

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET

August 31, 2025

**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.**

**Monday, September 1:** The First CRC Youth Group will be hosting a Labor Day Pancake Breakfast from 7:30 to 9:30am at First CRC (321 2<sup>nd</sup> St SE), serving pancakes with toppings of strawberries/chocolate chips, sausages, juice, and coffee. Freewill donations will be received in support of their 2026 mission trip.

**Tuesday, September 2:** All women are invited to gather to pray for their children and/or grandchildren in two different Moms in Prayer groups at First CRC in the upstairs Fireside Room:

- Grandmother's in Prayer: Tuesdays from 9:30 - 10:30am (Praying for grandchildren of all ages and their schools)

- College/Career: Tuesdays from noon – 1pm (Praying for college age kids and up.)

For more information, contact Rachel Raih at 712-441-0885.

**Tuesday, September 2:** NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will meet at the Sioux Center Public Library. An Educational Program from 7 to 7:45pm is open to anyone who is interested in the subject: NAMI: In Our Own Voice presented by NAMI members Kir Cosgrove and Nate Huyser. From 7:45 to 8:45, individuals affected by mental health conditions, and their family/friends will meet for a time of mutual support. For information, call Shirley at 722-4462 or Nate at 402-916-0008 or [natehuyser93@gmail.com](mailto:natehuyser93@gmail.com).

**Friday & Saturday, September 5 - 6:** The Joan Ringerwole Organ Recital Series presents Marco den Toom, organist, composer, and conductor, from Kampen, The Netherlands in the following events: an Organ Recital on Friday, September 5, 7:00pm; a Masterclass on Improvisation, Friday, September 5, 3:10pm, and a Masterclass on Romantic Organ Repertoire, Saturday, September 6, 10:00 - 11:00am. All events will take place in the B.J. Haan Auditorium and are open for the public to attend. Marco den Toom studied organ at the Utrecht Conservatory has built up a career as an independent musician. Marco is titular organist at the Bovenkerk in Kampen, The Netherlands. He has recorded solo albums at famous churches around the world, and maintains an active YouTube channel. A versatile musician, Marco seeks to promote and popularize the organ through his performances at home and abroad. Marco den Toom's performance is sponsored by the Joan Ringerwole Organ Recital Series, which seeks to promote the organ and its repertoire for the musical education and enjoyment of students, alumni, and the community by bringing celebrated artists to Dordt University.

**Saturday, September 6:** You are cordially invited to the piano recital of Dordt University sophomore Josiah Vos. This free recital will be held at 7:00pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Piano repertoire will include pieces by Bach, Chopin, Faure, and Debussy. Vos will also be featuring a Piano Sonata composed by Willem Pijper, an early 20th century Dutch composer. Vos of Sioux City, IA is double majoring in Music: Piano Performance and Pedagogy and Mathematics. He is currently studying piano with James March.

### Advance Announcements

**Monday & Tuesday, September 8 - 9:** Don't miss the Bible League Volunteer Ambassadors' dinner (Sept 8, 6pm) and conference (Sept 9, 9:30am-2pm) at Bethel CRC! *Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth...I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert* (Isaiah 49:19). You will be inspired by Jason VanRuler, renowned therapist and author, speaking on "Beyond Yesterday: Embrace the Now, Influence Tomorrow". Jennifer Frens leads worship and Bible League leaders share about God's ministry. Registration ends on August 31, so please register ASAP at [bibleleague.org/tickets](http://bibleleague.org/tickets).

**Friday, September 12:** Join us for the Dordt University Instrumental Ensembles Pops Concert at 7pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium! The Mass Band and Chamber Orchestra will feature music of FANTASY MOVIES this year! Come enjoy music from your favorite movies like Harry Potter, and many others! Feel free to dress in costume for this concert and come as your favorite character from your favorite fantasy movie! In addition to the music, we will have a costume contest for the ensemble members! The chamber orchestra is under the direction of Mrs. Amie Smit, and the Mass Band is led by Dr. Onsby C. Rose. Don't miss this fun beginning of the 2025-26 instrumental concert season!