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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.

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

Come sing with us! The Sioux County Oratorio Chorus is ready to get back to singing, and we would love to have you join us. In January, rehearsals will begin for Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, for a performance on Saturday, April 30, 2022 in Christ Chapel at Northwestern College. Rehearsals are held Tuesdays 7:30-9:30pm at Northwestern, beginning January 11. We encourage singers to be fully vaccinated or masked to minimize risk to all participants. Please contact Mike Ochsner mkchsnr@gmail.com with any questions. We look forward to making music with you in the new year!

Oboe Recital: Dordt oboe instructor Susan Miranda will present "Sounds of the Oboe: Voices Less Heard" on Friday, January 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The recital will feature the harp-oboe duo Dúo León and the saxophone-oboe duo the BS Project, in collaboration with Dr. Hannah Palmquist Hite, harp, and Brian Handeland, saxophone.

From MINN-IA-KOTA Youth:

- **GREAT BEAR LAZER TUBING NIGHT:** Saturday, January 29th from 9:00-11:00 p.m. (As of right now, Great Bear is not open yet so it will be weather permitting). Buy tickets (\$22/person) online at <https://www.sportcodestore.com/greatbear>. They sell out fast!
- **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). Our theme is "BELONG". Registration forms will be sent to all church secretaries &/or youth leaders to be placed in mailboxes by the 2nd week of January.
- **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>.

INSPIRATION HILLS Updates and Events: **to register or learn more, visit [inspirationhills.org](https://www.inspirationhills.org)**

- **SINGLE MOM'S RETREAT: February 4 - 6 (RSVP by January 21)**

Join Inspiration Hills and ATLAS for a rejuvenating, empowering, and joy-filled weekend! Through pampering, mentoring, connecting with other single moms, small groups discussions... we work hard to refresh and equip you to where you are at in your life. We will be joined by guest speaker, Mandy McCleary. With over 20 years in ministry work and a lifetime full of stories, Mandy shares with women the only way she knows how - with sincere, humorous, real, and relatable truth. Thanks to our sponsors, this retreat is affordable for any single mom. If you are not a single mom but would like to be involved, check out our support staff/prayer team option on our website! Our theme this year is taken from Ephesian 4:22 "Renewed in the Spirit of your Minds".

- **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](https://www.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

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