

## ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

### COMMUNITY BULLETIN

May 17, 2026

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

As Jesus taught us, we pray that his will would be done, on earth as it is in heaven. May God help us to reject our own wills and to obey His will. May he help us, one and all, to carry out the work we are called to, as willingly and faithfully as the angels in heaven. May he move all peoples to obey his will, until his kingdom comes and his name is hallowed and glorified in all the earth. May we come to see that His will alone is good, in all things. We pray that he hastens the day when God's will is done perfectly, through Christ our Lord, by all people and all things, to his glory and honor, forever and ever.

#### **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

*Groundwork - Humanity Falls* - Just after the story of creation, the Bible tells us the story of humanity's fall. Join Groundwork as we study Genesis 2-3, Romans 5:12, Romans 8:20-22, and Romans 3:9-23 to examine the second major theme of the Bible, the Christian doctrine of the fall. This theme emphasizes the catastrophic impact of sin on humanity and creation, and clearly articulates our universal need for a Savior in Jesus Christ. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com).

#### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

##### **Sunday, May 17**

11:00 a.m. All are invited to the Community Worship happening at the Windmill Park. Pastor Si Cochren from Cornerstone Baptist will be preaching and the worship will be led by the American Reformed Church. Please take your own lawn chairs or blankets. An offering will be received for the ongoing ministry needs of the Orange City Area Ministerial Association. Inclement weather location is First Reformed Church, 420 Central Ave. NW.

##### **Monday, May 18**

7:00 p.m. Students from Orange City Christian School will present the annual Hymn of the Month program at Unity Christian High School. This year's program will help wrap up our school theme, "I Am Not My Own," as students share music and Scripture centered on the comfort and joy we have in belonging to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. We would love to have you join us for this special evening of praise and worship together. A freewill donation will be taken at the door.

##### **Tuesday, May 19**

6:00 p.m. Graduation 2026 at Unity Christian High School will be held in the Knight Center. The ceremony will be streamed on our YouTube channel.

##### **Thursday, May 21**

7:00 p.m. Graduation exercises will be held for the eighth grade students attending Orange City Christian School. The graduation will be at Immanuel Christian Reformed Church. Everyone is invited.

#### **Advanced Notices:**

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. Board nominees are:

Calvary CRC: Mike Krommendyk, Mitch Van Otterloo, Brady Goslinga

Partner Society - Matt Zwart, Dave Dykstra, Alan Muilenburg

At-Large - Alan Oetken, James Dykstra, Taylor Dreise

Dutch-Canadian organist André Knevel and Dordt University professor Dr. Michael Kearney will present three concerts together at the end of this month: Thursday, May 28 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Le Mars; Friday, May 29 at First Christian Reformed Church in Sheldon; and Saturday, May 30 in the B.J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt University. All concerts begin at 7 p.m. and are free with a freewill offering. Each will feature a different program. Come and enjoy beautiful church music both old and new!

Hope Haven is sponsoring its 28th Annual Hope Haven Fishing Benefit on Friday, June 5, starting at 7 am at Big Spirit, Spirit Lake IA. Registration fee is \$60 per angler and children under 16 are free. The entry fee includes an entry gift, eligibility for weigh-in prize categories, and a pork loin meal. Proceeds will benefit individuals with disabilities supported by Hope Haven. Registrations are due Thursday, June 4. For more information and to register, visit [hopehaven.org/events](http://hopehaven.org/events) or call Scott Koedam at 712-476-2820.

Tri-State Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is accepting applications for the upcoming weekend at the First Reformed Church in Rock Valley, Iowa. TEC is an interdenominational three-day Christian retreat designed to help high schoolers learn more about their faith and their community. The next TEC is June 19-21, 2026. If you would like to learn more about TEC or register, please visit [www.TriStateTEC.org](http://www.TriStateTEC.org) or email [TriStateTEC@gmail.com](mailto:TriStateTEC@gmail.com). The cost is \$50 and includes a t-shirt & other special gifts. Scholarships are available upon request.

--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)