

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
April 19, 2026

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

Christ the Lord is Risen Today by Charles Wesley

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save, Alleluia! Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Pray for the CRC for 40 days leading up to Synod 2026. This 40-day prayer initiative begins Sunday, May 3 and continues through Thursday, June 11. These dates were chosen to lead us up to the start of Synod 2026. The prayers will be emailed each day for 40 days. Each day includes a Psalm, a written prayer, and a couple questions to encourage further reflection or conversation. For more information or to sign up go to: <https://network.crcna.org/topic/spiritual-formation/prayer/40-days-prayer-synod-2026>

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - The Cross of Jesus is the Only Way - As Galatians continues, Paul continues to emphasize that the cross of Jesus is the only way to salvation and he confronts Peter's hypocritical behavior. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Galatians 2 to explore the struggle the apostles faced as the Christian faith spread, and along the way find the courage to embody the truth of salvation in your relationships and daily life. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 21

7:00 p.m. Unity supporters are invited to attend the Unity Society Meeting 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

Wednesday, April 22

6:45 p.m. GEMS will meet at Immanuel CRC from 6:45 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. Girls, please wear your GEMS shirt, take along a Bible, pen/pencil, and badge book.

6:50 p.m. Cadets will meet at Calvary for the points auction.

Friday, April 24

3:00 p.m. Dordt University would like to cordially invite the public to attend an open house 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.

7:00 p.m. The Dordt Music Department invites you to attend the Small Ensembles Concert in the Jim and Marilyn Dean Recital Hall. The concert will include the percussion ensemble, brass quintet, clarinet choir, trumpet ensemble and the Heavenly Home men's group. The small ensembles concert gives students the opportunity to play together in a wide variety of music from such composers as Mendelssohn, Rimsky-Korsakov, Friedman, Ewazen and many others. The concert and a PDF program will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>.

Saturday, April 25

7:00 p.m. MIK+ Post High Young Single Adults: Try Something New!....Join us for a "Night with Bob Ross and Happy Accidents". Starting at 7 pm in Hull Iowa Western Christian High School (Art Room we will meet in the front parking lot and go in together). \$15/person. A light lunch will be provided. Only room for 24 people so RSVP early to reserve your spot and so we can make sure we have enough supplies. Text Lee De Groot at 712 470 4244. And as always...bring a friend!

7:00 p.m. The Dordt University music department will present a 4th Avenue Jazz concert in the BJ Haan Auditorium. Featured on the performance will be the 16-voice 4th Avenue Singers and 4th Avenue Band. Come for a relaxed evening of big band standards, fresh jazz perspectives, featured solos, and a variety of collaborations between singers and instruments. The 4th Avenue Singers are directed by Dr. Ryan Smit, and the 4th Avenue Band is directed by Scott Olson. The concert and a PDF program will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>.

7:30 p.m. The Sioux County Oratorio Chorus, under the leadership of Dr. Thomas Holm, will perform Handel's *Messiah* 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.

Sunday, April 26

5:00 p.m. Combined worship at Immanuel CRC for GEMS Sunday. The theme is "Walk on Water", and offering for the Orange City GEMS will be received. Refreshments will be served following the service.

Advanced Notices:

The Dordt University Choral Ensembles Spring Concert at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 2 in the BJ Haan Auditorium will feature four of the Dordt Choral Ensembles: Bella Voce (women's chorus), Canons of Dordt (men's chorus), Chorale, and Concert Choir. Repertoire will draw from a wide range of styles and centuries. Bella Voce is conducted by Dr. Carrie Groenewold, Canons of Dordt by Tim Van Voorst, and Chorale and Concert Choir by Dr. Ryan Smit. The concert and a PDF program will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>.

"The Nations Have Come to Us!" New Roots Ministry is hosting a gathering for Bible reflection on immigration with founder & former director, Carl Bruxvoort, for stories of immigration from Africa by two Board members, and for good ethnic foods & beverages. When? Saturday, May 9, 9:00-11:30 a.m. Where? Empower Campus' Community Room, 1915 E. 8th St, Sioux Falls (Please park in the neighboring Center of Hope parking lot at 1905 E. 8th St.). Questions? Text/call Fred at (605)376-6330.

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