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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

- **Our NICSTO goal of \$60,000 is only halfway met.** We would like this to be close or completed by December 1. If you are not able to pay by December 1, but plan to, will you please let the office know (NICSTO is an organization that helps out our families with their tuition).

Unity

- **Christmas Concert:** The Unity Christian High School Music Department invites you to join them for an evening of music focused on the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Thursday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Knight Center. The concert will feature the choirs, symphonic band, and orchestra. Please join us for an evening filled with the musical joy recognized as part of the Christmas season.
- **FFA Soup Supper:** Come and support the Unity Christian FFA Program by attending their soup supper on Thursday, December 9 from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Cost is a freewill donation. You are invited to stay for the Christmas Concert after you eat!

Western

- **Volunteers Needed:** We are in need of volunteers to help with the Alumni Newsletter. We plan on working Tuesday, December 7 beginning at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday, December 8 at 9:00 a.m. here at Western. Please contact Mr. Brad Vis - brad.vis@westernchristianhs.com or 605-359-5704 if you are available to help.
- **The Western Christian High School Christmas Concert** will be held Monday, December 13 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Event Center.

Community Announcements

Sheldon Recreational Trails will be having their Annual Belgian Waffle fundraiser on Monday, December 6 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. downstairs in the Sheldon Community building. Waffles, delicious toppings, and sausages will be served with juice, milk or water. Tickets can be purchased in advance from Peoples Bank in Sheldon or Sandy Kamphoff (324-4703). Advance tickets are \$9; \$10 at the door. Children 5 yrs old and under are free. Carry-out is available.

Dordt Concert Choir to sing "Carol-o-grams"

The Dordt University Concert Choir will be delivering the true message of Christmas with their voices this December by travelling around Sioux County and singing 4-5 classic Christmas carols for the person, family, business, or Christmas party of your choosing! A donation for each "carol-o-gram" is appreciated, and proceeds will support the choir's May 2022 international tour to Austria and the Czech Republic. To place your order please visit www.dordt.edu/carol-o-gram or contact Ryan Smit directly at ryan.smit@dordt.edu.

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!

From the Dordt Music Department

- **Friday, December 3:** The Dordt University Choral Department will present a Christmas Choral Concert on Friday, December 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. This concert will feature Bella Voce women's chorus, Canons of Dordt men's chorus, and Concert Choir. The choirs will share a wide range of repertoire contemplating and celebrating the coming of the Christ child in a unique and beautiful way. Joining the choirs will be several instrumental collaborators including piano, organ, percussion, and brass quintet. The concert will also be available on livestream at www.dordt.edu/livestream.
- **Sunday, December 5:** The Dordt University Chorale will present "A Service of Lessons and Carols" on Sunday, December 5 at 8:00 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Come and worship with the Chorale as they celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ through song. Lessons from Scripture will alternate with performed anthems and congregational carol singing. The Chorale will be joined by Theatre, Communications, and Music faculty members and an array of accompanying instruments: piano, organ, brass quintet, harp, and percussion. The concert will also be available on livestream at www.dordt.edu/livestream.
- **Tuesday, December 7:** The Dordt University Bands will present their final concert of the semester on Tuesday, December 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. For this concert we will welcome guest conductor Dr. Stephen Gage, retired Youngstown State University Directors of Band and elected member of the American Bandmasters Association. Dr. Gage will join the Campus-Community Band by conducting the timeless *Declaration Overture* by Claude T. Smith, as well as joining the Wind Symphony in performance of the highly challenging *Rocky Point Holiday* by Ron Nelson. The centerpiece of the concert will be the Dordt Wind Symphony presenting the wind band masterpiece *Lincolnshire Posy* by Percy Aldridge Grainger. We also welcome Dr. Allegra Fisher, Sioux Center Christian School Director of Bands and Choirs, to conduct the Campus-Community Band in Frank Ticheli's *Cajun Folk Songs*. Also as a special treat, presenting their inaugural performance will be the Dordt University Percussion Ensemble, under the direction of Dordt Applied Percussion Instructor, Mr. Andy Baldwin. The concert will also be available on livestream at www.dordt.edu/livestream.
- **Friday, December 10:** The Dordt University Music Department will present a 4th Avenue Jazz and Orchestra concert on Friday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Featured on the concert will be the 4th Avenue Singers, 4th Avenue Band, and Chamber Orchestra. Come for a relaxed evening of jazzy Christmas songs and carols, big band standards, orchestral compositions, and a variety of collaborations between singers and instruments. The concert will also be available on livestream at www.dordt.edu/livestream.