

Rock Valley Christian

This week:

Monday: Scrip orders due at 9:00 AM

Wednesday: 2:30 dismissal

December 21: Christmas Program "Christmas Messiah for Young Voices" at Trinity CRC (K-8th)

February 16 :Winter Festival

Facility Improvement Donations are being accepted. Thanks to those who have given! See the information table for more information.

Dordt University

The Dordt University Choral Department will present a Christmas Choral Ensembles Concert on Friday, December 8 at 7:30 PM 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 combine to perform John Rutter's three -movement *Gloria* with brass and percussion. Each choir will also share a few other songs contemplating and celebrating the coming of the Christ child.

Join the Dordt University Music Department on Saturday, December 9 at 7:30 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium for the final concert of the fall semester by the Dordt Instrumental Ensembles. The concert will feature music by Bach, Moncayo, and many other to include settings of well-known Christmas music. Joining the ensembles will be two guest conductors. Master Gunnery Sergeant Raul Caldera, Bandmaster of the 1st Marine Division Band from Camp Pendleton, CA, will lead the Wind Symphony in Moncayo's *Huapango*. Also, joining us for his second guest appearance at Dordt will be Stadtkapellemeister Michael Johner. Maestro Johner will lead the Wind Symphony in Englebert Humperdinck's Wagneresque "Evening Prayer and Pantomime" from *Hansel and Gretel*.

The Dordt University Chorale will present "A Service of Lessons and Carols" on Sunday, December 10 at 8:00 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Come and worship with the Chorale as they celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ through song. Scriptural lessons presented by dramatic readers from the Dordt Theatre Department will alternate with performed anthems and congregational carol singing. The Chorale will be joined by an array of accompanying instruments: piano, organ, brass quintet, and string quartet.

The Dordt University Music Department will present a 4th Avenue Jazz concert on Friday, December 15 at 7:30 PM in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Featured on the concert will be the 4th Avenue Singers and 4th Avenue Band. Come for a relaxed evening of jazzy Christmas songs and carols, big band standards, and a variety of collaborations between singers and instruments.

All these concerts will be available on livestream at www.dordt.edu/live-events.

Justice For All Mississippi Bus Tour

Justice For All is planning a MISSISSIPPI BUS TOUR, highlighting our ministry partners: John & Vera Mae Perkins Foundation and Voice of Calvary Ministries of Jackson, MS and Mississippi Christian Family Services of Rolling Fork, MS. The dates are April 3-10, 2024. Join us, learn, and see how God is using beautiful ministries to share HIS love and hope to those who live in communities of needs in MS. We'll also explore the rich history, culture and stories of slavery, Jim Crow, and Civil Rights. A day in Branson on the way home will round out a great trip! If you are interested or want more information, please contact Pat Vander Pol at JFA (patvp@jfa-nwiowa.org - 712-476-2804).

National Alliance on Mental Illness

The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Support Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7-9 PM on Tuesday, December 5.

Video: "Schizophrenia: The Worst Symptoms." Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. For information, call Shirley Matheis 722-4462.

Sioux County Oratorio Chorus

The Sioux County Oratorio Chorus will kick off its 2024 season in January, and you are invited to sing with us! This season, we will be returning to perennial favorite, Mozart's *Requiem*, performing with orchestra and professional soloists on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at Northwestern College's Christ Chapel. Rehearsals are held Tuesdays 7:30-9:30 in DeWitt Music Hall on Northwestern's campus, beginning January 9. Singers of all ages and experience are welcome! Please email Mike at mkchsnr@gmail.com with any questions. We look forward to making music with you in the new year!

Senior Companion Program

Would you like to make a difference for other adults in your community? If you are 55 or better, the Senior Companion Program would love to help you get started! Volunteer benefits may be available. Senior Companion volunteers work with adults one-on-one to help them maintain their independence in their own homes through visiting and assistance. Be that friend and companion to someone who can use your support to improve their quality of life. For more information about being a volunteer or receiving Senior Companion services, please contact the Senior Companion office at 712-476-2628 or view their website www.rvrseniorvolunteerprograms.org.

Foster Grandparents

Would you like to make a difference in the lives of children? If you are 55 or better, the Foster Grandparent Program would love to help you get started! Volunteer benefits may be available. Foster Grandparent volunteers impact their local communities while assisting students at local schools, Head Starts, and non-profit daycares. For more information, please call the Foster Grandparent office at 712-476-2628 or view their website www.rvrseniorvolunteerprograms.org.

Christmas Programs

Rock Valley Elementary: December 11

Calvin Christmas Program: December 17

Rock Valley High School Vocal Holiday Concert: December 18

Western Christian : December 18

Rock Valley Christian: December 21

