

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET

October 12, 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.

Friday, October 17: The Dordt University music department will present a 4th Avenue Jazz concert at **3:10pm** in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Featured on the performance will be the 4th Avenue Singers and 4th Avenue Band. Come for a relaxed afternoon of big band standards, fresh jazz perspectives, featured solos, and a variety of collaborations between singers and instruments. The 4th Avenue Singers are directed by Dr. Ryan Smit, and the 4th Avenue Band is directed by Scott Olson. The concert and a PDF program will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>.

Friday, October 17: The Dordt Music Department will present their Instrumental Ensembles concert at **7:00pm** as part of the Fall Music Festival. The concert will be held in the B.J. Haan Auditorium and will feature the Wind Symphony, Chamber Orchestra and Campus-Community Band. This free concert will include selections from a wide range of music genre. The Wind Symphony and Campus-Community Band are directed by Dr. Onsby Rose, and the Chamber Orchestra is directed by Amie Smit. The concert and a PDF program will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>.

Friday, October 17: The second half of the Fall Music Festival at **8:30pm** in the B.J. Haan Auditorium will feature four of the Dordt choral ensembles: Bella Voce (women's chorus), Canons of Dordt (men's chorus), Chorale, and Concert Choir. Repertoire will draw from a wide range of styles from the Renaissance to 21st century works and explore themes of creation, fall, redemption, and restoration. Bella Voce is conducted by Dr. Carrie Groenewold, Canons of Dordt by Tim Van Voorst, and Chorale and Concert Choir by Dr. Ryan Smit. The concert and a PDF program will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>.

Saturday, October 18: The Dordt Music Department will present a Defender Days Hymn Festival, "Great One In Three, Eternal Praises Be" at **11:15am** in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The Hymn Festival will celebrate the Trinitarian nature of God with hymns and songs led by organ, brass, percussion, choir, flute, cello, and piano. A prelude by Dordt organ students will take place prior to the start of the Hymn Festival. You are warmly invited to gather and sing joyfully!

Saturday October 18: MIK+ Post High Young Adults (18–30-year-old singles) will have a Bible Study at 6pm at Inwood CRC (Ephesians: Your Place in God's Plan by Richard Coekin). NO PREP WORK NECESSARY. We will eat Super Nachos together and then dig into Ephesians 1:15-23, Praying Bigger Prayers. For more info and to RSVP, contact Lee De Groot at 712-470-4244.

Advance Announcements

Sunday, October 19: ETM (Early Teen Ministry for 7th & 8th graders) will be meeting at the Dordt University Campus Center for a scavenger hunt at 7:30pm.

Monday, October 20: The Unity Christian High School music department will present their Fall Concert at 7:00pm in the Knight Center. This is a great opportunity to hear all the large group ensembles: Chorale, Concert Choir, Orchestra, and Symphonic Band. A free-will offering will be received.

Thursday, October 30: Unity Christian High School will be hosting the NW Iowa Christian School Orchestra Festival. Orchestras from Hull Christian, Orange City Christian, Rock Valley Christian, Sanborn Christian, Sioux Center Christian, Unity Christian, and Western Christian will be participating in the festival. A concert beginning at 4:00pm in the Knight Center will showcase the combined middle school orchestras, combined high school orchestras, and a massed orchestra of all the participating students. A free-will offering will be received.

Tuesday, November 18: You're invited to our fall showcase, Explore Western at 7:00pm. Families with students of all ages are welcome to attend the hour-long event. Our goal is to share an authentic, relational, and enjoyable experience for prospective WC families as they learn about "Who We Are" and "What We Do" at Western Christian High School. You'll also get a sneak peek at an exciting capital project God has placed on our hearts—

join us for Explore Western! If you plan to attend Explore Western or have any questions, please email or contact Brad Vis - brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com or 605-359-5704.

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.

Requested Announcements

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.