

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET

August 30, 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, September 1: NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Support Group 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. Members of the Sioux County Sheriff's Office will discuss Mental Health and Law Enforcement in Sioux County. Individuals affected by mental health conditions, and their family/friends will meet separately from 7:45 to 8:45 for a time of mutual support. For information, call Shirley at 712-574-6758 or Nate at 402-916-0008 or natehuyser93@gmail.com.

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>.

Advance Announcements

Monday, September 7: The First CRC Youth Group will be hosting a Labor Day Pancake Breakfast from 7:30 to 9:30am at First CRC (321 2nd St SE), serving pancakes with toppings of strawberries/chocolate chips, sausages, juice, and coffee. Freewill donations will be received in support of their 2027 mission trip.

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 – Saturday, September 17-19: At Work in the Garden Conference is a conference for celebrating and reclaiming a robust theology of work as God's good design. The three-day faith and work conference, held September 17-19 on Dordt University's campus, is designed to help participants explore how faith shapes daily work through creativity, cultivation, and care. Featured keynote speakers include author and speaker Jordan Raynor, musical collective The Porter's Gate, and marketplace leadership expert Michaela O'Donnell. To learn more and to register, visit <https://www.dordt.edu/events/at-work-in-the-garden>

Thursday, September 17: Community Health Partners, along with all Sioux County healthcare systems, will be 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@siouxcountychp.org by September 11.

Requested Announcements

Habitat for Humanity Homeownership Opportunity! Are you or someone you know in need of a safe, decent and affordable place to live? Siouxland Habitat for Humanity is accepting partner family applications for a 2027 home build in Boyden. Application forms are available at our Sioux City office at 1150 Tri View Ave. or via email families@siouxlandhabitat.org. Contact Sandra with questions: 712-224-5117. Applications are accepted by September 30.