

Community Happenings



The Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LiHEAP) offered through **Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc.** may be able to help you pay your winter heating bill. This program is funded through the Iowa Department of Human Rights and has been established to help qualified low-income Iowa homeowners and renters pay for a portion of their primary heating costs.

Your local Mid-Sioux office will be taking applications through April 30, 2019. Each applicant will need to furnish a copy of their most recent heating and electric bill, original Social Security or I-94 card for each household member, and proof of the household's income for the past month (30 days), the past twelve (12) months, or the most recent calendar year (tax return). Eligibility for participation is established according to the federal income guidelines listed at the right. Applicants eligible for an award will be paid on a first come, first served basis, and all payments are subject to availability of funds.

MAXIMUM GROSS INCOME

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ANNUAL INCOME
1	\$21,245
2	\$28,805
3	\$36,365
4	\$43,925
5	\$51,485

For families with more than five members, add \$7,560 for each additional member.

Have you made reservations for the catered supper at **Unity Christian High School**? It's this coming Saturday night, December 1, beginning with appetizers at 5:20 p.m. Don't miss this opportunity to support our school. Reservations need to be made by e-mail or calling 737-4114 by 5:00 on Tuesday afternoon (Nov. 27). If you purchased Selah tickets, that performance begins at 7:00 in the Knight Center. It will be a wonderful night of celebration!! If you plan to attend the Selah concert at Unity Christian on December 1, remember to order tickets. Go to the Unity website and order those. Tickets are going quickly.

The **Northwestern College** music department will present its annual Christmas Vespers on Saturday, December 1, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 2, at 3 p.m. in Christ Chapel. The event is free and open to the public. This year's concert is focused on Christ's coming, his challenge to us, and our response. The event will include performances by numerous musical ensembles and soloists as well as the Drama Ministries Ensemble.

The **Dordt College** Campus-Community Band, Chamber Orchestra, and Concert Band will present a concert on Friday, December 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium in Sioux Center. This concert of praise and celebration will feature a variety of musical selections, including Philip Sparke's *Mary's Boy Child*, arranged to be a Calypso (an Afro-Caribbean style of music), *Riu, Riu, Chiu* arranged by Marshall Fine (a Spanish Christmas carol depicting the story of the birth of Jesus and the joy of his coming to redeem the world from the guilt of sin), and *Of Sailors and Whales: Five Scenes from Melville*, a piece for wind band based on *Moby Dick* that will feature Dordt English Professor Mary Dengler as narrator.

The senior high youth group of **Maurice Reformed Church** invites everyone to their traveling nativity held on Saturday, December 8 and Sunday December 9 in Maurice from 5:30-8:30pm. A horse drawn wagon will lead you down a lit path to events leading to the birth of Christ. Enjoy warm refreshments in the church's Family Life Center before or after your ride. Freewill donations will go toward the senior high youth group at MRC.

Love INC is continuing to develop our Love & Learn classes and are excited to pursue a Parenting Curriculum for January 2019! We are seeking individuals or couples that would be interested in facilitating the class. It is a faith-based DVD/workbook curriculum that has been selected through prayer, discernment and communication with Sioux County churches and agencies. Love INC will be taking volunteer applications for this opportunity through mid-December. If you have a heart for helping others navigate the challenging journey of parenting, life experience and feel God's leading please call the Love INC office at 476.5990.

JUSTICE FOR ALL is planning the 2019 *Service and Learning* Opportunities and would love to have you join one of the teams! These weeks are wonderful opportunities to serve others but also to experience and understand God's Kingdom in new and important ways! Dates and places are: Harvest Hands Ministries, Juarez, MX – January 18-26 (must have passport); JVM Perkins Foundation, Jackson MS – February 9-16; Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson, MS - February 17-23; Grace Reigns, Colorado City UT – March 16-23. For more information please call Luke Grooters at JFA 712-476-2804 or email lukeg@jfa-nwiowa.org. You can also check out the JFA website: www.jfa-nwiowa.org.