

# ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN

December 1, 2024

### **Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:**

This advent, let us anticipate our Lord's return to judge wickedness and set the world right by his authority and power.

Let us pray for Him to bring peace between Israel and its neighbors and between Ukraine and Russia, so that a path for the gospel is formed. Pray that hostages would be released, justice served, diplomacy restored.

Let us also pray for righteousness to prevail within our borders with new attention to God's law, integrity in highest levels of government, and new vigor in the worship of Christ's body, the church.

### **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

*Groundwork - Jesus: Our Wonderful Counselor* - The prophet Isaiah calls the coming Messiah a "Wonderful Counselor." Join Groundwork as we explore Isaiah 9:6, Proverbs 1:1-7, 1 Corinthians 1:18-24, and Colossians 1:15-19 to discover what this title communicates to us about Jesus and its connection to the biblical wisdom tradition. Listen now at [Groundworkonline.com](http://Groundworkonline.com).

### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

#### **Tuesday, December 3**

7:00 p.m. The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7 to 8 p.m. Janelle Hultquist, a Crisis Care Specialist at Seasons Center for Behavioral Health, will discuss the wide variety of services they offer in NW Iowa, including psychiatry, therapy, substance use, counseling, and a 24/7 Crisis Hotline. For information, call Shirley Matheis at 722-4462.

#### **Wednesday, December 4**

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC – Isaiah, Lesson 11

5:00 p.m. The annual Calvary YU Soup Supper fundraiser will be held in Calvary's Fellowship Hall from 5-7 p.m. Join us for a meal and fellowship while supporting Calvary's youth activities.

#### **Friday, December 6**

7:00 p.m. The Dordt University Choral Department will present "Born Thy People to Deliver," a Christmas Choral Concert in the BJ Haan Auditorium. This concert will feature Bella Voce women's chorus, Canons of Dordt men's chorus, Chorale, and Concert Choir. The choirs will share a wide range of repertoire contemplating and celebrating the coming of the Christ child in old ways and new. Joining the choirs will be several instrumental collaborators including piano, organ, percussion, and brass. The concert will also be available on livestream at [www.dordt.edu/live-events](http://www.dordt.edu/live-events).

#### **Saturday, December 7**

7:00 p.m. The Dordt University Instrumental Ensembles will present their final concert of the fall semester in the BJ Haan Auditorium. The concert will include Johann Sebastian Bach's "Brandenburg Concerto No. 3" as well as the monumental work for winds by Paul Hindemith entitled "Symphony in Bb." Other music by Puccini, Lo Presti, and Grieg. The wind symphony will also feature Dordt Professor of Clarinet, Dr. Beverly Gibson, as soloist on a fun work titled "A Klezmer Tribute!" We hope you can join us to celebrate the accomplishments of all of our Dordt University Instrumental musicians. The concert will also be available on livestream at [www.dordt.edu/live-events](http://www.dordt.edu/live-events).

--Announcements (2-week limit) for the Community Bulletin are due by Thursday at 1:00 p.m., email: [office@firstcrcoc.org](mailto:office@firstcrcoc.org)