COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET September 28, 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.

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!

Thursday, October 2: Faith CRC's Annual Pizza Supper and Auction will be next week on October 2 with supper to be served in Sioux Center Christian School's new lobby from 5-6:30pm, with the auction beginning at 6:00pm in the new gym. Both the main doors by the school office and the doors of the new lobby will be open to enter the school. This is a fun-filled event that raises money for Faith's Christian Education Fund.

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.

Advance Announcements

April 3 - 13, 2026: Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (April 3 – 13, 2026): Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

Requested Announcements

The Bethel / First CRC GEMS program is currently doing their annual fundraiser of cards, gift and home items, gourmet popcorn, and more! This helps to cover the costs of our supplies and activities. There are brochures to browse through at the Bethel Welcome Center or the First Information Center, as well as order forms. There is also an online Link you can order from. If you are interested in supporting this ministry, please reach out to any of our 4th - 8th grade GEMS girls or counselor Ashley Wynia (712-441-5645) by October 8. Thank you for your support!

Habitat for Humanity Homeownership Opportunity! 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 2026 home build in Orange City. Application forms are available at our Sioux City office at 1150 Tri View Ave. or via email families@siouxlandhabitat.org. Contact Sandra with questions: 712-224-5117. Applications are due October 31.

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 <u>September 28</u>. 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 <u>office@bridgecrc.org</u> 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!

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.