

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
March 7, 2021

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

The sun is shining, the birds are singing and spring is in the air! This is Iowa, so we may still have another snowstorm. But these changing days are glimpses that God is good.

If you are struggling through a storm, please remember God is still good. *God, You are good, even in the midst of the storm. Please remind me that You are good even in the midst of the storm. I am human and so I forget that good can come out of a struggle. I am human and am often shortsighted, so I don't see the big picture of what You are doing. Give me Your Holy Spirit to endure, to keep seeking You and to keep acting in a righteous way!*

If you know someone who is struggling through a storm, remember them in prayer. *God, this season has been a hard one on a lot of people. Please heal where healing is needed. Emotionally, spiritually, or physically, we are people who need healing. Please remember individuals; remember Your people as we cry out to You on their behalf. They are our brothers and sisters in Christ and we care about them; the incredible thing is that You care even more. You love deeper than we ever could and You are mindful of them even if we forget! So be their God. Be their healer, be their comfort.*

Our nation and our world are often anxious during storms, sometimes wondering what comes next. Remember our nation and our world in your prayers, along with leaders and officials who have been given their positions by God. *God, You are God! You are Almighty. You are the King of kings and the Lord of lords. None of this season has been shocking or surprising to You. While You weep with those who weep and rejoice with those who rejoice, would You please continue to remind us of Your sovereignty. Remind us that we answer to You, as do all people. Remind us that in the end, every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that You are Lord. Remind us that You win in the end! Until then, give us patience, give us a grander view, give us an ability to listen well, give us an ability to proclaim Your name through our actions. Give us more and more fruit of the Spirit! Give us avenues to speak Your name into situations. Give us the ability to represent You well. Give us Your Holy Spirit so the actions we take, the words we speak, even the thoughts we think would be pleasing in Your sight, Lord! You are our Rock and You are our Redeemer-may it always be so! Amen and Amen.*

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Unity Christian High School is accepting applications for a potential full time Science position for the 21-22 school year. Please contact Wayne Dykstra at wdykstra@unitychristian.net or at 712-737-4114 for more information.

Sunday, March 7

7:00 a.m. *Kids' Corner* on KDCR Radio 88.5

8:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. *Groundwork – With Me in Paradise* - Jesus speaks his third word from the cross to the man we usually call the penitent thief, who died on a cross next to Jesus. Join our Groundwork conversation on Luke 23:32-43 to discover how Jesus defines salvation in its simplest terms and the promise Jesus is ready to give us, if we make our request. Tune in to KDCR 88.5 or listen online anytime at www.GroundworkOnline.com

Monday, March 8

6:00 p.m. Common Thread will meet at the Calvary Coffeehouse/Cadet Room

7:30 p.m. The Dordt University Wind Symphony will present their album preview concert titled "Music With Friends" in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. This concert is in celebration of the first full-length Dordt University Wind Symphony CD which will be recorded on the Mark Custom Records label. The concert and recording will contain music by many of the world's currently popular wind band composers, as well as a newly-commissioned work for oboe and wind band by Minnesota composer Katherine Bergman, featuring Dordt Oboe instructor Susan Miranda. Also featured will be a newly-composed work specifically for the DU Wind Symphony by Dordt Director of Instrumental Ensembles, Dr. Onsby C. Rose, Associate Professor of Music and Director of Instrumental Ensembles. Due to limited seating because of the current pandemic, tickets are required to attend in person. A limited number of tickets are available to the public and may be reserved by

calling the music office at 712-722-6222. The concert will also be livestreamed at <https://vimeo.com/event/572686>. Masks are required for those attending and seating groups will be socially distanced. Dordt University continues to monitor how COVID-19 affects our campus and community. Please visit dordt.edu/updates on the day of the event to see if there are any restrictions or cancellations.

Tuesday, March 9

7:00 p.m. Please join the Orange Christian School Band for a concert. We will be performing in the OCCS gym. The 5th grade band and the 6th-8th grade band will be performing. An offering will be taken at the door. Come and enjoy the concert! If you are not able to attend in person, the concert will also be live-streamed. A link will be available on the OCCS website.

Wednesday, March 10

9:30 a.m. Coffee Break will meet at Calvary CRC - Lesson 1 – *Power of Forgiveness*

6:00 p.m. The GEMS/Cadet Skating Party will be held from 6-8 p.m. at the All Seasons Center in Sioux Center. Skate rental is \$2.00. GEMS and Cadets need to find their own transportation.

Next Sunday, March 14

7:00 a.m. *Kids Corner*

8:30 a.m. & 9:30 p.m. *Groundwork* - Tune in to KDCR 88.5 or listen online anytime at www.GroundworkOnline.com

6:00 p.m. Combined Prayer Day Worship at First CRC. Pastor Mark Vande Zande will preach on James 1:2-7 and James 5:13-20 in a message *The Power of Prayer*. An offering for Orange City Christian School will be received.

Advance Notices:

Love INC, Sioux County will hold its *Annual Meeting* on Monday, March 15, at 6:30 p.m. at Trinity CRC (Agape Room) in Rock Valley, IA. Partner churches, volunteers and donors are invited to hear about what God has done in 2020 through Love INC and how God is leading us in 2012. Refreshments will be served.

Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser Meal - Join us at the Sioux Center Indoor Fair (Dordt Rec Center) on Wednesday, March 17 from 5-7 p.m. and enjoy an authentic Mexican taco & nacho bar meal prepared by one of our Habitat families! This is a free-will donation meal and will support our mission to share God's love with families in need of safe, decent housing.

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