

Community Happenings



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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.

The Rev. Richard Allen Farmer, an acclaimed pastor and accomplished musician, will give a lecture and concert at **Northwestern College** on Tuesday, Jan. 15. He will speak in chapel at 11:05 a.m. and will give a vocal and piano concert at 7 p.m. Both events will take place in Christ Chapel and are free and open to the public. Farmer serves as the senior pastor of Crossroads Presbyterian Church in Stone Mountain, Ga. He previously served as dean of the chapel at Taylor University and Gordon College. Farmer's music and preaching ministry takes him across the U.S. and around the world.

The **Dordt College Concert Choir** invites you to a concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, January 18, at the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The concert is part of a winter music tour with performances in Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Iowa. Directed by Mr. Ryan Smit, the ensembles will perform a wide variety of choral music, including hymn arrangements, gospel, classics from Mozart and Brahms, multi-cultural songs from around the globe, and profound works from exciting new composers. The concert is free, with a freewill offering received to help defray tour expenses.

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. You can also check out the JFA website: www.jfa-nwiowa.org.

Homecoming 2019 will be held at **Unity Christian High School** on Friday, January 25. Unity alumnus from the class of 2009, Nathan Nieuwendorp, will speak at the chapel at 1:30 p.m. The Homecoming court will be presented after the speaker. Evening activities, beginning at 6:00 p.m., will include basketball games, presentation of Homecoming royalty, and dance team performances. All alumni and friends of UCHS are invited to the afternoon and evening activities.

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 or call 507-215-3670. Thank you for considering this wonderful ministry opportunity!

Dordt College's Andreas Center will host song and modern-day hymn writer Sandra McCracken on Monday, February 4th as part of our First Mondays Speaker Series. I am hoping you'll be willing to share the event with your congregation. The events are listed below; both are free and open to the public (though RSVP is necessary for the concert). I've included PowerPoint slides, more information is on our Facebook page (link below), and you can expect a physical poster to arrive in the mail soon. Please let me know if you have any questions and feel free to share my information as a contact (emily.rowe@dordt.edu / 712-722-6434).

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 or email 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.

Love INC of Sioux County is proud to present "Love and Laugh" on Saturday, February 9th at Trinity Christian Reformed Church in Rock Valley. The doors for this dinner theater style event will open at 5pm to be followed by a catered meal at 5:30pm and an improvisational comedy show by Slap Happy Comedy at 7. The Slap Happy Comedy team, a Christian two-man duo, brings a clean, high energy, hilarious, interactive comedy experience that will involve the entire audience and guarantees fun for the entire family. Tickets to this event are an ideal Valentine's Day gift and can be purchased for \$30 a piece or you may reserve a complete table of 8 by calling the Love INC office at 712-476-5990.