

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

October 4, 2026

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

In praying for the Lord to move in our churches in such a way that our hearts are moved to plant new churches to share the Gospel... Pray that the Lord would enrich our times of worship with a deep sense of his majesty, power, and wonder that would spill out outside of the sanctuary and into our everyday life. Lord, may we see and experience your amazing grace as we are shaped by your Word in corporate worship!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork – Finding Meaning in Life and The Passing Of Time - In Ecclesiastes 3, the Teacher advises, “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.” He later calls time a burden, but also says God has “set eternity in the human heart.” Join Groundwork as we study Ecclesiastes 3:1-11, 12:1-14 to glean wisdom from the Teacher for how to find meaning in life through our time. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

Paul’s Missionary Journeys in Greece (April 2 – 12, 2027): Travel by motor coach (6 days) and cruise ship (3 days) to sites connected with Paul’s second and third missionary journeys, as well as visit other major sites of biblical, archaeological, and cultural interest. Jeff Weima, professor at Calvin Theological Seminary and leading Pauline scholar, hosts this inspirational tour. For more information, contact Dr. Weima at [616-328-3110](tel:616-328-3110) or weimje@calvinseminary.edu.

From the Unity Board: Guided by our mission and a desire to provide faithful leadership for Unity Christian, the Board of Trustees is introducing a new trustee nomination process. While two trustee nominees will continue to be nominated by supporting churches each year, one At Large nominee will be sought from across the Unity Christian community through an open nomination process. At Large nominees will be considered by a nominations committee that seeks to match candidates' gifts, experience, and expertise with the Board's current needs. This change maintains strong church representation while creating an opportunity to identify individuals whose gifts and skills can strengthen the Board's work. Watch for more information in the coming weeks as Unity begins accepting nominations for this new At Large trustee position.

Saucijsjes are back! OCCS will be making frozen pig-in-the-blankets again this fall. The deadline to place orders is Friday, October 23 or until we reach our goal- so don’t wait too long to get your order in! The cost is \$20.00 per dozen. You can order by using the link on the OCCS website or stop by the school office to fill out a paper copy. Tiger PAWS thanks you for your support for OCCS!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, October 7

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC – *James* – Chapter 3

Thursday, October 8

5:00 p.m. Justice for All Annual Meeting and Live Auction will be held at Faith Reformed Church, Rock Valley, IA. 5:00 p.m. – annual meeting, 5:30 p.m.– free meal served, 6:45 p.m.– live auction begins. This is a special evening for us as we gather to share about the work we have been doing, enjoy a meal together, and raise support through our live auction.

Saturday, October 10

10:00 a.m. NAMIWalks, a mental health awareness walk and resource fair will be held at Children's Park in Sioux Center. About a dozen local social service agency representatives will present information. All are welcome — balloons and facepainting for kids! At 11:15 a.m. we will walk from the park to the Dordt Prairie to raise awareness for mental health.

Advanced Notices:

You are cordially invited to attend the Hands On Hearts In Campaign project dedication and groundbreaking ceremony to be held at Unity Christian High School on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

The first evening concert of the Dordt University Fall Music Festival will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 16 in the BJ Haan Auditorium and feature four of the Dordt choral ensembles: Bella Voce (women's chorus), Canons of Dordt (men's chorus), Chorale, and Concert Choir. Repertoire will bring worship to God by drawing from a wide range of styles from the Renaissance to 21st century works and exploring themes of creation, fall, redemption, and restoration. Bella Voce is conducted by Dr. Carrie Groenewold, Canons of Dordt by Tim Van Voorst, and Chorale and Concert Choir by Dr. Ryan Smit. The concert and a PDF program will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>.

The second evening concert of the Dordt University Fall Music Festival will begin at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, October 16 in the BJ Haan Auditorium and feature three of the Dordt instrumental ensembles: Chamber Orchestra (string orchestra), Symphonic Band (brass and percussion ensemble), and Wind Symphony. Repertoire will bring worship to God by drawing from traditional and contemporary string, brass, and wind band literature. Chamber Orchestra is conducted by Mrs. Amie Smit, Symphonic Band and Wind Symphony by Dr. Onsby C. Rose. The concert and a PDF program will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>.

You are invited to a Hymn Festival presented by Dordt University Music students: "Singing the Solas: A Reformation Hymn Festival" on Saturday, October 17 at 11:00 a.m. in the B.J. Haan Auditorium, with a prelude beginning at 10:30 a.m. The Hymn festival will include a brass quintet, organ, a choral octet, cello, flute, and piano. Come and worship with timeless hymns of our faith! The concert and a PDF program will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>.

Rooted Women: Deepening Our Roots in His Faithfulness is a women's event for all ages taking place on Saturday, October 24 from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at New Life Church in Sioux Center. (This is in place of the previous Mom's Event.) Our keynote speaker will be Emily Copeland and will be a morning of fellowship, worship, and women growing together in the Lord. Register at nlrchurch.org

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