18-30) that are through high school and not married are invited to join this regional group for Bible Study, community service, game nights, meals, and fun nights away. Check us out on the Minnikota Youth (MIK+) Facebook page. We will be starting this school year's BIBLE STUDY at 6pm in the Inwood IA CRC. We will begin our night with a meal followed by the study of James using the books "Listening For God Through James" Lectio Divina and "James The Relationship Between Faith and Works". We will end our night together with some social time/games. We look forward to seeing you there. Please RSVP to Pastor Doug & Lee De Groot at 712-470-4244 by Oct 21st so we know how much roast/chicken and potatoes/gravy to make.

Advance Announcements

Saturday, October 31: SAFARI ADVENTURE - Join Bible League International from 9:00-10:00am for a tour of the Green Oaks Museum & Educational Center, located 3 miles south of Fairview, SD (29043 - 486th Avenue). See 150+ taxidermized animals in natural habitats from the Anden Van Beek family's global hunting trips. Refreshments and Q&A will follow, with an opportunity to learn more about Bible League. Free admission. Freewill donations will benefit Bible League and the Mongolian orphanage supported by the Van Beek family. Children welcome!

Tuesday, November 17: Explore Western at 7:00pm - Families with students of all ages are welcome to attend the hour-long event. 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. You'll also get a sneak peek at an exciting capital project God has placed on our hearts! If you plan to attend Explore Western or have any questions, please email or contact Brad Vis - brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com or 605-359-5704.

Requested Announcements

Habitat for Humanity Application Deadline Extended! Are you or someone you know in need of a safe, decent and affordable place to live? Siouxland Habitat for Humanity is accepting partner family applications for a 2027 home build in Boyden. Application forms are available at our Sioux City office at 1150 Tri View Ave. or via email families@siouxlandhabitat.org. Questions? Call 712-224-5117. Application deadline is October 31.

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Western Christian’s School Board is seeking nominations for new Trustees! Members of Western’s society are invited to recommend candidates for board service. To submit nominations, please contact Board President Evan Wielenga at evan.wielenga@westernchristianhs.com. Nominations are encouraged by December 31, 2026.

Share Christ's Love Through a Hope Haven Wheelchair Distribution Trip - Hope Haven International Ministries is looking for volunteers to serve on upcoming wheelchair distribution trips in 2027. These trips offer the opportunity to work alongside local partners, share Christ’s love, and help provide wheelchairs and mobility equipment to children and adults in need. Upcoming trips include Kenya, March 6–17, 2027; Uganda, April 25–May 5, 2027; and Thailand, April 29–May 9, 2027. No medical experience is required, and there are a variety of ways to serve as part of a distribution team. To learn more or apply, visit hopehaven.org/international-ministries/distribution-trips or contact Luke Russell at lrussell@hopehaven.org.