

## ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

### COMMUNITY BULLETIN

April 13, 2025

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

Matthew 21:9 "The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Pray for open doors to proclaim the praise and worthiness of Jesus our Savior with our neighbors in the coming weeks! May our praises so resonate with those around us that they are led into worship and adoration of the King as well!

#### **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

*Groundwork - Holy Week: The Week of Jesus' Death* - Many formative events for our Christian faith occurred in the last week of Jesus' journey to the cross. Join Groundwork as we study Matthew 21:1-11, John 13:1-17, 34-35, Matthew 26:26-30, and Matthew 27:32-50 to remember, meditate on, and nurture our faith by once again journeying through Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday with Jesus. Listen now at [Groundworkonline.com](http://Groundworkonline.com).

#### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

##### **Monday, April 14**

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

##### **Tuesday, April 15**

11:15 a.m. Unity Christian 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Day - All 8th grade students are invited to visit Unity from 11:15am until 2:40pm. We are excited for them to experience a tour of the school, participate in a chapel, let our current students tell what they like best about Unity, connect with teachers, and meet new friends. An evening event for incoming freshmen parents will held from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. This evening is to learn about course options for your incoming freshmen, registration and more!

7:30 p.m. NISO invites you to join them for a special performance of the Brahms Requiem for orchestra, choir, and soloists in the BJ Haan Auditorium on the campus of Dordt University. Featured on this concert will be the Sioux County Oratorio Chorus, Dordt University Concert Choir, Shannon Salyards-Burton (soprano), Mitchell Widmer (baritone), and guest conductor Dr. Ryan Smit. General admission tickets can be purchased at the door or at [www.nisoiowa.org](http://www.nisoiowa.org)

##### **Wednesday, April 16**

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC – Lesson 12

6:00 p.m. The Cadet-O-Rama will be held at the Rock Valley Cadet Club. We are planning to leave from Calvary lower parking lot at 6:00 and hope to return about 9:15. The cadets should wear their uniforms and will be able to take their pinewood derby cars to race against the other local cadet clubs. They will also be able to practice some marksmanship or archery along with a leather craft they can do also that evening. All parents are welcome to attend to watch the racing and once the racing is complete, they will hand out awards for top finishers along with any black star awards for outstanding cadets.

6:15 p.m. The Living Water Youth Group will host the Stages of the Cross as a service to our congregation and the community. All ages are welcome to come and go between 6:15 and 8:15 p.m.

##### **Friday, April 18**

6:30 a.m. Men (and young men) are invited to attend the 37th annual Good Friday Men's Prayer Breakfast 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.

## **Saturday, April 19**

7:00 a.m. A group of members from Hull Hope CRC and Orange City First CRC are going on a mission trip with Paradise Bound Ministries this summer. They will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast from 7-10 a.m. at the Hull Christian School Gym to raise funds for their trip. Come out and enjoy some breakfast while supporting this group's mission trip!

4:00 p.m. The Sioux Center High School gym will be the site of The Domino Effect, an exciting community event and fundraiser for Vi Bella Serves, a Sioux Center-based nonprofit that provides sustainable employment, housing and medical care, and schooling in Haiti and Mexico. Presented by Pizza Ranch, this exciting event will feature an incredible domino display and drop by Daks Dominos, local talents featured on Domino Masters and America's Got Talent. In addition to the show, attendees will enjoy an uplifting message, life lessons told in a creative way, hands-on activities for kids, concessions, and a Vi Bella pop-up shop. Fun for the whole family! Tickets \$5 at the door. Contact [jadeyn.schutt@vibella.com](mailto:jadeyn.schutt@vibella.com) for more information.

## **Sunday, April 20**

5:00 p.m. Combined Easter Worship Service at Immanuel CRC - Pastor Cody Statema will bring the message, "The Resurrection and the Life" based on John 11:17-44. An offering for the Orange City Food Pantry will be received. Come and worship our risen Lord together!

## **Advanced Notices:**

We invite all Unity supporters to attend the Unity Society Meeting on Tuesday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the Knight Center. Supporters of the school are encouraged to attend to hear about our financial reports, our strategic vision and to vote to approve the 25-26 budget. Board members will be elected as well. Supporters will elect one of the two nominees from each of the following groups; Partner Society - Rebecca Hanson and Nigel Millard; At Large - Mike Calkhoven and Matt Boogerd; Living Water - Teri Bos and Matt Mellema. You can learn about each candidate on our school website.

Dordt University cordially invites the community to a retirement open house being held in honor of Dr. John Olthoff, Professor of Agriculture. This open house will be held on Friday, April 25, from 4-5 p.m. in the Eckardt Lounge. The Eckardt Lounge is located in the Campus Center on the campus of Dordt University. Please join us in celebrating with John and thanking him for 36 years of faithful service!

You are invited to Genesis House's annual Benefit Auction on Saturday, April 26 from 9:00-11:30 a.m. at Trinity Reformed Church in Orange City. Visit Genesis House on Facebook or email [genesishouseiowa@gmail.com](mailto:genesishouseiowa@gmail.com) for more details.

Dordt Social Work is hosting a 5k color run to support Family Crisis Center and we would love for the local community to come run with us! We are very excited for this event and believe it will be a blast for kids, families, and all people alike! Look forward to some great food trucks after the race. Hope to see you there! Colors of Courage 5k - Location: race starts and ends in the All Seasons Center parking lot  
Date: April 26, 10 a.m. (packet pickup begins at 9 AM) Questions can be directed to [colors.of.courage.5k@outlook.com](mailto:colors.of.courage.5k@outlook.com)

--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)