

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
September 10, 2017

Denominational, Classis, or Community Prayer Requests:

As programs like Sunday School, Catechism, GEMS and Cadets get under way this week, pray that these programs will be used to allow us to grow in our faith and in our walk with the Lord. Thank the Lord also for teachers and leaders willing to use their gifts to instruct us in the faith.

Yesterday, Classis Heartland met for its bi-annual meeting. Thank the Lord for the work that the churches in Classis Heartland can do to promote the gospel message of Jesus Christ.

Please pray that God will comfort all those who have been affected by the recent and current hurricanes and wildfires. Pray that God will use World Renew Disaster Response Services (DRS), and other organizations to help those in need.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keep denominational ministries in prayer. Call the toll free number: 1-888-CRC-PRAY (272-7729).

Community Coffee Break is looking for people to be in nursery and possibly in Little Lambs this year by coming one Wednesday morning a month at Calvary CRC from 9-11. If you are able and interested please contact Roni De Groot (752-8902) or Amanda Dykstra (567-3540).

The Valley Male Chorus is seeking new members for the upcoming season. Practices are Sunday afternoon with one or two concerts per month. Men who love to sing and love the Lord are invited to contact: Vern Haagsma (haagsma@premieronline.net) 722-4733 or Dave Netz (netz@mtcnet.net) 722-2631.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 10

7:00 a.m. *Kids' Corner* on KDCR Radio 88.5.

8:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. *Groundwork – The Good Samaritan* –The Good Samaritan has almost become synonymous with helping, healing ministries. Is there more to Jesus' parable than helping a neighbor in need? Join Groundwork as we study Luke 10 to discover what Jesus teaches us about Christlikeness and our daily lives. Tune in to KDCR 88.5 or listen online anytime at www.GroundworkOnline.com.

Monday, September 11

7:00 p.m. Orange City Christian School School Needs Discussion Groups - The OCCS board will be holding an open discussion session centered on school needs.

Tuesday, September 12

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Wednesday, September 13

6:00 p.m. First regular Cadet Meeting: The Cadets will be going fishing. Please meet at Calvary CRC at 6:00 p.m. Boys can be picked at Calvary at 8:45. Cadets will provide bait, hot dogs, chips and drink. Dads are welcome to attend. Please call Jamey Schiebout 441-3290 if you have questions.

6:45 p.m. Orange City GEMS kicks off the 2017-2018 year with its annual Mother-Daughter night at Immanuel CRC. Girls in grades 3 through 8, grab your mom (or grandma, aunt, etc.) and step on over to Camp GEMS! This season at GEMS Girls' Clubs, we're going to learn what it means to walk In His Steps. Come to an extra-special GEMS meeting where we will play, laugh, and learn to follow Jesus. Join us for the great adventure! It will be a fantastic evening of fun! Come between 6:15 and 6:45 to have mother-daughter/s pictures taken. Contact Tami De Jong, Kim Huizenga, Anita Nykamp or Jenness Wolgen with questions.

Saturday, September 16

4:00 p.m./Registration; 4:30/Event begins -"Breaking the Silence" NWIA Suicide Awareness Walk/Run at Sheldon High School Track and Field. This event is to bring awareness along with hope & healing to those who have lost loved ones to suicide. There will be a Memory/Tribute Wall at the event so everyone is welcome to bring along a photo of your loved one to be included. A closing ceremony will follow the event with speakers and a memorial helium balloon launch. Pre-registration is \$25 which includes an event t-shirt. Cost day of is \$30. To register, please contact Staci Kleinhesselink at (712)348-1572, Maria Schwartz at (712)261-0868 or Rachel Kleinhesselink at (712)348-3564. All proceeds from this event will be donated to Seasons Center for Behavioral Health. In case of inclement weather, please listen to KIWA for event changes.

7:00 p.m. Soul'd Out Quartet from Ohio Concert at the Tabernacle Baptist Church in George, IA. The doors will open at 6:00. A Love Offering will be received. Join us for and a wonderful evening of fellowship, praise and worship.

Next Sunday, September 17

7:00 a.m.—*Kids Corner*

8:30 a.m. & 9:30 p.m.—*Groundwork*

Advance Notices:

It's not too late to join! The NAMI Iowa Family-to-Family Education Program for family members of persons with serious mental illness is being offered at Central Reformed Church from 7 to 9:30 pm on Thursday evenings until November 16. The course is FREE and is taught by trained family member volunteer leaders, Barb Addink (712 567-4727), Shirley Matheis (722-4462 or nsmath@mtcnet.net), and Lynn Wielenga (722-1828). Call immediately to register.

Monday, September 18th, 7 p.m. at the Dordt College Campus Center (CA318) "Germany – 500 years after the Reformation" Dr. Juergen-Burkhard Klautke is a former Professor of the Theological Seminary (liberated) in Kampen, NL and of the Free Theological Seminary in Giessen, Germany. He is now president of the Akademie fuer Reformierte Theology in Giessen, Germany. He is pastor at the Confessing Reformed Church, also in Giessen. He is also currently overseeing a translation project of Herman Bavinck's "Dogmatik" from Dutch to German. He will tell us about his work in Germany - 500 years after the beginning of the Reformation.

Orange City Christian School's Fall Society meeting will be Monday, September 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Community Coffee Break's new season of Bible Study begins Wednesday, Sept. 20, at Calvary. Invite a friend and come for fellowship, coffee, and snacks at 9:30 a.m. Books on the 3rd study of Acts will be handed out. Child care for infants through age 5 is available and is free.

Friends of the Allison Decker are doing a tip night for her on Wednesday, August 20, at OC Pizza Ranch from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Allison (Bylsma) Decker a young married mom of 3 who does daycare from her home. In May she was diagnosed with an aggressive form of thyroid cancer which lead to two neck surgeries. Following the surgeries the family also learned that some of the cancer spread to her lungs. In August she underwent radioactive iodine treatment to rid her neck and lungs of the rest of the cancer that the surgery could not get. There is still some residual tissue left, but they now hope with medication they can get the rest. Allison will continue to see her doctor every 3 months for the first year, then every 6 months for the next 5 years if all goes well. This tip night will help with medical bills, travel expenses, and days of lost work.

The Dordt College Music Department's Honor Recital will be held Friday, September 22, at 3 p.m. The event features freshmen and upperclassmen recipients of named scholarships. The Recital is free and open to the public.

Dordt's annual Instrumental Pops Concert showcasing the Chamber Orchestra and Combined Band will perform *To Infinity and Beyond* on Friday, September 22, at 7 p.m. The ensembles will dress in costume, and the event will be co-hosted by students Ben Kuiper and Josh Bootsma. The free concert is open to the public.

The Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra is sponsoring an upclose, hands-on tour of unique places in Sioux Center, "Oh, the Places You'll See!" on Saturday, September 23 from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Dean Holdings Classic Cars, First Reformed Church of Sioux Center Parsonage, Smithfield Brand Foods, and the Dordt College Organ. Tickets are \$15 and are available at each site the day of the event. For more information, please visit www.niso.dordt.edu.

--Announcements (2-week limit) for the Community Bulletin for are due by Thursday at 1 p.m.—office@firstcrcoc.org