

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

January 19, 2025

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

1 Corinthians 12:4-6 "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work."

Pray for our wonderful missionaries wherever the Lord has called them to serve! Pray for their courage and boldness and the joy in using their gifts to glorify Christ Jesus! Now that the rush of greetings have flowed to them after Christmas and New Year's, let's reach out and express again our care and support for them this week!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - When Jesus Prays - Listening to a person pray gives us a glimpse into their heart. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study John 17:1-5, the opening verses of Jesus' High Priestly Prayer. Together we'll discuss the meaning of Jesus' words as he asks God to glorify him and the implications of his prayer in our own lives. Listen now at Groundworkonline.com.

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.

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.

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 22

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC - John 12:20-50

6:45 p.m. GEMS will meet at Immanuel - Watch your email for specifics of activities.

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

Friday, January 24

Homecoming 2025 will be held at Unity Christian High School. 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.

Sunday, January 26

5:00 p.m. Combined Worship Service at Calvary for Cadet Sunday.

Advanced Notices:

Join us for the annual Reach Out event sponsored by Unity Christian and MOC-FV on Friday, January 31. Unity is hosting the event this year. The schedule for the evenings is JV boys at 4:00; JV girls at 4:30; JVR boys at 5:15; V girls at 6:00 with V boys to follow. All proceeds from this community event will benefit local families with high medical costs.

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.

Guiding Star Siouxland's Annual Fundraising Gala will be held March 7 at 6:30pm at Terrace View Event Center in Sioux Center. Join your local pro-life ministry as we unveil a groundbreaking announcement that we believe, after years of development, will reshape the future of women's healthcare—creating a culture where womanhood is celebrated and supported at every stage of life. Panelists include Abby Dahl, who chose life at 17 years old, and Sarah Hurm, who underwent a successful abortion pill reversal treatment. Registration information can be found at www.guidingstarsiouxland.org or by calling 712-266-3282.

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