

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

November 30, 2025

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

On this Thanksgiving week, we are called with 1 Chronicles 16 to "give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!...Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised...Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!"

So, we pray this Thanksgiving to the God of our creation and salvation; we pray for the life of the church in our community, nation, and world - that she may glory in his Holy Name more and more; we pray for the conversion of the nations and the cause of missions, that his glory might be known among the nations and his works among all the peoples. We pray that all peoples might give thanks to the Lord, this week and always, for his steadfast love and faithfulness.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - Waiting for the Light of the World - Advent is a season of waiting. We're waiting for Jesus, the Light of the World. Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 18:27-28, Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 11:1-3, and Romans 13:11-14 to explore the Bible's theme of light and gain a fuller understanding of what we're waiting for as we begin to prepare our hearts for the arrival of Jesus at his birth at Christmas. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tuesday, December 2

7:00 p.m. NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will meet at the Sioux Center Public Library. An Educational Program from 7 to 7:45 pm is open to anyone who is interested in the subject: Else Munsterteiger, a Mental Health Therapist at Sioux Center Health will discuss Behavioral & Mental Health services provided at the hospital. From 8:00 to 8:45, individuals affected by mental health conditions, and their family/friends will meet for a time of mutual support. For information, call Shirley at 712-574-6758 or Nate at 402-916-0008 or natehuyser93@gmail.com.

Wednesday, December 3

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC – *Mark* – Lesson 10

Friday, December 5

7:00 p.m. The Dordt University Wind Symphony and Campus Band will present a Christmas Concert in the BJ Haan Auditorium. The concert will feature settings of all music to celebrate the Christmas season. Works such as Alfred Reed's setting of *Greensleeves*, Gary Fry's *The Nativity*, which will feature Dordt Theater Arts Assistant Professor Jason Vande Brake as narrator. In addition, Dordt vocal music performance major and horn instrumentalist Ella Huisinga will be the featured vocalist on a work titled *The Day After Christmas*. We hope everyone will join us to celebrate our Savior's birth as we ring in this festive season of hope and celebration.

Saturday, December 6

4:00 p.m. MIK+ post high young adults caroling outing: If you are single, post high school, and between 18-30 years of age you are invited to join us in Edgerton MN for a night of "Old Fashioned Caroling". Meet at 4 p.m. at the Bethel CRC on main street. Dress warmly...gloves, coats, scarves, blankets, and bring a flashlight! We will be on an "Open Sleigh" aka a flatbed with bales of hay. After we carol we will be warming up at the Bethel CRC over a hot cup of chocolate, chili soup, chicken tortilla soup, and cinnamon rolls. Join us as we kick off the Christmas Season! RSVP to Lee at 712 470 4244 before 6 p.m. on Dec 4th. And as always...bring a friend!

7:00 p.m. Celebrate the mystery and majesty of the birth of Christ with beautiful choral and orchestral music in the BJ Haan Auditorium! This event is a re-imagining of Dordt's traditional Christmas concerts: it will feature music performed by the 250+ student musicians of the Dordt choirs and Chamber Orchestra separately and together, from the stage and around the auditorium; dramatic readings by Laurel Koerner and Jason Vande Brake; lighting enhancements and projections; and opportunities for the audience to join in singing. The concert and a PDF program will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>

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