

**ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES**  
**COMMUNITY BULLETIN**  
**March 26, 2023**

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

Please take time today to pray for resistance to temptation, just as we read Jesus resisting the tries of the Devil in the wilderness. In this time just before Easter, let's be reminded of how He was tempted just as we were, and was without sin. We have a High Priest who knows what it's like to live in the difficulties of this world and so we can be open and honest with where we struggle, where we have fallen, and where we need His help to not fall again.

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

*Groundwork - Experiencing Palm Sunday with Jesus* - During Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the crowds hailed him as king. Join Groundwork as we examine Matthew 21:1-9, Mark 11:11-17, Luke 19:41-44, and John 12:12-19 to discuss the meaning of Palm Sunday and observe Jesus' actions and countenance as he experiences the events of that first Palm Sunday. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com).

Orange City Christian has the following openings: Part-time art teacher, Resource Teacher, Kindergarten teacher - If you would like more information or if you or someone you know is interested, please send your resume and application to [jalons@occhristian.pvt.k12.ia.us](mailto:jalons@occhristian.pvt.k12.ia.us).

Love INC Sioux County is seeking an individual to answer phones 1-2 mornings a week at our office located in Rock Valley (days are flexible). This person should have a friendly, outgoing demeanor and be willing to pray with people on the phone. If interested, please contact Debbie at 712-476-5990.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Monday, March 27**

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

**Wednesday, March 29**

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC – Joshua 2, Lesson 5

6:50 p.m. Cadet Pinewood Derby at Orange City Christian School Gym – a small concession stand will be available.

**Thursday, March 30**

1:30 and 7:00 p.m. The 7th and 8th graders of OCCS are excited to bring you the songs and moves of the East High Wildcats in their production of *High School Musical Jr.* They will be telling this story at the Unity Knight Center. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students (K-12). Red pom-poms can be purchased at the door for \$5 for anyone who wishes to participate in the show from their seats. We would be delighted to have you watch Troy and Gabriella wrestle between the status quo and their desire to sing and dance. Please join us for this upbeat production!

**Friday, March 31**

7:30 p.m. The Joan Ringerwole Organ Recital Series presents British organist Wayne Marshall in a solo organ recital in the B.J. Haan Auditorium at Dordt University. As artist-in-residence at Dordt University, Wayne will work with the Chamber Orchestra as guest clinician, perform music in chapel, lead a masterclass to the organ studio, and present a solo organ recital, featuring his own compositions alongside standard repertoire such as Liszt's *Prelude and Fugue on BACH*.

**Saturday, April 1**

7:30 p.m. Dordt University student Tommy Shin will present a senior voice recital in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Seven other Dordt students will join Shin for a performance of an octet by Ralph Vaughan Williams. All are welcome to a reception following the recital.

## **Advance Notices:**

Men's Good Friday Prayer Breakfast - Men and boys are invited to attend the 35th annual Good Friday Men's Prayer Breakfast on April 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. at Northwestern's Rowenhorst Student Center. The cost is \$15.00 per plate, payable at the door. This year's speaker is Glen De Zeeuw from Windsor, Colorado. Three years ago, Glen and his wife, Carolyn, suffered the unimaginable for any parent – the death of their only child. This followed their son's seven-year battle with cancer. He will share his story of living life after a loss. His personal grief journey, and how his faith has helped him through it. Please join us for a time of food, fellowship, prayer, and reflection. To attend please contact your church representative for tickets.

Love INC Sioux County invites the community to our *Spring Share Event* on April 15<sup>th</sup> at the Parkview Event Center in Rock Valley. Doors will open at 5 p.m. to be followed by a catered meal at 5:30 and an improvisational comedy show by *Slap Happy Comedy* at 7. The *Slap Happy Comedy* team, a Christian two-man duo, brings a clean, high energy, interactive comedy experience that guarantees fun for the entire family. Tickets to this event can be purchased for \$50 a piece or you may reserve a complete table of 8 for \$360. Please order tickets by calling the Love INC office at (712)476-5990 or by going to [www.loveincsiouxcounty.org](http://www.loveincsiouxcounty.org). Deadline is April 7.

On April 20 at 4pm in SB1606 (on Dordt's campus), the Dordt University Social Work Department is hosting a talk and Q&A with professional counselor, Aundi Kolber. Kolber is the author of two books, *Try Softer: A Fresh Approach to Move Us Out of Anxiety, Stress, and Survival Mode—and into a Life of Connection and Joy* and *Strong Like Water: Finding Freedom, Safety, and Compassion to Move Through Hard Things and Experience True Flourishing*. Kolber's talk will focus on content from both of her books along with helping us think about what it means to truly "love your neighbor as yourself" through the lens of self-compassion and mutuality. If you have questions, please contact Erin Olson at [erin.olson@dordt.edu](mailto:erin.olson@dordt.edu).

The 13th Annual Minnikota Youth Jr High (6th-8th) Retreat is April 21, 22, 23 at Inspiration Hills. Registration will close on April 1st or as soon as the spots are filled. If you have not received a registration form and would like one contact Lee De Groot at [degrootlee@gmail.com](mailto:degrootlee@gmail.com) or text her at 712 470 4244. Hope to see you there!

You're invited to the Annual Genesis House Benefit Brunch on April 29th! Help create a new start for the women and children at the Genesis House. The event will include a speaker, live and silent auction, food, and more. Everyone is invited! Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.genesishouseiowa.org> or our store, Restored 5:17, at 104 Central NW Ave. Come to Trinity Reformed Church Orange City at 9 am on April 29. If you feel called to donate to Genesis House or the Benefit Brunch, don't hesitate to contact interns Erin De Jong at [rnhdrcs19@dordt.edu](mailto:rnhdrcs19@dordt.edu) or Ruth Chalstrom at [ruth.chalstrom@nwciova.edu](mailto:ruth.chalstrom@nwciova.edu). Thank you for your support!

--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)