

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

February 22, 2026

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

"Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person." (Col 4:2-6)

We pray that God would open a door for the word here in Orange City, in Sioux County, in the state of Iowa, in the United States, and around the world. May he grant every Christian clarity of word and speech to declare the mystery of Christ to unbelievers. We ask also that God grant us to walk in such wisdom with unbelievers, with such gracious and wise speech, seasoned with salt, that we would make the best use of the time and, in unity of Word and Deed, share the gospel through the work of the Holy Spirit so that many would come to believe. We implore God for the conversion of many in our community, for the revitalization of others in the faith, and the multiplication of thanksgiving in Christ in our churches.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork -In the Garden of Gethsemane: Jesus Prays, Judas Betrays, and Jesus is Arrested. - As Lent begins, let's prepare our hearts in this season by following Jesus to Golgotha and studying the biblical events that comprise the traditional stations of the cross. Join Groundwork as we begin our journey by studying Matthew 26:31-56 to reflect on what happened to Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane and consider the effects of his prayer, betrayal, and arrest for Jesus and for us. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com.

From Legacy Thrift (formally known as Bibles for Missions): We are excited to partner with local churches to give back to those in need right here in our own community. Encourage your church leaders to register your church online to participate in the Corners of Your Field Program. Once registered, simply bring your gently used household items to Legacy Thrift and mention the church you attend. Legacy Thrift then converts your donations into gift cards that your church can share directly with individuals and families who could use a helping hand. Together, we can make a meaningful and lasting difference. View our donation guidelines at: legacythrift.org/donate

A big THANK YOU to all who contributed to making our annual OCCS Tiger PAWS Soup Supper a success! To our community, thank you for supporting our school and coming out to eat! Associate members, thank you for making delicious desserts. And to our families, thank you for making food and working shifts. Everything went very smoothly and we couldn't do it without all of you! Many Thanks! -- 2026 Soup Supper Committee

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, February 23

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

Wednesday, February 25

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC – Lesson 7 – *Mark*

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

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

7:00 p.m. The Dordt University Choral Ensembles midwinter concert in the BJ Haan Auditorium will feature four of the Dordt's choral ensembles: Bella Voce (women's chorus), Canons of Dordt (men's chorus), Chorale, and Concert Choir. Repertoire will feature a wide variety of choral music focused on themes of Lent, Old Testament stories, and folk music traditions. 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>

Thursday, February 26

The Dordt University Music Department will present a concert in the BJ Haan Auditorium featuring the 4th Avenue Jazz Singers, 4th Avenue Jazz Band, and Campus-Community Band. The jazz portion of the concert will include big band and Broadway standards, fresh perspectives, featured solos, and a variety of collaborations between singers and instruments. The 4th Avenue Singers are directed by Dr. Ryan Smit, and the 4th Avenue Band is directed by Scott Olson. The Campus-Community Band will play music by Lemanns, Smith, and Maslanka as well as a new suite written by the ensemble's conductor, Dr. Onsby Rose, titled *Suite for a Historic City*. This work was commissioned by the town of Rottenberg am Nekar, Baden-Wurtttemberg, Germany, for the celebration of their 750th anniversary in 2025. The concert and a PDF program will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>.

Advanced Notices:

Guiding Star Siouxland invites you to join us for our Annual Gala Fundraiser on Friday, March 6, 2026, at Prairie Winds Event Center in Orange City. The evening will include a catered meal, inspiring testimonies, and powerful stories from families whose lives have been impacted through fertility, pregnancy, postpartum, and parenthood. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with dinner and the program beginning at 6:30 p.m., and semi-formal attire is requested. This event supports Guiding Star Siouxland's mission to provide life-affirming support and education to women and families in our community. To learn more or to register, visit guidingstarsiouxland.org and click "Gala."

Justice for All invites you to attend the Get to Know JFA Event on March 28, 2026 at the Terrace View Event Center, Sioux Center, IA - 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. JFA Ministry programs (Service & Learning, Sharing & Caring, and Transitional Housing) will be presented and then get ready for some fun!! JFA has invited Christian comedian and illusionist Joshua Jordan back again for a great time of laughs and magic! Entertainment for All ages! The catered meal will feature flavors and dishes inspired by the cultures and communities of our ministry partners. Reservations can be made by calling 712-476-2804 or emailing joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org. (\$75/ticket or \$500 for a table of 8) Kids welcome to join us as we celebrate JFA ministry and enjoy a fun evening!!

The Institute for Reformed Biblical Counseling (IRBC) will be hosting the Reformed Biblical Counseling Conference, Counsel the Word, happening at Dordt University in Sioux Center, Iowa on April 17-18 (Friday evening and Saturday morning). This conference is free of charge, and no registration is required. Our speakers will include IRBC's new executive director, Dr. Jared Poulton, and Director Emeritus and Shepherd's Way Director, Dr. Jeff Doll. Join us for a weekend of teaching that explores how God calls and equips his church to counsel His Word. Learn more at the following website: <https://reformedcounseling.org/event/counsel-the-word-2026>

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