

ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

September 9, 2018

Denominational, Classis, or Community Prayer Requests:

Please pray for the church education year. As programs like Sunday School, Catechism, GEMS, Cadets and Youth Group get under way this week, pray that these programs will be used to allow us to grow in our faith and in our walk with the Lord. Also, thank the Lord for teachers and leaders willing to use their gifts to instruct us in the faith.

A new academic year has begun at Calvin Theological Seminary. Pray for new students and their families as they transition to a new year. Pray especially for the new international students, who are crossing borders and overcoming cultural changes as they begin their studies to be leaders in the church.

This week Monday-Wednesday, over 7,500 pastors, musicians, and church leaders will gather in Nashville, Tennessee, for "Sing!", a conference to reform and encourage congregational singing. This conference is led by Keith and Kristyn Getty. This year's focus is on the Psalms. Thank the Lord for the inspiring singing our local congregations already have and pray that God will continue to bless us with great singing congregations.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The family of Edna Katje invites you to an open house in honor of Edna's 95th birthday. We will be celebrating on Sunday, September 9, at Royal Meadows community room in Sioux Center, Iowa from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Let your presence be your gift.

The Valley Male Chorus is currently seeking new members to join the Chorus this fall for their 46th season. The Valley Male Chorus is also actively searching for a new director. If you are interested in either position, please contact Ron Boote at 712-441-5225.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 9

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

8:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. *Groundwork—God's Salvation Plan* - God's salvation plan for maintaining his covenant relationship with us is unfathomable by human standards. Join Groundwork in studying Genesis 3:14-15, Genesis 12:1-3, and Matthew 1:20-23 to discover how Jesus' humility and weakness accomplish God's ultimate redemption of humanity. Tune in to KDCR 88.5 or listen online anytime at www.GroundworkOnline.com.

Wednesday, September 12

6:45 p.m. GEMS Kick-off! Girls in grades 3-8 are invited along with their mom (or grandma, aunt, etc.) to our kick-off from 6:45-8:30 p.m. at Immanuel CRC! Pictures of moms and daughters are from 6:25-6:45. We are going to be learning more about how to "Be a Blessing" this year in GEMS, and we are excited to kick-off our year together! Contact the GEMS Coordinating Team with questions – Tami De Jong, Kim Huizenga, Anita Nykamp or Jenness Wolgen

6:50 p.m. Cadets—the plan is to go fishing so please take what you need for fishing. The incoming 4th graders and their parents are asked to be at Calvary at 6:20 for Cadet Orientation on the 12th. 4th graders will get their materials and shirts for the year during this time. Counselors will be at orientation to explain the Cadet program and answer any questions. Please contact Jamey Schiebout with any questions, 441-3290.

Friday, September 14

3:00 p.m. The Dordt College Music Department will present a Faculty Recital in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Performances will include an organ solo, a flute solo, a piano duet, a clarinet solo, a harp solo, and a voice and violin duet composed by Dordt composition instructor Daniel Baldwin.

Next Sunday, September 16

7:00 a.m.—*Kids Corner*

8:30 a.m. & 9:30 p.m.—*Groundwork*

Advance Notices:

The annual Dordt College Honors Recital will take place on Friday, September 21, at 3:00 p.m., in the B.J. Haan Auditorium. Performers in the honors recital have all received named music scholarships made possible by Dordt College donors. All are welcome to a reception honoring the performers in the lobby of the auditorium following the recital.

Dordt College's annual Instrumental Pops Concert showcasing the Chamber Orchestra and Combined Band will perform "On with the Show!" at 7 p.m. Friday, September 21, in the B.J. Haan Auditorium in Sioux Center. The ensembles, directed by Dr. Bradley Miedema, will dress in costume and will feature music from your favorite Broadway musicals from the past decades.

Keep the Drive Alive—Immanuel CRC building expansion fund raising concert! Saturday, September 22—featuring the Fab Four – Janie, Sue, Nicki and Carla and the Immanuel Quartet – Kevin, Jim, Greg and Ed. Come for great music, fellowship and delicious snacks!

Northwestern College will celebrate Raider Days, the college's annual Homecoming and Parents Weekend, Sept. 28–29. The weekend's events will include class, athletic and academic major reunions as well as performances by A cappella Choir alumni. Visitors can enjoy traditions such as the Red Raider Road Race and Morning on the Green carnival, as well as Red Raider football and volleyball. Northwestern's newest building, the DeWitt Family Science Center, will be dedicated at 4 p.m. on Friday, and Raider Days will close with a free Saturday concert by the Northwestern music department at 7 p.m. in Christ Chapel. All alumni and friends of Northwestern as well as students' family members are invited to Raider Days. For more information, visit nwciova.edu/RaiderDays, or contact the Raider Days event staff at 712-707-7134 or events@nwciova.edu

Dove Award-winning Christian pop rock band Sidewalk Prophets will bring their Something Different Tour (in 3D) to Northwestern College on Friday, Oct. 5. The concert will begin at 8 p.m. in Christ Chapel. General admission tickets are \$10 and can be purchased through sidewalkprophets.com and in Northwestern's student life office in the Ramaker Center. Concert-goers can purchase early-entry tickets for \$25, which also grant the opportunity to be part of the band's daily devotional and a pair of limited-edition 3D glasses. A \$45 VIP ticket includes the same perks as the \$25 ticket package, as well as a tour laminate and a post-concert opportunity to meet the band. Ticket prices will increase the day of the show.

1st Annual NISO Soup and Bread Cook-off! Saturday, October 13, 5:30 p.m. at The Ridge in Sioux Center. RSVP to niso@dordt.edu or Nancy Vermeer at nancyv@mtcnet.net if you are willing to make soup or bread (Deadline is Sept 22; for rules see <http://niso.dordt.edu>), or if you would like to attend, tickets are \$25 per person. (RSVP by Oct. 4 to niso@dordt.edu or Nancy Vermeer at nancyv@mtcnet.net). Come for an evening of great food and enjoyable music.

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