

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET
January 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.

Tuesday, January 14: The Sioux County Oratorio Chorus will begin rehearsals soon and all are welcome to sing. This season we will be teaming up with the Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra to present Brahms' *Requiem* on April 15, 2025, with guest conductor, Dr. Ryan Smit. Rehearsals are held on Tuesdays in the Dordt University choir room beginning January 14 at 7:30pm. Please contact Mike Ochsner mkchsnr@gmail.com with any questions. We look forward to making music with you in this new year!

Friday, January 17, & Saturday January 18: Sioux Center Christian School invites you to attend one of the 7th/8th grade performances of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast JR* at 7pm in the TePaske Theater. Please come and enjoy this endearing musical that our 7th and 8th graders have poured in hours of practice so they can glorify the Creator who gave them such talents! No tickets needed. Freewill donations will be received at the door supporting SCCS Drama. Doors open at 6:30pm.

Saturday, January 18: MIK Youth and its supporting classes (Minnkota, Iakota, Heartland) are excited to announce the launching of a new sister ministry, as of January 1, 2025, called MIK+. This is a regional ministry for single young adults ages 19-29 years of age. It will consist of Bible Study, fun outings, and perhaps some service trips or service days. Our first official gathering will take place on January 18, 2025 at the Worthington (MN) CRC at 6pm. Our plan is to study each book of the Bible starting with Genesis and working our way to Revelation. If you or someone you know is interested in joining us, or if you would like more information, please email Lee at mikyouthnetwork@gmail.com. Lee De Groot & Pastor Doug De Groot

Advance Announcements

Sunday, January 19: Early Teen Ministry (ETM) will meet at 7:30pm at First CRC's upper level ministry building.

Friday, January 24: Homecoming 2025 will be held at Unity Christian High School. The Homecoming Court will be presented after chapel. Evening activities, beginning at 4:30, will include four basketball games, presentation of the Homecoming Royalty, and Dance Team performances. Alumni and friends of UCHS are invited to all the activities.

Wednesday, February 5: Are you grieving the loss of someone near and dear to you? Are you wondering if what you are experiencing is normal? A local Grief Share Support Group will begin 13 sessions on February 5 to April 30. You may join in at any time for help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. This group meets at New Hope Evangelical Free Church's south wing in Orange City from 7-8:30pm which includes a video and confidential small group discussion. Cost: A suggested donation of \$20 covers all costs for the entire series. CALL Elaine Elgersma (712-540-5878) or TEXT Dee Van Dyke (712-540-2533) for more information or to register.

Requested Announcements

Western Christian's Bargain Alley Thrift Store and Furniture Outlet would like to welcome more volunteers. Please contact Kari Hoekstra at bargainalleyhull@gmail.com if you are interested in helping at one of the Bargain Alley locations.

Love INC's Love & Learn classes (Faith & Finances, Grief Share, and Boundaries) will begin on January 28 at 6:45-8pm at Trinity CRC, Rock Valley. Call 712-476-5990 to register by January 20 or email ministries@loveincsiouxcounty.org for more information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LOVE INC CLASSES: If you have a heart for helping others, we have opportunities for you to give of your time and talents! The main needs are childcare volunteers and Faith & Finance mentors. Training is offered. Please call the Love INC office (712-476-5990) to find out more about ways to serve your community! Our next class session begins January 28, 2025.