

**ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES**  
**COMMUNITY BULLETIN**  
**September 8, 2024**

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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
Praise the Lord for the joy it is to worship Him together as the Body of Christ!  
Ephesians 3:20-21

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

*Groundwork - God's Presence with His People* - God delights to dwell with his people, but he is holy and his presence cannot remain with unholy people. Join Groundwork as we study Ezekiel chapters 10, 11, and 36 to witness the painful consequences of Israel's unholy ways and hear the hope God offers even in the midst of those consequences. Listen now at [Groundworkonline.com](http://Groundworkonline.com).

Justice for All is planning the 2025 Service and Learning Opportunities and would love to have you join one of the teams! These weeks are wonderful opportunities to serve others but also to experience and understand God's Kingdom in new and important ways! Dates and places: Harvest Hands Ministries, Juarez, MX – January 17-25; JVMPerkins Foundation, Jackson MS – February 1-7; Voice of Calvary Ministries, Jackson, MS - February 8-14; Grace Covenant Ministries, Annville, KY – March 1-7; Grace Reigns, Colorado City AZ – April 4-12. Each week is a wonderful opportunity of building relationships with people from a community which is very different than our own, through serving, learning, and studying God's Word together. Nick LeLoux, Service and Learning Coordinator will be holding an informational meeting Monday, September 16, 6:30 p.m. at the JFA Ministry Center. If you can't make it to the meeting, but would like more information or sign up for a project, please contact Nick at JFA 712-476-2804 or email [nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org](mailto:nickl@jfa-nwiowa.org). You can also check out our website: [jfa-niowa.org](http://jfa-niowa.org)

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](http://onebodyonehope.org) and click the grain donation link or call 712-395-8987.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Monday, September 9**

6:00 p.m. Common Thread will meet at Calvary CRC in the Cadet Room.

**Wednesday, September 11**

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

6:45 p.m. GEMS will meet at Immanuel CRC from 6:45-8:30 p.m. Girls, please wear your GEMS shirt, take along your Bible, pen/pencil, and badge book. Parents who are new to the GEMS program or have a 3rd grade daughter please plan on staying for a short (5 minute) informational meeting - hoping to start a little before 7:00.

## **Friday, September 13**

7:00 p.m. You are cordially invited to the BJ Haan Auditorium 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.

### **Advance Notices:**

Love INC Sioux County values prayer! You're invited to join us at a prayer gathering on Tuesday, September 17 at 8:00 a.m. at the Love INC office (1317 Main Street) in Rock Valley. We are gathering again to pray for the communities impacted by the flood. *All are welcome!* For those of you who are prayer warriors we are looking to add to our Prayer Team so this would also be a good time to hear more about that! Matthew 7:7 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you."

Cadets are glad to report we have the counselors we need for the upcoming Cadet year. We are thankful for all your prayers and for the men that were willing to help with this ministry! Cadets will start on Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 6:50 p.m. at Calvary CRC lower level. We are asking all 4th grade parents or first time cadets to come at 6:30 p.m. that evening so we can answer any questions and hand out materials.

Justice for All invites you to attend the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, October 22 at 5:00 p.m. at the Rock Valley Event Center. Along with the business meeting a delicious meal will be served. Because of the historic flood in June, JFA will not hold their fall auction so that many businesses and individuals who generally donate towards the auction can continue to get back on their feet. In place of the auction, JFA will host a panel of area ministries who will share their ministry but also how through collaboration, many needs continue to be met in our local area. Reservations for the meal can be made by calling 712-476-2804 or emailing [joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org](mailto:joeldw@jfa-nwiowa.org) by October 15. Please join us as we celebrate JFA ministry over the past year and look forward to what God is calling JFA to in the next year! An offering will be taken for JFA ministry.

--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)