

**ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES**  
**COMMUNITY BULLETIN**  
**April 12, 2026**

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today* by Charles Wesley

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

*Groundwork - Salvation Through Jesus Christ Alone* - As the Christian faith spread, the Apostle Paul often wrote letters to churches he planted to help clarify and solidify his teachings. Join Groundwork as we begin a study of his letter to the church in Galatia by studying Galatians 1. Together, we'll study Paul's teaching about salvation and let it continue to encourage our faith and strengthen our commitment to Christ today.

Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com).

Looking for plants for your flower boxes, planters, or garden? Come check out the plants the horticulture greenhouse class has been busy cultivating for your space! Our FFA Early Bird Plant Sale at the Unity Christian High School greenhouse is on Friday, April 17 from 3:30 p.m.- 6:00 pm. and Saturday, April 18 from 9:00 am - Noon. The Mother's Day Sale is Friday, May 8 from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 9 from 9:00 am - Noon. Freewill offering goes towards our FFA Program. We will have our costs posted in the greenhouse. Thank you for your support!

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Tuesday, April 14**

6:30 p.m. Join a Crossroads gathering at First Christian Reformed Church, 321 2<sup>nd</sup> St. SE, Sioux Center. This is a local gathering for church leaders and members to learn about the transformative work of Crossroads Prison Ministries and the ways to get involved. Bring a friend to learn about Crossroads! Register at: [cpministries.org/events](http://cpministries.org/events)

7:00 p.m. Unity Christian 8th Grade Day - All interested 8th grade students are invited to visit Unity from 11:15am until 2:40pm. Students will experience a tour of the school, participate in a chapel, and learn about courses and co-curricular programs. An evening event designed for the parents of incoming freshmen will be held from 7:00 - 8:30pm. This evening meeting is a critical parent orientation meeting to learn about course selection, athletics, transportation, and enrollment. Call the school with any questions at 712-737-4114.

**Thursday, April 16**

9:30 a.m. All grandparents of freshmen students at Unity Christian High School are invited to attend Freshmen Grandparent Day at the school. The event is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. and will finish at lunch with your grandchild. Please call 737-4114 or email [aobbink@unitychristian.net](mailto:aobbink@unitychristian.net) to make a lunch reservation.

6:15 p.m. "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few..." Has God been pulling your thoughts toward his harvest fields? Do you have questions about what that might look like? Explore some possibilities for vocational ministry on April 16 at Calvary CRC in Orange City, from 6:15-9:00 pm. Reflect on God's calling, and how to discern your calling. Learn about what it looks like to be a local pastor; cross-cultural missionary; chaplain in the military, hospital, or prison; staff at a non-profit; or a shepherd for others into ministry. The event is free and open to all ages high school and up, with snacks provided. It would be helpful if you register with this form <https://forms.gle/WiQ9qcfuwfpAZHbv8>, which has more details about the events, but feel free to come even if you don't register.

**Saturday, April 18**

2:00 p.m. Josiah Vos, a sophomore piano performance and pedagogy and mathematics student at Dordt University, will give a piano recital in the Jim and Marilyn Dean Recital Hall. Vos, from Sioux City, IA will play selected works from Chopin, Bach, Mozart, Ravel and Bartók representing a variety of musical styles. Vos

is the accompanist for the Concert Choir and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Jazz. The recital is free and open to the public. A reception will follow after the performance.

7:00 p.m. Dordt University will present Victoria Ensink in a senior percussion recital in the Jim and Marily Dean Recital Hall. Tori, from Hudsonville, MI, is majoring in K-12 Instrumental Music Education with a minor in percussion performance. She is also in the Kuyper Honors Program at Dordt. Tori will be joined by Kaitlyn Dykstra, piano and Josiah Vos and Matthew Taylor on the snare drum. Tori studies with Dana LeVan. She is also an accomplished organ recitalist, and was a featured soloist on Dordt's Wind Symphony tour in March of this year.

### **Advanced Notices:**

Unity supporters are invited to attend the Unity Society Meeting on Tuesday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Knight Center. Join us to hear updates on our financial reports and strategic vision, and to vote on 3 items: the Hands On – Hearts In building addition, the 2026–27 budget, and board member elections. Please note: no absentee ballots are allowed for the building addition vote. Absentee ballots will be allowed for board elections on the first vote only. Come to the Unity office to complete your absentee ballots for board members.

Visit our school website to learn more about these board candidates: Faith CRC - Janna Hulstein, Ryan Van Beek; Bridge of Hope - Lindsey Vander Pol, Kristen Oostra; At Large - Teri Bos

Dordt University would like to cordially invite the public to attend an open house on Friday, April 24 from 3:00 – 4:00 in the De Yager Student Activity Center, located on the first level of the Campus Center. This open house is in honor of the following individuals upon their retirement: Dr. Jeff Gladstone - Associate Professor of Engineering; Shirley Folkerts - Instructor of Business; Dr. Tony Jelsma - Professor of Biology Refreshments will be served. Please join us in extending our appreciation to these individuals for dedicating many years of faithful service to Dordt University and for the impact they have had on our students and the community.

Save the date! The Sioux County Oratorio Chorus, under the leadership of Dr. Thomas Holm, will perform Handel's *Messiah* on Saturday, April 25 at 7:30 pm in Christ Chapel at Northwestern College. The chorus will be joined by the Northwestern College A Cappella Choir, chamber orchestra, and soloists. Tickets for adults are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door and are \$5 for students. Tickets are available through Northwestern College's Music Department and Windmill Park Jewelers in Orange City, the Dordt University Music Department in Sioux Center, or from any SCOC member.

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