

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SHEET

April 20, 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.

Monday, April 21: Western Christian High School's Spring Society Meeting will be held at 6pm. Our Head Administrator, Mr. Verwolf, will share a State of School Report which includes staffing and program updates for the upcoming school year. Additionally, we have an opportunity as a society to approve the annual budget for the 2025-2026 school year and elect two new board members. More information will be released soon!

Tuesday, April 22: Grandfriends Day at Western Christian High School. We invite all Grandfriends of senior students to join us from 1-3pm on that day. Our special guests may arrive any time after 12:30pm.

Tuesday, April 22: We invite all Unity supporters to attend the Unity Society Meeting at 7:00pm in the Knight Center. Supporters of the school are encouraged to attend to hear about our financial reports, our strategic vision and to vote to approve the 25-26 budget. Board members will be elected as well. Supporters will elect one of the two nominees from each of the following groups: Partner Society - Rebecca Hanson and Nigel Millard; At Large - Mike Calkhoven and Matt Boogerd; Living Water - Teri Bos and Matt Mellema. You can learn about each candidate on our school website.

Friday, April 25: Dordt University cordially invites the community to a retirement open house being held in honor of Dr. John Olthoff, Professor of Agriculture. This open house will be held from 4-5pm in the Eckardt Lounge. The Eckardt Lounge is located in the Dordt University Campus Center. Please join us in celebrating with John and thanking him for 36 years of faithful service!

Saturday, April 26: Dordt Social Work is hosting a 5k color run to support Family Crisis Center and we would love for the local community to come run with us! We are very excited for this event and believe it will be a blast for kids, families, and all people alike! Look forward to some great food trucks after the race. Colors of Courage 5k - Location: race starts and ends in the All Seasons Center parking lot
Date: April 26, 10am (packet pickup begins at 9 AM)
Questions can be directed to colors.of.courage.5k@outlook.com

Saturday, April 26: Join us for a relaxing evening of jazz as Dordt's 4th Avenue Singers and 4th Avenue Band take the stage in the B.J. Haan Auditorium at 7:00pm. Music from the Singers will include classic jazz standards like "All of Me" and "Moon River"; newer tunes like "Fly Away Birdie" and "Green Lights"; and a great new jazz arrangement of the Beatles tune "I Will." The 4th Ave Band will bring the sounds of Glenn Miller and a standard from the rock genre, "Watermelon Man," alongside other big band favorites like "88 Basie Street." Livestream available at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>

Advance Announcements

Monday, April 28: The Dordt Music Department invites you to attend the Small Ensembles Concert in the B.J. Haan Auditorium at 7:30pm. The concert will include the percussion ensemble, brass ensemble, clarinet quartet, and the saxophone ensemble. The small ensembles concert gives students and instructors the opportunity to play together in a wide variety of music from such composers as Bach, Verdi, Solomon, and Daiki Kato. The piece "Celebration II" will feature 5 players performing on 1 marimba. The brass ensemble will perform a set of variations on the children's tune "London Bridge is Falling Down" by Alfred Reed. Also featured will be a beautiful arrangement of "Great is Thy Faithfulness" arranged by Dordt alum Sarah Goetsch, in remembrance of her grandmother. Livestream available at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>

Thursday, May 1: The Dordt Music Department invites you to join us for the final concert by the Dordt Instrumental Ensembles at 7pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The concert will feature the Campus-Community Band, Chamber Orchestra, and Wind Symphony. Music to be performed will range from older classics to modern works by 21st century composers. The concert will culminate with the Wind Symphony presenting the monumental work 'Symphony No. 7' by David Maslanka. We hope you can join us live to witness the great work of our Dordt student musicians over the course of the 24-25 academic year. Livestream available at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>

Friday, May 2: The Choral Ensembles Spring Concert at 7:00pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium 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 feature a wide variety of choral music including classic settings from Mendelssohn, Pablo Casals, and Randall Thompson; modern arrangements of psalms, folk songs, and pop tunes; and new 21st century works. Bella Voce is conducted by Dr. Carrie Groenewold, Canons of Dordt by Tim Van Voorst, and Chorale and Concert Choir by Dr. Ryan Smit. Livestream available at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>

Saturday, May 3: If you will be attending the 2025 Live Healthy Iowa Track Meet at 3pm at Sioux Center's Open Space Park, you are welcome to support the concession stand by First CRC for their Christian Education fund.

Monday, May 5: Ladies! Plan to attend Bible League's Spring Salad Luncheon with your friends at Rock Valley First CRC (1401 16th St., Rock Valley, IA). Please bring one salad for every four ladies in your group. The luncheon begins at 11:30am; featured speaker is Gayle Walhof who will tell of her 4-year journey in publishing her book *"Songs of Naamah – A Novel of King David's Harem"*. Updates from BLI will be given, and a freewill donation will be received. Join us for this FUN event!

Requested Announcements

Unity Christian High School has several hourly positions available for the 2025-2026 school year. We are seeking applications for a paraprofessional, librarian/study hall monitor, kitchen computer team member, part-time custodian, and bus route driver. To learn more, please visit our website at <http://unitychristian.net/employment>.

Paul's Missionary Journeys in Greece (October 13 - 24, 2025): Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (4 days) to sites connected with Paul's second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at 616-328-3110 or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.