

## ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

### COMMUNITY BULLETIN

March 23, 2025

#### **Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:**

Many people in our church families face medical challenges. Others face mental or relational difficulties. Pray that the risen Christ works through each of us, his church body, to notice and uplift one another. Pray that this love for one another will witness to our neighbors that we are Christ's people.

Give thanks for good medical facilities and care centers in our community. Pray that medical professionals and staff will find reward in their labors. Pray for residence staff who work long hours. Pray that each resident would find comfort, encouragement, family visits, and stimulation in each care center.

#### **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

*Groundwork - Paul's Journey to Rome: Proclaiming Jesus Everywhere* - The apostle Paul endured a long series of trials that led him to Rome. At every opportunity he shared his testimony and preached the gospel. Join Groundwork as we study the apostle Paul's journey to Rome in Acts 21:27-28:31 and let his experience give us confidence and readiness to also share the good news of Jesus everywhere we go. Listen now at [Groundworkonline.com](http://Groundworkonline.com).

#### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

##### **Monday, March 24**

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

7:00 p.m. Resonate Global Mission Director Kevin DeRaaf will provide an update from our denomination's largest agency in the Calvary CRC Fellowship Hall. Join us in learning more about our missionaries, Global Coffee Break, and Timothy Leadership Training. Mission/Evangelism Committee members and deacons are encouraged to attend. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments provided.

##### **Wednesday, March 26**

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break – Lesson 9

6:45 p.m. Cadet Pinewood Derby at the OCCS gym

6:45 p.m. GEMS will meet at Immanuel

##### **Thursday, March 27**

OCCS presents Annie Jr. - The 7th and 8th grade students of OCCS are excited to bring you the songs and story of *Annie Jr.* on Thursday, March 27, at 1:30 and 7:00 p.m. at the Unity Knight Center. Please join us as we share this heartwarming tale of hope, family, and never giving up on your dreams. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students (K-12) at the door.

##### **Friday, March 28**

6:30 p.m. *2025 Siouxsland Reformed Biblical Counseling Conference* is the theme of a conference being hosted by *the Shepherd's way Sioux Falls* at Dordt University (Science Building, Room 1606). Please come and join fellow Christians from area churches who desire to learn more about showing the love of Christ to those who are suffering with counseling-related problems. The speakers will be Dr. Mark Kelderman (Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary), Dr. Jared Poulton (Interim Assistant Pastor of Cornerstone URC, Hudsonville, MI), and Dr. Jeff Doll (The Institute for Reformed Biblical Counseling - IRBC). They will be addressing various counseling-related topics including the need for biblical counseling, social media and the need for parental control, and depression, to name a few. This conference has been underwritten by generous donors in the community, so there is no cost to attend. The event will be held from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Friday evening and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. with a check-in time of 6:00-6:30 p.m. Friday. For more information please contact: Dr. Gary Cookson at [tswsfsd@gmail.com](mailto:tswsfsd@gmail.com) or 605.777.0357.

## **Advanced Notices:**

Get ready for the biggest night of the year - Hope Haven's Annual Benefit Auction is back and better than ever! Join us Friday, April 4, at Te Slaa Trucking in Hull, Iowa, for an unforgettable evening filled with excitement, incredible items, and the opportunity to make a difference. Doors open at 5 pm with a silent auction, followed by an action-packed live auction at 5:30 p.m. With over 450 items to bid on— including a John Deere Lawn Mower, Youth ATV, Traeger, Royal Enfield Motorcycle, LuxCraft Glider Chairs, and much more - there's something for everyone! Plus, don't miss our Sponsor A Wheelchair Auction, supporting individuals with disabilities in developing countries, giving them the gift of mobility and independence.

Visit [hopehaven.org](http://hopehaven.org) to browse the catalog and learn more. Don't miss this chance to make a meaningful impact through Hope Haven's largest fundraiser of the year!

Guiding Star Siouxland is hosting a free showing of "The 1916 Project" on Friday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m. This documentary unearths the how and why of our "progressive" culture shift. In 1916, the founder of Planned Parenthood opened her first clinic that launched America into a moral revolution that would have far-reaching consequences worldwide. Cost: This movie night is free, but registration is required to help us plan the amount of popcorn, hot chocolate and decaf coffee that will be served before the movie as well as plan for child watch. Register at: <https://forms.gle/QpCAmUc6PzxDs1cW7> Where is the Event? House of Missions & Equipping (HOME Ministries) building, 101 19th St SW, Sioux Center (behind Culver's). May I bring kids? Yes, HOME Ministries has a nursery space we'll staff with volunteers. How long is the film? 1 hours 10 minutes (Doors open at 6 p.m.; movie starts at 6:30 p.m.) Questions? Email us at [marketing@guidingstarsiouxland.org](mailto:marketing@guidingstarsiouxland.org)

Save the date for Dordt Discovery Days registration! Every year, Dordt University offers a five-day academic camp for students who have completed 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Camp will be June 23-27, 2025. This is a fun time for living and learning in an on-campus Christ-centered community while exploring new interests or diving deeper into familiar ones. Registration opens on Tuesday, April 8 at 10 am, and spots fill up fast! Check out our [website](#) or follow Dordt Discovery Days on [Facebook](#) for more information.

Love INC Sioux County invites the community to our *Spring Share Event* on April 11<sup>th</sup> at Terrace View Event Center in Sioux Center. Doors will open at 5:45 p.m. and dinner will be served starting at 6:15 p.m. Ted Cunningham, comedian, speaker, pastor, and author, from Branson, MO will be our entertainment, so come ready for a fun evening of great food and laughter! Tickets to the event can be purchased for \$75 or get a group of eight people together and reserve a full table for \$560. Tickets are available by calling the Love INC office at (712)476-5990 or online at [www.loveincsiouxcounty.org](http://www.loveincsiouxcounty.org). Seats are limited so purchase tickets NOW!

Men (and young men) are invited to attend the 37th annual Good Friday Men's Prayer Breakfast on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 a.m. at Northwestern Rowenhorst Student Center. The cost is \$15.00 per plate payable at the door. The speaker is Rob Rozeboom, Founder & President of Rise Ministries. He will share his story of hope through a relationship with Jesus Christ. Please join us for a time of food, fellowship, prayer, and reflection in this holy season of Easter. Contact your church office for tickets.

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