

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

January 12, 2025

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

Isaiah 60:1-2 "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you."

Pray for those personal ministries that every Christian has to their neighbors. We all have those that we know are struggling in the darkness and that need to know the light of Christ in their lives. Pray that the Lord would give us personal courage to step out of our comfort zones to shine the light of Christ.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - Repentance, Forgiveness, and Sin's Consequences - Does God still punish us for our sins, even though in Jesus he forgives all our sins? Join Groundwork as we explore 2 Samuel 12 and the prophet Nathan's conversation with King David to help us answer that question and discover God's hope even in bad situations. Listen now at Groundworkonline.com.

Are you grieving the loss of someone near and dear to you? Are you wondering if what you are experiencing is normal? A local Grief Share Support Group offers help for adjusting to your life without your loved one. "For each day He carries us in His arms." Psalm 68:19 The 13 sessions begin Wednesday, February 5 and end April 30, 2025. You may join in at any time for help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. This group meets at New Hope Evangelical Free Church at 718 Florida Ave SW, Orange City, use south wing door. We meet on Wednesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. which includes a video and confidential small group discussion. Cost: a suggested donation of \$20 covers all costs for the entire series. Call Elaine Elgersma (712-540-5878) or text Dee Van Dyk (712-540-2533) for more information or to register.

Orange City Christian School is currently accepting applications for a 1st grade position for the 2025-2026 school year. Interested candidates should complete the application available on the school website and submit it to Principal Jason Alons by January 24.

MIK Youth and its supporting classis (Minn-Kota, IA-Kota, & Heartland Classis) are excited to announce the launching of a new sister ministry, as of January 1, 2025 called MIK +. This is a regional ministry for single young adults ages 19 - 29 years of age. It will consist of Bible Study, fun outings, and perhaps some service trips or service days. Our first official gathering will take place on January 18, 2025 at the Worthington (MN) CRC at 6 pm. Our plan is to study each book of the Bible starting with Genesis and working our way to Revelation. If you or someone you know is interested in joining us, or if you would like more information, please email Lee at mikyouthnetwork@gmail.com. Lee De Groot & Pastor Doug De Groot

Moms in Prayer is an international ministry that prays for children and schools. The Orange City College and Career group meets at Calvary Christian Reformed Church in the chapel. Come join us praying for our post-high children, for area colleges and other schools connected with the women attending. We gather Friday mornings from 8:30-9:30 a.m. For more information call Carol Borchard at 441-5286 or Sheryl Slegers at 441-2795.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 15

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC – Lesson - John 12

Saturday, January 18

8:30 a.m. Wood splitting for the Rosebud Reservation. Wood splitting will take place at Ron De Jong's farm (3536 450th St. Orange City). If you have questions, please contact George Scholten (712-441-4015).

Advanced Notices:

The Heritage Singers of Northwestern College will present *Chaos in the Banquet Hall* on January 24-25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Allen Theatre. Join for a 16th century medieval feast, complete with a dramatic performance and concert of madrigal songs. Menu will include chicken leg quarters, tossed salad, rolls and crème brûlée. Tickets are \$40/person and must be reserved by January 15. Call 712-707-7062 to purchase or visit nwcsiowa.edu/music/tickets.

Homecoming 2025 will be held at Unity Christian High School on Friday, January 24. The Homecoming Court will be presented after chapel. Evening activities, beginning at 4:30, will include four basketball games, presentation of the Homecoming Royalty, and Dance Team performances. Alumni and friends of UCHS are invited to all the activities.

Register for a High School Experience of a Life Time! Tri-State Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is accepting applications for the upcoming weekend at the New Life Church in Sioux Center, Iowa. TEC is an interdenominational three-day Christian retreat designed to help high schoolers learn more about their faith and their community. The next TEC is February 14-16, 2025. If you would like to learn more about TEC or register, please visit www.TriStateTEC.org or email TriStateTEC@gmail.com. The cost is \$50 and includes a t-shirt & other special gifts. Scholarships are available upon request.

Are you an adult but still want to be involved? We are also accepting applications for adults over 21 to join our team for the weekend and help these students experience Jesus! Visit tristatetec.org for more information.

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