

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
November 9, 2025

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

Recognizing our sins as individuals, as the church, and as a nation, we pray with the prophet Daniel, "O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with all who love him and obey his commands, we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws. We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name. Lord, you are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame because we have sinned against you. O Lord, in keeping with all your righteous acts, turn away your anger and your wrath. Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servant. For your sake, O Lord, look with favor on your desolate sanctuary. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, hear and act! For your sake, O my God, do not delay, because your people bear your Name."

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - Understanding Jesus' Beatitudes - Jesus preached and taught the ways of his kingdom as he traveled from place to place with his disciples. One of his most famous sermons is The Sermon on the Mount. Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 5:1-12 and Luke 6:20-26 with our guest, Dr. Danny Daley, to understand what his opening list of blessings, the Beatitudes, means for us as disciples of Jesus Christ today. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts may be brought to area drop-site locations in LeMars, Rock Rapids, Sheldon, or Sioux Center starting Monday, November 17 through Sunday, November 23.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, November 10

6:00 p.m. Common Thread will meet at the Calvary Cadet/Coffeehouse Room.

7:00 p.m. Middle School Open House! All middle school students and their parents are invited to the Unity Christian Middle School Open House from 7:00-8:30 p.m. to learn more about Unity Christian High School. We will all meet in the Knight Center from 7:00-7:30 p.m. and then break out into sessions.

Tuesday, November 11

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

7:00 p.m. Men and Young Men - All men and young men are going to encounter a crisis or event that is far too much for them to handle. Will God be there for you? Is God there when life brings you to your knees? Come to the Area Men's Event at the MOC-FV High School Gym and hear Tommy Albers share about the God who is there for men. You won't be disappointed. This Event is sponsored by Mendistry.

7:30 p.m. The Northwest Iowa Symphony Orchestra (NISO) Fall Concert, *A New Era Looking Back*, featuring guest artist Daniel Maltz. The concert will be held in Dordt University's B.J. Haan auditorium. Under the direction of Dr. Onsby Rose, the symphony will perform three works. Tickets for the NISO fall concert can be purchased at www.ticketleap.events/events/niso-iowa. Tickets will also be available at the door. For questions or more information about the concert, please contact NISO@dordt.edu or call 712-722-6230.

Wednesday, November 12

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC – *Mark* – Lesson 8

6:45 p.m. GEMS will meet at Immanuel – Girls, please wear your GEMS shirt, and take along a Bible, pen/pencil, and your badge book.

6:50 p.m. Cadets will meet at Calvary.

Thursday, November 13

7:00 p.m. You're invited to Unity Christian's Combo Night in the Knight Center. Combo Night is a double theater performance of both the Fall one-act play "Our Place" by Terry Gabbard and the improv group "The Cast". Additionally, a few student musicians will perform between the two drama productions. Tickets are available on [Bound](#) [\$5 for students and \$8 for adults]. We hope to see you there!

Friday, November 14

7:00 p.m. Nicole Rayhons, a senior studying Secondary Art Education at Dordt University, will give a French Horn recital in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Rayhons will open the recital with Richard Strauss's "First Horn Concerto." The program will also feature a performance of "Harvest Light," composed by James Naigus. A choir of eight horn players will accompany Rayhons. The recital is free to attend and open to the public.

Saturday, November 15

3:00 p.m. You are cordially invited to the senior clarinet recital of Courtney Joiner, a Music Performance and Pedagogy and Computer Science major from Orange City, Iowa. The recital will be held at the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The recital is free to attend and open to the public. A public reception will also be held following the recital.

6:00 p.m. MIK+ Post High Young Adult (18-30 year old singles): We will be meeting at the Inwood IA CRC. Use the middle door in front of the church. We will continue our study from the book "Ephesians Your Place in God's Plan" by Richard Coekin, lesson 3...Ephesians 2 "New Life, New People.". We have the books and there is no prep work needed to attend. We will also be sharing a "Friendsgiving Meal" together. Turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, and drinks will be provided. Each of the Young Adults are asked to bring a side dish, dessert, or bread/rolls to share...the challenge is to bring something that begins with the first letter of your first name. In order for everyone to know how much food to bring we need to have your RSVP to Lee @ 712 470 4244 by November 12 at 6 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Dordt University senior Abraham Hall will give an organ recital in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Repertoire will include pieces by Bach, Mendelssohn and Messiaen. Hall is a Music Major studying organ with Dr. Carrie Groenewold. The recital is free to attend and open to the public.

Advanced Notices:

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 Klompier, 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@firstercoc.org.

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