

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

October 19, 2025

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

Hebrews 12:1-2 - 1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Pray for the elderly in our community to see clearly the important ways that they are called to point the next generations to the grace of God in our midst. May they model for us the joy of running the race set before them for the hope of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - Living Our Faith Legacy - We are part of a communal, generational faith. Join Groundwork as we continue our celebration of Groundwork's 15th anniversary by studying Hebrews 12:1-2, 2 Timothy 2:1-2, Philippians 2:14-16, Matthew 28:18-20, Acts 1:8, Micah 6:8, Psalm 78:4, and 3 John 4 to explore what that means for how we live now and how we can participate in passing that faith to the next generation. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

Habitat for Humanity Homeownership Opportunity! Are you or someone you know in need of a safe, decent and affordable place to live? Siouxland Habitat for Humanity is accepting partner family applications for a 2026 home build in Orange City. Application forms are available at our Sioux City office at 1150 Tri View Ave. or via email families@siouxlandhabitat.org. Contact Sandra with questions: 712-224-5117. Applications are due October 31.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, October 20

7:00 p.m. Unity Christian Fall Concert - the music department will present their Fall Concert on in the Knight Center. This is a great opportunity to hear all of the large group ensembles: Chorale, Concert Choir, Orchestra, and Symphonic Band. A free-will offering will be received.

Wednesday, October 22

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC – *Mark* – Lesson 5

6:45 p.m. GEMS will meet at Immanuel CRC

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Saturday, October 25

7:00 p.m. You are cordially invited to the organ recital of Dordt University senior Victoria Ensink in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The program follows transitions from ceaseless, restless prayer, to an awareness of God's love and a trust in His presence, to a glorious joy and celebration. Ensink of Hudsonville, Michigan, is majoring in K-12 Instrumental Music Education. She is currently studying organ with Dr. Carrie Groenewold. The audience is invited to a public reception after the recital.

Sunday, October 26

6:00 p.m. Combined Reformation Day Service at First CRC. Rev. Stephen Terpstra will bring the message based on Galatians 1:6-9, 2:16. An offering for Atlas will be received.

Advanced Notices:

Unity Christian High School will be hosting the NW Iowa Christian School Orchestra Festival on Thursday, October 30. Orchestras from Hull Christian, Orange City Christian, Rock Valley Christian, Sanborn Christian, Sioux Center Christian, Unity Christian, and Western Christian will be participating in the festival. A concert beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Knight Center will showcase the combined middle school orchestras, combined high school orchestras, and a massed orchestra of all of the participating students. A free-will offering will be received.

MIK+ Post High Young Adult (18-30 year old singles): Saturday Nov 1 (6pm): We will be enjoying a meal together and then "shopping" for our Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Location TBD. For more info and to RSVP contact Lee at 712 470 4244. Saturday Nov 15 (6pm): Bible Study at Inwood Christian Reformed Church (Ephesians: Your Place in God's Plan by Richard Coekin). No prep work necessary. We will be sharing a Thanksgiving Meal together and then dig into "Ephesians 2 New Life, New People." For more info and to RSVP contact Lee at 712 470 4244.

Please join Hospers First Christian Reformed Church on Tuesday, November 4 for their annual soup and pie supper. We will be serving soup, sandwiches and pie from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with carry out options available. A free will offering will be taken, with all proceeds benefiting Christian education. Come for great food and fellowship!

Katelyn's Fund Annual Auction will take place on Friday, November 7, at New Life Reformed Church in Sioux Center! Doors open at 5:00 pm. Join us for a complimentary meal at 5:30 pm and stay for the auction, which begins at 6:30 p.m. We've got a great lineup of items, including electronics, home goods, vacation stays, autographed NFL merch, and more!

Unity Christian High School would like to invite all Veterans and their family to our Veterans Assembly at 9:55 a.m. on November 11. Join us for some music, storytelling, and fellowship.

Men and Young Men - A sniper's bullet, a soldier's survival, a life changed forever. Tommy faced death when a bullet ripped through his helmet in Afghanistan. Miraculously he was unharmed. Come hear Tommy share how this moment reshaped his purpose, his heart, and his faith in God at the Area Men's Event on Tuesday, November 11 at 7 pm at the MOC/Floyd Valley High School gym. This event is sponsored by Mendistry.

Atlas Orange City invites you to their 2025 Fundraiser on Saturday, November 15 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at Living Water Community Church, 1005 8th St. SE, Orange City. Please RSVP by calling 712-737-4090. On this night, we will share a meal, enjoy a time of worship, and listen to how God has impacted real people's lives. The dinner will be free of charge, but we ask that you come prepared to give a donation to the work and ministry of Atlas Orange City.

Full time ministry is an extraordinary calling and great privilege, and critical for the purposes of God in this world. If you have ever wondered if God is calling you to serve Him vocationally, whether as a pastor, missionary, chaplain, or something else; if you have questions about what ministry is like; if you wonder if it is worth it; if you don't know the next steps or process – please join us at Dordt University on November 22 from 10-3 for 'Called'. Rev. Stephen Terpstra, Rev. John Klompfen, and Rev. John Lee, along with missions and candidacy experts, will encourage you, talk with you, answer your questions, and explore if God is calling you. The event is free of charge and is for people of all ages, from high school to those nearing retirement, who are exploring full or part time ministry. For more information and to register, go to:

<https://forms.gle/Sg6Zh4Jx6cbPDiE9A> or follow the QR code on the poster in your church or school.

Questions? Email pastor@firstcrcoc.org.

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