

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

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

Give thanks to God for opportunities to spend time as families, whether on summer vacation at home, or traveling together to other parts of God's world. Pray for safety. Pray for school teachers, students, and staff to find refreshment and rejuvenation. Pray for spiritual revitalization accompanied by mental and physical renewal as a new school year is being planned.

Pray also for our churches and their fall programming. Pray for teaching and discipleship programs which engages each member without exhausting them. Pray for God's Spirit to fall fresh on ministry personnel as they plan, implement, and follow through with those whose lives are being transformed by the gospel of our Lord Jesus. Ask the Lord to bless ministry leaders and participants with a greater trust in Christ and obedience to Him.

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

*Groundwork - God Creates* - The theme of creation echoes throughout the Bible. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Genesis 1, Revelation 21:22-24, Psalm 139:13-14, Hebrews 1:1-3, and Colossians 1:15-17 to discuss what this theme reveals to us about God's character, love, and intentions. Then we'll consider our call to reflect God's creativity with our own as bearers of his image. Listen now at [Groundworkonline.com](http://Groundworkonline.com).

Cadet Counselors needed – the Orange City Cadets are looking for 5 counselors for the upcoming cadet season. If you would like to be a counselor or just find out more about the program, please reach out to a cadet counselor in your church or contact George Scholten at 712-441-4015.

GEMS Counselors Needed - Come! Be a part of the GEMS ministry this year. We are still looking for counselors! Contact Michelle Eason, Shari Visser or Jenness Wolgen if you are interested or have any questions.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Monday, July 29**

1:30 p.m. Bible League's Annual Christmas in July at First Christian Reformed Church in Sioux Center. Join us for delicious homemade desserts, and learn more about Bible League International and Legacy Thrift Store. Every \$5 raised puts a Bible in the hands of those who are desperate to read the Word of God in their own language.

**Tuesday, July 30**

7:00 p.m. At the 2024 Abide Project Convention there will be an evening public lecture at First CRC in Sioux Center, open to everyone. Calvin Seminary's Dr. Jeffrey Weima will lead "The Sanctity of Sex. Living a Holy Life in a Sex, Saturated Society (1 Thess. 4:1-8)."

**Advance Notices:**

Orange City Christian is hosting a Dessert Dash and Trivia Night on Tuesday, August 6, starting at 6pm. The evening will include a meal, entertaining trivia and delicious desserts. All money raised from this evening will go towards the Phase 23 Building Project. Please email Travis De Jong by **July 31** if you have any questions or to sign up ([tdejong@orangecitychristian.net](mailto:tdejong@orangecitychristian.net)).

The NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Support Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, August 6. Program: "Ten Signs of Bipolar Disorder." Individuals and family members coping with mental illness are welcome. For information, call Shirley Matheis 722-4462.

--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)