

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

August 31, 2025

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

On this Labor Day weekend, we give thanks to God for work to do, for health and strength to do it, for a stable country and economy in which to work, and for a community in which we can work together for our shared flourishing. As we live into the cultural mandate from God himself, called to work and steward and invent and organize and develop and bless creation in God's name, we pray for God's ongoing blessing and encouragement. "Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us." (Psalm 90:17)

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - Jesus' Kingdom Parables - Jesus often used parables to teach his followers about the kingdom of God. Join Groundwork as we dig into Matthew 13, Matthew 20:1-16, Matthew 22:1-14, Luke 17:20-21, and Matthew 25:1-13 to learn from Jesus what God's kingdom looks like, what its values are, and how the people of his kingdom behave. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com

The First CRC Heartland Strategy Game Club is gearing up for another season! If anyone would like to join the fun, please contact Clayton Reinders (712-360-5234, or claytonhr18@gmail.com) by Monday, September 1, to be put on the monthly schedule. (You do not need to be a member of First CRC to participate!) Please contact Clayton regardless of if you played last year or not. We are looking forward to a great season of fun and fellowship!

Coffee Break is studying the book of Mark this year! We meet weekly on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. at Calvary CRC lower level. Nursery and Little Lambs available for ages birth and up. A Get-Acquainted Social will be held on September 10, and the study of Mark begins on September 17. No previous Bible knowledge is necessary! Come and have a cup of coffee on us!

From the Orange City Cadets: If you have a Cadet Shirt you are no longer using, please leave it in the Calvary Cadet Room so that incoming Cadets can use them. Thanks!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, September 1

7:00 a.m. Come Join Us for Breakfast! Dad's Waffle Breakfast will be hosted by Immanuel CRC from 7-11am. Freewill donations at the door. See you there!

Tuesday, September 2

7:00 p.m. NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will meet at the Sioux Center Public Library. An Educational Program from 7 to 7:45 pm is open to anyone who is interested in the subject: NAMI: In Our Own Voice presented by NAMI members Kir Cosgrove and Nate Huyser. From 7:45 to 8:45, individuals affected by mental health conditions, and their family/friends will meet for a time of mutual support. For information, call Shirley at 722-4462 or Nate at 402-916-0008 or natehuyser93@gmail.com.

Friday, September 5

The Joan Ringerwole Organ Recital Series Presents Marco den Toom, organist, composer, and conductor, from Kampen, The Netherlands in the following events: an Organ Recital on Friday, September 5, 2025, 7:00 p.m.; a Masterclass on Improvisation, Friday, September 5, 3:10 p.m., and a Masterclass on Romantic Organ Repertoire, Saturday, September 6, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. All events will take place in the B.J. Haan Auditorium and are open for the public to attend. Marco den Toom studied organ at the Utrecht Conservatory has built up a career as an independent musician. Marco is titular organist at the Bovenkerk in Kampen, The Netherlands. He has recorded solo albums at famous churches around the world, and maintains an active YouTube channel. A versatile musician, Marco seeks to promote and popularize the organ through his performances at home and abroad. Marco den Toom's performance is sponsored by the Joan Ringerwole Organ

Recital Series, which seeks to promote the organ and its repertoire for the musical education and enjoyment of students, alumni, and the community by bringing celebrated artists to Dordt University.

Saturday, September 6

10:00 a.m. Women and teen girls are invited to the Women's Retreat, "Admit. Abide. Adore." from 10:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. in Orange City. Inspired by John 15:9, this \$30 one-day retreat offers worship, reflection, encouragement, and prayer to refresh your soul and draw you closer to Christ. Learn more at www.womenofrenewal.com.

7:00 p.m. You are cordially invited to the piano recital of Dordt University sophomore Josiah Vos. This free recital will be held in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Piano repertoire will include pieces by Bach, Chopin, Faure and Debussy. Vos will also be featuring a Piano Sonata composed by Willem Pijper, an early 20th century Dutch composer. Vos of Sioux City, IA, is double majoring in Music: Piano Performance and Pedagogy and Mathematics. He is currently studying piano with James March.

Advanced Notices:

The Fall Bible League Conference will be held on September 8 and 9 at the Bethel Christian Reformed Church in Sioux Center. A dinner will be held on Monday, Sept. 8 at 6:00. The Conference will be on September 9, beginning with registration and coffee at 9:00 and concluding at 2:00. The speaker will be Jason Van Ruler, a therapist from Sioux Falls who has written a book, *Get Past Your Past*. Register online at bibleleague.org/tickets.

Join us for the Dordt University Instrumental Ensembles Pops Concert on September 12 at 7pm in the BJ Haan Auditorium! The Mass Band and Chamber Orchestra will feature music of FANTASY MOVIES this year! Come enjoy music from all of your favorite movies like Harry Potter, and many others! Feel free to dress in costume for this concert and come as your favorite character from your favorite fantasy movie! In addition to the music, we will have a costume contest for the ensemble members! The chamber orchestra is under the direction of Mrs. Amie Smit, and the Mass Band is led by Dr. Onsby C. Rose. Don't miss this fun beginning of the 2025-26 instrumental concert season!

The Power of Prayer is the focus of the upcoming Dunamis Conference in Milford, IA, October 2-5. Participants will learn how any Christian can pray with vision and power. Sessions will encourage and equip people to grow in intimacy with Jesus Christ through prayer and to participate with God in shaping the future through intercessory prayer. Participants will have opportunities to practice what they learn. To learn more and register, visit www.primi.org/dpmilford.

The Healing Ministry of Jesus is the focus of the upcoming Dunamis Conference in Viborg, SD, November 6-9. Participants will examine Jesus' healing ministry as the model for praying for many types of healing, including physical, emotional, and spiritual. Theory and practical application help make this dimension of ministry a reality in our own lives and in the Church. To learn more and register, visit www.primi.org/dpviborg.

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