

# ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN

April 27, 2025

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

Romans 12:2 "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

Pray for our wonderful GEMS and GEMS leaders who serve our families and children with God's Word! Thank the Lord for the joy it is that we get to celebrate what God is doing in and through that ministry this weekend in worship together!

### **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

*Groundwork - Christian Civility: Defending Our Faith without Being Defensive* - How do we disagree without being disagreeable, or handle conflicts when people slander or talk against us? Join Groundwork as we study 1 Peter 3:8-17 and Titus 3:1-11 to seek biblical wisdom for responding to and navigating a divisive culture in faithful and Christlike ways. Listen now at [Groundworkonline.com](http://Groundworkonline.com).

Unity Christian High School has several hourly positions available for the 2025-2026 school year. We are seeking applications for a paraprofessional, librarian/study hall monitor, kitchen computer team member, part-time custodian, and bus route driver. To learn more please visit our website at [unitychristian.net/employment](http://unitychristian.net/employment).

### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

#### **Sunday, April 27**

5:00 p.m. Combined Worship Service at Immanuel CRC for GEMS Sunday. Rev. Cody Statema will bring the message, "Transformed" based on Romans 12:2, this year's theme verse for the GEMS.

#### **Monday, April 28**

6:00 p.m. Common Thread will meet at Calvary CRC.

7:30 p.m. The Dordt Music Department invites you to attend the Small Ensembles Concert in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. The concert will include the percussion ensemble, brass ensemble, clarinet quartet, and the saxophone ensemble. The small ensembles concert gives students and instructors the opportunity to play together in a wide variety of music from such composers as Bach, Verdi, Solomon, and Daiki Kato. The piece "Celebration II" will feature 5 players performing on 1 marimba. The brass ensemble will perform a set of variations on the children's tune "London Bridge is Falling Down" by Alfred Reed. Also featured will be a beautiful arrangement of "Great is Thy Faithfulness" arranged by Dordt alum Sarah Goetsch, in remembrance of her grandmother.

#### **Thursday, May 1**

7:00 p.m. The Dordt Music Department invites you to the BJ Haan Auditorium to join the Dordt Instrumental Ensembles for their final concert of the school year. The concert will feature the Campus-Community Band, Chamber Orchestra and Wind Symphony. Music to be performed will range from older classics to modern works by 21<sup>st</sup> century composers. The concert will culminate with the Wind Symphony presenting the monumental work 'Symphony No. 7' by David Maslanka. We hope you can join us live in the BJ Haan Auditorium to witness the great work of our Dordt student musicians over the course of the 24-25 academic year. The concert will be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>

#### **Friday, May 2**

7:00 p.m. The Choral Ensembles Spring Concert will be held in the BJ Haan Auditorium and 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 feature a wide variety of choral music including classic settings from Mendelssohn, Pablo Casals, and Randall Thompson; modern arrangements of psalms, folk songs, and pop tunes; and new 21<sup>st</sup> century works. 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 will be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>

**Advanced Notices:**

Please plan to attend Bible League's Spring Salad Luncheon with your friends on Monday, May 5 at Rock Valley First Christian Reformed Church (1401 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Valley, IA). Bring one salad for every four people in your group. The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m.; featured speaker is Gayle Walhof who will tell of her 4 year journey in publishing her book *Songs of Naamah – A Novel of King David's Harem*. Updates from BLI will be given and a freewill donation will be taken.

Cornerstone Prison Church, Sioux Falls Faith Fellowship Weekend - Friday, June 20 – 6:00-8:00 pm- Kick Off Worship Service, Saturday, June 21 and Sunday, June 22 – 8:00am-3:00pm each day. The theme for the weekend is "Faithfulness of the Father". Scripture text comes from Lamentations 3:22&23. "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Join us for worship, large group talks and small group discussions. The deadline for signing up is Thursday, May 29. We would be happy to have you join us for part of the weekend or all of it. If you would like more information or to sign up, please contact us at [office@cornerstonepcsd.org](mailto:office@cornerstonepcsd.org) or call 507-215-3670. Thank you for considering this wonderful ministry opportunity!

--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)