

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

April 26, 2026

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

Christ the Lord is Risen Today by Charles Wesley

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia! Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!

Risen Christ, triumphant now, Alleluia! Every knee to you shall bow, 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 - Understanding the Purpose of God's Law - After emphatically teaching that salvation comes by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, Paul explores the contrasting paths of legalism and freedom in faith. Join Groundwork as we study Galatians 3-4 to hear Paul's encouragement to stay focused on Christ, to embrace our identity as God's children, and to find our unity as believers in Christ. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com.

From Unity Christian: 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 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!

OCCS is seeking a full-time custodian starting June 1. This position is ideal for someone who has a love for God and a heart for working in a school environment. Responsibilities include maintaining the cleanliness and care of the building and grounds. The ideal candidate is detail-oriented, dependable, and able to problem-solve effectively. Come join the team at OCCS! Applicants can bring a resume and completed [application](#) to the office or email it to Jason Alons, jalons@orangecitychristian.net.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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.

Thursday, April 30

7:00 p.m. The final Dordt instrumental ensembles concert of the semester will be held in the BJ Haan Auditorium. The concert will feature Composer in Residence John Mackey. Performing on the concert will be the Chamber Orchestra, Campus-Community Band and Wind Symphony. The Chamber Orchestra will present the music of Broughton, Bach, Borodin, Corigliano, and Warlock. The Campus-Community Band will perform three works by John Mackey alongside two additional works by Seitz and Nitsch. The Wind Symphony will close the concert with works by Stamp, Holsinger, Fillmore, and feature John Mackey's "Wine-Dark Sea" Symphony for Band. Leading up to the concert, Mackey will be working with each of the bands on campus, as well as interacting with local high school bands and Dordt music students. We hope you can join us for this final concert to celebrate the achievements of these musicians! The concert and a PDF program will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>.

Friday, May 1

1:00 p.m. Dordt University will present Ella Huisinga in a vocal recital in the Jim and Marilyn Dean Recital Hall. Huisinga from Renville, Minnesota is a Music Performance & Pedagogy major. She studies voice with Mrs. Deb Vogel. The concert and a PDF program will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>

Saturday, May 2

7:00 p.m. The Dordt University Choral Ensembles Spring Concert 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>.

Advanced Notices:

Ladies! Make plans to attend Bible League's Spring Salad Luncheon with your friends on Monday, May 4 at Trinity Reformed Church in Orange City (201 St. Paul Avenue SE). Please bring one salad for every four ladies in your group. The Luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m.; featured speakers will represent the Legacy Thrift and Hands Around the World ministries. Updates from BLI will be given, and a freewill donation will be received. Join us for this FUN event!

"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.

The annual OCCS Society meeting will be May 27 at 7:00 p.m. We'll be electing new board members, presenting the budget and giving updates on the building project. More details to come.

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