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**IMMANUEL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
SCHOOL & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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THE CHURCH OFFICE is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Please submit all bulletin and announcement materials by 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning.

Sheldon Christian

- **Sheldon Christian School will be having a Baked Potato Supper** on Monday, January 31 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the school gym. The menu includes: loaded baked potato, lettuce salad, fruit cup, homemade desserts & beverage. To-go meals will also be available.

Unity

- **Homecoming 2022** will be held at Unity Christian High School on Friday, January 21. The Homecoming Court will be presented after chapel followed by a student talent show. Evening activities, beginning at 3:45 p.m., will include four basketball games, presentation of the Homecoming Royalty, and Dance Team performances. Alumni and friends of UCHS are invited to all the activities.
- **Join us for the annual Reach Out event** sponsored by Unity Christian and MOC-FV on Thursday, January 27. Unity Christian is hosting the event this year. Basketball games between MOC-FV and Unity begin at 3:45 p.m. starting with JV girls and boys followed by the varsity teams. All proceeds from this community event will benefit local families with high medical costs.

Western

- **Western Christian's Worship Arts and Leadership Class** invites you to a night of worship on Thursday, January 20. Worship will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Event Center at Western Christian. We will be joining together in song and will have the privilege of hearing Jennifer Dukes Lee speak for us. We hope to see you there!

Community Announcements

A community choir will be gathering again for the Unity Service at Crossroads Pavilion on Sunday, February 13. Anyone and everyone who enjoys singing and praising our Lord and Savior is invited to join the choir! We will practice on Sunday afternoons from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at Crossroads Pavilion. Everyone is invited to participate whether they can make one practice or all practices. Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord together!

The Northwest Iowa Christian School Tuition Organization (NICSTO) is seeking applications for a new Director. Our longtime Director will transition into retirement and train the new hire over the next 12 months. Any questions regarding the position can be directed to Henry Kramer, our current Director - hkramer@unitychristian.net. To request a job description and/or application packet, please email Wayne Dykstra, Board Chair, at wdykstra@unitychristian.net.

From MINN-IA-KOTA Youth:

- **HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT:** "Oldie but a Goodie" is back on February 18-19/20 (Presidents' Day Weekend) at the Sioux Center Bethel CRC Lighthouse youth building. This event is for 9th-12th graders. If students from your church attend a leader(s) will need to attend as well. (A male leader for male students & a female leader for female students). Flyers can be found on the Connections table.
- **12th ANNUAL JR HIGH RETREAT:** April 22-24 at Inspiration Hills. This is for 6th, 7th, & 8th graders. Leaders do not need to be in attendance but are welcome to join us by registering. Our theme this year is "UP". Be watching your church mailboxes & our Facebook page for more information. Be planning ahead for this one as the policies at Inspiration Hills have changed. Registration will be due 3 weeks prior to the weekend with NO LATE REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED!
- Be watching the Minnikota Youth Facebook page for more details on all these upcoming events: <https://www.facebook.com/Minnikota-Youth-180296638785694>.
- **Hiring Youth Coordinator:** The Minn-I-Kota Youth Network is an organization with the goal to empower, encourage, & equip youth ministry programs at churches in the Minnkota, Iakota, and Heartland Classes. After 12 years of faithful service Lee De Groot plans to step down from her role as Youth Coordinator at the end of 2022. The MIK Youth Board intends to hire a new coordinator by September 2022 to train alongside Lee. Those seeking to apply must have a love for Christ, and be a member of good standing in a church that teaches Reformed doctrine. Applicants must have a heart for youth ministry, and should be gifted in administrative skills as well as event planning. For a job description and information on how to apply, please contact dan@bethelsc.org subject line "MIK Youth Coordinator Position" by April 10.

INSPIRATION HILLS Updates and Events: **to register or learn more, visit inspirationhills.org**

- **4th – 6th GRADE WINTER RETREAT: February 18 - 19**

Join us this winter for an exciting weekend with your friends and stay overnight in our bunk rooms at the Main Lodge! Many fun activities are planned: chapel, worship, winter activities, camp games, and much more! Reconnect with your friends from summer camp or come to camp for the 1st time! We will be joined by guest speaker, Matt Dengler. Matt has served as a chaplain for many years at Inspiration Hills and was a prior summer staff member.

Our theme this year is taken from Deuteronomy 10:17, "For the LORD your God is the God of gods and Lord of lords. He is the great God, the mighty and awesome God, who shows no partiality and cannot be bribed."

Scholarships Available: If you would like to register for a scholarship, please apply and register before January 30. Visit our website to download the paper registration and the scholarship application. Early Bird Registration is \$75 until January 28; Late Registration is \$85 from January 29-February 4.
- **ART OF MARRIAGE RETREAT: March 11 – 12**

Join us for a night of discovering how to renew and refresh your marriage through the Family Life's Curriculum. This DVD based curriculum will lead you through 6 sessions together as a couple and view marriage the way God intended it to be as a true art form. For over 40 years, Family Life has been helping couples understand God's plan for relationships. The Art of Marriage weaves together expert teaching, engaging stories, man-on-the-street interviews, humorous vignettes, and more to portray both the challenges and the beauty of God's design. Thanks to our sponsors, this retreat is affordable for any marriage couple. To register or learn more, visit inspirationhills.org
- **JOIN OUR 2022 SUMMER MINISTRY TEAM: Application Deadline is March 1**

Inspiration Hills is looking for individuals to serve and share God's love with campers. You will experience a life-changing summer, gain valuable skills for the vocation God has called you, and make lifelong friendships! Apply soon and you could qualify for a sign-on bonus!

Openings: Counselors, Wilderness Coordinator, Saddle Up Horse Camp Coordinator/Assistant Wrangler, CHIPS Coordinators, Mowers, Lifeguards, Kitchen Cook/Helpers