

# 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.

The **NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Support Group** will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8. Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. For information call Shirley Matheis, 722-4462.

The **NAMI Iowa Family-to-Family Education Program** for family members of persons with mental illness will be offered at Central Reformed Church from 7 to 9:30 pm on Thursday evenings for 11 weeks beginning January 10, 2019. The course is FREE and will be taught by trained family member volunteer leaders, Barb Addink (712-567-4727), Shirley Matheis (722-4462 or [nsmath@mtcnet.net](mailto:nsmath@mtcnet.net)), and Lynn Wielenga (712-722-1828). Please register today.

**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.

Bring a friend! All are invited to sing with the **Sioux County Oratorio Chorus** as we return to perennial favorite, Handel's *Messiah*, for our upcoming season! Weekly rehearsals begin Tuesday, January 15, 7:30-9:30pm, in Dordt College's choral rehearsal room, and the performance with orchestra, Dordt and NWC choirs, and professional soloists will be in BJ Haan Auditorium on Saturday, April 27. For more information, find us on Facebook or email Mike Ochsner at [mkchsnr@gmail.com](mailto:mkchsnr@gmail.com).

**Justice For All** is planning the *2019 Service and Learning Opportunities* and would love to have you join one of their 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](mailto:lukeg@jfa-nwiowa.org). You can also check out the JFA website: [www.jfa-nwiowa.org](http://www.jfa-nwiowa.org).

**Northwestern College's Heritage Singers Chamber Choir** will perform "A Night at the Opera" on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 25 and 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the England Proscenium Theatre of the DeWitt Theatre Arts Center. Admission is free, but tickets are required and should be reserved with Nora Verburg at the music office, 712-707-7062. Order tickets early to obtain the best seats. The hourlong comedy opens with the death of a wealthy landowner whose relatives have gathered in anticipation of their inheritance, only to learn that all the money has been willed to a local charity. The bulk of the opera tells of the relatives' scheming attempts to change the will to their own advantage.

**Cornerstone Prison Church Faith Fellowship Weekend:** Friday, January 25, 6:00-8:00pm & January 26 & 27, 7:15am-4:00pm each day. The theme for the weekend is "Year of Reconciliation" based on 2 Chronicles 7:14, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." Join us for worship, large group talks and small group discussions. The deadline for signing up is Monday, January 7. We would be happy to have you join us for part of the weekend or all of it. If you would like more information or to sign up, please contact us at [office@cornerstonepcsd.org](mailto:office@cornerstonepcsd.org) or call 507-215-3670. Thank you for considering this wonderful ministry opportunity!

**Crossroads Teens Encounter Christ (TEC)** is accepting applications for the upcoming weekend at the Reformed Church of Steen in Steen, Minnesota. TEC is an interdenominational three-day Christian retreat/lock in designed to help high schoolers learn more about their faith and their community. The next TEC is Friday February 15 through Sunday February 17. If you would like to learn more about TEC or register, please visit [www.CrossroadsTEC.com/apply](http://www.CrossroadsTEC.com/apply) or email [CrossroadsTEC@gmail.com](mailto:CrossroadsTEC@gmail.com). The cost is \$50 and includes a t-shirt, meals & other special gifts. Scholarships are available upon request. Crossroads TEC is also looking for adults with a passion for ministering to teens to help make the weekend a success.