

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET

April 5, 2026

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, April 5: You are invited to an Easter worship celebration on Sunday evening at 5pm at Faith CRC. It will be a combined worship service with Bethel and First CRC, with an offering being received for Justice For All. Trevor Mouw will share a meditation, accompanied by songs, statements of faith litanies, and prayers. All are welcome!

Sunday, April 5: Early Teen Ministry will meet for their end of the year party at First CRC at 7:30pm.

Tuesday, April 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. Creative Living Center Counselor Dr. Shawn Scholten and Brooks McFarland will discuss Compassionate Self-Care and Caregiver Care. From 7:45 to 8:45, individuals affected by mental health conditions, and their family/friends will meet separately for a time of mutual support. For information, call Shirley at 712-574-6758 or Nate at 402-916-0008 or natehuysen93@gmail.com.

Thursday, April 9: 8th Grade Day at Western Christian - Are you ready for high school? We would like to welcome all 8th grade students and parents to Western Christian High School. We will serve a free supper to our guests between 5:15-6:15pm, and the main program will start in the Event Center at 6:15pm. We ask that parents and students attend 8th Grade Day together. If you have any questions, please contact Brad Vis - brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com or by cell 605-359-5704.

Thursday, April 9: The K&K Dooyema Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation at Dordt University invites you to our first Formed for Work spring lecture series event at the Overlook at Dordt University. Our guest speaker is Vladimir Snurenco, research fellow for the Center for Social Flourishing at the Acton Institute. His talk is titled, "From Aid to Empowerment: Rethinking Poverty Solutions Near and Far." This is a free event. Reception begins at 6:30pm. Lecture begins at 7:00pm. Register at <https://hello.dordt.edu/register/FormedForWork2026>, and contact Dale Zevenbergen with any questions at dale.zevenbergen@dordt.edu.

Friday, April 10: Des Moines Metro Opera's OPERA Iowa Educational Touring Troupe is scheduled to perform in the B.J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt University at 7:00pm. The troupe will present Joshua Borths' adaptation of Cinderella for the community. Dordt University is among more than 60 stops on the troupe's statewide tour, which runs from February 23 through April 24, bringing live opera performances to schools and community venues across Iowa. The performance is free and open to the public.

Saturday, April 11: Sioux Center Christian School invites you to our Trail'Raiser Trek come and go event from 8-11:30am! It's an opportunity for ALL of our supporting community to walk through school, see our spaces and see how God's kids are learning and living God's Story! Enjoy the freewill brunch and so much more! If you like to bake, you are welcome to donate Gourmet Cupcakes, Bars, or Snack Mixes! Recipes, sign up, along with more event info is at siouxcenterchristian.com > [Support SCCS](#) > [TrailRaiser Trek](#)

Saturday, April 11: Hope for the Journey Conference will be held at New Life Church, 8:30am – 4:30pm. Snacks and drinks will be provided with a 30-minute lunch break (pack a lunch or order in). No childcare provided. We'd love to have you join us for this great opportunity to come together for education and encouragement. Through this simulcast event, you can also receive 6 approved hours for foster care training. RSVP [here](#).

Saturday, April 11: Julia Vande Vegte, a senior piano performance and pedagogy student at Dordt University, will give a piano recital at 7pm in the Jim and Marilyn Dean Recital Hall. Vande Vegte will play selected works from Scarlatti, Beethoven, Debussy, Poulenc, Chopin, and Brahms. She will be accompanied by Josiah Vos as Secundo pianist for Brahms's Hungarian Dances. Outside of her studies, Vande Vegte is a church musician, teaches private lessons, is a Chorale and recital accompanist, and a featured soloist for J.S. Bach's Keyboard Concerto in D minor with the Dordt University Chamber Orchestra.

Advance Announcements

Monday, April 13: Cornerstone Prison Church Council, Board and Congregation invite you to our Annual Benefit Banquet at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley at 6:30pm. Save your spot by Thursday, April 9 by calling Trinity CRC at 712-476-5292. Join us for an evening of praise to God for his work through Cornerstone Prison Church inside the walls of the South Dakota State Penitentiary! A free will offering will be taken as an opportunity to financially support Cornerstone's ministry. Donations may also be sent to: Cornerstone Prison Church, c/o Dave Vande Kamp, PO Box 88708, Sioux Falls, SD 57109 or online www.cornerstonepcsd.org

Tuesday, April 14: Unity Christian 8th Grade Day will be held for all interested 8th grade students from 11:15am until 2:40pm. Students will experience a tour of the school, participate in a chapel, and learn about courses and co-curricular programs. An evening event designed for the parents of incoming freshmen will be held that same evening, April 14th from 7:00 - 8:30pm. This evening meeting is a critical parent orientation meeting to learn about course selection, athletics, transportation, and enrollment. Call the school with any questions at 712-737-4114.

Tuesday, April 14: Mark your calendar for a Crossroads Prison Ministries training workshop for current mentors and an introduction to Crossroads for those interested in learning more about this impactful ministry at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall of First CRC of Sioux Center. Bring a friend and discover how you can make a difference by corresponding with inmates through Bible lessons in the mail.

Thursday, April 16: All grandparents of freshmen students at Unity Christian High School are invited to attend Freshmen Grandparent Day at Unity to begin at 9:30am and will finish at lunch with your grandchild. Please call 737-4114 or email aobbink@unitychristian.net to make a lunch reservation.

Friday, April 17 and Saturday, April 18: Sioux Center Christian School invites you to attend the 7th/8th grade performance of The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe at 7pm in the Blazer Center. Come and see this beloved story come to life as the first production on the Blazer Center stage! No tickets are needed. Freewill donations will be received at the door supporting SCCS Drama. Doors open at 6:30pm.

Tuesday, April 21: Grandfriends Day at Western Christian - We invite all Grandfriends of senior students to join us from 1-3pm on that day. Our special guests may arrive any time after 12:30pm.

Saturday, April 25: Save the date! The Sioux County Oratorio Chorus, under the leadership of Dr. Thomas Holm, will perform Handel's Messiah at 7:30pm in Christ Chapel at Northwestern College. The chorus will be joined by the Northwestern College A Cappella Choir, chamber orchestra, and soloists. Tickets for adults are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door and are \$5 for students. Tickets are available through Northwestern College's Music Department and Windmill Park Jewelers in Orange City, the Dordt University Music Department in Sioux Center, or from any SCOC member.

Requested Announcements

Habitat Sponsor A Stud! - Gather your friends, family, church group or business to sponsor one or more 2x4 studs for \$100 each to help build the Chavez family's Habitat home! We will deliver the stud to you to decorate with Bible verses, encouraging words, prayers, pictures, etc. The studs will be framed into the house, and everyone will be invited to a Stud Finder Event later on to see the studs and pray for the home and family. Get more details and sign up by April 8 by contacting Kurt Franje: 641-780-9054 or kfranje@siouxlandhabitat.org.

Spring Cleaning with a Purpose - As you begin your spring cleaning, please consider donating your gently used items to Western Christian's Bargain Alley Thrift Store and Bargain Alley Furniture Outlet. The Thrift Store is especially in need of children's clothing and home décor. Thank You!