

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET

September 21, 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.

Sunday, September 21: ETM (Early Teen Ministry for 7th & 8th graders) will be meeting at First CRC in the upper level of their ministry building at 7:30pm.

Friday, September 26: The Dordt University Music Department will present an Honors Recital at 3:10pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. This recital will feature solo vocal and instrumental performances by top scholarship recipients from the incoming freshman class as well as some upperclassmen.

Saturday, September 27: On September 25-27, seventy-five high school choral singers will join us at Dordt University for the Dordt University Honor Choir Weekend. Attendees come from Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and Washington and were recommended by their individual choir directors. The ensemble will spend Thursday evening, Friday, and Saturday morning in rehearsals and will give a final concert at 1:00pm on Saturday, September 27 in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The Honor Choir will be conducted by Dr. Ryan Smit, Director of Choral Activities at Dordt University.

Saturday, September 27: You are cordially invited to the joint recital of juniors Bryce Wick (organ) and Mercea Rediger (soprano). This free recital will be held at 7:00pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Bryce Wick will be performing selections from composers such as Bach, Mendelssohn, and Buxtehude. Mercea Rediger will be singing selections in various genres including opera, musicals, and classical English pieces. The final number will be an ensemble selection with organ, voice, and violins.

Advance Announcements

Wednesday, October 1: Bethel CRC's annual Harvest Sale is at the Sioux Center Christian School gym. A Pizza Ranch meal will be served from 5-7pm, with pie and ice cream for dessert. The auction will begin at 6pm, with a bake sale, concession stand, and silent auction throughout the evening. Come for a night of food, fellowship, and fundraising for Bethel CRC's Christian Ed fund. We hope to see you there!

Saturday, October 4: You are invited to a SAFARI ADVENTURE at Green Oaks Museum and Educational Center located 3 miles south of Fairview, SD (29043 486 Ave.). The Museum is filled with 140+ taxidermized animals in natural habitats, the result of global hunting trips by the Anden Van Beek family. Join us to tour the museum (9:00-10:00am) followed by refreshments, Q & A, and a Bible League presentation about global travels. There is a suggested donation of \$15/person for admittance, cash/check; a freewill offering will also be taken for Bible League. Children are welcomed! Please contact BLI Ambassador Katie Haan at 712-722-0714 if you would like a ride to the Museum.

Thursday, October 9: Mark your calendar for Justice for All's Annual Meeting and Auction at the South building of their ministry campus in Rock Valley. Hear the highlights of the past JFA fiscal year, trips, and financial report along with a catered meal. After a short meeting, there will be an auction with items donated to help provide support for JFA. From homemade items to gift cards, meat bundles, and more will be up for bidding. Join us to hear a ministry update and stay for the entertainment of Zomer Auctioneering. If you'd like to donate an item, contact Joel De Wit – joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org or 712-739-0055. Meal starts at 5pm and auction starts at 6:45pm.

Requested Announcements

Apple Pie Sales: Orders are being taken for delicious homemade apple pies to help offset Bridge of Hope's Christian Education fund. Deadline for ordering is September 28. Pies will be ready for pick up at the church office (43 2nd St NE, Sioux Center) on Thursday or Friday, October 16 or 17, between 9am & 5pm. Payment of \$18 per pie will be collected at that time. If a different pickup time is preferred, contact the office to make arrangements. If you would like to place an order, please email office@bridgecrc.org or call 722-3951 and indicate the number of pies you would like to purchase, along with your name and cell phone number. Thanks!

The Bargain Alley Thrift Store is currently in need of toddler/youth clothing. A reminder that the store is located at 1103 Maple Street in Hull and is open Tuesday - Saturday. Please contact Kari with any questions: bargainalleyhull@gmail.com or 712-439-6800. Thank you!

Bethel CRC is interested in launching a free Divorce Care support group this fall for people walking this journey. We would like to gauge interest before setting an official start date. It will be meeting for 14 weeks with topic videos, and time for sharing and support. Child watch provided. For more information and to share if you are interested, contact Holly Case by calling or texting 760-715-1796. Please leave a message if you get voicemail.

Winter Warm Up is a group of local volunteers committed to sharing Christ's love by collecting and distributing new and gently used winter gear to individuals and families in need throughout our community. We're excited to host our annual Winter Gear Giveaway on Saturday, October 18th, from 9:00–11:00am at Kinsey Elementary in Sioux Center. This past year has brought many challenges to our communities, and we anticipate the need will be greater than ever. Would you consider helping? Right now, we are especially in need of coats in boys' and girls' sizes 6–10, toddler coats for both boys and girls, car seat covers, and waterproof gloves in all sizes. If you have items to donate, they can be dropped off or shipped to 906 4th Street NW, Sioux Center, IA 51250. We also gratefully accept cash or gift card donations, which allow us to quickly purchase items when specific needs arise. Every donation goes directly toward providing winter gear for those who need it most. Thank you for helping us care for our neighbors! Questions? Find us on Facebook or contact Christina Postma at 712-240-0155.

Love INC Sioux County is seeking a part-time Church Ambassador. Qualifications include:

- A personal relationship with Jesus Christ and a heart for Christian service
- Strong interpersonal, communication and computer skills
- A motivated, self-starter that works independently and collaboratively within a team setting
- Comfortable giving presentations and praying in groups
- Willingness to work with various Christian church denominations

Please send resume to: Love INC Sioux County, PO Box 85, Rock Valley, IA 51247. For more information, please contact Debbie at 712-476-5990.