

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET
April 19, 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.

Tuesday, April 21: Unity Christian High School supporters are invited to attend the Unity Society Meeting at 7:00 pm in the Knight Center. Join us to hear updates on our financial reports and strategic vision, and to vote on 3 items: the Hands On – Hearts In building addition, the 2026–27 budget, and board member elections. Please note: no absentee ballots are allowed for the building addition vote. Absentee ballots will be allowed for board elections on the first vote only. Come to the Unity office to complete your absentee ballots for board members. Visit our school website to learn more about these board candidates: Faith CRC - Janna Hulstein, Ryan Van Beek; Bridge of Hope - Lindsey Vander Pol, Kristen Oostra; At Large - Teri Bos.

Friday, April 24: Dordt University would like to cordially invite the public to attend an open house from 3:00 – 4:00pm in the De Yager Student Activity Center, located on the first level of the Campus Center. This open house is in honor of the following individuals upon their retirement: Dr. Jeff Gladstone, Associate Professor of Engineering; Shirley Folkerts, Instructor of Business; Dr. Tony Jelsma, Professor of Biology. Refreshments will be served. Please join us in extending our appreciation to these individuals for dedicating many years of faithful service to Dordt University and for the impact they have had on our students and the community.

Friday, April 24: The Dordt Music Department invites you to attend the Small Ensembles Concert in the Jim and Marilyn Dean Recital Hall at 7:00pm. The concert will include the percussion ensemble, brass quintet, clarinet choir, trumpet ensemble and the Heavenly Home men's group. The small ensembles concert gives students the opportunity to play together in a wide variety of music from such composers as Mendelssohn, Rimsky-Korsakov, Friedman, Ewazen and many others. The concert and a PDF program will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>.

Saturday, April 25: The Dordt University Music Department will present a 4th Avenue Jazz spring concert at 7:00pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Featured on the performance will be the 16-voice 4th Avenue Singers and 4th Avenue Band. Come for a relaxed evening 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>.

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.

Advance Announcements

Friday, May 1: ATLAS (Attaining Truth, Love, and Self-Control) and CFE (Center for Financial Education) are hosting a fundraiser auction and would appreciate your donations. Join us at New Life Church to bid on items to support our ministries. Did you know that we do not charge for services and most of our support comes from donations from events like this? Dinner will be served from 5:30-6:30pm, with the live auction beginning at 6:30pm. To donate or view an item list, click [here](#).

Saturday, May 2: The Dordt University Choral Ensembles Spring Concert will be held at 7:00pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium and 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 and centuries. 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>.

Monday, May 4: Ladies! Make plans to attend Bible League's Spring Salad Luncheon with your friends at Trinity Reformed Church in Orange City (201 St. Paul Avenue SE). Please bring one salad for every four ladies in your group. The luncheon begins at 11:30am; featured speakers will represent the Legacy Thrift and Hands Around The World ministries. Updates from Bible League International will be given, and a freewill donation will be received. Join us for this FUN event!

Requested Announcements

Looking for plants for your flower boxes, planters, or garden? Come check out the plants the Unity Christian horticulture greenhouse class has been busy cultivating for your space! The Mother's Day Sale is Friday, May 8 from 3:30 - 5:30pm and Saturday, May 9 from 9:00am - Noon. Freewill offering goes towards our FFA Program. We will have our costs posted in the greenhouse. Thank you for your support!

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!