

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET

August 23, 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, August 23: All Unity families, teachers, staff, and supporters are invited to join us from 7:30-8:30pm for a Prayer Walk & Fellowship. We will begin in the courtyard and then divide into two groups:

Jericho Prayer Walk Group: This group will circle the outside of the school building six times while praying silently. On the seventh lap, we will pray out loud in one accord, asking God to tear down any strongholds the enemy may be trying to build at our school.

Traditional Prayer Walk Group: This group will follow a map through the various areas of the school, praying for God to build His kingdom for His glory throughout the upcoming school year.

Our Prayer Walk will conclude at 8:30pm with a make-your-own ice cream sundae fellowship!

Questions? Please contact Sue Dykstra at 712-360-0650 or susandykstra@gmail.com.

Tuesday, August 25: A group of women will start gathering from 9:30 - 10:30am to pray for their grandchildren and their schools. If you have a burden to pray for your grandchildren, come and join us Tuesday mornings at First CRC in the upstairs Fireside room during the school year.

Also, if you have a burden to pray for your college age or adult child, come and join another group of praying women on Tuesdays from noon to 1pm in the First CRC Fireside room. We also pray for a number of schools. Our first prayer time is Tuesday, August 25. All interested women will be warmly welcomed. For more information, contact Rachel Raih (712-441-0885).

Tuesday, August 25: Love INC of Sioux County's Love & Learn fall classes begin at 6:45-8:00pm at Trinity CRC in Rock Valley. This fall they are offering Faith & Finances, Boundaries, Affirming Potential, Grief Share, and Redemptive Compassion. For more information about these Tuesday classes or to register, please contact Love INC Sioux County at 712-476-5990 or email ministries@loveincsiouxcounty.org.

Friday & Saturday, August 28 - 29: YOUTH GROUPS: THE ANNUAL 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR KICK OFF WITH MINNIKOTA YOUTH at Thunder Road in Sioux Falls is scheduled for Friday, August 28 – Saturday, August 29, 11pm-4am.

11:00pm-11:30pm Check In

11:30pm-1:30am Outdoor Fun

1:30-2:00am Devos, Pizza, & Pop

2:00-4:00am Indoor Fun

If we have over 85 people attend, the cost is \$38/person. If we have less than 85, the cost is \$40/person.

RSVP (before August 21) by texting Lee De Groot at 712-470-4244, include your name, church, and number attending.

Advance Announcements

Friday, September 4: Dr. Carrie Groenewold, Professor of Church Music and Organ at Dordt University, will present a Faculty Recital titled "A Flowering of Netherlandish and Flemish Psalms and Chorales" at 7:00pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The program will focus on the development of beloved psalms and chorales by Dutch and Flemish composers and will include congregational singing. The concert and a PDF program will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>.

Monday, September 14: A Bible League dinner will be held at 6pm at Bethel CRC, Sioux Center, for an evening of joy. Cost: \$25.

Tuesday, September 15: Adults and teens are invited to the Bible League conference, *Hope and Forgiveness in the Midst of Evil*, at Bethel CRC, Sioux Center, at 9:30am. Keynote speaker, Gayle Haas, will lead sessions as

Corrie ten Boom. The realities of WWII will come to life, and you will be stirred by the hope that can only come through Jesus. Worship will be led by Jennifer Frens and Bible League leaders will share powerful updates about their ministry. Register by Sept. 6 at <https://www.bibleleague.org/tickets/>. Conference & lunch, \$40; conference without lunch, \$30.

Thursday, September 17: Community Health Partners, along with all Sioux County healthcare systems, will offering an 8-session weight loss and diabetes prevention program, "Choose Health NW Iowa," with the goal of preventing diabetes in NW Iowa and promoting healthy and informed lifestyle choices. Classes will be on Thursdays from 5:15-6:30pm at Sioux Center Health beginning on September 17. Cost is \$40 for individuals or \$60/pair if you sign up with a partner. To register: call Community Health Partners at 712-737-2971 or email chp@siouxcountychnp.org by September 11.