

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET

September 5, 2021

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, September 6: The First CRC Youth Group will be hosting a Labor Day Pancake Breakfast at First CRC (321 2nd St SE) in Sioux Center. Serving will be from 7:30-9:30am and free will donations will go towards their 2022 Mission Trip.

Tuesday, September 7: Sioux Center Christian School's Moms in Prayer group will meet at First CRC from 9-10am in the Council Room. Contact Mel Klein (712-541-8694) with questions.

Tuesday, September 7: The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Support Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7 to 9pm. Individuals and family members affected by mental illness are welcome. For information, call Shirley Matheis 722-4462.

Friday, September 10: Homecoming Celebration - Join us for chapel at 8:30am in Western Christian's Event Center. All visitors are welcome! Our speaker will be Mr. Stacy Kooistra who graduated from Western in 1989. Since then, God has used him in many powerful ways. He has served in the armed forces, founded the South Dakota Military Heritage Alliance, and currently serves the city of Sioux Falls as the City Attorney and Senior Advisor to Mayor Paul Ten Haken. Stacy and his wife Anna have four children. We are also excited that Kerri "Bleeker" Pollema will be sharing a special musical number with us. Kerri is a 1994 graduate of Western and owns and operates "Hair with Ker" hair salon. Kerri and her husband Brad, also a Western graduate in 1994, have three children and farm near Rock Valley.

Friday, September 10: You are invited to join the Dordt University Music Department at 7:00pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium for *Video Games Live*, as the Dordt University Mass Band and Chamber Orchestra open this year's instrumental concert series. Hear music from Bounty Hunter, Halo, Civilization V, Super Mario Brothers, and more. Dress as your favorite video game character and join us for an evening of fun and gaming!

Advance Announcements

Sunday, September 12: All Supporters and Parents of Unity Christian High School are invited to join together at 7:30pm for a Prayer Walk. We will divide into groups and each group will follow a map covering prayer requests over specific parts of the school and to seek God's blessing for this school year. "Arise, cry out in the night, as the watches of the night begin; pour out your heart like water in the presence of the Lord. Lift up your hands to Him for the lives of your children..." Lamentations 2:19. Any questions? Call Sue Dykstra at 360-0650. Our prayer walk will conclude at 8:30pm with make your own ice cream sundaes!

Tuesday, September 14: A Grandmother Moms in Prayer group will be begin meeting at First CRC from 10 – 11am in the upstairs Fireside Room. New women always welcome. For more information, contact Rachel Raih, 712-441-0885.

Tuesday, September 14: A College/Career Moms in Prayer group will be begin meeting at First CRC from noon to 1pm in the upstairs Fireside Room. New women always welcome. For more information, contact Rachel Raih, 712-441-0885.

Friday, September 17: The annual Dordt University Honors Recital will take place at 3:00pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Performers in the honors recital have all received named music scholarships made possible by Dordt University donors. All are welcome to a reception honoring the performers in the lobby of the auditorium following the recital.

September 20 - 21: COMING SOON – Bible League's *Spreading the Fragrance of Life* dinner is September 20 at 6:30pm. Their daylong conference is Tuesday, September 21. Both events will be held at First Reformed Church in Sioux Center. Register online at www.bibleleague.org/tickets. Cost \$20 for dinner; \$40 for conference.

September 13, 20, 25: Community Gospel Choir at Dordt - Join London-based artists Geraldine Latty & Carey Luce for a very special Sioux Center community choir. Rehearsals will occur on September 13 & September 20 from 7:30–8:45 pm in the Dordt choir room with workshop and performance on Saturday, September 25, from 1:00–9:00 pm. Open to adults and high school students. To sign up, please go to this URL or look up on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/community-gospel-choir-with-geraldine-latty-luce-carey-luce-dordt-tickets-167526944601>. For more information, please email jeremy.perigo@dordt.edu

Requested Announcements

Outlet 75: Did you know that in just two years of business, Outlet 75 has helped fuel the daily mission at Sioux Center Christian School by giving \$124,000 toward our educational task? People in Sioux Center and surrounding communities love shopping at our little “local TJ Maxx”, but we need more volunteers to help fill sixteen two-hour shifts every week. It is a neat, clean place to volunteer and women and men of all ages are invited to experience the fun! If you are interested in learning more about volunteering at Outlet 75, please contact Janey Boogerd (712.449.8106 or email info@shopoutlet75.com). We are open Wednesdays 11am-8pm, Thursdays 11am-3pm and occasional Saturdays.

From Western CHS: Accepting gently used fall and winter merchandise now at Bargain Alley Thrift Store in Hull, IA. Items that are continually in demand are; kitchen, household, decor, puzzles and games, books for all ages, toys, jewelry, clothes, seasonal and furniture. Donation pick-up: are you donating furniture goods or simply have too much to drop off yourself? Let us pick it up from your home or office. To schedule your pick up, call the store during business hours at 439-6800 and speak to one of our staff to arrange pick up. Please continue to remember and support Western Christian through the donations and giving to Bargain Alley. Thank you for your continued support!

From Faith CRC's Lao BiLD Committee: We have a request for winter clothing for men, women, boys, girls, and infants to be sent to the country of Laos. This request comes from Charlie Dee in LaCrosse, WI who is sending medical equipment and an ambulance to Laos. He would like 1600 lbs. of clothing to pack around the equipment in the shipping container. JFA is also helping us reach the goal of 1600 lbs. Please bring your donated clothing items to the south entrance of Faith CRC, or to the box located inside the door of the First Avenue entrance of the Furniture Mart. Remember Laotian people are not large people so smaller adult sizes will be the most needed. Deadline for clothing collection is September 9.