

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

July 18, 2021

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

As the summer Olympics begin this week Friday and we watch the Olympic athletes press on to win the prize (the medal) – may we be reminded of our call, as Christians, to press on to win the prize (heaven). As Paul says in Philippians 3:13-14, *“Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”*

Give thanks to God for the work of Atlas in Orange City. Atlas is “a non-profit organization providing a way for Christians to intentionally connect with both non-Christians and other Christians through informal, Christ-centered mentoring relationships.” Pray that these mentoring relationships will help all involved to grow closer in their relationship with the Lord and help them through the struggles in their lives.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork - Love: The Guiding Principle for Christian Living - The struggle for unity is not unique to the modern church. The Apostle Paul encouraged the Corinthian Christians to make Christ-like love their guiding principle and he taught them about spiritual gifts. Join Groundwork as we study 1 Corinthians 11-13 for guidance as we too seek to worship and live well together in community. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com.

The OCCS office will be closed for 2 weeks, July 19-30, for the final cleaning and waxing of floors at school. We will open on Monday, August 2 at 7:45 a.m.

Orange City Christian School is looking for a classroom aide for next school year. This position could be half days or full days. Please get your application in by July 28.

OCCS is also looking for a maintenance helper when school starts from approximately 3:30-5:00 p.m. every day. The position is for an adult. Main job duties will include dusting and vacuuming. Contact the office if you are interested (737-2274).

Advance Notices:

The Bible League Christmas in July will be held on Monday, July 26, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. at the Faith Christian Reformed Church of Sioux Center, Iowa. You are asked to bring an item such as baked goods, crafts, plants, etc., to place on the silent auction tables. You will be given time to view the items and place your bids. Chaney Rader, Regional Field Director of Bible League International will be the featured speaker. After a year and more of no BLI events we are pleased to have Christmas in July again this year. Please give attending prayerful consideration and put the date on your calendar. This is such a worthy cause and needs our support!

Join Guiding Star Orange City on July 26th for our Annual Public Board Meeting and Family Fun Event at Windmill Park. Our Family Fun Event, starting at 6 p.m., will feature Bounce Houses from Backyard Bounce, personalized tic-tac-toe boards from Arrow Boutique & Workshop, and ice cream! Our Public Board Meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Shelter House. We can't wait to see you and share with you all about how Guiding Star has been able to serve the community, and provide you with updates on how we plan to grow in the coming years. Orders for the tic-tac-toe board are due July 20.

The Bible League International of the Tri-state area will host a concert featuring The Browns from LeMars on Tuesday, July 27 at 7:00 p.m., held at the Unity Knight Center in Orange City, IA. Tickets will be sold at the door, \$15 for adults, and \$10 for children 12 and under. A free-will offering will be taken at intermission for Bible League International.

Habitat Home Groundbreaking Ceremony will be on Thursday, July 29 at 12:00 p.m. at 2015 Central Ave. in Hawarden. Please join Siouxland Habitat for Humanity to give thanks to God for Him bringing this project together and to celebrate with the Heather Sabin family (partner family) for the start of their home. Everyone is welcome!! You may also watch Facebook Live - <https://www.facebook.com/SiouxlandHabitat/>

The Orange City Christian School board would like to invite all parents to a Pre-Registration Information discussion on August 4 at 7:00 p.m. Topics include information and updates to NICSTO, Partner Society, specific 501c3 for Fairshare, and 529 Plans. This will be important information as you plan for registration of your children and next year's tuition commitment.

The Unity Christian High School Booster Club is sponsoring their annual Golf Outing on Saturday, August 28, 2021, at the Landsmeer Golf Club in Orange City. Registration for the 4-person, 18-hole event is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. 9 a.m. shotgun start and pulled pork meal to follow for lunch. Fee for 18 holes of golf and the meal is \$100 per adult player & \$50 for K-12 student. Link for registration is provided on Unity's website & here @ <https://forms.gle/HmBdBXNVhiH5Ee1U9> . If you have just a double, or a single, let us know and we'll find a team for you. Registration will remain open till outing is full or on August 23rd. Contacts for the event are Deb Oolman at 449-0814 or oolman@c-i-service.com or Cheri Horstman at 441-4562.

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