

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET

September 3, 2023

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 4: You are invited to attend the First CRC Youth Group's Labor Day Pancake Breakfast at First CRC (321 2nd St SE) in Sioux Center, with serving from 7:30 to 9:30am. Free will donations will be accepted in support of their 2024 youth group mission trip.

Monday, September 4: Labor Day Worship and Learning Event at the Fruited Plain Cafe. On Monday, September 4, you are invited to a night of singing, praying and learning on the theme of Work and Worship. Covenant CRC and Good Shepherd Church will co-host, and Dr. Matthew Kaemingk, the First Mondays Speaker at Dordt, will join us. Together, we'll sing new songs from the Porter's Gate songwriting collective off their album *Worship for Workers* and spend time in prayer for our city and county and the work and workers here. The event begins at 7:00 PM. For more information on the Worship for Workers project, go to worshipforworkers.com.

Tuesday, September 5: 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. Video: The Stigmatization of Schizophrenia. Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. For information, call Shirley Matheis 722-4462.

Advance Announcements

Tuesday, September 12: Join us at Bethel CRC in Sioux Center at 9:00am for the Growing Inward-Reaching Outward conference for men and women with best-selling author, Carol Kent, whose life turned upside down when their only child was sentenced for murder. Carol shares from God's Word and her family's life experience in growing an enduring faith and impacting the world for Christ. Registration and more information can be found at Bibleleague.org/tickets

Tuesday, September 12: Ladies, do you have a burden for your grandchildren or college-age to adult children during these uncertain times? Isn't it comforting that we can bring them and all our concerns for them and their schools to our heavenly Father who hears and answers our prayers? Come and join with like-minded sisters in Christ from area churches as we gather each week to pray for our young-adult/adult children, grandchildren and schools. Beginning September 12, two Moms in Prayer groups will begin meeting in our upstairs Fireside Room: a grandmother's group will be meeting from 9:30 - 10:30am and a second group that prays for our grandchildren/college-age children and adult children will be meeting from noon to 1pm. Come and join us and invite your friends to come with you!

Friday, September 15: You are invited to join the Dordt University Music Department at 7:00pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium as we kick off the fall semester of concert offerings with the annual Instrumental Pops Concert. This year's concert will feature music from Broadway – you will hear works from famous Broadway shows such as *West Side Story*, *The Music Man*, *Les Miserables*, and more! The Dordt Mass Band and Chamber Orchestra will delight the ears! The concert will also be livestreamed at <https://www.dordt.edu/livestream>.

Saturday, September 16: Hope Haven Talsma ATV & Horse Ride Benefit: Ready for an adventure? Bring your ATV's, side by sides, dirt bikes, or horses and join Hope Haven for their Talsma Benefit Ride at Talsma's Trail Park at 8:30am. Talsma's Trail Park is an ATV park located along the Missouri River in Southeast South Dakota. Trails range from easy to extreme, and include creek crossings, scenic river bluffs, open prairies, river bottom terrain, and more. Don't miss this fun opportunity to support Hope Haven International Ministries! Sign up today by visiting, hopehaven.org/events.

Sunday, September 17: ETM (7th & 8th graders) will have their first meeting at First CRC at 7:30pm.

Requested Announcements

We are hiring at Western Christian's Bargain Alley! If you are interested in being part of a great team who is passionate about 2nd hand retail, please apply to become part of our growing business. We're eager to hear from

you! To apply, please contact store manager, Kari Hoekstra at bargainalleyhull@gmail.com or stop in the store to pick up an application.

The Sioux Center area Friendship Bible group has begun its season. A young man in his early twenties—talkative, fun and funny, excited about his job (and Friendship)—needs a new mentor. If you are an adult male who feels led to spend an hour on Thursday evenings alongside a room full of fellow believers with a wide variety of gifts and abilities, please contact First CRC (office@firstcrc.com) to connect you with the Friendship team leaders.

JUSTICE FOR ALL is very excited to announce dates for the upcoming 2024 Service and Learning Trips! Please prayerfully consider joining us on one of these trips. The trips are designed to be an opportunity to use our hands and feet to bless others through work projects, but also to learn and experience a different culture than our own and see what God is doing through the incredible ministry partners serving in these communities. The sites/dates are Harvest Hands Ministries, Juarez MX – Jan 20-26; JVM Perkins Foundation, Jackson MS – Feb 03-09; Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson MS – Feb 10-16; Grace Covenant Ministries, Annville, KY – Mar 02-08; Grace Reigns, Hildale UT – Mar 16-22. There may be flyers with more information about each project in your church information area. If not, email nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org and he will get one to you. To sign up or for more information, please contact Nick LeLoux at JFA (712-476-2804, nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org). Or you may join us on October 23rd at 1335 Valley Drive, Rock Valley, IA, for an information meeting at 6:30pm (refreshments will be provided).