

**ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES**  
**COMMUNITY BULLETIN**  
**May 12, 2024**

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

As we anticipate Mother's Day, let us give thanks for those mothers and women who nurtured us physically, emotionally, and spiritually at our homes, schools, recreation and work.

Let us also give thanks for our local churches. Early church leader Cyprian (210-258 AD) once said, "No one can have God as a Father who does not have the Church for their mother." By the church God washes away our sins (Baptism) feeds us with grace and righteousness (Lord's Supper) and teaches us the way we should go (Preaching) even admonishing us when we go astray (Discipline). Let us give thanks for our mother churches.

Pray that many who do not know God and have no church home would come to be part of the household of faith at our local churches and those churches around the world.

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

*Groundwork - Spiritual Apathy and Justice in Malachi* - Back in their homeland, the Israelites were finally comfortable again and spiritual apathy began to settle in their hearts. Join Groundwork as we study Malachi 1-4 to witness how out-of-sync life can get when we go through the motions of faith without investing our hearts and learn from Malachi's warnings against spiritual apathy and his encouragement to examine our hearts. Listen now at [Groundworkonline.com](http://Groundworkonline.com).

Orange City Christian School will once again be offering soups, sandwiches, and Dutch treats at the big white tent during the Tulip Festival on May 16-18! Please join us for a delicious homemade meal that benefits Christian education! Didn't get enough to eat during the festival? Leftover food items will be available on Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. for a freewill donation. Thank you for supporting OCCS in this way!

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Monday, May 13**

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

**Sunday, May 19**

11:00 a.m. Tulip Festival Community Worship Service in Windmill Park. Rev. Ben Vos will be sharing a message as well as music led by New Hope Evangelical Free Church. A free will offering will be received for the OC Ministerial Association. Please bring your own lawn chairs or blankets.

**Advance Notices:**

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@firstercoc.org](mailto:office@firstercoc.org)