

## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET

September 17, 2023

Please turn in announcements by 10:30 on Wednesday mornings to the office of the First Christian Reformed Church: [office@firstcrc.com](mailto:office@firstcrc.com) or 712-722-0717.

**Sunday, September 17:** ETM (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders) will have their first meeting at First CRC at 7:30pm.

**Friday, September 22:** The annual Dordt University Honors Recital will take place at 3:00pm, in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Performers in the honors recital have all received named music scholarships made possible by Dordt University donors. All are welcome to a reception honoring the performers in the lobby of the auditorium following the recital.

### Advance Announcements

**Saturday, September 30:** On September 28-30, eighty-five high school choral singers will be on campus at Dordt University for the 1st Annual Dordt University Honor Choir Weekend! Attendees come from seven states and from as far as Washington state and Indiana. Each of the students were recommended by their individual choir directors. The ensemble will spend Thursday evening, Friday, and Saturday morning in rehearsals and will give a final concert on Saturday, September 30 at 1:00pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The Honor Choir will be conducted by Ryan Smit, Director of Choral Activities at Dordt University.

**Friday, October 6:** Do you enjoy listening to inspirational Christian music? If so, please mark your calendars for "An Evening of Praise" with Bible League International (BLI) Ambassadors who are sponsoring a music concert at the B.J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt University in Sioux Center at 7pm. The groups that will be performing are Four for Him, the Klaasens, and Ensemble Royale. There will also be a featured six-handed piano arrangement performed by Trio BDT. A free will offering will be taken for BLI. This year BLI is celebrating its 85th anniversary. Every \$5.00 raised will cover the cost of putting a Bible written in a language that they can understand in the hands of people around the world. Please invite your friends and family to "An Evening of Praise." Everyone is welcome!

**Saturday, October 7:** Joynd Together, a non-profit organization dedicated to uniting school and church communities through running and literacy activities rooted in faith, will be hosting a Young Authors Conference at 9:00am to noon at Sioux Center High School. The conference will feature the esteemed award-winning author, Daniel Nayeri, as the keynote speaker. Mr. Nayeri is a remarkable storyteller and possesses a distinctive ability to captivate young minds with his creative works. His compelling story of faith will also be key to his involvement with our conference. All community members are invited to hear his opening session where he will share this inspiring story that he recounts in his New York Times best-selling novel, *Everything Sad is Untrue*. A book signing and breakfast will follow the opening session and students in grades 3-12 will stay for fun activities and instruction led by Mr. Nayeri. Please follow the link for more information and to register for the event:

<https://joyndtogether.com/young-authors-conference>

**Wednesday, October 11:** Hope Haven would like to invite you to Double HH's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House from 4 until 7pm. Come out to their community-wide open house to recognize their employees, customers, community supporters, and all the agricultural producers who rely on the quality of the Double HH hitchpins. There will be refreshments available and tours, including their 35,000 square foot expansion. Hope to see you as a way of saying thank you for pulling together for the past 50 years!

**Thursday, October 19:** Mark your calendars and gather your friends for a memorable night at Promise Community Health Center's 14th annual "Evening of Promise" Celebration to take place at 6pm at the Terrace View Event Center in Sioux Center. This event promises an evening of entertainment (Dueling Duos, dueling pianos), great food, and an opportunity to make a meaningful impact in your community. See this link, <https://promisechc.org/an-evening-of-promise-2023/> for tickets and more information.

## Requested Announcements

Please consider partnering with a farmer in Liberia, Africa this fall with a donation of grain. One Body One Hope is a ministry partnership between northwest Iowa and Liberia. Your grain donation would support a farm community of families in West Africa. To learn more, visit [onebodyonehope.org](http://onebodyonehope.org) and click the grain donation link or call 712-395-8987. Thank you.

The Sioux Center area Friendship Bible group leaders are grateful for responses to the call for Friendship mentors. Every position for a weekly mentor has been filled except for one male mentor. (Additional substitutes are always welcome.) Join us for an exciting ministry with very little preparation and spend an hour on Thursday evenings alongside a room full of fellow believers with a wide variety of gifts and abilities. Please contact First CRC ([office@firstcrc.com](mailto:office@firstcrc.com); 712-722-0717) to connect you with the Friendship team leaders.

A local GriefShare Support Group has begun classes on Wednesday, September 6, but you may join in anytime 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 on Wednesdays from 7-8:30pm for 13 weeks which includes a video and confidential small group discussion. Cost: A suggested donation of \$20 covers all costs for the entire series. Call Ken Fry for more information at 712-441-4684.