

**ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES**  
**COMMUNITY BULLETIN**  
**April 28, 2024**

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

This evening we celebrate the GEMS ministry to girls in Orange City. Pray for our youth, and for all youth ministry leaders. Pray that God may inspire them to love and trust Jesus Christ ever more deeply.

Thursday, May 2 is the National Day of Prayer. The theme for this year is “Lift Up the Word – Light Up the World.” *You are my lamp, O LORD; the LORD turns my darkness into light. With your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can scale a wall. As for God, his way is perfect; the word of the LORD is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in Him.* 2 Samuel 22:29-31. Pray for the well-being of America and for those in leadership on all levels of national, church and educational areas of influence.

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

*Groundwork - Our Hearts and God's Character in Nahum and Zephaniah* - Nahum and Zephaniah urge God's people to examine their hearts and act in ways that honor God and reflect his character. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Nahum 1-3 and Zephaniah 1-3 to remember that God longs for our repentant hearts and for us to live as his ambassadors bringing justice, transformation, and reconciliation to this world. Listen now at [Groundworkonline.com](http://Groundworkonline.com).

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Sunday, April 28**

5:00 p.m. Combined Worship at Immanuel CRC for GEMS Sunday. Rev. Cliff Hoekstra will bring the message, *Rise Up*, based on Isaiah 40:31. An offering for the Orange City GEMS will be received.

**Thursday, May 2**

12:00-1:00 p.m. National Day of Prayer Event at Windmill Park in Orange City. Come and join others in praying for our nation. National Day of Prayer take home prayer guides are available at each church.

**Friday, May 3**

7:30 p.m. The Dordt University Choral Ensembles Spring Concert in the B.J. 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>.

**Saturday, May 4**

7:00 p.m. Join the Dordt University Music Department in the B.J. Haan Auditorium for a concert by the Chamber Orchestra and Campus-Community Band. The Campus-Community Band will open with works from a diverse cross section of old and new wind band works. The Chamber Orchestra will then perform one of the most highly respected works from American composer Aaron Copland titled *Appalachian Spring*. Following this concert, the Wind Symphony will present their Iowa Bandmasters Association Preview Concert at 8:30 pm in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. We hope you can join us for both of these concerts to celebrate the achievements of all of the students participating in instrumental music at Dordt! The concerts will also be available on livestream at <https://www.dordt.edu/live-events>.

### **Advance Notices:**

Plan to attend the Bible League's Spring Salad Luncheon with your friends on Monday, May 6 at Ireton Christian Reformed Church (301 Maple Street, Ireton IA). Please bring one salad for every four ladies in your group. The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m.; featured speaker is Lindsay Millard of Joie Floral Design in Orange City. She is a master gardener and will share ideas for growing your garden/plants. A freewill donation will be received for Bible League International; every \$5 raised puts a Bible in the hands of someone thirsty for God's Word!

The Unity Christian music department will be presenting their Spring Concert on Wednesday, May 8 in the Knight Center. The instrumental portion of the evening will begin at 7:00 with the Orchestra followed by the Symphonic Band. Following a brief intermission, the vocal portion of the evening will begin around 8:00 with Chorale, Bel Canto, Mannenkoor, Knightsounds, and Concert Choir performing.

The Orange City Christian School Board is calling for a special society meeting on May 9 at 8:00 p.m. This will be to discuss and vote on an update to the current building project. There will be specific information about the updates available at the meeting. Please come and be part of the discussion and support Orange City Christian School.

RiseFest June 7-8, 2024! A two-day family-friendly Christian music festival in Sheldon, Iowa. Performances by Skillet, Phil Wickham, Matthew West, Lecrae, We are Messengers, Ben Fuller and more to come! Experience the music, seminars, speakers, camping, and activities for all ages. Get tickets at [riseministries.com](http://riseministries.com).

--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)