

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

March 9, 2025

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

Pray that our college students return to school safely and finish the year well.

Give thanks for public safety officers and municipal workers who keep our society safe and working. Pray for these workers to find satisfaction in their jobs and to be respected by us and our citizens.

Ask the Lord to bring new converts to Christ and to our local churches as the word of God is proclaimed. Pray that we would see the life-changing gospel do its work in new and vital ways among us.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - Paul's Second Journey: Jesus the Messiah and the Resurrection of the Dead - As he traveled, Paul convinced new believers of the gospel message, but his message also stirred up opposition. Join Groundwork as we explore his second missionary journey in Acts 15:39-18:22 to gain theological clarity and encouragement for our own efforts to share our faith and remain faithful to Jesus Christ in all circumstances. Listen now at Groundworkonline.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, March 10

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

Wednesday, March 12

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break – Lesson 7 – *The Advocate*

6:00 p.m. GEMS/Cadet Skating Party at the All Seasons Center

Friday, March 14

7:00 p.m. The Dordt University Concert Choir will perform a concert at the B.J. Haan Auditorium. This free concert is part of their spring tour with performances throughout Michigan and Ontario, Canada. Under the direction of Dr. Ryan Smit, director of choral activities at Dordt University, the Concert Choir consists of 54 auditioned singers. The ensemble will perform a rich and varied selection of music representing many styles and time periods from the Renaissance motets to traditional spirituals to modern works.

Sunday, March 16

5:00 p.m. Combined Prayer Day Worship Service at Calvary. Rev. John Klompfen will bring a meditation from James 5:16b-18 entitled "Effective Prayer".

Advanced Notices:

Unity Christian invites you to join them for *The Miracle Worker* by William Gibson. Tickets are available for purchase through the Bound app. We hope you can join us for this powerful story of teacher Annie Sullivan and her student, Helen Keller. The show will be March 20 & 21 at 7:30 pm and a matinee at 2:00 pm on March 22 at the Unity Christian Knight Center.

MIK+ young adults (19-29 year old singles) is a sister ministry to Minnikota Youth which serves the 6th-8th grades & 9th-12th grades. Both of these ministries are supported by three Christian Reformed Classis (Minnkota, Iakota, and Heartland). MIK Youth has been around a long time, but MIK+ Young Adults is new! We are working at getting the word out about this awesome ministry opportunity for our young adult singles in our regional CR Churches.

MIK+ Young adults...Here is a tentative schedule for the next two months. Be watching the Minnikota Youth facebook for more info and updates!

Saturday, March 22-Bible Study (Leviticus) in Hull 1st CRC Youth Building

Saturday, April 5-Activity-Planning on reserving Escape Rooms in Sioux Falls. Will need to RSVP in advance to pay for tickets in advance. More info coming soon.

Saturday, April 19-Bible Study (Numbers) in Sioux Center Bridge of Hop CRC Youth Building.

2025 Siouxland Reformed Biblical Counseling Conference is the theme of a conference being hosted by *the Shepherd's way Sioux Falls* on March 28-29 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 pm on Friday evening and on Saturday from 9:00 am-12:15 pm with a check-in time of 6:00-6:30 pm Friday. For more information please contact: Dr. Gary Cookson at tswsfsd@gmail.com or 605.777.0357.

Cornerstone Prison Church Council, Board and Congregation would like to invite you to our Annual Benefit Banquet on Monday, April 7, 2025 at Trinity Christian Reformed Church, Rock Valley, IA, 6:30 p.m. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Save your spot by Sunday, March 30 by calling Trinity CRC at 712-476-5292 or go to our website www.cornerstonepcsd.org. Join us for an evening of praise to celebrate 20 years of God's faithfulness inside the SDSP. A free will offering will be taken as an opportunity to financially support Cornerstone's ministry. We look forward to seeing you! If you are unable to attend, you can send your donations to: Cornerstone Prison Church c/o Dave Vande Kamp PO Box 88708 Sioux Falls, SD 57109 Or donate online at www.cornerstonepcsd.org

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