

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

September 1, 2024

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

Pray for the needs of our local ministries: volunteers, resources, and leadership. Pray joy, strength, and boldness for our GEMS leaders, Cadet counselors, Sunday School teachers, Bible Study leaders, Small Group leaders, Organists and Worship Teams as the new ministry season kicks off. Pray for ways to come alongside them and partner with them in ministry. Philippians 4:6

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - Dramatic Messages from God - God repeatedly gives the prophet Ezekiel both a verbal message and instructions on how to also convey that message visually. Join Groundwork as we study Ezekiel 4-7 and 12 to witness God's heartbreak, his deep love for his people, and his great effort to get their attention. Listen now at Groundworkonline.com.

Women ages 16 and up are welcome to join a Bible study *Who Do You Say I AM?* by Becky Harling. We are offering two options to take advantage of this great study: Tuesday evenings 7- 9pm September 17-November 26 or Thursday mornings 9-11am September 19-November 21. Register at www.womenofrenewal.com

Unity Moms in Prayer group invites moms to join us on Tuesdays from 12:00-1:00 pm in the conference room to pray over students and staff of Unity. We follow a prayer sheet that focuses on praising God for one of his attributes, and then praying a specific verse over a group of students and staff each week. God moves in powerful ways when we pray together! Questions? Contact Candi TeKrony at canditekrony@gmail.com

Please consider partnering with a farmer in Liberia, Africa this fall with a donation of grain. One Body One Hope is a ministry partnership between northwest Iowa and Liberia. Your grain donation would support a farm community of families in West Africa. To learn more visit onebodyonehope.org and click the grain donation link or call 712-395-8987.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Tuesday, September 3

7:00 p.m. The NAMI Support Group will meet in the Fireside Room of Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center from 7 to 9 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend this NAMI meeting! Program: "Your Mind-Boggling Brain: An Introduction to Basic Neuroscience." Dr. Ralph Davis will use visual aids, models, and interactive activities to discuss the basic structure and function of the brain and nervous system. Learn about the nervous system's marvelous complexity and intricate beauty. For information, call Shirley Matheis at 722-4462.

Wednesday, September 4

4:30 p.m. Calvary CRC and Heartland Christian Schools invite you to a Rook Tournament and Trivia Night Fundraiser at Orange City Christian School from 4:30 - 9:00 p.m. Funds raised will go toward sending Heartland teachers and Calvary members to Guinea, Africa to work with Sosthene and Kara Maletoungou (ACSI Global, and Resonate Mission) sharing educational resources with Christian School teachers in Africa. Food trucks will be available from 4:30-7:30, the Rook Tournament will take place from 5:30-7:00, and the Trivia Competition will be from 7:30-9:00 p.m. Rook teams and Trivia teams can register by calling Nicki Kuiper at 712-301-3839, or sending an email to heartland@dordt.edu. Registration for Rook is \$30 for a team of 2. Trivia teams can register a team of 2-6 members for \$50 per team. Desserts will be available, and donations will be received.

Saturday, September 7

9:00 a.m. Dordt University and the Center for the Advancement of Christian Education (CACE) will host a morning seminar from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. to help encourage and equip leaders in our churches and Christian schools. Parents and families that support Christian education are also encouraged to attend. During

this time, speakers will reaffirm our covenant commitment for Christian education, as well as provide best practices and ideas for parents, churches, and Christian schools during this new era of Educational Savings Accounts. Please use this link to register: <https://tinyurl.com/mpd9h8va>. This includes the morning's schedule as well as an option to view via Zoom. A recording of the event to view at your convenience is being planned as well.

Advance Notices:

Women of all ages are invited to the Coffee Break 'Get Acquainted Social' on Wednesday, September 11 at 9:30 a.m. at Calvary CRC, lower level. Nursery and Little Lambs available for ages birth & up. Coffee Break will start a study in the book of Isaiah on September 18.

You are cordially invited to the BJ Haan Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. on September 13th for the annual POPS Concert performed by the Dordt University Instrumental Ensembles. This year the Chamber Orchestra and Mass Band will raise the red, white, and blue as they perform a concert of patriotic favorites! Come and join us for an evening of inspiration and fun.

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