

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
May 19, 2024

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

Give thanks for the schools in our area. Give thanks for safe years for students and teachers. Pray for a good ending to the school year.

As eighth and twelfth graders graduate, pray for a sense of accomplishment. Pray for a sense of gratitude and prayerful recognition of the Lord. Pray for direction and courage for next steps these students plan to take.

Give thanks for seminarians, some of whom are setting out for summer internships and others who are graduating to consider opportunities for full time ministry in the local church. Pray for them to find local churches to serve and that vacant local churches will receive faithful ministers of God's word.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - Salvation Through Jesus Christ Alone - As the Christian faith spread, the Apostle Paul often wrote letters to churches he planted to help clarify and solidify his teachings. Join Groundwork as we begin a study of his letter to the church in Galatia by studying Galatians 1. Together, we'll study Paul's teaching about salvation and let it continue to encourage our faith and strengthen our commitment to Christ today. Listen now at Groundworkonline.com.

From OCCS: Thank you to those who attended the Society Meeting last week. Phase 1 passed with an 89% approval rate and Phase 2 passed with an 84% approval rate. More information can be found on our website. Stop by school or contact Travis De Jong, Development Director (tdejong@orangecitychristian.net) to play an active role in our fundraising efforts!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 19

11:00 a.m. Tulip Festival Community Worship Service in Windmill Park. Rev. Ben Vos will be sharing a message and music will be 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. In case of rain, the service will be held at First Reformed Church.

Monday, May 20

7:00 p.m. Orange City Christian School is having their annual Hymn of the Month Program at the Unity Christian High School Gym. Parking will be limited due to the boys' district soccer game. Everyone is encouraged to attend and take a friend!

Thursday, May 23

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

Friday, May 24

6:00 p.m. Graduation 2024 at Unity Christian High School will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Knight Center. The ceremony will be streamed on Unity's YouTube channel.

Advance Notices:

Looking for a reason to do some fishing on the Missouri River this summer? Here's your chance! Hope Haven invites you to join us for the 26th Annual Fishing Benefit on Friday, June 7 starting at 7 am at Fort Randall Dam in Pickstown, SD. Registration fee is \$60 per angler and children under 16 are free. The entry fee includes incredible weigh-in prizes for all categories, and entry gift, and a grab and go pork loin meal! Register online at hopehaven.org/events or call/email Brenda Gisolf at 712.476.3116 or bgisolf@hopehaven.org

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.

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