

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET

October 5, 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.**

**Tuesday, October 7:** 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: Caregiver to Caregiver: Mental Health Tips (A NAMI video). 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 712-574-6758 or Nate at 402-916-0008 or [natehuyser93@gmail.com](mailto:natehuyser93@gmail.com).

**Saturday, October 11:** 10:30am - 12:00pm at First CRC, Sioux Center.

“Singing in the Face of Death: How the Psalms model and shape our congregational singing”

You are invited to join us as we consider how the ancient book of Psalms continues to shape and form the Church's worship, and ways that we may benefit from the historic practice of psalm singing. Hear from Dordt communication professor and organist Michael Kearney and guitarist Matthew David Montgomery as they share the ways that they've been able to incorporate the psalter in drastically differing stylistic church contexts.

**Saturday, October 11:** 7:00-8:30pm at the Dordt B.J. Haan Auditorium “Singing the Psalms: How the Psalter Speaks to All Church Music Styles” featuring Dr. Michael Kearney & Matthew David Montgomery”

Join us for an evening of instrumental and vocal music focusing on the psalter. Congregational singing will be accompanied by organist Michael Kearney and guitarist Matthew David Montgomery.

### Advance Announcements

**Wednesday, November 5:** Save the Date for One Body One Hope's annual Ministry Update & Dessert Social at 7:00pm in The Outlook, a gorgeous private banquet hall in the new Dordt University commons. Come hear what God is doing through One Body One Hope and enjoy a sweet evening together. We hope to see you there!

**Saturday, November 22:** CALLED: Full time ministry is an extraordinary calling and great privilege, and critical for the purposes of God in this world. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation. But “how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?” If you have ever wondered if God is calling you to serve Him vocationally, whether as a pastor, missionary, chaplain, or something else; if you have questions about what ministry is like; if you wonder if it is worth it; if you don't know the next steps or process – please join us at Dordt University on November 22 from 10am-3pm for ‘CALLED’. Stephen Terpstra, John Klompier, and John Lee, along with missions and candidacy experts, will encourage you, talk with you, answer your questions, and explore if God is calling you. The event is free of charge and is for people of all ages, from high school to those nearing retirement, who are exploring full or part time ministry. For more information and to register, go to: <https://forms.gle/Sq6Zh4Jx6cbPDIE9A> or follow the QR code on the poster in your church or school. Questions? Email [pastor@firstcrcoc.org](mailto:pastor@firstcrcoc.org).

**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](mailto: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!

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](mailto:bargainalleyhull@gmail.com) or 712-439-6800. Thank you!