

November 3, 2024

**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

- **Veterans Day Program:** Sheldon Christian School warmly invites you to join us as we honor and remember all who have served during our Veterans Day Program. This special event will feature participation from preschool through 8th grade students, including singing, performances by the school band, and Dr. Ryan Becker, MD, as our guest speaker.

Date: Monday, November 11, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM

Place: Sheldon Christian School Gym

We look forward to coming together as a community to show our gratitude to the brave men and women who have served our country. Everyone is welcome to come, and we want to extend a special invitation to all veterans – we would love to honor you during this special program!

UNITY

- **Combo Night in November!** Mark your calendars for Unity's Fall Fine Arts production of a One-Act play, *Mannenkoor*, and "The Cast" (improv group) on Thursday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m. You can purchase your tickets through Bound. Adults are \$8; K-12 are \$5.
- **Middle School Open House:** All middle school students and their parents are invited to our middle school open house on Monday, November 25 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. to learn more about Unity Christian High School. Meet in the Knight Center to start and then break out sections will follow.

WESTERN

- **Western Christian will present the theatrical production of "The Storm in the Brain"** on Thursday, November 14 and Friday, November 15. Both evening performances begin at 7:00 p.m. in the WCHS Event Center. Purchase tickets online by scanning the QR code found on the Connections table.
- **Explore Western:** Families with students of all ages are invited to attend our fall showcase, *Explore Western*, on Tuesday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m. Our goal is to share an authentic, relational, and enjoyable experience for prospective WC families as they learn about "Who We Are" and "What We Do" at Western Christian High School. If you plan to attend *Explore Western* or have any questions or would rather schedule an individual tour, please email or contact Brad Vis - brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com or 605-359-5704.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Generation of Adventure - The Mountain Man: You are invited to hear Kaleb Schrock, who will be giving a presentation on the story of Hugh Glass, a real mountain man survivor, as documented in the book "Lord Grizzly" (written by Fred Manfred of Doon, IA). This event will be held Monday, November 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sheldon Christian Retirement Home social room.

COME SING ON TUESDAYS! The Sioux County Oratorio Chorus is kicking off a new and exciting season next month, and all are welcome to come sing with us. This season features a special guest conductor and a first for the chorus as we present Brahms *Requiem*. Due to a conflict with NISO our first rehearsal will begin Wednesday, November 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the DeWitt Music Hall on Northwestern's campus with normal Tuesday rehearsals resuming the following weeks. Please contact Mike Ochsner mkchsnr@gmail.com with any questions. We look forward to making music with you in the new year!

"THE "CLAIRE STRONG" STORY: Claire Yaw went to heaven far too early in her life. Claire's Dad, Chris Yaw, will share the "Claire Strong" story and how it continues to impact his family's faith story and that of many others. All men are invited to come hear Chris talk about "How Deep Is Your Bench?" at this Mendistry Event at the MOC-FV High School Gym on Thursday, November 7 at 7:00 p.m. Bring all the guys you can.

More information is posted on the Community Connections bulletin board. We believe the men and young men of your church will be positively affected by this event. If you have further questions, feel free to contact Don De Kok at 712-441-1360 or dsjalton@midlands.net.

FROM THE DORDT MUSIC DEPARTMENT:

- ❖ **You are cordially invited to a faculty organ recital by Dr. Carrie Groenewold**, Joan Ringerwole Chair of Church Music and Organ, on Saturday, November 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The evening will feature standard repertoire by Bruhns, Bach, and Sweelinck, along with works by composers of our time—a duet for flute and organ by Emma Lou Diemer, a fanfare by Craig Phillips, and variations on the beloved "Old Hundredth" tune by Denis Bédard. The recital will include collaborations with Jessi Rose, flute, and Rheinberger's lyrical Cantilène with Marian Casey, cello. In addition, Dr. Michael Kearney, a new faculty member in the Communication Department, will perform one of his own organ compositions based on the hymn tune MELITA and the Genevan Psalter tune of Psalm 107.

INSPIRATION HILLS UPCOMING EVENTS

Art of Parenting Retreat: November 15-17

Come to this extended weekend retreat to learn more about parenting. The weekend will include guided video sessions and engaging discussions. You'll be equipped to make faith the core of your parenting through intentional, biblical instruction and Christ-centered plans that aim children's hearts toward God. Parents will finish the study with renewed confidence in parenting, fresh insights on parenting children of different ages, and a parenting plan unique to each child's personality and gifts. The event will take place from 4:30 p.m. Friday night to 7:00 p.m. Saturday evening with the option to spend the night on Saturday. To register for this event or learn more, visit inspirationhills.org/parenting.

Churches Engaged in Faithful Welcome - Informational Webinar: On Thursday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m. join Thrive and Exodus World Service for an informational webinar as we explain the new refugee resettlement opportunity for U.S churches called the Welcome Corps Program. We will break down the process and discuss how Exodus World Service is equipped to guide CRC churches and individuals interested in engaging in this faithful missional work of welcome. We will also cover all the steps to get started and answer any questions or concerns that you may have. The webinar will be recorded, but to access the recording, you still must register. Register today by going to:

https://crcna.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TV5U7ykARNSuRcM8LRgKHw#/registration.