

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES
COMMUNITY BULLETIN
September 12, 2021

Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:

How do we pray during this season, as so many things are starting? Maybe we acknowledge God's words in Isaiah,

"Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert."

Keep in mind, Isaiah is communicating these words from the Lord during a time of trial-and yet there is hope! We can acknowledge this past year has been uphill, even tiring. And we can remember that God continues to do a new thing, give us ways in the wilderness and rivers in the desert! **Thank you, Lord for the ways You offer. Thank you, Lord for the rivers You give!** Think of the ways God has reached out to you, even during a wilderness, even during a desert and thank Him today!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Groundwork –You Shall Not Commit Murder - The sixth commandment "You shall not murder" seems quite straight forward. Yet as we read the whole Bible we discover it demands more of us than simply not killing another person. Join our Groundwork conversation as we study Exodus 20:13, Genesis 4:2-12, and more to gain a deeper understanding of the sixth commandment. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com.

Love INC of Sioux County is looking for volunteers for the Rides of Love ministry to occasionally provide rides to medical or mental health appointments for members of our community who are in need of transportation. Please call Love INC at 712-476-5990 for more information and to be added to our call list of volunteer drivers.

Moms in Prayer is an international ministry that prays for children and schools. Orange City College and Career group will be meeting at Calvary Christian Reformed Church in the chapel. Come join us praying for our post-high children, and for both Dordt and Northwestern on Friday mornings from 8:30-9:30 a.m. For more information call Carol Borchard at 441-5286 or Sheryl Slegers at 441-2795.

Calvary would like to invite our sister churches to come and celebrate God's faithfulness for 100 years to Calvary at our Centennial Celebration Banquet on Saturday, October 2, at Unity's Knight Center. Doors open at 5 with the meal served at 5:30 with a program to follow. Please register for this free event at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/calvarys-centennial-celebration-banquet-tickets-164345829801> Please register by September 15.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 12

7:30 p.m. All supporters and parents of Unity are invited to join together for a Prayer Walk at the school. We will divide into groups and each group will follow a map covering prayer requests over specific parts of the school and to seek God's blessing for this school year. "Arise, cry out in the night, as the watches of the night begin; pour out your heart like water in the presence of the Lord. Lift up your hands to Him for the lives of your children..." Lamentations 2:19. Please come be a part of this work. Any questions? Call Sue Dykstra at 360-0650. Our prayer walk will conclude at 8:30 p.m. with make your own ice cream sundaes!

Monday, September 13

6:00 p.m. Common Thread will meet in the Calvary Coffeehouse/Cadet Room. Anyone is welcome to come and join for a time of uplifting conversation while you sew, knit, crochet or craft.

6:00 p.m. Kingdom Boundaries Prison Aftercare Fall Banquet. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. with the meal beginning at 6:00 p.m. at New Life Church, 232 16th St. SE in Sioux Center.

6:30 p.m. The annual Parent Night and the Fall Society Meeting for Orange City Christian School - Parent Night will start at 6:30 p.m. and the Society meeting at 7:30 p.m. Election of new board members will take place and the budget will be presented. Absentee ballots will be accepted for board nominees. Here are the board nominees: First CRC - Leianna Hellinga, Phil Kuiken, Christina Zuiderveen, Living Water - Melinda Bylsma, Schuyler Noteboom, Sandra Nyenhuis, At-Large - Joe Poppema, Randy Smit and Tim Van Voorst. The Tiger PAWS will share information on the upcoming year and any changes taking place. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Wednesday, September 15

9:30 a.m. You are invited to Coffee Break, a Women's Community Bible Study meeting weekly on Wednesdays from 9:30-11:00 a.m. at Calvary CRC, lower level. Story hour and nurse are available. The Get-Acquainted Social will be on September 15, and the study of the book of Ruth will begin on September 22.

Friday, September 17

3:00 p.m. The annual Dordt University Honors Recital will take place in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Performers in the honors recital have all received named music scholarships made possible by Dordt University donors. All are welcome to a reception honoring the performers in the lobby of the auditorium following the recital.

Advance Notices:

Christians Get Depressed Too – The Tri-State Bible Conference welcomes Dr. David Murray to the BJ Haan Auditorium at Dordt University on October 7 and 8 at 7:00 pm to speak from God's word on the topic of Depression: The Hidden Affliction. The goal of this conference is to strengthen and encourage the people of God; we consider this to be a highly relevant topic for our times. There is no charge although there will be a free will offering to defray the cost of the event. For more information go to www.tristatebibleconference.com or contact Rev. John Vermeer at jvermeer61@hotmail.com.

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