

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

February 2, 2025

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

We pray that God may transform and conform us by His Word and to his Son more and more as we worship and serve Him here in Orange City. Pray for our various Men's and Women's and Young Adult Bible Studies - that the Lord would enrich our congregations through the study of His Word as we are brought before the Word made flesh. In these winter months, may these times to gather be wonderful fellowship and formation in the Scriptures to build up our community!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - Jesus Prays for Us - In his High Priestly Prayer, Jesus prayed for us to experience unity and the Father's love, and for the world to know God through our lives. Join Groundwork as we explore John 17:20-26 to witness the depth of Jesus Christ's love for us and discuss what it means to live in the reality of Jesus' prayer. Listen now at Groundworkonline.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tuesday, February 4

7:00 p.m. The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7 to 8 p.m. Program: Introduction to NAMI's Ask the Expert Webinars; Video: Antidepressants - How Do They Work? For information, call Shirley Matheis at 722-4462 or Nate Huyser at 402-916-0008 or natehuyser93@gmail.com

Wednesday, February 5

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC – John 14:1-31

6:00 p.m. GEMS and Gents Night will be held in the OCCS gym.

Thursday, February 6

5:00 p.m. The annual OCCS Tiger PAWS Soup Supper will be held from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the OCCS gym. Soup, tavern, hot dogs/coneys, and homemade desserts and pies will be served. Please come out and support OCCS with this fundraiser!

Saturday, February 8

7:00 p.m. The Dordt University Music Department will present a Music Faculty Recital in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The concert will feature the diverse music of Maurice Ravel, a French composer whose 150th birthday is this year. The program will include Ravel's *Sonatine*, *Pavane*, *Habanera*, and more! Performers will be Pamela De Haan on saxophone, John MacInnis, Carrie Groenewold, and Patrice Ewoldt on piano, Jennifer Frens on violin, Beverly Gibson on clarinet, and Pamela De Haan, vocalist. Stay for refreshments afterwards and meet the performers!

7:00 p.m. Are you looking for something to do with your family or friends? You are welcome to come for a fun night of Bingo at Dordt's Ag Stewardship Center to support PLIA! PLIA is a student-run club that partners with organizations nationwide to provide a short-term service trip opportunity on spring break where students can use their God-given gifts to serve alongside others and learn what it means to live out their faith. There will be prizes and free ice cream! Bingo cards are \$5 for children/students and \$10 for adults.

Advanced Notices:

The sophomore class of Unity Christian will be hosting their annual soup supper on Tuesday, February 11 from 4:45-7:30 p.m. The basketball teams play Sioux Center that evening, so come out and support the sophomore class and cheer on the Knights! The soup supper will take place in the Unity cafeteria. Free-will donations will be taken. Come and enjoy food and fellowship, while supporting the sophomore class!

The Dordt University Concert Choir cordially invites you to come and enjoy an enchanting evening of Broadway tunes and sweet treats on Saturday, February 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Campus Center on Dordt's campus. You'll hear solo songs and a few duets from several popular Broadway shows, and you'll be served delectable desserts by members of the choir while you listen! Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$5 for students. Kids 5 and under are free, and childcare is available on-site. Tickets must be purchased by Tuesday, February 11 from the Music Department Office (712-722-6222, debra.alons@dordt.edu) or from a Concert Choir student. Proceeds benefit the Concert Choir tour in March 2025 to Michigan and Ontario.

Pizza Ranch Community Tip Night: PLIA is hosting a Pizza Ranch Tip Night on February 20 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Pizza Ranch in Sioux Center! PLIA is a student-run club from Dordt that partners with organizations nationwide to provide a short-term service trip opportunity on spring break where students can use their God-given gifts to serve alongside others and learn what it means to live out their faith. We would love your support!

Guiding Star Siouxland's Annual Fundraising Gala will be held March 7 at 6:30 p.m. 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.

If you are interested in learning more about hearing from God and cooperating with the Holy Spirit, consider attending Dunamis Project #2: In the Spirit's Power, which will be held March 20-23 in Milford, IA. This conference covers a scriptural view of the person and work of the Holy Spirit. Participants study the nature of the Spirit's power, pray for the infilling with the Holy Spirit, and learn how to cooperate with the Holy Spirit. To learn more and register, visit www.primi.org/dpmilford.

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