

**ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES**  
**COMMUNITY BULLETIN**  
**May 25, 2025**

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

We pray for the spread of the gospel: that the Holy Spirit would transform hearts and minds to be set free from sin and see the glory and beauty of Jesus. We pray that Jesus would continue to seek and save the lost, from every nation and tribe and people and language, until the full number of the elect are brought in and he returns to judge the living and the dead. May the church increase, including here in Orange City, that we too could see revival and conversions in our community and region so that Jesus would be more and more worshipped and magnified among us. May God strengthen our churches and grow them in numbers and in every spiritual grace.

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

*Groundwork - Money and the Attitude of Your Heart* - Can we strike a balance between being grateful for what we have and not being overly attached to it? Join Groundwork as we dig into Mark 10:17-27, Matthew 6:19-24, and 1 John 2:15-17 to reflect on such a balanced attitude toward money and possessions. Listen now at [Groundworkonline.com](http://Groundworkonline.com).

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Wednesday, May 28**

3:00 p.m. Join Hope Haven for a special ribbon cutting and open house as they celebrate the opening of a brand-new multi-purpose facility! The space will enhance the work of Hope Haven International Ministries volunteer workshops and enrich the My Day program. Please join us from 3-4 p.m. at Frankfort SE and 16<sup>th</sup> St SE in Orange City.

**Thursday, May 29**

6:30 p.m. Join Douglas Cupery, director of church engagement, for a training workshop for current mentors and an introduction to Crossroads Prison Ministries for those interested in learning more about this impactful ministry. Bring a friend and discover how you can make a difference! 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at Bethel Christian Reformed Church 341 S Main Ave, Sioux Center, IA. Register at <https://www.cpministries.org/events>

**Saturday, May 31**

8:30 a.m. There will be wood cutting for the Rosebud Reservation at Ron De Jong's farm from 8:30-noon. This will be wood cutting only, not wood splitting.

**Advanced Notices:**

The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3. Topic: Living with Severe Depression. Individuals and family members affected by mental illness are welcome. For information, call Shirley Matheis at 722-4462 or Nate at 402-916-0008 or [natehuyser93@gmail.com](mailto:natehuyser93@gmail.com).

Register for a High School Experience of a Life Time! Tri-State Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is accepting applications for the upcoming weekend at the Faith 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 13-15, 2025. 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.

Cornerstone Prison Church, Sioux Falls Faith Fellowship Weekend - Friday, June 20 – 6:00-8:00 p.m.- Kick Off Worship Service, Saturday, June 21 and Sunday, June 22 – 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. 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!

You are invited to the 2025 Abide Project Convention on August 13-14 at Redeemer University in Ontario! The theme for this year is Every Tongue Confess from Philippians 2:11. The convention will feature preaching and reading from the entire book of Philippians and an evening public lecture from Rev. Dr. Ed Gerber, Chaplain and Director of Campus Ministries at Trinity Western University in Langley, BC (and an ordained CRC minister!) Thanks to a generous donor we are able to offer steeply discounted Early Bird pricing to the first 100 attendees. Convention attendees are able to book accommodation with their convention fee for two nights (12th and 13th) with Redeemer University! Just select the add-on for \$50 when you register. For more information check out <https://www.abideproject.org/p/convention>, or to register, go to <https://brushfire.com/abideproject/2025abideprojectconvention> We hope to see many of you there for a few days of encouragement and connection along with a healthy diet of the preached Word!

--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)