

FIRST CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
JANUARY 13, 2019
PRAYER REMINDERS

- Josh Byl
- Teresa Oostra
- Guatamala Team
- Jonathon Kats
- Mike Van Otterloo
- Sophia, great-granddaughter of Faye Medalen
- Corwin Slagter, son-in-law of Al & Harriet Van Zanten
- Our Whispering Heights residents residing in Countryside: Louis Altena, Esther Cleveringa and Jake Teunissen
- Rev. Adam & Laura Van Gelder - LCC International University in Lithuania
- Lakeview CRC/Valentine, NE
- Pray for our friends in the Reformed Church in America facing the challenging questions about their future together as a denomination. The options before them, decided at their last general Synod, are "staying together, radical reconstituting and reorganization, and graceful separation." A Vision 2020 Team has been formed to guide the discernment process.

TODAY: **9:30 AM:** Morning Worship Service
 5:55 PM: Evening Worship Service

TUESDAY: **9:45 AM:** Coffee Break

WED: **7:00 PM:** Young Peoples Bible Study
 7:00 PM: Open Workshop for Cadets to work on pinewood derby cars

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Tuesday - Anna Van Surksum, Harlan Van't Hul, *the Eric Breuers*
Wednesday - Kelly Haak
Friday - Courtney Spaans
Saturday - Kayden Spaans, Kylea Spaans, Deb Van't Hul

FUTURE DATES

January 18 - Couples Club meets
January 20 - Youth Sunday & Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
January 21 - ABC Society meets
January 22 - 70+ Society meets
January 27 - Cadet Sunday
January 30 - Informational meeting concerning Roof Maintenance Project
February 4 - Special Congregational Meeting concerning Roof Project
February 12 - Young People set up for Valentine's Supper
February 13 - Young People's Valentine's Supper
February 19 - Whispering Height's Chapel - L.I.G.H.T. in charge
February 22 - RVCS Winter Festival

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Women and girls of all ages - start 2019 off right! You're invited to warm-up, burn off some steam and boost your endorphins. Join us for **Zumba-style exercise**. It's so fun, you forget you're exercising! We meet Tuesday and Friday mornings at Trinity CRC, 6:30 AM. Call or text Heather (712-470-6066) if you are interested and to join the group text reminders. We would love to have more smiling faces! It's free! See you soon!

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, 7:30-9:30 PM 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.

Love INC is continuing to develop its **Love & Learn classes** which will be starting again on January 22, 2019! We will be offering four classes: **Parenting** (a faith based curriculum that centers on healthy parenting skills), **Grief Share** (help and encouragement after the death of a loved one), **Faith & Finances** (practical budgeting and money management with optional mentorship) and **Affirming Potential** (personal evaluation of physical, emotional, relational and spiritual areas of life while setting goals to live out God-given potential). If you or someone you know could benefit from these classes, please call the Love INC office at 476-5990 for more information or to register.

Cornerstone Prison Church Faith Fellowship Weekend is scheduled for Friday, January 25 (6:00-8:00 PM) and January 26 & 27 (7:15 AM-4:00 PM) 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!

The **Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra** will present its popular **WINTER POPS CONCERT**: Piano Dreamer, January 26, at 7:30 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium on the campus of Dordt College. Composer, pianist and conductor, Jan Mulder, will be joining the orchestra as guest artist for the evening. NISO's Celebrity Conductor Contest will be held in conjunction with this concert. Advance tickets are available at Evie's Hallmark in Sioux Center. Tickets are also available at the door the night of the concert. For more information, contact the NISO office at 712-722-6230 or niso@dordt.edu.

Dordt College's Andreas Center will host song and modern-day hymn writer, Sandra McCracken, on Monday, Feb. 4, as part of our First Monday's speaker Series - 11:00 AM - "A Song Writer's Journey through the Psalms"; 8 PM - Concert - Singing the Songs of Lament (free tickets via Eventbrite). For more information, go to the Andreas Center Facebook Page.

LET'S MEMORIZE SCRIPTURE!

"Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks."

~ John 4:23

"The day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid down."

~ II Peter 3:10